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Hopewell Girls are Outstanding

By Kate McCallan

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, the Beaver Area Jaycees presented their 49th annual scholarship program, Beaver County's Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program, at Beaver Area High School. Here 20 female high school juniors from all over the area represented their high school as well as the county. This year four girls represented the Hopewell Area School District at the pageant; 3 contestants, Cassandra August, Kelsey Hovanec, and Kristen Rupnik, and last year's winner, Amy Kerlin. The competition's theme was in honor of recently deceased celebrity, Michael Jackson.

To become Beaver County's Outstanding Young Woman, a female must be academically inclined. She must be in several clubs, various activities, and be a well-rounded person. All of these traits were already present in abundance in August, Hovanec, and Rupnik. At the start of the performance, all 20 girls danced to

Jackson's "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough." The next segment was for aerobics and fitness where the girls did a routine to a Jackson Medley. The show progressed to presentation. August, finalist number 2, did a gym routine to the song "Calabria." Finalist 14, Hovanec, did a lyrical dance to "Smile" while Rupnik, finalist 19, sang Nat King Cole's "Orange Colored Sky." Lastly, all the contestants did a small dance to "Will You Be There" and did on stage interviews which were part of the presence and presentation portion. Their pre-show interview and SAT scores were also included into their overall score that evening.

During the event, Kerlin made her onstage appearance by dancing to "18th Floor Balcony." Both Mr. Allison and Kerlin prepared speeches in which both talked about her past year as the winner. Kerlin was later presented with her Outstanding Young Women's portrait. As the evening progressed, the obvious was near. Only one



(Left to Right) Kelsey Hovanec, Cassandra August, Amy Kerlin, and Kristen Rupnik

out of many young ladies would become the winner. Unfortunately, none of the girls from Hopewell won any of the scholarships this year; however, these young ladies passed many obstacles that others could not just to become a finalist.

Bob Barrickman led the ceremony with help from many throughout the county. This show would not have been possible without all the efforts from the Beaver Area Jaycees, many colleges providing scholarships,

small businesses donating and patronizing, and numerous community members participating to help the cause. This year people will say good-bye to last year's Outstanding Young Woman, Kerlin, and praise the efforts made by these three Hopewell girls who showed hard work and dedication during the course of the competition.



The 2010 May Day Court

May Day 2010

Courtesy of the class of 2010

Academic & Merit Awards

Chelsea Belcastro

Honors Scholar Award—Ohio Northern University

Ellen Butts

West Hills Area Women's Club Scholarship
Outstanding French Student Award—French Club
American Association of University Women Scholarship
Academic Achievement in Spanish Award

Ryan Carson

Thiel College Leadership Award
Thiel College Merit Award
Thiel Faculty Recognition Award
2010 Wrestling Booster Scholarship
Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner

Nicole DiPietro

University of Pittsburgh Honors Scholarship
Aliquippa Elks Lodge Local Academic Scholarship
Elks National Foundation 2010 Most Valuable Student Scholarship
Hopewell High School Class of 1959 Scholarship
Burzese Nursing Scholarship

Tyler Dowiak

Commendation in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

Brian Foy

Hopewell Wrestling Boosters Scholarship
Hopewell Youth Wrestling Scholarship
Blue and Gold Level Two Scholarship—West Virginia University

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News

Dr. Dan

Dear Dr. Dan,
In the past few weeks I have been receiving some very forward text messages from a friend that tend to make me feel uncomfortable. I have tried numerous times to confront this person about how I feel, yet these efforts have been unsuccessful. He is attempting to become friendlier than I can tolerate or appreciate. To be honest, I think that I may have taken too kindly to some of his projections, and now I am in too deep of a hole to get out. I would like to nip this in the bud before it becomes too much of a problem.
Sincerely,
A Student Concerned Over Offensive Cell Phone Harassment

Dear Student,
It's never an easy thing to confront someone about the way you feel towards them; especially if that feeling is not even remotely mutual. You have a friend, he likes you quite a bit but you don't have reciprocal feelings or wishes. That's never a joyous thing to deal with; though I am sure with a few simple actions you can diffuse this ticking time bomb. First, you must contact him and let him know why this just cannot be. Do not falter in your assertion of that fact, because any crack in the façade would just bring him rushing back for more. Be blunt and frank, and if this continues to get worse, losing a friend might be better than maintaining someone like that who simply cannot grasp the reality of the situation. In your letter you say that you "may have taken too kindly to some of his projections." To be perfectly honest, the time for niceties and just laughing off this matter is over. Take no more kindness to his usurpations and find great offense in them. If it comes to it, block his cell number or un-friend him on Facebook so that he would have little to no way of contacting you. At the end of the day, it depends on how willing you are to shut him down. If you are willing, which I hope, then you should be advancement-free sooner than you think. Good luck, and keep in touch.
Sincerely,
Dr. Dan

Nicole Hamilton
Latin Award—Latin Club

Amy Kerlin
Aerobics and Fitness Award for the Beaver County's Outstanding Young Woman Program 2010
Beaver County's Outstanding Young Woman of 2009
Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

Kayle Klesser
President's Scholarship—Kent State University
University Award—Kent State University
Trustee Scholarship—Kent State University

Brittany Kress
Geneva Scholar Award—Geneva College
First Year Technology (Engineering) Scholarship
Charles Sterrett Scholarship
Wolves Club Scholarship

Andrew Pappas
Bill Smith Scholarship—Scarab Art Club

Jessica Pickens
Delta Epsilon Phi—National Honor Society for High School Students of German

Bethie Pierce
Hopewell Education Association Scholarship

Shikira Quamina
Prominence and National Buckeye Scholarship—Ohio State University

Dan Reft
Merit Scholarship—U.N.A. Branch #120, Ukrainian Club of Aliquippa

Mark Ross
Hopewell Football Mothers Academic Award
\$5000 WPIAL Scholar Athlete Award

Yvette Simoni
"The Future of Nursing" Scholarship—Beaver County School Nurse Association
Kathleen Johnston Memorial Award

Jason Ford Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Pierce

Judge Francis J. D'Eramo Scholarship
Ryan Costanza
Joshua Hribar
Ryan McGovern

Brian Barkovich Memorial Scholarship
Ryan Costanza

CTC Awards
Brandyn McKnight
Transportation/Logistics—First Place (State)
Materials Handling/Logistics—Second Place (District)

Roland McLaughlin
Outstanding Student Award PCMA—PA Masonry Association

Nate Vitale
HVAC-R Competition—First Place

John Philip Sousa Award
Michael Bufalini

Hopewell High School Band Booster Scholarship
Tyler Gaydosik

2010 WPIAL Scholar/Athlete Award Nominees
Elise Farris
Mark Ross

VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Competition
Kayla Losco—First Place
Dan Gladis—Second Place
Dan Reft—Third Place

Penn State Beaver Scholarships
Garrett Covalt
Commander Doyle W. Lynn Memorial Scholarship
Aliquippa Wolves Club Trustee Blue and White Scholarship
James Figas
Trustee Fund Blue and White Scholarship
Matthew Hartwick
Blue and White Scholarship
Jeffrey Hredzak
Aliquippa Wolves Club Blue and White Scholarship
Taylor Pauls
Blue and White Scholarship
Zachary Prawucki
Blue and White Scholarship
Ashley Schoedel
Blue and White Scholarship

Shawna Shelton
Aliquippa Wolves Club Blue and White Scholarship

Department of Army
Abigail McFarland
United States Army Award

United States Military Academy at West Point
Sean Rider
West Point Leadership Award

United States Marine Corps
Paige Alviani
USMC Distinguished Athlete
Ellen Butts
Scholastic Excellence Award
Shikira Quamina
Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence
Mark Ross
USMC Distinguished Athlete

United States Air Force
Kayla Cook—enlisted
Kevin Garrett—enlisted
Sean Rider—enlisted

United States Army Reserves
Benjamin Tolfa—enlisted

United States Army
Cordaven Hollis—enlisted

PA Air National Guard
Tom Cogis—enlisted
Jason Gerard—enlisted

Underclassman Awards
ROTC Recognition
Sean Rider
Shane Potter
Anthony Gray

Brian Bucci
Membership into the National Merit Scholarship Program

Bobby Catley
"Get Ur Good On" Grant for Community Service Project—Youth Service America

Hopewell Hi-Lites Staff
Best Newspaper 2010—Second Place—Point Park University

The Rachel Carson Book Award—Chatham College
Theresa Domitrovich

Perspectives

Keep it Safe with Registration

By: Dan Gladis

The third rail of American politics has always been considered Social Security and the Medicare/Medicaid programs. However, it is safe to say that a new 'fourth rail' may be added to the issues that electrically define a candidate or politicians chances of winning an election. Gun rights. Let me be clear that this reporter has no intention of denouncing the ownership of guns or offering plans for their excising in this article. However, the registration of guns is a simple task which should not be removed itself from the way our society manages our addiction to guns. The system of registration of firearms in America today is a hodgepodge gathering of many differing and conflicting state laws and databases which are in desperate need of reform. However, their existence is still vital to the safety of every single American.

With the registration of firearms, a database is created that allows guns to be kept track of. Without it, guns would just flow freely through the US which in many cases would allow those guns to fall into the wrong hands. Unfortunately now, this is the case in many places partially due to the relaxed guns laws of certain areas. Also by having a registry and database, those with



criminal backgrounds or other likely candidates to use firearms in a manner other than for sport and recreation can be noted and prohibited from becoming a danger to society by owning guns.

It is claimed by many pro-gun activists that it is not the gun itself that kills; it is the person wielding the weapon that kills. Following that logic, though this reporter finds it questionable, there is no reason why there shouldn't be a registration process to make sure that people who are likely to be the killers are disallowed from owning guns. As to the logic of 'people killing people, not guns': it would be much harder to regulate the former, so the latter is left as America's only option to make sure that her citizens are not endangered from that one guy who happens to snap right then and kill several innocent bystanders. So we have a choice America, let's continue to register our firearms and provide a basis for a safe society, or we can hurdle off the cliff into the pit of trusting every single person in the United States with a gun. Considering the 'caliber' of most of the people we elected to high office, the American people might want to think twice about trusting themselves.



Let the Guns Flow Free

By: Amy Kraus

With a history characterized by revolution and the frontier, the United States is often labeled as a "gun culture." Today, cowboys carrying six-shooters or mountain men lugging flintlocks are no longer ordinary sights, but the hunting and the military ethos of the nation's beginning still survives. While the United States faces the threat of terrorism and careless firearm accidents, plans for gun registration systems are emerging. Although the majority of Americans do not depend on firearms for hunting and self-protection on a daily basis, firearms should not have to be registered.

One of the main concerns with handling guns is the amount of firearm related deaths. However, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control report from 2006 affirms that more deaths were caused by heart disease with 631,636 than firearm homicides and unintentional firearm injuries with 14,791 and 642 individuals respectively. Even though registration may seem like an effective way to reduce crime, an underground market for illegal firearms will always exist, and criminals will resort to carrying other weapons like knives. Moreover, will these criminals register their background or just conceal them? If a national gun registration is enforced, police officers would

have to spend their time hectoring innocent people with unregistered gun violations which would result in more paperwork and less community surveillance to prevent these deaths. Financially, gun registration appears to be a waste of government funds. Since thousands of firearms are bought and sold each day, registration would turn into a drawn out process comprised mainly of forgotten paperwork or databases. Furthermore, a registration system would involve an enormous amount of fees that would have to be paid by gun owners. Considering the added cost of ammunition and other hunting paraphernalia, guns are expensive enough to keep reckless behavior to a minimum. Initiating an inevitable chain reaction, firearm registration would affect not only the gun industry but also state game commissions, hunting outfitters like Cabela's and Gander Mountain, and wildlife populations. Once the price of guns outweighs the enjoyment and supply of meat garnered from hunting, the industries that rely on firearms will vanish and take many jobs with them. Consequently, sportsmen should not be penalized with a registration system for the actions of criminals. According to the Bill of Rights, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Once this right is combined with the safe gun handling skills, the number of firearm related deaths will most likely decrease. Traditionally, parents teach their children to respect the power that guns hold over life and handle weapons with a tremendous level of maturity. Since the majority of people living in the United States are responsible for their actions, the benefits of firearms prevail over the negligent use of guns and emphasize the futility of a registration system.

Sports

Top Ten Hopewell Athletes 2009-2010

By Paul Rosenstern

This is a list of my top 10 athletes at Hopewell here in the 2009-2010 sports seasons. Many of the Hopewell sports teams had outstanding seasons thanks to these players, each of them in their respected sport or sports, as some of these athletes were participants in multiple sports throughout the school year.

10. Starting off the list at number 10 is senior Brian Foy. Foy was a captain on Hopewell's boys' soccer team, a wrestler, and he played tennis in the spring. Foy helped lead the soccer team to an overall record of 11-7 as they ended the season just one win away from a playoff appearance. Foy then moved on to wrestling in the winter where he competed at the 160 and 171 pound classes. He placed eighth at 171's in the Powerade Christmas tournament, and placed second in the section in the 160 pound class. In the spring Foy played tennis and placed second in the MAC double's tournament with teammate Ryan Costanza. Foy will be attending WVU in the fall.

9. She's was only a freshman but Shatori Walker Kimbrough made a huge impact on both the girls' volleyball team and the girls' basketball team, and she also runs track. Walker Kimbrough played middle hitter on the varsity volleyball team, and helped the girls' to a winning record. Yet volleyball is not Walker Kimbrough's best sport, the freshman then moved on to basketball. Walker Kimbrough started as a freshman alongside four seniors. She led the team in rebounds and helped the girls go undefeated all the way until the WPIAL championship game against New Castle.

8. In the eight spot is number five Matt Rubino of the Hopewell baseball team. The junior catcher has been a key to the baseball team's 19-1 overall record and their section title. Rubino is tied for the team lead and WPIAL lead in homeruns with 10, and leads the WPIAL in

RBI's. He was also honored by the Beaver County Times and the Pittsburgh Tribune Review as the athlete of the week after he hit two three-run homeruns against section rivals Moon in a 10-7 Hopewell win, and came up the next game against Keyston Oaks with two more homers in a 10-2 route. The baseball team is heading into the playoffs as the number one overall seed in class AAA.

7. If there's one person at Hopewell High School you wouldn't want to pick a fight with, it's Brandon Fedorka. The solid 215 pound Fedorka was a captain on the football team, a wrestling PIAA all-star in the 215 pound class, and a WPIAL qualifier in throwing the javelin and the shotput. Fedorka played defensive end and tackle on the football team where he led the team in sacks for the second consecutive year, and will be playing in the Penn vs. Ohio all-star game as a WPIAL all-star. In wrestling Fedorka competed at the 215 pound weight class. He placed second in the section, third in the WPIAL, and placed in the top 12 in the PIAA tournament. Fedorka was then selected as a PIAA all-star and he wrestled in the Dapper Dan all-star tournament. In track Fedorka threw the javelin over 151 feet to qualify for the WPIAL games which will be held on May 20.

6. Scott Dierdorf has been a dominant force for Hopewell's baseball team from both the pitcher's mound and the batter's box. In his senior season Dierdorf has accounted for over half of Hopewell's 19 wins with his 10 pitching victories. His 10-0 pitching record is the best in the WPIAL, and he is among the league leaders in strikeouts with 71. At the plate he sports a team high .479 batting average, and is in a tie with teammate Matt Rubino for most homeruns in the WPIAL with 10. Dierdorf is also among the WPIAL lead in RBIs and runs scored.

5. In his senior year Mark

Ross once again played key roles on Hopewell's football team and Hopewell's boys' basketball team. The 6'3 Ross was one of the top receivers in the WPIAL as he was selected as a West all-star for the East-West All-Star Game, and helped Hopewell go all the way to the WPIAL championship game. In basketball Ross averaged over 15 points per game, second best on the team, as the boys' basketball team won their section. Ross is also a stellar student, and he will be attending Lafayette in the fall to play football.

4. In her senior year Paige Alviani led the Hopewell girls' basketball team to the WPIAL championship game, and in track she will be competing in the WPIAL games coming up on May 20. Alviani was the leading scorer on the girls' basketball team, as well as a leading scorer in the WPIAL. She ended her high school basketball career with over 1000 points. In track Alviani is a star in throwing the javelin, as she qualified for the WPIAL games with a throw of over 100 feet.

3. Coming in at number three is sophomore running back Rushel Shell. In just his second year of high school, Shell led the WPIAL in rushing yards with over 2700 yards. Nine times in the 2009 season Shell rushed for over 200 yards, including the WPIAL championship game where he rushed for 274 yards in Hopewell's loss to West Allegheny. Shell also led the team and the WPIAL in touchdowns on the season with 36. He was selected as a WPIAL all-conference running back as well.

2. Elise Farris may have accomplished more than any other female athlete at Hopewell High School in 2009-2010. She was a star on the girls' basketball team in the winter, and in the spring she shined even brighter on the track. A four year letter winner in basketball, Farris helped take the girls this year all the way to the WPIAL championship game with an average of over 15 points a

game. As good as she was at basketball she was even better in track. For the second year in a row Farris won gold medals in the 400 and 800 meter runs. She will be looking to defend her WPIAL titles in these events coming up on May 20.

1. My 2009-2010 Hopewell High School athlete of the year is Matt Hundenski. The three sport star Hundenski was the quarterback on the football team, a WPIAL and State finalist in wrestling, and the shortstop on the baseball team. Hundenski was a captain on the football team, and led the Vikings into the WPIAL championship game. He was selected as an all-conference quarterback, and will be playing in the East-West All-Star Game. After football Hundenski moved on to wrestling, where he was going in as the defending WPIAL champion in the 152 pound class. Hundenski wrestled most of the regular season at 160's, where he placed third at the Powerade Christmas Tournament. He then dropped back to 152 pounds where he won the section, and placed second in the WPIAL. Hundenski then moved on to baseball where he has helped lead the team to a 19-1 overall record going into the WPIAL playoffs. Hundenski has played a gold-glove caliber shortstop for the Vikings baseball team as well as hitting four homeruns through the regular season. Hundenski has signed with WVU where he plans to continue his wrestling career.

Congratulations to all of the athletes who competed for Hopewell High School this season. Thanks to all of these players Hopewell continues to experience great success in the WPIAL and the PIAA. 2009-2010 was a year that will go down in Hopewell sports history as one of the best yet.

Features

Newspaper Seniors

By Kate McCallan

Throughout the school year the Hopewell Hi-Lites staff puts out many newspapers. The students, faculty, and staff read the articles; however, these people do not see the hard work and effort that goes into each composition as well as the memories that have been shared among these reporters. Whether it has been years or months participating in Journalism II, the class has bonded and become more like a family and less than an elective. With the end of the year rapidly approaching, the staff will soon have to say good-bye to the following seniors:

Sarah Bohy has been writing for the Hopewell Hi-Lites for three years and currently holds the position as Features Editor. Her favorite journalism memories were with good friend Jennifer Sipes and with other staff members last year. Bohy's favorite articles were the college previews. While researching for the paper, she discovered a future at Slippery Rock University where she will major in Public Relations next fall. Bohy loved working on the staff. She said it helped her grow as well as aiding in her decision in her future after Hopewell. She would like to remind her under-

classmen to enjoy every minute of High School because it goes by very quickly. As well as being on staff, Bohy also participates in the band as section leader, is the Vice President of French Club, and a member of her church youth group and venture group.

Tricia Marsick is new to the staff this year. She does not hold any official position on staff, but usually writes feature articles her favorite being book reviews. She says her most beloved memory in Journalism II deals with her close friend and staff member, Catey Burget, whom she is trying to help run for class president. Journalism II has taught her that one can write almost anything. Her words of advice to all underclassmen are "Complete your senior project early." Marsick is a member of the Fellow Christian Athletes (FCA), Student Council, and Class Club as well as being employed at George's Family Restaurant. Because she loves kids, she will major in education at West Virginia University next year.

Paul Rosenstern is the Sports Editor on staff and has been writing for the paper for two years. His favorite memories from this class occurred at the fieldtrip at



Point Park University. Rosenstern's favorite articles were about Major League Baseball. This class helped him work under pressure when performing tasks such as working towards a deadline. He would like to remind all underclassmen to concentrate on their grades and put in 100 percent to get the most out of high school. Next year, Rosenstern will also attend Slippery Rock University in hopes to become a gym teacher like his favorite teacher, Mr. Hack.

These three students have spent countless hours writing articles for the paper. Their hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. Rosenstern carried the

Hopewell Hi-Lites with his sports articles writing an average of four per issue. Bohy wrote regular additions to a series of feature articles that brought crucial insight on colleges. She also regularly wrote the "Teacher's Pet" article which brought a variety and flair to the paper. Last but not least, Marsick will be remembered for her clever feature articles and her witty personality. To Bohy, Marsick, and Rosenstern, your family on the Hopewell Hi-Lites staff wishes you the best of luck in the future. Each one of you will be deeply missed, but your legacy on staff will live on.



Summer Plans

By Megan Sirko

Here at Hopewell, it's probably safe to say that June 4 can not come fast enough for both students and teachers. Many fellow classmates have already made plans for their summer vacation.

Junior Olivia Skal will be spending her summer in Africa with Teen Missions International. On June 12 she will begin her trip with two weeks of training in Florida. She will then fly to the airports of Washington, Rome, Ethiopia, and finally will reach Lusaka, Zambia. Last year, Olivia made this same trip. In Zambia, she and Teen Missions International will build a bridge over the Luswish River, and spend time with the children on

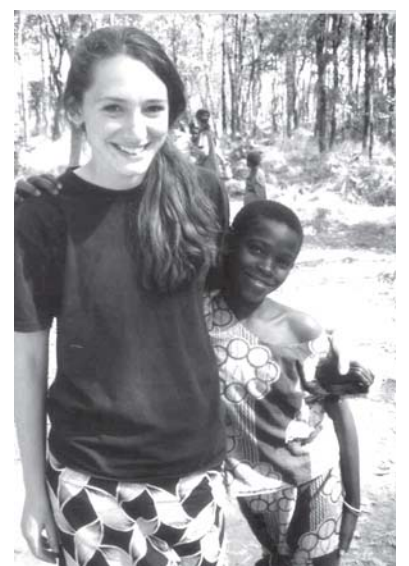
the rescue area. Olivia says that her favorite part of this trip is meeting new people and playing with the kids.

Junior Juli Bosley will be spending part of her summer in Massachusetts, visiting her dad. She will also be visiting her mom's side of the family in Minnesota. She says that she plans on canoeing and taking a photography class at CCBC. She will spend the rest of her summer practicing soccer, which starts in July.

Ashley McCoy's first plan for the summer is to graduate. She will spend part of her summer working. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., she will babysit 10 year old Sean

and 12 year old Griffin. Also, she will be working at the 5-Points McDonalds a couple times a week. When she is not working, Ashley will be spending her weekends riding her 2005 Yamaha ttr 125 dirt bike. The last week of June she will attend Conservation Camp where she volunteers as a counselor. She commented, "This year is my fourth year volunteering. At the camp the kids learn about the outdoors and it is an amazing experience." Ashley also has a country music Mega ticket, and will be attending the concerts of Brad Paisley, Toby Keith, Brooks and Dunn, Rascal Flatts, and Tim

McGraw.



Picture of Olivia Skal on her trip to Africa last year. Image Courtesy Olivia Skal.

Entertainment

Book Review: A Child Called "It"

By Tricia Marsick

A Child Called It, a novel written by David Pelzer, was a very unique read, and the whole story line caught my attention. The obstacles the main character had to overcome in his childhood startled me but kept me interested. The hardest part to believe is that the book truly happened. The title relates to the book because the boy's mother calls him "It." The mother does not refer to her son by his name, who authored the book, David Pelzer. She demonstrates no respect for him and acts as if the boy is just an object to boss around and abuse. I like his choice for a title because it makes the reader wonder what that entire phrase has to it and really clues the reader in to the storyline.

The main point the author portrays is how much pain and suffering he had gone through in his childhood and that he still made it out okay. He did not become a patient in an institution, not a serial killer, but an author who told his story in

such a way that touches each heart who happens to read it. Pelzer thoroughly goes through every terrible thing any human could imagine and paints the picture perfectly in his writing. His mother is portrayed as an evil, inhumane being and it must have been hard to write such truth.

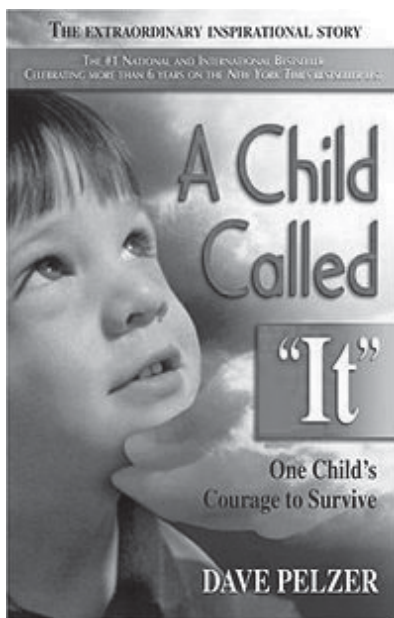
The story begins in the 1960s when Pelzer first experiences his cruel abuse. Both parents were good to Pelzer in the beginning until alcohol came into the picture. Her drastic personality changes emerged from her binge drinking. In the kitchen of their home, Pelzer is busy doing his chores and his mother sets a time

limit for him to finish washing all the dishes. If the boy did not make the time limit, he would not eat supper that night. His mother sees that he takes his hands out of the water and slaps him brutally across the face. In addition to being unable to eat, Pelzer also receives a beating. Pelzer made this scene into a huge attention grabber for the readers and it drew me in close to the storyline.

Some other cruelties his mother demanded him to perform were sitting on his hands for an extended period of time, having to do triple the amount of chores his siblings were told to do, and a lot of verbal abuse. One quotation that really sunk my heart was his mother saying soberly, "You are a nobody! An It! You are nonexist-

ent! You are a bastard child! I hate you and I wish you were dead! Dead! Do you hear me? Dead!" That was the first time in the novel that Pelzer's mother stated the hatred stored in her chest for her son. I found this to be the saddest point in the book.

Overall, *A Child Called It* was an excellent read. I would not recommend reading it in a public setting because there were quite a few times I got emotional. This true story of David Pelzer's childhood will stick with the readers in their lifetime and hopefully teaches every one of them to treat people with kindness. In the end David Pelzer finally gets rescued from his mother into a loving home of his foster parents and had someone to call him "son."



Movie Review: Letters to Juliet

By Alaina Altieri

In the new movie, *Letters to Juliet*, Amanda Seyfried plays Sophie, a young woman who goes on vacation to Verona, Italy, the city where Romeo and Juliet lived, and finds an unanswered love "letter to Juliet." She is so intrigued by this letter, which is dated 50 years ago, that she takes it upon herself to help the writer of the letter, Claire, played by Vanessa Redgrave, find her long lost love Lorenzo.

Along the way, Sophie falls in love with Claire's grandson Charlie who also helps find him. Charlie is played by Christopher Egan. Another important character

includes Franco Nero who plays Lorenzo Bartolini.

This is a romantic comedy with some drama intertwined. Mostly it is about the romance. It is rated PG for brief rude behavior, some language and incidental smoking courtesy of The Internet Movie Database.

The movie is full of love and happiness that has a very happy ending. Italy is a great choice for the setting of the movie because it really captured the elegance and beauty of the city of Verona and hills of Tuscany. It is a great movie to go see.



Two main characters of "Letters to Juliet", Claire and Sophie.
Courtesy Google Images.

Features

Teacher's Pet

By Sarah Bohy



Picture of Milo and the Keeble. Courtesy Ms. Rice.

Ms. Rice, an English Teacher at Hopewell for the past ten years, is the very proud owner of a Miniature Dachshund named Milo. Milo is ten years old and was rescued by Ms. Rice when he was approximately four years old. A Hopewell student was spending time at a hunting camp when he found Milo wandering around. The student brought Milo home and asked Dr. Dreshman, a Guidance Counselor at Hopewell, if she knew of anyone who would be interested in taking him in, and she immediately thought of Ms. Rice. "I'd wanted a Dachshund for years", Ms. Rice said.

One of Ms. Rice's favorite memories of her beloved canine took place just last summer when Milo first learned to play fetch with his Keeble. The Keeble is Milo's favorite toy

which he got from his cousin Sadie, Ms. Rice's brother's dog. Milo's years with Ms. Rice have been filled with abundant love. Ms. Rice rescued Milo a second time after a scuffle with another neighborhood dog a few years ago, and he can always be found pictured on Ms. Rice's computer monitor. In addition, Ms. Rice can always expect a warm welcome from her favorite pup when she returns home from work. "He's usually dancing at the door waiting for me", Ms. Rice explained with a laugh.

Aside from teaching English, Ms. Rice sponsors the Class of 2011, Newspaper, and PA Clubs. She attended Brentwood High School and received her Undergraduate Degree from Penn State University.

Student of the Month

By Catey Burget



Kayla Losco was chosen for the upperclassmen student of the month award. Kayla was chosen for her strong work ethic and outstanding achievements. Kayla's favorite subject during her senior year has been AP Government because Mr. McConnell is has become her favorite teacher this year. Throughout high school, Kayla has been apart of the cup team, Beadling while leading Hopewell's varsity team for two consecutive years as captain. She won the first place prize in the VFW Voice of Democracy speech competition this year. Kayla said, "The thought that after June 4th, I never have to come back" is her biggest boost of motivation to get her through the rest of the year. After high school, Kayla will attend Baldwin-Wallace College to major in Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. She plans to get her Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree and an Athletic Training degree. After college, she would like to have her own sports rehabilitation and physical therapy practice. Good luck in the future, Kayla!



Erika Kraus, the underclassman student of the month was selected for the award because of her hard work in school. Erika, a freshman this year, loves riding and taking care of her horse, Bud, outside of school. She always has enjoyed reading and playing the game Canasta. Watching movies and playing multiple sports are other hobbies of Erika. Erika is also in French Club, 4-H Club, and she works in the library. Her favorite book of all time is *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell. She also loves Art and French. Erika said "I really like Art and French Class. I like Art because I'm good at it, and I like to draw. I like French class because French is a fun language. Mrs. Masley and Mrs. Shadle are amazing teachers!" Erika's greatest accomplishment is making highest honors the 3rd nine weeks we a 3.8 G.P.A. She also came in second place in the PA Department of Transportation's Bus Safety Poster Contest.

Kayla and Erika have demonstrated an extremely wonderful work ethic. They are both great leaders to the school, and the community. Congratulations girls!

Congratulations to the May Students of the Month:
Upperclassman Shikira Quamina
and
Underclassman Dan Weiland

Look for their feature profiles in the Hopewell Area School District summer newsletter



Summer Fun

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

BARBEQUE
 CAMPING
 FIREWORKS
 KENNYWOOD
 PICNICS
 SWIMMING

BEACHES
 CEDAR POINT
 FISHING
 MEMORIAL DAY
 SAND CASTLE
 TUBING

BOATING
 DRIVE-IN
 FOURTH OF JULY
 MINI-GOLF
 SUNSCREEN
 VACATIONS

Sudoku

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

Bring Peace
 By: Branden Drummer
 Why must we fight over our reason
 Why must we kill to settle our creed
 Enough of this foolishness
 Sheath your swords
 Shake hands with each other
 End these wars
 When this is done we'll elude our damnation
 Then live in sanctified bliss forever more



Baseball

By Dan Gladis

With the regular season over, Hopewell baseball can take a short break from the top notch season they have just completed. However, the baseball team has no time to rest on their laurels as the playoffs are just around the corner and the stakes look to be higher than ever this year. Having finished the season with 19-1 record, Hopewell is looking to extend their winning ways deep into the playoff season.

This season saw many ups for Viking baseball. In a game versus Montour, the Vikings were down by three in the bottom of the sixth inning but managed to score six runs in the very same inning to win 11-8. However, Hopewell fell just shy of perfection when they fell to Moon by a score of 7-1. Due to the fact that the section

record between Hopewell and Moon was tied, the section championship was shared by the two teams as well.

A few stellar student athletes have helped the Vikings to reach their current record. These include, but are not limited to, Scott Dierdorf, who has a 10-0 record from the pitcher's mound and Matt Rubino, who along with Dierdorf is tied for the WPIAL lead in homeruns with ten apiece. The Vikings baseball team would love to continue their winning ways into the WPIAL playoffs, with the ultimate goal of winning the WPIAL championship. As the Facebook group says, it is time for Hopewell to "end the streak of silver."