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Dairy Dares to Build Back

BY: ALEXIA BRUNTON

“I felt disgusted, on autopilot, confused, and numb,” Herb Brunton said, following the events of October 26, 2023.

Around quarter to five on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 26, Brunton Dairy’s milking barn and milk processing plant caught on fire. In addition to the family members that were present that night, about fifteen other people helped evacuate as many cows as possible.

While several cows did not survive, and many were severely injured, the family managed to save a portion of their animals. “It could always have been worse,” Jim Brunton said, a common sentiment of the family.

The night of the fire, the majority of the cows were moved to the Craig Farm. All the other cows went to either the Swiontek farm or Linden Creek Dairy.

“The adrenaline was what kept us going. We didn’t realize how many hours we had been up until it was done,” Barb Craig states.

The next day, the cows that had been transported to the Swiontek farm were moved to the Craig farm, in the meantime the cows that had been transported to Linden Creek Dairy will continue to reside there.

Many of the surviving cows had burns and limps. One cow in particular had it the worst out of the herd. She had major burns over her back, ears, and eyes. Soot covered her ears and eyes as well.

Her tag number is 581, and her name is Myrtle. No one had high hopes for this cow, the Swionteks didn’t know whether she’d make it through the night based on how little she could breathe and how much she wheezed.

“I felt horrible, I thought, ‘Oh, that poor thing,’” Barb said, “She was

breathing hard, and I honestly didn’t think she would make it.” The vet had been there the whole day, trying to care for the burns and wounds, especially to monitor Myrtle.

Myrtle has healed considerably over the past few months at the Craig Farm. Her burns scabbed over, her limping slowly got better, the scabs eventually healed, and her breathing regulated. If you didn’t know what her number was, you wouldn’t be able to tell that she had been so severely burned. “Like a super cow, you know?” Barb said, “I think she amazed a lot of people.”

Over the months following the fire, a new ‘normal’ has been found with the family’s schedules. “Yeah, we knew you, but we’ve all gotten really close,” Barb Craig says, noting how the Seibels, Craigs, and Bruntons have become a family of friends. Members of the Brunton, Craig, and Seibel families go over in the early morning to milk and again in the evening every day.

“We have to drive to work, we had to adapt to a different milking system, learn to manage cows in a different way, and all while figuring out what we are going to do.” Herb Brunton said.

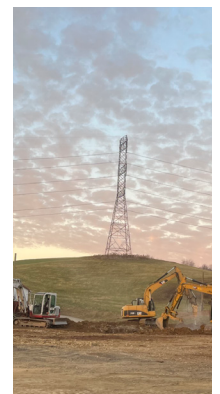
“They were stressed, it was not good on them,” Ed Brunton said, regarding the after-effects the fire had on the cows. “They produced a whole lot less milk. They are slowly starting to come back now.”

Amidst cranky cows and stressful situations, the family still has to be proactive in figuring out what’s the next step. The next step

is how to plan a new barn layout. “The time you’re supposed to wait before building a new barn is two years—we had two months.” Herb Brunton said.

The old milking system was a tie-stall set-up. The Craig’s milking system is a milking parlor, and the Brunton’s new milking system will be upgraded. They hope to set up a robotic milking system, seeing as their old system was outdated and less efficient.

All in all, the Brunton family has to start from scratch, but from a motivating Myrtle to their newfound family, the Brunton’s will build back.





WE'RE BACK BABY

BY: JALISE GARY

Newsies has been the most challenging musical since the seniors were freshman.

Four years ago on March 11, Hopewell Viking Musicals production of Newsies was canceled one week before it hit the stage. "I got the call before rehearsal, then realized I had to tell the entire cast," said the Director of Hopewell High School Musicals, Miss Beley. This show has been healing for her and the rest of the seniors that participated.

With so many talented students in the cast, this is their strongest show since before Covid. Everyone had fun doing and watching Newsies. Letting yourself bleed through your character made this show meaningful.

The practices, the production, and the entire experience has been valuable to the cast. Along with performing, they partnered with Adoption Connections PA by doing a clothing drive. Most clothes donated are from

old people or little kids, so teens really have nothing to work with. "It felt good to do something I love, while giving to people," said senior Evelyn McCullough.

The cast put on a wonderful show. The seniors left everything on stage. In Miss Beley's words, "This show is in the top 3.," out of the twenty shows she's done.



All Right Now (Well, Mostly)

BY: CODY GRUBER

In 163 countries around the world, including the United States, residents drive on the right side of the road. Their steering wheels are positioned on the left side of their cars. But in 76 other countries, residents drive on the left side. So what exactly is the deal here? Why do we drive on the opposite side of the road to countries like the U.K.?

The reason Americans drive on the right side of the road can be traced back to, believe it or not, wagon trains. In Pennsylvania, Conestoga wagons were constructed by local carpenters and blacksmiths to transport goods to markets in the city of Philadelphia. According to CNN Business, “The wagon driver could ride one of the horses or sit on a ‘lazy board’ that slid out of the side of the wagon. But when more active control was needed, he walked alongside the horses, pulling levers and ropes.” The controls were on the left side of the wagon, made for right-handed people. This meant that the driver was closer to the middle of the road.

Eventually, the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Road opened in 1795. One of the rules was that all traffic had to stay to the right. “In 1804, New York became the first state to dictate traffic stay to the right on all roads and highways,” CNN Business also states.

Britain, quite literally on the other hand, drives on the left side of the road, a contrast to most of Europe. There were more small carriages and individual horse riders, and not as many industrial-sized wagons. Horse riders preferred to use the left side of the road

and leave their right hands facing oncoming traffic for greetings. This could also be useful if fighting was ever necessary.

Of course, there can be real consequences when driving on the opposite side of the road if you’re unfamiliar. AAA’s head of driver training, William Van Tassel, recommends taking extra steps to concentrate. “I think it’s fine to talk to yourself, while you’re driving over there. That kind of forces you to be focusing on driving,” Van Tassel said. “OK, tight left or far right. Check for traffic from the right rather than the left. Whatever it is, whatever works.” Mr. Van Tassel also recommends driving with a passenger to have another set of eyes.

Avis Budget Group rents cars to Americans driving in the

United Kingdom. Rental agents remind customers about driving on the left side of the road, among other things.

“In addition, all of our vehicles throughout the UK have ‘Drive on the left’ stickers,” Avis stated. “And in major locations we hand out drive on the left wristbands, which we advise our customers to always wear on the left wrist as a reminder of which side of the road to drive.”

So, if you ever wonder why other countries drive on the “wrong” side of the road, there you have it. Always remember to stay safe and alert when driving, regardless of the side of the road.



Senior Spotlight

BY: KAMRYN ROCHE

Chloe Nale and the ups and downs of her school ball career. Chloe has been playing softball for about 14 years.

Over the 4 years of Chloe's school ball career there were a lot of positive experiences while also having setbacks she had to overcome. She said her positive experiences were "Winning section last year and getting to know the girls while having fun with the team."

In addition to this she also said "The injuries were the biggest setbacks." With this being Chloe's senior year she said, "I'm sad, dude, I have been playing with these girls my entire

life especially Ava. All I remember is her at third and me at short."

With it being her Senior year she is going to leave a lot behind, "Ronda, she is the best coach I've ever had and is a second mom to me. She is what I will probably miss most while also playing with the girls."

Chloe said to the upcoming seniors, "Have fun your senior year. Don't stress about the game. Just have fun your last year and don't wish it away. It will be gone in the blink of an eye."

Chloe is going to attend Penn State Behrend University and will probably miss most while also play-

ing with the girls." Chloe said to the up and coming seniors "Have fun your senior year don't stress about the game just have fun your last year and don't wish it away it will be gone in a blink of an eye." Chloe is going to attend Penn State barren college and will play softball there.



The Difference of AI

BY: LAHNA MURRAY

Artificial intelligence (AI) platforms have been growing rapidly over the past few years, but how different are they from each other?

Snapchat's has more personality in it's responses, while Microsoft's has unbiased and logical responses. When asked its favorite color, Snapchat AI responded with, "If I had to choose, I would say turquoise and coral." Whereas Microsoft had not directly answered the question, but instead talked about favorite colors in general.

After the first response from Snapchat AI, it was clear it has more lighthearted responses. "As an AI, I've been designed to have a friendly

and conversational personality. While I don't have personal experiences or emotions like a human, I try my best to engage in a way that feels natural and relatable." Microsoft on the other hand was more practical. "AI, like myself, doesn't have a personality in the traditional sense. We are designed to simulate certain aspects of personality, such as a friendly tone or a helpful attitude, to make interactions more pleasant and relatable for users."

Whether these advancements are good or bad, AI's opinion on it also varies. Microsoft's AI responded that, "The development of AI is a complex subject with both positive and negative aspects. It's not inherently good

or bad; rather, it depends on how it is developed and used." It had responded with both of the pros and cons of the new developments and gave reasons why. Snapchat AI on the other hand had replied with, "AI has the potential to revolutionize many aspects of our lives, from improving healthcare to enhancing productivity. Of course, it's important to ensure that AI is used ethically and responsibly."

When using AI, it is important to understand the intended design of each one. While some AIs might be designed for a more educational approach, others are intended for entertainment purposes.



WITH GREAT ENERGY COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

BY: KIRA SHAKESPEARE

Energy drinks are a go-to for Hopewell High School students. Whether it's because you were up late finishing your homework or because you aren't a morning person, an energy drink may be a quick fix. But be careful because too much of that zing can make your heart do a ping-pong thing.

According to Caffeine Informer, the top selling energy drink is Red Bull. It's the OG energy drink that started it all. Last year they sold about 12,138 billion cans. For one regular, 8.4 oz can of Red Bull, you'll get 72 mg of caffeine. That is about the same amount of caffeine you get from a cup of coffee. These cans have 27g of sugar and 110 calories. "Red Bulls give me wings," said freshman Emma Kokoskie.

Celsius energy drinks are a burst of energy without all the sugar found in other drinks. Celsius is all about healthy instead of loading you up with calories. On the Caffeine Informer top selling list, Celsius comes

in third place. One 12 oz. can of Celsius has only 10 calories. They contain 0g of sugar and have 200mg of caffeine.

"The best energy drink is Alani because it gives you lots of energy," said senior, Kendall Hineman. Alani Nu energy drinks are the new hype. Alani Nutrition is ranked tenth on the top selling list from Caffeine Informer. A regular can of Alani is 12 oz. and

contains 0g of sugar and only 10 calories. While these may be healthier, they contain almost double the amount of caffeine that a Red Bull does. "Alani helps me get through the long school day," Kendall said.

For adults, the FDA has cited 400mg a day to be safe. That is

about 4 to 5 cups of coffee, or about 2 to 3 energy drinks. Adolescents and young adults need to be careful with excessive caffeine intake. Heavy caffeine use can cause side effects such as headaches, insomnia, fast heart-beat, and muscle tremors. Usually, it won't cause a health problem, but be cautious of caffeine's possible side effects.



WELCOME INTO HALEY'S LIFE

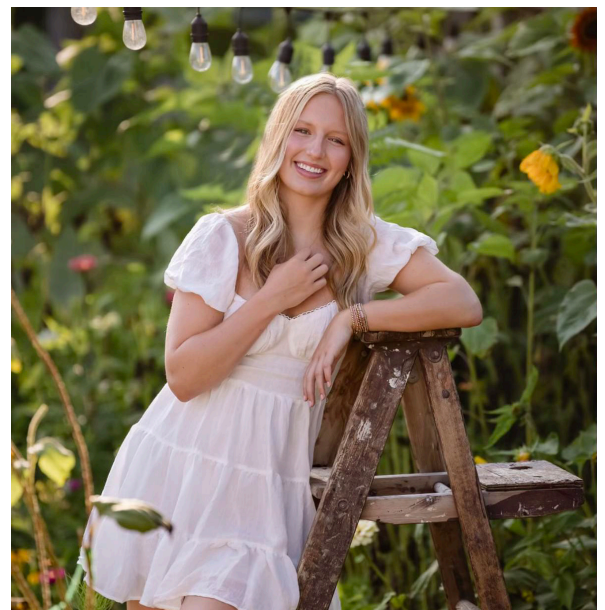
BY: KENDALL HINEMAN

Senior Haley Hineman is an honor roll student, athlete and fun person. Haley is a twin sister. She loves Haley enjoys playing with her dogs, watching tv, going to the gym and hanging out with her friends. "I also love shopping," Haley adds.

Haley has played volleyball for six years. With her senior year of volleyball ending recently. Haley says, "I will miss my teammates and the memories I have made." Although volleyball has a special place in Haley's heart, she does not plan on furthering her athletic career after high school.

Haley's hard work and dedication through school has paid off; she got

into her favorite school. After high school she plans to attend Ohio University as undecided. Haley is hoping to find her passion and what she wants to do for a career. Haley says, "I will miss laughing with my friends everyday." But she can't wait to see what her future holds for her in college. Haley is sad to leave all the people that she loves but she's ready to meet new people.



Senior Spotlight: Trevor Lubert

BY: NATHAN MCGEE

Trevor “Lube” Lubert has gone to Hopewell his whole life, and 2024 is his last trip around the sun here at the high school. He’s been on the soccer team all 4 years of high school as well as the volleyball team his junior year. Lube also participates in Ultimate Frisbee club every Friday.

Trevor participates in an 18+ flag football league every Saturday, where he shows off his skill he gained playing backyard football in the sum-

mer time with his friends. Lube has been a part of the Boy Scouts since second grade, where he earned his Eagle Scout rank by refurbishing the playground by the Clearview Pool. Lube’s first job was refereeing U10 soccer games on the weekends for 7 years.

Lube says he has enjoyed the social aspects of high school, like hanging out with his friends and meeting new people. His favorite classes this school year are Gym and Lunch, Trev-

or says he will miss high school, but he is excited to see where the next chapter of his life leads him. After high school, Lube plans to attend CCBC as an undecided major to further his education.

He wants to thank all his teachers, coaches, friends, and family for their support in his schooling career.

Senior Spotlight: Nathan McGee

BY: TREVOR LUBERT

Nate McGee has been at Hopewell his entire life, and this is his last journey here at Hopewell High School,

Nate has been on the swim team all four years of high school, doing track for three, and cross country for one. He was a part of the NHS and Frisbee club all four years. He has taken five total AP classes in his high school career. He said his favor-

ite classes were gym and lunch, and his favorite teacher was Mr. Slapikas. Nate said, “I enjoy his class and I like the way he runs frisbee”. He said he would miss high school mostly because of how many friends he made and how much time he spent with them.

Nate has been in Boy Scouts since first grade and is working towards his Eagle Scout rank and will be working on his Ea-

gle Scout project over the summer.

Over the summer as well Nate is a lifeguard at Clearview Pool. Nate isn’t sure where he will be attending college, but he will major in computer science/software engineering when he goes this coming fall.

Is Welding the Right Option

BY: ANTHONY FRATANGELI

The age old question, is welding a good career option?

If you are considering welding as an option then you’re in luck! Welding is an amazing option for a career. With crazy high salaries and high demand it’s almost impossible to not make it as a welder.

Welding does require a high level of skill, especially to make a lot of money.

According to welder Ryan Greene, people in the welding industry are looking for three things, reliability, time management and good work ethic.

Students can start a career with a trade school. Some offer this for a half day. Going to a place like Beaver Count CTC can help students learn a lot before they go out into the real world.

Sending Off a Senior

BY: EMMA DICICCO

Ava DiCicco, a 17-year-old senior, prepares to wrap up her last year at Hopewell High School with tears and a big smile. But most importantly, how to say...
“Goodbye.”

Throughout her four years in Hopewell, Ava enjoyed her senior year the most, and her sophomore year was her least favorite. “Sophomore year was long and boring, nothing much happened. But my senior year is my favorite since I’m graduating and finally feeling more like an adult.”

Ava plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh when she graduates to become an anesthesiologist. “The University of Pittsburgh has a great pre-med track and science-based classes. I am excited to learn everything they have to offer.”

Pre-med in college is challenging and requires a whole new level of commitment. “There is no doubt in my mind that I will constantly be studying, writing essays and listening to lectures.” However, she truly be-

lieves that her future career is in the medical field, “I have never been so passionate about anything other than the medical field. I know that I want to become an anesthesiologist and that will never change.”

Schoolwork is tedious, but Ava believes socializing with her friends and teachers greatly impacted her time at Hopewell. “I love spending time with my friends and talking to my teachers. My teachers were great role models for me.”

Reminiscing about her years at Hopewell, Ava’s only regret was not taking AP English. “I wish I would have taken AP English in my junior year. It would have greatly impacted my writing skills.” Some of her happiest memories were made with her friends. “I love going out with Vicki, Ethan, Zach, Dylan and all the others. I will never forget all the fun times we had together, and I hope to keep in touch with them after I graduate.”

It’s a bitter-sweet moment felt by all seniors to graduate. “When I re-

ceive my diploma on graduation day, a chapter of my life will be over and a new chapter of my life will just be beginning.” With her family, friends and teachers cheering and supporting her, Ava is ready to say...

“Goodbye”



Senior Quotes

BY: KATIE WITHROW

Sadly here at Hopewell High School we do not do senior quotes. Mr. Toney’s reasoning is previous issues regarding drama and situations that are easily avoidable by not doing quotes. A simple way to leave a mark is a senior quote in the yearbook. Whether it is a simple sentence or a moving quote, a part of you is shared with your fellow classmates.

A senior quote would go right below your photo in the yearbook. Here are some examples that are pret-

ty common, “I spent 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake,” or “Can I please stay another year? – said no one.”

Is funny and lighthearted the move, or would a more moving one be the way to go? Moving quotes can really leave an impression, “You cannot dream of becoming something you do not know about. You have to learn to dream big. Education exposes you to what the world has to offer, to the possibilities open to you.” —Sonia Soto-

mayor, and “I’ve learned it’s important not to limit yourself. You can do whatever you really love to do, no matter what it is.” —Ryan Gosling. These are such good quotes to inspire students.

Many high school students agree that senior quotes should be used. It gives nostalgia for the seniors looking back or a look into someone’s personality.

If you could have a senior quote, what would it be?



Don't Blink, You Might Miss Her!

BY: AARON DICKHART

Anytime you look at the track, you're bound to see Emma Palmieri leaving her competition in the dust. Spring is here and the track star is gearing up to have a big junior season.

"I am really excited for this season. Our first scrimmage is tomorrow so Coach Brunton just said to pretend it's practice, but I'm ready to get the season started." Emma competed in indoor track over the winter to help prepare for the season. "It went pretty well, not as I wanted it to go, but it was my first year doing indoor track, so it

was really good practice for outdoor, and it was good to keep busy."

This spring Emma will be competing in the 100 m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m and 4x400m. It's safe to say that she specializes in the speed department. This season Emma has big goals for those events, and for the team. "For myself I hope to be consistently under a minute in the 400m, and I want to break the 200m school record. For the team I am hoping we get another section win, and I want our 4x100m team to break the school record again which will be tough to beat

last year's." Last year Emma and her 4x100 team broke the school record, and with two new girls on the team this year, it will be tough to beat after losing two seniors.

Emma is one of the best athletes in the area and is ready to put on a show this year. She, as well as the rest of Hopewell's star-studded track team, are all going to be exciting to watch this spring.



The MAN, The MYTH, The LEGEND

BY: CONNOR PROGAR

It is Usain Bolt. No, it is Noah Lyles. No, it's Zach Kovell striking around the track like lightning. Basketball point guard and cross country runner, Kovell is a multi-sport athlete who is always on his feet. "Over the summer, yes a lot, basically every day with coach Brunton." Kovell has been consistently training ever since the end of last year's track season.

Kovell is extremely happy to get this season on the road and to "exceed some more goals." Kovell has

big, but very achievable goals of winning the 400 meter at the WPIAL and "making podium" at States. Kovell is ready to run at this year's first invitational, Beaver County Champs. "Last year I didn't do as well as I wanted, so hopefully this year I can come and be ready to run and hopefully do what I have planned." We can all expect great things this year from the man, the myth, the legend, Zach Kovell.



MARCH MADNESS IS UPON US

BY: BRANDON CLARK

March is upon us and America's greatest tournament is sweeping the nation. March Madness begins. Even those who know nothing about college basketball fill out their brackets.

Bracketology is a word created for the raw science of guessing who will win, which is why the tournament has become such a joy to watch. No one knows, upsets and Cinderella runs are the name of the game. March brings out the best underdog stories in all of American sports. Even just last year, the 16-seed FDU surprisingly toppled the 1-seed Purdue with the best player in the nation. It was a monumental upset from a team that had only ever

won twice in the tournament. That's why the mythical perfect bracket has never been achieved in all its years.

Here at Hopewell, we have teachers with all ranges of bracketology experience who are ready to share their pick to win it all. Mr. Commeso when selecting his bracket chose the #3 ranked Purdue Boilermakers who do have the best player in the country Zach Edey he also said "I took 2 8# seeds 2 9# seeds 2 10# seeds 2 11# seeds just cause."

Mr. Shuleski the self-proclaimed "athlete" said "I don't know anything about them but I was filling it out and ended up with Tennessee who honestly I don't know anything

about." who is #6 nationally and isn't seen as a favorite but he's predicting an upset.

Mr. Homziak, girl's basketball coach, believes the favorites and reigning champs, Uconn, are on the road to a repeat. Mr. Hetzer also agrees that Uconn will be too good for the competition and win it all.

Ultimately no one knows. March Madness it's in the name madness. 3 weeks of the highest stakes in college basketball, it's unpredictable and action packed and that is why we love it.



Spiking Vikings

BY: EMMA MAJEWICZ

From powerful hits to receiving digs, our Hopewell Viking Boys Volleyball team is putting in their best effort.

The preseason has been a physical and mental grind. The seniors have worked to keep the team motivated including the thoughts of being seniors, picking goals, and knowing you are not assured spots. Senior Richy Polovina talked about his motivation, "As a team, we pick a goal and keep it in our minds while we play and practice. I think my senior season will go well. I am playing the sport I love with the people I love, I know we will work for each other."

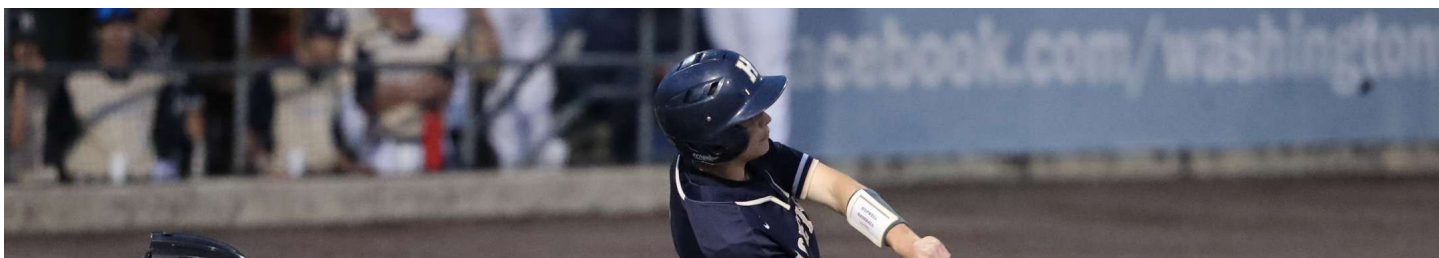
Success in this season

means a lot to the guys on the team, but the definition of success to them may not be all about trophies and medals. Senior Seth Young said, "Success to me is actually putting in work during not just games, but practices, and all working together as a team." Richy agreed and added, "It depends on how far we make it in the season and playoffs, also feeling fulfilled with yourself at the end of the season."

The real trophy is how rewarding it is to be on a team with such great guys who play hard and never give up. "They are my second family, I see those guys everyday at school and practice. I try to make most of what's left this year

because you don't know when you will see them again after high school. Making the most memories with them means a lot." said Richy.

This team of boys is a very close group and will always have trust in each other. Volleyball helps them build trust upon one another, even when it comes to being in personal friend groups. "We build trust by playing by each other's side everyday and realizing our weaknesses, but helping everyone work on them," said Richy. Everyone is able to correct each other without criticism because they all know that they just want to see each other succeed.



Swing Batter, Batter

BY: NICK EMERY

Sliding into 1 baseball season with senior Lucas Walton. Lucas plans on attending a four year college after high school. His top two options are Duquesne or Mount Union, and he said that he was going to go in undecided but could switch to either applied mathematics or analytics.

"I'm most excited for the section games and hoping that we make it to the playoffs" said Lucas. "I think

we will do well. I think that some of the younger players will step up to fill in for all of the seniors we lost," said. Last year's team had seven seniors graduate, which were some of the best hitters on the team.

The team is coming off of a WPIAL championship win last year and making it all the way to State semi finals. "During that playoff run you could definitely tell that our team

came together and team chemistry went up a lot," said Lucas. Lucas feels that this year the team is far ahead in pitching, offensive, and defensive than past years. The baseball team's first game this year is Tuesday March 19th at home against Shenago. Their first section game is April 2nd against Beaver.

The Last Line Of Defense

BY: MIKAYLA KURTA

Kamryn Roche is a freshman at Hopewell high school, and has always had a deep passion for softball.

She has played outfield and second base for roughly 12 years. Kamryn is very fond of playing softball, she said, "I like playing because it is a sport that involves everyone on the team, it is a very physical sport, I also like it because ninety-percent of the game is mental, and it makes you think about what's going on instead of just reacting."

She cherishes the game since playing helps her mentally, she says when her playing satisfies her in the game, it takes her out of reality and finds comfort in playing.

Kamryn believes that WPIALS or States is in the future for her team, she says, "Yes, I say yes because

our upperclassmen are very good and the whole team is extremely determined to make it to States, everyone puts one hundred and ten percent effort everyday, every practice no matter what."

She doesn't necessarily believe that the freshmen will have the greatest influence on the team but feels it is always good to have additional players.

I asked Kamryn if there was ever a point in her span of playing softball where she considered quitting. Kamryn says, "I have thought about not playing because the past few years I lost the love for the sport and never thought I was good enough but my mom pushed me to stay with it and all the upperclassmen this year have helped me find my love for it again."





STANLEY VS OWALA

BY: AYLA PISANO AND ELIZABETH LUCAS

Stanley cups have been popular ever since 2019, but had the biggest appearance in 2023. With new styles releasing and more people testing them for themselves they are ranked 6th for the most popular tumbler. Known for the large size of cup and the handle itself making it easier to carry around for people, everyone is using them. Owala's were made in March of 2020. Owala's come out with different colors every month and has

a bunch of different styles. Although Stanleys are more popular the Owala will be the next big hit for the teenagers. Like Stanley Cups, the FreeSip is insulated, but instead of a cup style top it has a folding straw that flips open making it leak proof. It also comes in many color combinations which feature different hues on the bottle and the lid for a fun look. When asking 22 students which tumbler they would prefer it was a big win for Stanley with

14 votes, but Owala did have a good 8 votes. Emma M said, "She picks Stanley just because they're popular." Kendall H picked Owala because, "The Stanley spills too much." But being tied in the middle Aubree G said, "I like the looks of Owala but I have a Stanley." So with Stanley taking the win as being the more popular Owala takes the win of being more convenient.





EASTER SWEETS

BY: CHLOEY CLARK

Just imagine waking up on Easter morning, what are you excited to see when you get to your easter baskets? What are the sweets you've been waiting to dig into all night? Throughout the years many candies have become popular during the Easter season. Kids won't miss out on anything in an egg shape and covered in chocolate, colorful jelly beans in all kinds of flavors and colors, or maybe some just want their chocolate bunnies to break apart. There are so many options to choose from but there's always the most loved and classic candies everyone knows about.

Easter candies have always been a big part of Easter since the 1800s, but they weren't exactly the ones we know today, except for the classics that have always been enjoyed. Some of the first kinds of easter candies have been mostly chocolate shapes such as chocolate eggs and bunnies. Almost every Easter candy you will see is in the shape of an egg, whether it's in the form of chocolate, marshmallow, or caramel filled. So many flavors

and different variations have come throughout the years becoming more and more popular.

After years and years of Easter traditions candy-wise, there have been so many different candies that have been favorites all over. The first big candy favorite on Easter has been chocolate bunnies, wrapped in gold foil with a red ribbon around their neck. These chocolate bunnies have been a classic and these cute and chocolaty creations have been an Easter staple since candy was introduced to Easter traditions. Another big sweet has been jelly beans, we all know what they are and how they come in all colors and flavors, jelly beans have always been a common candy to find so we enjoy them all year round. And of course, it's not Easter without peeps, these days peeps are found in so many different flavors, peeps are almost always the

first thing we think of when someone mentions easter candies because of how loved they are. The stickiest and creamiest chocolate egg, Cadbury creme eggs, has been a basic easter candy for kids and will always be a good candy to have on easter. All of these candies have been the top favorite candies for years and throughout the years over time there will be more sweets introduced but these will always be the classics.

No matter which of these may be your favorite, these classic candies will always be a perfect way of expressing our true love for this cherished holiday and bring a bite of sweetness to our happy Easter memories. These candies aren't just globs of sugar, they are our way of adding a bit of sweetness to the way we celebrate.



ALL ABOUT THAT BASE

BY: LIESL SCHULTZ

Standing in the sun near the dug-out excitement rushes through his body as he watches his team win. First baseman, Logan Butter, is a junior who has been playing baseball for 12 years. When he was 5 years old, he started playing tee ball and last year he was on Hopewell's JV team.

This year, Logan is not able to play due to a knee injury; however, he is still going to games to support his teammates. Because of his injury, Logan does not plan on playing next year even though it will be his senior year. Logan's injury has affected the way things work in his everyday life.

For some, they are very keen on playing baseball in college but Logan feels different, "No I have not, I just don't think after high school I will because the game has changed, and if it wasn't for the people around me during the season, I probably would not be playing now." Logan has had to deal with several injuries over the years but his teammates seem to be what keep him going. He could've quit years ago and given up but he has stayed through it all.

Logan believes that his teammates would describe him as kind and always willing to help. He always goes the extra mile and just tries to do his best. He shows up for the team even if he can't play. He goes to all the games even though he's injured because baseball is his life and his teammates are like his second family. Playing a sport takes a lot of time and energy but being there for your teammates can mean a lot more than that time.

Logan has learned several important lessons throughout his years of baseball but the most important one was "Always try even if you don't want to be there."

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Peeping the Shelves for Peeps

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As you open up the brightly colored package, you reveal the chick-shaped marshmallows coated in colored sugar. You rip one of the chicks out of the package and put it in your mouth dissolving the sugar on your tongue before chewing it up and swallowing the fluffy and sweet substance.

First introduced in 1953, Peeps are a well known treat, with about 1.5 billion of them being consumed every Easter. The original Peep was a yellow chick, simply flavored “sugar.” In 1995, new colors were created and eventually, new shapes and flavors were introduced too.

Some of the newer and in-

teresting flavors include Dr. Pepper, ICEE blue raspberry, Rice Krispies Treats and sour strawberry flavored Peeps.

Emma Diccico, a freshman who tried a Dr. Pepper Peep, said “They don’t smell like Dr. Pepper, but they do taste like it.” Another freshman, Jacob Zupsic, said, “It’s crazy how they can incorporate the flavor of a pop into a marshmallow.”

Peeps are made by Just Born, Inc., a candy manufacturer, who also makes Mike and Ike, Hot Tamales, and Goldenburg’s Peanut Chews. Most people are not allowed to tour the candy factory, but if you are interested in how peeps are made, you can find

many videos across the internet showing the production process.

So, while you’re shopping this spring, don’t forget to check the shelves and snatch up some of those tasty, fun shaped marshmallows to bring with you to Easter dinner.



What CTC Means to Me

BY: DAPHNE GAROFALO

If you’ve thought about joining a CTC program, take the chance! Bianca Vespaziani is a 16-year-old junior in high school, almost completed with her first year in CTC in the cosmetology program.

She believes that CTC has definitely made an impact on her. “It brings joy into my day,” she says. CTC can also affect others positively as well. The CTC programs can give the opportunity to experience how to work in and do things in trade before going out to the real world to do them yourself. Bianca has retained many important skills while working in the CTC. “I’ve learned to be more sanitary, socialize better with others, and do perms.”

Many students who attend the CTC are likely to pursue their

interests outside of schooling. Bianca can see herself pursuing a career related to her program as well. “I would like to be either an esthetician or an eyelash technician.”

Outside of the “career” in CTC, it is also a great way to meet new people. Bianca has

met a lot of new people from so many different places. Her friend in cosmetology comes all the way from Western Beaver.

The CTC is a great place to experience, learn how to apply important skills, and meet new friends!



