

Hopewell Hi-Lites

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Inside Hopewell's Student Section

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"VICTORY, VICTORY, ONE MORE TIME!" is a viking fan favorite cheer. School spirit is a very important part of our new Viking Pride school initiative. We see the most viking pride in the student section of course! With Seniors Meghan Parrish and Antonio DeChellis being the leaders, the student section is filled with pride, spirit, and fun.

"What I like most about the student section is being with my friends every Friday night, dressing up for the theme, and just screaming random things." says Meghan. If you have ever been in the student section you know how crazy and rowdy things can get.

Even if it is not at a Friday night football game, Hopewell knows how to have fun anywhere. Meghan said, "The volleyball game last year

at OLSH was insane. There was an article about us in the paper saying that we made it like our home court; it was awesome."

Hopewell takes pride in their student section in spite of what may be going on during a game. "It's fun because- well, even though we lose sometimes, we still make it fun and I think that is a key factor." says Meghan.

The student section can also make a game fun with themes. "There are some themes that are set for every year, like we always do pink out and neon. We just kind of decide which ones are more popular. It's more of a grade decision, we all decide and agree on them."

You can find the student section at lots of sporting events. The more popular ones are football, vol-

leyball, soccer, and basketball. "For myself, football is really fun but volleyball might be my favorite because it's quiet in the gym and if you're loud then everybody has to listen to you because you're the only thing they can hear." says Meghan. If you know one thing about Hopewell's student section it is that they love to make noise and cheer on their team. "I get to do the "I believe" chant which is probably my favorite, it's just fun when you get to scream into everyone and they all listen." says Meghan. Do you have a favorite cheer? If so we would love to hear it at the game!

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Hopewell Homecoming

BY:LEIA DAY

Hopewell High school's homecoming traditions are heavily debated this time of year. Students always compare and contrast the homecoming events at Hopewell to the traditions at other schools. However, Hopewell still finds away to celebrate Homecoming without a dance. Let's take a closer look at the ongoing debate.

The most drastic difference and most discussed tradition is why Hopewell does not have a homecoming dance. Many students have expressed why having a dance is important. Sophomore Patricia Butcher says, "I wish we had a dance so bad. It could be something to look forward to in the beginning of the year." Patricia has a point. This could give students a reason to be excited for the start of school, rather than be disappointed that summer break has ended.

Patricia went on to say, "Every year I see people at other schools get dressed up for their dance and I get so jealous. At Hopewell, we have to wait all the way until December for the Semi to have a dance and get dressed up."

While Hopewell doesn't have a dance, Senior Meghan Parrish says, "Hopewell does so much more for the court than other schools." Hopewell's homecoming traditions do include many fun and exciting events. First is the assembly. The homecoming assembly is an excellent way to tie in school spirit to the homecoming traditions. The band plays music, the cheerleaders and dance team perform, and the students participate in cheers and dances. The biggest part of the assembly, however, is the homecoming court announcement, and finally the crowning of the king and queen.

Next is the parade. The parade

doesn't just include the highschool and the homecoming court, it includes all fall sports. This is another way to encourage full school and community participation. Families and community members of all ages line the streets of the parade route, waving and clapping. Children anxiously wait for candy to be thrown from the passing cars and floats.

All these events create the build up and anticipation of the final homecoming tradition, the big football game. At the game, the homecoming court is introduced, celebrated and recognized. Especially, the king

and queen.

These few days in the Hopewell community are very special. They create many memories for all involved. So, with or without a dance Hopewell still finds a way to celebrate and have fun!



Viking Pride: Positive Behavior

BY: MADELINE LUKE

Viking pride is a program that was found by teachers from our school using ideas from other schools. The program is a school wide, and it's made to spread positivity and teach good behavior.

Assistant principal and team of teachers went to other schools to see how this program was working for them. One of the schools they looked at was Lawrence County Vo-



tech. "We went up and visited them, we got to see it first hand and talk to students. It seems like a cool way to get people to do the right thing."

They started doing the tickets, hoping to encourage kids to behave more. "A lot of students do the right thing on a daily basis. It's a nice way to recognize those students who don't get in trouble, who come to school, who help teachers and students. So it's trying to recognize them and maybe try to pull some other students into that mode as well," said Rowe.

The incentive window is where you can't be bad so a day in the future where we do something special you can join. Mr. Rowe does not what is going to be but he knows it's going to be fun and the students will have a good time.

Next summer Mr. Rowe and

other teachers are going to talk about how to make the program better. In two years we will still be doing this. "If it was a real train wreck, well we'd probably have three years of data to look at and experience to draw from as if anything will make ongoing changes as needed."

"The principle 200 club basically is an opportunity to showcase or highlight the students that have shown Viking pride" said Mr. Nelson. When teachers see students do good things they give them tickets. Then student takes the ticket to the office and they draw a number. They Put that number on the 200 board. When there is ten in a row it's a bingo. Those Student the get a doughy dollar. The dollar can be used in the cafeteria for anything. Also if there is a stamp on it that student gets an extra prize.

Smooth Transitions

BY: PAYTON ROCK

First day jitters can be frightening. Especially when you're going to a new school with an unfamiliar feel. This 2019-2020 school year started with a new Link Crew program. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Mohrbacher decided to start a new program, Link Crew.

Essentially, it is a program in which juniors or seniors can help freshman start their first year in high school off right. In Mr. Mohrbacher's words, "Our goal... is to provide a sense of belonging immediately to freshman so when they come in... their accepted, [and] they have some people that they know." Additionally, the program is here to help create leaders.

The Link Crew program has been thought about immensely and has been attempted before this year. "[Mr. Rowe] had been looking for a program, a mentoring program, for a long time. He actually attempted it before and it didn't necessarily go the way he wanted it to." The program used to be more one on one but obviously didn't work out.

The inspiration behind the

program came from The Boomerang Project, which is an internationally known organization that helps with student transition and peer mentoring.

Orientation has also been changed for a multitude of reasons, one of which is said by Mr. Mohrbacher, "Orientation used to be a big set of rules...nobody remembered them. It just wasn't a good way to have your first day." They wanted the freshman's first day to be memorable and enjoyable, so they actually want to be there.

Now that the school year has started, the results can be seen. "I think that it helped that I kind of had a sense of what it looked like," freshman Aubryanna Scranton described the impact of orientation on her first day. "So even though I had not mapped it out yet, it wasn't completely foreign."

Just like anything new, Orientation wasn't perfect. It's the rough draft of a welcoming program. "The only thing that I didn't like was that we spent a lot of time getting to know one another. For instance, in



my group, we played games getting to know each other's names. I already knew their names. I just spent 4 years with them in middle school."

So far, this new program can be seen as a success. Orientation can be described as "much more interesting and exciting," according to Mr. Mohrbacher. Juniors and seniors got the opportunity to become leaders. The freshman class had a welcoming transition and a more familiar feel on their first day. Hopefully, this program sticks through.

The Empathy Belly

BY AUBRYANNA SCRANTON

Imagine gaining 30lbs in one day. Family Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Aloia has a new idea-- the Empathy Belly.

The Empathy Belly is 25-30lb belly designed to simulate the symptoms of pregnancy. Students have to wear the Empathy Belly for one class period, however they have the option of wearing it all day if they should choose. The belly is meant to feel like the real deal; its design allows the students to experience fetal movement. "The feet are supposed to just simulate the feeling of actual feet," offered Carol Cushmanick, who had previously wore the Belly. "So when you moved around you could feel it, but sometimes when you sat down it would just kinda press against your stomach and it would hurt." But that's not all-- the belly also mimics weight gain, bladder pressure, and even back pain. Interested yet?

Students aren't wearing the Empathy Belly just for the fun of it; after signing a consent form detailing the risks of the belly, they are also given a list of tasks they are required to complete. Walk to the auditorium. Tie your shoes. Sit in a

student's desk. Easy right? Not Necessarily. While these everyday tasks seem simple now, with the extra 30 lbs. this may prove to be more of a challenge.

Although the Empathy Belly seems like a fun and engaging way to participate in the curriculum, there is actually a lesson to be learned. Students can not only gain a sense of understanding from a firsthand experience, but also actively partake in Viking PRIDE. "The main purpose is for them to develop empathy," Mrs. Aloia explained. "And I think that goes hand in hand with our Viking Pride [...] understanding just how people change, and what the women go through."

The Empathy Belly is becoming a popular item among child development courses; and as a unique type of assignment, it's easy to see why.

"It was fun honestly," claimed student Jamar Jeter. "I mean I got a lot of attention...everywhere I would go people would just look at me. But it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be I thought my back and my shoulders would but they didn't as much." Jeter wore the Empathy all day, choosing to go beyond the requirements. "A day wasn't that bad; I don't think I could do it for nine months though."



Monai Coleman and J'Nai McCoy show off the Empathy Belly

Woof Woof Hopewell

BY MEGHAN PARRISH

Chewed up shoes, holes in your backyard, dogs tend to become destructive when bored. But come this fall, there is an addition that will excite dog owners and change the feel of Hopewell park forever. Junior, Chandler Dameron, has taken on a role that most busy teens would have never been able to imagine.

"I didn't think building a dog park would be as hard as it has been, it's been 4 years. I started researching, but I wasn't allowed to start any physical work until I was 13 years old." Chandler originally wanted to make a farmer's market, but the plan fell through and someone had approached his mother about a dog park idea, which he thought was a

terrific idea because the closest dog park is about 25 minutes away.

"It took 2 years to even get a site. I went to Moon, Independence, Raccoon, and more but they all turned me down." Hopewell eventually changed their minds and let him use the open land across from the park as his site.

Chandler took on this project for his Boy Scouts. It was his specific project but he was allowed to ask for help. "My biggest help so far has been my mom. We have been down there working like 8 hour days."

He is hoping the park will be open sometime in late October. "Almost everything is finished, we just need to install some more gates, put

up some more signage and let the grass grow, which should take about a month."

Be sure to drive by the upcoming dog park on Laird Avenue and admire the dedication in a 4-year-long process all built by a high school student. "There is a sign in the beginning of the park, which I understand some people won't read, but it basically says everyone is at their own risks. You have to make sure your dogs are vaccinated and pretty much have respect for others." There is no liability on the township.

When the park opens, find some time and bring your furry best friend down to have some fun and meet new furry friends. Maybe it will be their new favorite place to go.



Practically Perfect Show!

BY NADIA REYNA

A “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” show is about to appear by none other than our Hopewell Jr. High cast of Mary Poppins Jr! Mr. Chad Toporski chorus teacher of junior high and director of the production of the musical came to the conclusion that “Mary Poppins” is the perfect fit after thinking long and hard from his experience from his years before. This is only the first step of a long process.

“We went through a list of possibilities,” said Toporski. “We want to make sure we have the right kids to fit the right roles.” After having the kids from years before, things were starting to get more into position. More musicals came to mind when choosing the production. Willy Wonka Jr. Or The Addams Family. But with the amount of cast they had this year, he needed something that would have a strong ensemble to magically appear for the catchy songs.

Mr. Toporski’s first production in the Jr. High was Annie Jr. He was everything aside from choreographer, who was Mrs. Doria, and costume designer, Ms. Belay. “I had Ms. Belay as my mentor as she directed and produced many shows before for the high school, considering it was my first time,” said Mr. Toporski.

Directing has come such a long way for Toporski after six productions: involving Wizard of Oz Jr, James and the Giant Peach Jr, The Little Mermaid Jr, Elf Jr, and this year’s Mary Poppins. Each leaving the house in awe and excitement for the next musical.

Each year Toporski learned and researched how he could make each production perfect. Eventually he got help from Mrs. Bober, who helps with the blocking of the scenes. Some of the high school production team, Christian Cutter and Abby McCullough are also helping with the blocking. Mr. Austin, known as Mr. A, helps with the set building and or prop crafting and painting with the help of his high school assistant Nadia Reyna. Mrs. Morse and Mr. A as well as Ms. Belay are all coming up with the designs as well as creating costumes with the help of some of the other high school students. Fayette Wilson a part of the high school is helping Mrs. Doria with the choreography.

“There’s a lot of people doing a lot of jobs, which takes a lot off my plate so I can focus more on the production side,” Toporski laughs. Working on a whole production alone isn’t an easy job. It takes effort, determination and even love to have the perfect show. Mr. Toporski

said “Why do something if you don’t love doing it?”

There’s no challenge too great for Mr. Toporski with so many Friends and Family he has for support. Even the kids have taught him a thing or two over the years.

Working with the kids is the highlight of his day. Some even calling him a “father figure.” “There’s no downsides of being a director when I have such great kids,” says Mr. Toporski. He wishes for his kids to succeed in the future and wants the crowd to see a “wow factor” at the show. This “Practically Perfect” show will light up the stage.

The show will be performed at the Hopewell High School Auditorium on Saturday November 15th at 7pm and Sunday November 16th at 2pm and 7pm.

Two bratty kids in London need some lessons on how to behave. So Mary Poppins magically appears out of the chimney bringing mystery and fun for the whole family teaching more than the kids a lesson. It’s magical and fun for everyone. Something nobody would want to miss. Maybe the house will learn something from the show. If not, expect a “Spoonful of Sugar!”



Kevin Hines, courtesy of Google images.

#BeHereTomorrow, Suicide Prevention

BY: LEIA DAY

September is national suicide prevention month. Kevin Hines, a national motivational speaker, recently provided hope here in Beaver County. At the age of 19 he attempted to take his life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. Amazingly, he survived. Kevin Hines now dedicates his life to helping others. He has chosen to make the most of his second chance by sharing his story. Kevin recently produced a documentary called *Suicide, The Ripple Effect*. This tells the story of his life then and how he now helps prevent others from experiencing the same tragic events. The film is a global mission to help promote awareness, and spread the message that suicide is 100% preventable.

His story has touched and helped many people. Kevin's inspiring story not only encourages others to reconsider suicide, but also offers many other resources. To relate more to teens, Kevin has created and now has a large following on so-

cial media sites such as Instagram, @kmhinesfoundation. On his Instagram, he constantly posts inspirational things including reasons why anyone struggling should keep on going no matter what, creating the #beheretomorrow campaign. One of his most liked posts says, "There are so many of us in pain everyday. For many of us it is from our own internal voice. We deserve happiness & love and we have to learn to train our inner critical voice to be positive and caring. Self love is the start." You can follow him @kevinhiness-tory.

Kevin and his wife Margaret also are the founders of the KM Hines foundation, which provides everyone access to hotlines, advice and stories of hope.

Kevin and Margaret are very firm believers in speaking out and asking for help to improve mental health. So they travel globally to spread Kevin's story and personally help others. The event that was

hosted by Beaver County Behavioral Health and was held at Penn State Beaver, and the focus of the evening was awareness, hope, support and positivity. You can watch some his speaking engagements, wellness tips and series episodes on his youtube channel @KevinHines. Promoting awareness and encouraging wellness are keys to combating suicide at all age levels.

So you see, September is not just any ordinary month, it is Suicide Prevention Awareness month. It is important to remember that suicide is 100% preventable. Take the time to learn the signs and you may help someone #beheretomorrow.

Ring, Ring, No More

BY: PATRICIA BUTCHER

“It just became too much of an argument.” This year there has been some drastic changes to the schools electronic device policy. In 2015 the administration decided to let students use their cellphones for educational purposes, which also included using them in between classes, in class, at lunch and at any other point in the day. But last year seemed to be the breaking point for Hopewell.

Assistant principle Mr. Rowe said, “Every year since we enacted the policy it’s gotten progressively worse.” Mr. Rowe, and the Staff at Hopewell High started to notice that students were getting “easily distracted” and were slacking on

not only their homework but their grades. “Students are here to learn and teachers are here to teach. But you can’t do that when kids are continuously wanting to be on their phone.”

Since than the superintendent and principles have gotten together and decided on some new rules. Currently students are only allowed to use devices between classes (headphones are not permitted), lunch, and study halls. During class if you are caught or seen with your phone you are immediately assigned to “TOC.” “Theres no thinking right now, if you have a phone in class you go to TOC, no exceptions.” Most teachers now have organizers in the

room to put phones in at the begining of class to assure that kids will not be on their devices. With the new policy Mr. Rowe and the staff have found teaching much easier and less of a fight.

“ I use my phone for everything, in the real world people use their phones, its a part of production in life.”

As much as it seemed to bother students at the beginning of the year, everyone seems to be getting more accustomed to it. “If everyone realistically answered the question, kids don’t need their phone in class”

Students of The Month

BY: KAIDYN PLOPI

We are pleased to announce that our September students of the month are Senior Mickaela Gregory and freshman Dominic Flitcraft.

Mikaela has volunteered at the Humans Society since 2014, training a puppy for therapy work through Nicolina’s Wishes. She participates in Beaver County Youth Ambassador, is active in Class Club, Italian Club, Student Council, and

NHS. She is kind and helpful to others. Mickaela is also a dilligent and conscientious student.

As a ninth grader, Dominic Flitcraft has had an excellent rookie cross country season. He has his eyes on qualifying for the WPIAL and PIAA state championship meets. He has done this all while taking advanced classes and doing well academically.

Beaver County CTC Students of The Month

Congratulations to the CTC students of the month for September, Shaun Malloy from collision repair, and Bobbierae George from greenhouse and landscaping. Great job spreading your viking pride at CTC.





Fall Sports Update

BY: MEGHAN PARRISH

Football:

Stepping onto the turf for the last time in a Hopewell uniform may be bittersweet. "I'm gonna miss spending all of my time with the boys on the team," says senior Jacob McGovern.

Although it's the last game for seniors, it's hopefully the first of many season-ending games for Coach Weiss. "Within the past couple weeks, we've seen a change in their attitudes." Their victory against Waynesburg has proven if they work together as a team, they are capable of anything. "They are finally buying into what we are trying to sell them," said Weiss.

Now that the season is wrapping up, make sure to go watch the team in action and say goodbye to the senior boys as they participate in their last Friday night lights of their high school football years.



Alex Obeldobel

Girls Soccer:

As the girls are on the way to make their comeback at Highmark Stadium for the WPIAL title, they have had nothing but a season of determination and success.

"What I will definitely remember most about high school soccer is winning section champs, making it to the WPIAL final and first round of states with my team, my junior year." says senior Katie Ramaley. Since the success of last season, these girls were given a reputation of winning and they have proved it true.

If you haven't had the time to support this team, you are missing out. You won't be able to miss the loud student section that is present at each game. With hopes to make it back to the finals, the seniors say goodbye to their last games at Hopewell High School.



Katie Ramaley



Girls Volleyball:

"Ace!" says senior Kristen Kaminski after she serves, leading to another win for the team. The girls have had an amazing season.

"Our season so far has been a rollercoaster of emotions and successes but we hope to continue winning." says Kaminski. Since 7th grade, the seniors have been by each others sides on and off the court. The three of them describe this season as "memorable." "I will miss all the fun times with my teammates and coaches but most importantly my seniors and best friends"

Coach Borkovich has had multiple seasons of success and can now say he has another one under his belt. Borkovich has made an impact on many of these young women. "One lesson I've learned is that you earn your way even if it isn't acknowledged by others. Self accomplishment is the most important thing." says Kaminski.

Support the team as they play their way to victory.

Kristen Kaminski, Kamryn Taylor, and
Mikaela Malobabich



Down to Clown: It Chapter 2

BY: PATRICIA BUTCHER

Trembling knees, wide eyes and sweaty palms. A perfect scare to start off this year's Halloween season, "IT Chapter 2". In 2017 Stephen King returned with Andy Muschietti (director) by his side recreating the first IT movie from 1990, except Bill Skarsgård in place of Tim Curry playing the main character, Pennywise.

Warning* Spoiler Alert! The year is 2016 and everyone from the Losers' Club except for Mike Hanlon (Isaiah Mustafa), has moved away and forgotten everything they went through during the summer of 1989. After a string of attacks Mike calls each of his old friends, telling them they need to return home. The

response from some of them leaves the crowd sitting in disgust. Richie Tozier (Bill Hader) ends up vomiting his anxiety over a fire escape and his childhood best friend, Eddie Kaspbrak (James Ransone) crashes his car after picking up the phone. Not the reactions of people dying to go home for a long overdue reunion.

When the Losers' Club reunites over beer and Chinese food, it is as if they have never been apart. With some friendships, it doesn't matter if you haven't seen each other for decades; you can slip back into old dynamics and interests with ease. Those shared moments are a tether, and over the course of this dinner, it's as if those bad things

never happened.

Personally speaking I think Andy Muschietti did a great job not only bringing back a chapter two, but bringing the rest of Stephen King's novel to life. Some things just shouldn't be remade, "The original is always the best", but somehow I think Muschietti proved them wrong.

As well as getting a little taste of the childhood flashbacks we also get to see their lives as adults. They never lost their touch for having courageous souls. By the end of the movie the Losers' club successfully killed It while creating an even better friendship than before. You could say "IT" was a great movie.





Culture

Spooky Season

BY MADELINE LUKE

Halloween is the time for scares, candy, and costumes. It's also a great time to get creative and have fun. A major part of Halloween is being scared. There are some great places to go for scary thrills, and many of them are right in our own town. There is even an urban legend.

Located where Independence Road, Tank Farm Road, and Shady Lane meet, there used to be an old iron bridge. According to myth, around 150 years ago, there was a couple riding in a horse-drawn carriage. When the horse got spooked, it caused the carriage to go over the bridge into the creek below. Tragically, the couple was instantly killed. According to the urban legend, you can see the figure of the woman running beside the creek at

night. There is still scary things going on today.

Patricia Butcher and her friends went to a barn and two buildings in Independence. They went into the building but two of her friends stayed behind. Then they saw a flash through the window, and thought "Oh haha look at Abby trying to scare us." Her and her friend opened the door and saw that both of the other two friends were sitting in the car. They went back to the car. and then they heard a big bang from the building. Patricia went back to the building and saw an old chair from the top of the building was on the floor.

Another place to go if you want to be scared is Freddy's Haunts. It's located on 192 McCune Road in Hopewell. Freddy's Haunts opens at

7:30pm and is open every weekend until November 2nd. The cost is \$15 per person. Opening in 1993, it is a long-standing tradition in the community. They have an enclosed trail that is filled with monsters. Also, their old-school haunted trail works in the rain and moonshine. There is also an enclosed waiting area to protect you from the elements.

In Hopewell, there also have haunted mini golf at the Windmill. It's located on 2141 Brodhead Road. The Windmill has people jump out at you with chainsaws. After you play a round of miniature golf, you can also get ice cream there. Their hours are Monday-Thursday 3pm-9pm, Friday 3pm-10pm, Saturday 11am-10:30pm, and Sunday 11am-10pm. Adults tickets are \$12, kids under 12 are \$10.

Good Witch Guide

BY KAIDYN PLOPI

October is the month for witches, ghosts, and all things spooky, but witchcraft is a real belief. Witchcraft is the study of how to harness energies and unleash the power within. Witchcraft will allow one to channel aspects of the spiritual world beyond what the common being can understand. The separation between "white"(good) magic and "black"(bad) magic is very broad. Different techniques may be needed at different times. One's power can only match their convictions.

Witchcraft includes a long list of symbols and omens, some being good and some being bad. Bees are a good omen, and if one flies

into the house it should be kept as a prisoner for a few moments for good luck. Crickets being found in one's house is also a sign of luck and prosperity.

There are also some bad omens that a good witch should always look out for. Glass breaking while making a toast is a bad omen. Owls are unlucky birds, and their voices are a sign of the coming disaster. Salt spilling off the table is considered unlucky, and can be undone by throwing a pinch of salt over one's shoulder.

Different moon stages have different effects in the wiccan belief. A new moon is a time for fresh beginnings, the other goddess is still in her infant stage. As the moon gets

brighter the energies of growth get stronger. The full moon is one of the most powerful, this is a time for manifesting achievement and protection.

Witches have many rules and customs. If a witch has a dream she must tell it before breakfast to ensure it comes true. When a cat licks its paw, prepare for company. A bat flying into one's home is a harbinger of rain. These customs are just like traditions that any other religion may have. There is a story behind how every one of them came to be and they have been followed for centuries. Halloween may be a time for witches, but a good witch practices all year.



Fall Fashion Trends

BY MADISON PASCIA

Shoes, accessories and clothes, as fall comes along, it brings new, very cool trends!

This fall season, many new accessories are coming into style. New trends include things such as chunky chain necklaces. "Large chunky chain necklaces make a statement," says Ally Feiam of *The Trend Spotter*, "Necklaces don't always have to be delicate, and even the most intricate outfits could benefit from something bold...this piece creates a rebellious aesthetic."

Hair pins are also trending this fall season, in particular, personalized hair pins. "Keep your hair in place and express yourself at the same time...sparkling, daring and intriguing these hair accessories will turn heads as you walk by," says *The Trend Spotter*, "Choose to empower yourself, spread awareness or even just wear your name, there is no lim-

it to how these can be styled!" These pins can also identify your character with characteristics written in jewels on the pins. These are usually worn on the side of the head pinning the hair back.

Accessories are not the only thing coming into style this fall, new clothing looks are also coming in. Tonal dressing is a huge fall trend. When monochrome is thought of, it is mainly thought of to be black, white, or gray, but it doesn't have to be that. According to *The Trend Spotter*, "A continual color combination in an outfit creates unity and will make you look like a walking piece of art. You don't have to choose the exact color combo...varying shades create depth and further dimension."

This fall, wide-leg jeans and oversized belt buckles are back to create a 70s' silhouette. "It's clear

that the looser and more flowy looks and textures are back," says *Huffpost*. This fall, style flare jeans with an outfit for a chic look.

Clothing trends and accessories aside, some stylish thick sole boots are in trend this coming fall season. The boots are called Dr. Martens, according to *Huffpost*, "The footwear choice for 90s festival culture is making a comeback!"

Dr. Martens are thick soled, shiny boots with a unique stitching around the top of the sole.

These few trends of the fall are things that can quite possibly make or break an outfit. Look around you and see how many of these new interesting trends you can find!



The Goldfinch : Pros and Cons

BY REGINA HAFNER

Sometimes book to movie adaptations are never perfect. And unfortunately that's what happened to Donna Tartt's 2013 novel, *The Goldfinch*. It quickly became a national bestseller getting Stephen King to say it's "A triumph" and it also won the Pulitzer Prize. On September 13, 2019 the movie was released with the same name. The movie starred Ansel Elgort (*The Fault in our Stars*), Oakes Fegley (*Pete's Dragon*), Finn Wolfhard (*Stranger Things*), and Sarah Paulson (*American Horror Story*), just to name a few. And fans of the Book were very excited!

The Goldfinch follows Theo Decker who survives a bombing at a New York museum, but unfortunately his mother dies and the only thing that reminds Theo of his mother is a painting called *The Goldfinch*. As Theo becomes an adult he is so enamored by the paintings power that it becomes dangerous.

The adaptation had some pros and some cons...

Pro: The settings and the way it was shot was beautiful! The Barbour's place was crafted exactly how it was derived in the book. The same goes for "Hobart and Blackwell Antiques Store" and Theo's father's townhouse in Las Vegas.

Pro: The acting for the most part was really good! For younger Theo played by Oakes Fegley, his performance seemed genuine and like an actual person you could meet in real life. As for the character Bo-

ris he is mostly Russian but grew up almost everywhere. The actors who played Boris did a good job with the accents. I really liked Nicole Kidman as Mrs. Barbour because in the book she is a very quiet and aware woman, and it was exactly like that on screen.

Pro: The narration. The whole book is from Theo's perspective so it's a lot of his opinions. The narration translated on screen which made it enjoyable.

However with pros there are cons...

Con: Missing characters. Some missing characters were Theo's grandparents on his dad's side of the family. For some background, Theo doesn't like his dad, especially because he left him and his mom. Anyway, Theo is torn about going to live with his grandparents or the Barbour's. Another character they didn't include is Boris girlfriend, Kotku. Kotku's character is a pretty pivotal character because she causes tension between Boris and Theo. She is also one of the reasons why Boris doesn't leave with Theo when Theo decides to go back to New York.

Con: No subplots to be found. In *The Goldfinch* one of the main subplots in the book is drug addiction. In the

movie it skimmed over drug addiction but then automatically went back to the painting. There are so many other subplots in *The Goldfinch* it was sad to see them not utilized.

Con: Older Theo's performance. Older Theo just seemed less genuine than younger Theo. Older Theo had a lot more going on in his life and was very sensitive about his circumstances in the book. But in the adaptation he just seemed as though he had no emotions.

Overall *The Goldfinch* adaptation had an even amount of pros and cons. But movie critiques have been giving it awful reviews with the *New Yorker* calling it "a flop."

But in defense, it's common sense that book to movie adaptations are rarely faithful to the book. It's possible for fans of the book to like the adaptation and not like it. Who Knows? Maybe *The Goldfinch* should have been a TV show or just should have stayed on the bookshelf.



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