

# Hopewell Hi-Lites

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## Hopewell Alumni Shaken Up

BY: GARRET ROBERTS

"I didn't even feel the actual earthquake. I slept right through it." commented Hopewell Alumni Donnie Gallagher on the recent earthquake in the San Francisco area of California. "If my dogs hadn't been acting weird, I wouldn't have known anything had happened at all."

This was the same reaction that many other people had about the 6.0 magnitude earthquake on August 24. Because the earthquake occurred at night, many people did not even know that anything had happened until they woke up

to the news and aftershocks the next morning. The casualties were minimal, everyone was sleeping so many people did not panic or injure themselves. Buildings were not as lucky. Many houses and businesses were damaged, with broken windows and collapsed foundations on many structures.

Mr. Gallagher, however, did not experience any damage to his one-story house. "Everything was okay in my house, but some neighbors had broken items." Mr. Gallagher moved to the San Francisco Bay Area only a year ago, and this was his first earthquake

since moving there. "The scary part was feeling some of the aftershocks, and realizing that I slept through the earthquake itself."

The majority of the damages occurred in the Napa Valley, home of many winery businesses. The damage in that area alone cost over one billion dollars. Mr. Gallagher lives only an hour away from Napa Valley, a mere 35 miles. Mr. Gallagher said "I feel bad for anyone that had anything damaged in this earthquake, there was no warning, and nothing we could do to stop or protect ourselves." Thankfully the largest earthquake we've had here in Hopewell was a 2.5 magnitude in 1991, a number many California people laugh at.

## Return of the Student Section

BY: KYLIE CHICHESTER

Friday night football has made a return, and with it comes the return of the student section. This year the student section is led and organized by seniors Demetri Loncar and Nick Veri. They are both excited for the themes and surprises they have planned this year. "We have a couple really great themes and chants planned out this year that we feel the student section will really enjoy," said Loncar.

Last year, there were a few problems in the student section with the underclassmen not following

the themes or not standing in the back. This year, Nick and



Demetri hope to keep everyone in line, without making anybody feel bad or causing any issues.

Another issue with the student section last year was the infamous Sauce Out, which never came to be, probably for the better. "I don't think we will have anything that extreme, but we do have some great things planned out with less of a clean-up", said Demetri. This year's greatest turnout is expected to be Central Valley at home, on October 17<sup>th</sup> it is a white out theme, and Demetri expects the entire school to be in attendance. Overall, Nick and Demetri are trying to focus on having fun, and keeping up the school spirit this year. Consider attending a football game one Friday, sitting in the student section is fun, and it is a great way to get to know your peers whether you are a senior or a freshman.

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## The Quest through Volleyball:

### Lauryn Driscoll

BY: SOPHIA STOKES

Bump, set, spike! Girl's volleyball is blazing this year, especially with their team captains guiding them to victory every game. Senior Lauryn Driscoll is one of the captains and takes games seriously. She wins tournaments and matches with her team non-stop, and was even interviewed recently for the Beaver County Times newspaper. What makes her an excellent volleyball team player?

Lauryn has been playing volleyball since seventh grade, holding her position as the middle hitter for the past six years. She



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is on the Hopewell volleyball team and a club volleyball team called Pittsburgh Elite. Being on two teams has made her improve over time by practicing about five to six days a week with the Hopewell team, and then about three days a week with the club team.

With Lauryn on the club team, she gets to travel more places and practice more volleyball. She once traveled all the way to Indianapolis for volleyball. Traveling different places and playing different tournaments makes her experience more like a professional player. The longest Lauryn played all-day volleyball was an eight-hour tournament. It means a lot to her to win a game because it's thrilling and gets her teams more opportunities to play and travel.

Already on her way to victory, Lauryn has received a volleyball scholarship and was accepted to Clarion University. She wants to keep playing volleyball in college and possibly coach it as a side job. "It's exciting when you win a game, because you just feel so proud of how far you've actually come." Lauryn quoted. This year, Lauryn and her team are planning to take volleyball to the extreme!

## Birdies In the Fall: Hopewell Boys' Golf

BY: JUSTIN MARCHIONDA



The Shadow Lakes Golf Course

The 2014 boys' golf season is in full swing. This season will be a long and grueling test of skill and determination. The team is hoping to replace many seniors lost last season including Sean Donnelly and Alec Shoedel. To replace the lost players the team will be led by seniors Alex Fragale and Nick Tocci. The team also has major changes in the coaching staff. Last season the team was led by Coach Doug Williams, who left to focus on

his duties as the head coach boys basketball coach. This season the team will be led by golf pro Dirk Hartman, whose son A.J. is also on the team.

The team is focused on trying to make the WPIAL team playoffs. Since golf is an individual game, many of the players on the team have individual goals as well. "I hope my strength in mid-range shots help me achieve my goal of shooting under 40," said

senior Nick Tocci. Also expected to lead the team is super sophomore Jordan Zipfel. Zipfel lettered as a freshman last season. "I hope to be able to help out and be a great role model for our freshmen, my biggest goal for this season is to make it to states," said Zipfel.

The team's season began on August 18th against New Castle at their home course of Shadow Lakes Country Club. The season will run until September 29th against Ambridge. On September 15th the WPIAL will hold individual qualifiers at Fox Chapel golf course. If the team as a whole makes the playoffs, the matches will take place on October 7th.

The team is showing plenty of promise. They have a perfect mix of experience and skill. Only time will tell how well the team does this season.

# 2014 College Football Outlook

BY: JUSTIN MARCHIONDA



The 2014 college football season is a season of great change. The season kicked-off on August 27th when Abilene Christian takes on Georgia State in the Georgia Dome. The first big game of the season came the following night when number 21 ranked Texas A&M traveled to Columbia S.C. to take on number nine South Carolina. The biggest change to this season is the new change to a four-team playoff system. This is contrast to the old Bowl Championship Series (BCS) system in which a computer made rankings and the top two teams played in the title game. Under the new system a selection committee made up of 13 people, including former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, it is chaired by Jeff

Long, Arkansas's athletic director. To avoid a conflict of interest any athletic director or school president must excuse themselves from the room when their respective schools are being discussed.

Under the playoff system the host of the two semifinal sites will rotate between six historical bowl game sites including the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA; the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, LA; the Orange Bowl in Miami, FL; the Cotton Bowl in Arlington, TX; the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, AZ; and the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, GA. The championship game will be rotated in sites throughout the country. The first championship game will take place on January 12th in Arlington, TX.

Other changes for the season come in the form of conference realignment. The major changes this season are Rutgers and Maryland moving to the Big Ten Conference. Louisville has moved to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). Other minor changes include East Carolina, Tulane and Tulsa moving to the American Athletic

Conference (AAC). In Conference USA Old Dominion and Western Kentucky will join the conference. The conference with the most amount of changes is the Sun Belt conference. The new additions are Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, Idaho, and Georgia State.

Another major change is the result of roster turnover. Many of the nation's top players were lost to the NFL draft back in May. Including media sensation Johnny Manziel, Alabama quarterback A.J. McCarron and top defensive player, South Carolina's Jadeveon Clowney. Also, Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller who was lost for the season after shoulder reconstruction surgery. The sport still has many big time stars returning including defending Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston from Florida State. Other Heisman contenders include UCLA's QB Brett Hundley, Oregon QB Marcus Mariota, Georgia running back Todd Gurley, and Alabama RB T.J. Yeldon. Also look for Hopewell's own Rushel Shell to be a key contributor for West Virginia at running back and Aliquippa product Dravon Henry to be the Mountaineers starting strong safety.

## Boys' Soccer Comes Back With High Hopes

BY: DONALD MASON



The Hopewell boys' soccer team did not do as well as they hoped last season according to coach, Mr. Mohrbacher. Just like any coach, he expects more than last season. He hopes to make it to the playoffs and earn a win.

The team only lost three starters from last season, so Coach Mohrbacher described this year's team, "There are some returning starters that could help carry the team this season." Hopewell's soccer team with the pressure of last

year's season on their backs is galvanized for a strong effort this year.

Eli Loncar, a sophomore Goalkeeper has a lot of the expectations from coach Mohrbacher. Eli's goals are similar to the coach's, Eli said, "We would like to make the WPIAL playoffs, and maybe win a section championship. Even though our team is not on the level we need to be, but we have not yet tapped into our full potential." Although the team started the season with one forward, Eli explained a change to produce more offense, "We are running a 4-4-2 formation in which is pretty effective."

The boys' team has certainly needed all of its members; nevertheless, Eli said, "Austin Meuser, is an all-around great senior leader on and off the field.

The team is currently 5-7 overall and 5-5 in the section. The top four teams in the section will make the playoffs.

# Meet a Captain: Jimmy McCracken

BY: KYLIE CHICHESTER



The Vikings are back, and this year they are led by co-captains Jimmy McCracken and Patrick Speciale. McCracken, number 50, has been a captain for two years and says it has become second nature for him. This year, he hopes

that everyone on the team will try their best and put their all into every game. Jimmy's pre-game rituals are eating at Subway, and praying before each game. Along with football, he plays Greek basketball at his church, and is on the Track and Field team as a thrower. He also enjoys fishing at his grandmother's house and sleeping in his spare time. If Jimmy could be any animal he would be a Kodiak bear.

Jimmy's players to look out for are Anthony Faletta, Mirko Loncar, and Griffin Curry. He hopes that the captains next year will take their responsibilities to heart and lead the team well.

# Girls' Golf is On Par

BY: BRIE MILLER



With four years of competitive golfing under her belt, Sarah Malloy recently answered some questions regarding the girl's golf team.

Regarding the season and how it was currently going she mentioned that they are "two wins and five losses...I think". The current season, as well as her last, will conclude on September 23 with a match against Seaton La Salle. She hardly seems worried of Sewickley Academy, which she regards as the team's biggest competition. Malloy plans on continuing to play golf through college, but only recreationally. With her best assets on the course being "using the irons to get down the fairway," Sarah has earned her position as Hopewell's number one girl's golfer.

Answering an inquiry to her pre-game agenda, she jokingly answered with "Crying mostly, after the games as well". She was assured that the team is a rather close knit bunch on the course and had funny stories to share. She specifically mentioned the time that a fellow player, senior Jillian Zipfel, tried to hit across the water and accidentally hit a snake instead.

Her favorite professional golfer is Payne Stewart, because of his blue hat and his "wicked stance."

# Singled Out

BY: LAUREN TRIMBER



Jennifer Cranmer, junior and three-year veteran of the Hopewell tennis team, was recently named "Newcomer to Watch" by *Beaver County Times*.

Jenn has been playing tennis for five years, practicing at Western Area YMCA before she was old enough to be on the Hopewell team. As for future plans concerning tennis, "I would like to play on a club team in college unless I can get a scholarship for

the competitive team. It all depends on the money, my major, and what college I go to."

She is currently third seat, or third best, on the singles team. "I love playing single on a team. It would be awesome to place at MACs or WPIALS, but we are in a tough section this year, so you never know what can happen." To come closer to that goal, Jenn practices at the Y during the off season, along with a few other teammates.

Last year, the tennis team lost seven seniors, five of whom were starters. Despite that, Jenn said the best aspect of her team was that they were "like a family. We were really close to the seniors we lost. But now as the older ones we can maintain that comradery." To stay close, the girls host a team sleep over once a year, taking turns as the host.

Although Jenn works hard at keeping her spot on the team, the title given to her by *Beaver County Times* came as a surprise. "I had no idea they were doing that...but it was definitely an honor to be one of the ones named." With her dedication to both her sport and team, Jenn certainly earned the reward.

# V.I.C.T.O.H.R.Y!

BY: SANTINO CICCONE



As another school year rolls around, competition in athletics heat up. Around the county, many school's most supported sport is football; as people rush to watch them play under the lights every Friday night. As fans support their football team, one underappreciated part of each Friday night is the cheerleading squad. It seems to the general public that all a cheer squad does is learn a few dances and shakes their pom-poms, but they (like many other types of teams) have competitions as well.

Courtney Doyle has been cheering for 11 years in total and is in her fourth year as a Hopewell Varsity Cheerleader. Since she is a senior now, she said that there is definitely a difference. "There is a lot more responsibilities that come with being a senior plus the team look at Brittney and I, so we have to lead by example" she stated. The cheerleaders don't only cheer for the football team, but for the basketball games too. She said, "I can honestly say I love cheering at both, but if I had to pick one, I would say football games. It is so much fun being outside, rain or shine, under the lights. The atmosphere is the best part of it."

Many people do not know what all the cheerleaders do in addition to football and basketball games. Recently, they have been admitted to the WPIAL Competitive Spirit Competition in January where they prepare a two and a half minute routine. Like every other sports team, it has division, but Doyle said "now that we compete, I feel that the division faded because

we need to work as one when competing." Hopewell Cheerleading was the first AA team in history to compete at and win the very first WPIAL Competitive Spirit Competition in 2013. Courtney considers this her most memorable cheering experience.

As an athlete, Courtney defends her sport, "Because I am always talking about cheer or doing something cheer related, people are always telling me it isn't a sport. Usually I just brush it off because even though it is offensive sometimes, it doesn't change what I do or the hard work I put into it." Although many still contend whether cheerleading is a sport, it has been featured on ESPN, the Eastern Sports Program Network.

Overall, cheerleading in high school is just like any other sport. They work hard at practices and prepare to compete.

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## Vikettes Are Back In Action

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

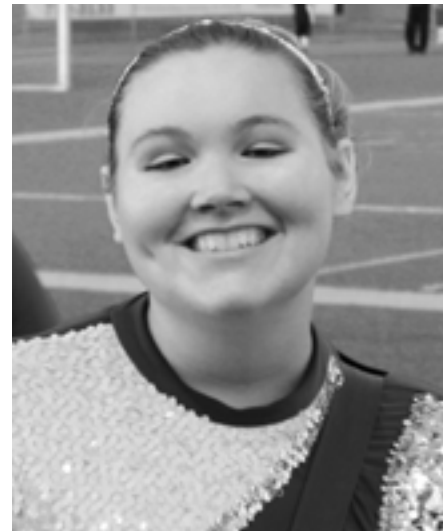
At the end of July most students are sleeping in until noon and spending days at the pool. That was not the case for senior Abby Highberger. Highberger is entering her fourth year on Hopewell's flag and rifle team Vikettes and is the only senior that has more than one year of experience. The other senior, Tiffany Mullen, is a Vikettes rookie this year.

Highberger acknowledges

that it feels great to be a captain. "It makes me feel that I have more responsibility. Before I was a captain I used to just show up and get my work done, but now that I'm captain, I have to show up and keep things running smoothly," she said. Highberger is the senior captain and also the rifle captain while the junior captain, Jessica Ellison, is the flag captain. Highberger did most of the choreographing for the team, especially in part for the song "21 Guns" by Green Day.

New members of the team have surprised Highberger. One in particular is fellow senior, Tiffany Mullen. "Forget the idea that she's my friend. Tiffany came to the last week of tryouts, learned all the moves and routine, and she still made the team." When asked which freshman has surprised her most, she chose Amber Matthews because "she made alternate, but she passed some routines that other members on the squad have trouble with."

Highberger has some hopes for the team this year that they will have more of a desire to "pass off than last year. Passing off means that you have to present the routine to the coach [Mrs. Sarah Steder]." When considering being a Vikette in college, Abby said, "I've thought about it but with my major being veterinary, I don't think it will be possible. It's something that I'm still considering because I love to do it." Look for Abby and the rest of her Vikette members during the halftime show with the marching band this football season.



Senior Vikette Abby Highberger smiles for the camera

# Ready, Set, RUN!

BY: MARY-JANE HOUSTON

Ready, set, run! Lauren Trimber, cross country runner, paces herself for the three mile run at Hopewell Park. Hopewell's course is named the hardest in Western PA, and if you have ever been there you know why. Hills. However, this practice gives Hopewell a good advantage in their section. The team practiced three days a week in the summer, but now have it every day after school.

The whole team is dedicated and has full support from their coaches. This year the coaches include: Coach Monske, Coach Erath,



and Coach Bufalini. Coach Monske, head coach, has positive words for all the runners during practice and meets.

Lauren Trimber, junior, is the girl's captain for cross country. She has been running for four years, although last year she had a hip injury and couldn't run in all the meets. She feels confident in herself and the entire team this season. Of course, there is tough competition. The girls' varsity team will benefit from the new freshman, Carinna Lapson. Carinna is one of the girl's best runners this year. Not only is cross country



a physically exhausting sport but Lauren says the mental part is also challenging. "You feel the pain in your legs but if you just push past it you can get a runners high." To make sure she runs the best she can, Lauren says, "When I feel like I'm going to stop I tell myself to take 10 more steps before slowing down." This way Lauren can guarantee that all her hard work in the practices pay off.

The team takes a break once a year to play a giant game of Cops and Robbers at the park. This is usually the runner's favorite practice and a good time to have team bonding. Lauren says that the CC team is especially close this year. Whether you watch a meet or practice, everyone is always very supportive!

# Hopewell Band

BY: JENNIFER CRANMER

At Hopewell High School we have a band that rocks the school at events all year round.

From football games to pep rallies the band is heard by students and faculty all the time. Everybody sees the band's halftime show, but football season is not the only time the band plays. They perform at parades all year with other bands

in places such as Kennywood. In the month of September alone, they played at seniors Sarah Walker and Megan Welsh's Hopewell Band Festival alongside several bands from other schools. Spectators were able to rock out with a drum off, and band/cheerleader performances. They also contributed to the Beaver County Band festival. You will be able to come out and see them at their Stadium

Echoes concert in November.

This year brought new band officers and leadership. President Peter Kopar helps run band alongside vice president Scott Staby, secretaries Sarah Walker and Brandi Catley, and treasurer Ashley Matthews. Hope Bowden heads the Librarian Committee, and Sarah Jamison is in charge of the Uniform Committee. Drum majors are senior Alex Barna and junior Bre Behrle.

A staple of the band is its drum line. The drum line is known for playing for the student section at football games and pep assemblies. Recently, the drum line was seen at a youth football game and an anti-bullying assembly at the junior high. Junior Mike Pigoni, three year veteran of the drum line, said his favorite part is, "seeing how a group of people can focus their efforts and work together to create something incredible."



Hopewell Band at Chartiers Valley High School



## Meet Mr. Slapikas

BY: SOPHIA STOKES



Students say that teachers are not interesting right? Well, Mr. Slapikas has a third degree black belt. He has also been published before for a literary essay and a short story in the Three Rivers Review magazine junior year of college. Oh, and if you walk by his room and see him, ask him to snap his fingers.

Mr. Slapikas decided he wanted to become a teacher around the age of 14 in the ninth grade. "I love talking, and I love the idea of how teaching and learning makes you grow as a student, by learning something different all the time. Every day, you leave smarter than the day you were before," Slapikas stated. At first, he was planning to become a History teacher because he loves the idea of how the past has formed us today. In college, he took a creative writing class and decided he liked English

slightly better. He went to the University of Pittsburgh and got his undergrad and masters degree in English.

Overwhelmed at first, Mr. Slapikas got hired less than a week before school started this year. Coming straight out of college, "I wasn't really expecting them to give me the job; I was just expecting to be a substitute for the year or something. I came in, and they were like 'Hey, you're the teacher!'" and I was very nervous," he said.

Hopewell has opened up to him. "The teachers here are super nice, and the students in every one of my classes had a warm invitation on the first day." Slapikas declared.

He wants to teach composition students how to think flexibly, and to become independent thinkers for creative writing assignments in college. For the Honors English 10 students, he wants to teach them to enjoy literature, because many students do not, and he hopes to show them how it can be appreciated.

"Whenever the students talk to the teacher, they always have something interesting to say." Mr. Slapikas stated. He enjoys teaching because it is a way for students to learn and grow each day. "Even though I mainly teach the students, the students can always teach me a new thing or two.

His favorite quote from an author is - "make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you," because he says you should try your best, not give up, and be the best "you" there possibly is.

## Hopewell's Little Italy

BY: RACHAEL KRIGER

In room 316 new teacher Mrs. Cedro proudly flies the flags of France and Italy. Mrs. Cedro teaches French and the newest addition to Hopewell languages, Italian.

Whenever she goes home to her husband, son and daughter, she speaks exclusively Italian. Her entire family is fluent, and Cedro has even lived in Italy at points in her life, and still visits family in Italy. Her family is from the Central Mountains part of Italy.

Mrs. Cedro's mother was born in Italy, which qualifies Mrs. Cedro to have dual citizenship in both Italy and the United States, since her father is American. She says she still participates in elections and American holidays. She went to high school at Brashear High School in the Pittsburgh area. She then went to the University of Pittsburgh, but at first, her intention was not to become a teacher. "I originally wanted to get into the travel industry," says Mrs. Cedro. "I was approached by a public school to teach Italian and without training I taught. I loved teaching so I switched my major." She then earned her undergraduate degree and Master's degree in Italian.

She lived in Italy for 14 months; however, she visited every summer from her freshman year in college until five years ago.

Mrs. Cedro's first impressions on Hopewell have been positive she said, "Everyone from the administration, to students, to custodians has been extremely nice and polite. They've all been excited for me to be here."



# ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

BY: JENNIFER CRANMER

From planking to the cinnamon challenge to the Harlem Shake, social media phenomena take the world by storm for the usually short period of time in which they last. The summer of 2014 brought its own challenge; pouring a freezing cold bucket of water over your head and posting it for the world to see. This daunting task was not performed by millions of people simply for fun it was in the name of charity to raise money and awareness for ALS.

ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) also known as "Lou Gehrig's disease" is deadly and



has no known cure or treatment. For someone with ALS, their motor neurons gradually degenerate which causes the persons' brain to lose control over the body's muscles. However, the person's mind stays completely intact; therefore, they know exactly what is happening to their body but they have no control over it. ALS is 100% fatal. Pete Frates described ALS as, "entering a gun fight armed with the equivalent of a plastic spork."

ALS began in the United States when Frates, former Boston College star baseball player, made the challenge to help fight ALS. He was diagnosed in 2012 and

since then has been confined to a wheelchair and has lost the ability to speak. He was given 3-5 years to live but wants to spend the time raising ALS awareness to hopefully find a cure or make treatment possible.

The ALS ice bucket challenge has raised over 15 million dollars in donations since June 2014. That is about 9 times what the organization would normally make in the same time. However, money is not the only benefit of the ice bucket challenge. It has given people knowledge and made awareness for a disease otherwise mostly unknown. This awareness is greatly important as it can lead to more research for the cureless disease.

## The Return of Ebola

BY: MADDY HOPKINS

The summer of 2014 has seen the largest outbreak of Ebola since its first emersion in 1976. Characterized by flu-like symptoms and unexplained bleeding, the virus is sweeping the West African countries of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. The death toll climbs astronomically high, with only a ten percent survival rate. Among this sliver are two American doctors, Nancy Writebol and Kent Brantly.

Motivated by their Christian faith, Writebol and Brantly rushed to Liberia to treat Ebola victims, hoping to increase the dismal survival rate. While treating patients, both caught the deadly virus.

Neither know exactly how they contracted Ebola, especially Writebol who was supposed to be working in one of the safest yet most important positions. "I was considered to be in a low-risk zone," Writebol said, explaining her job of helping the doctors coming and going from the isolation units in both the putting on and disposal of the anti-contamination gear. They stripped down layer after layer of

gloves, boots, masks, et cetera, careful to avoid touching even the tiniest drop of fluid. "There was a line, an actual line on the floor that I didn't cross. When [the doctors] came out and I decontaminated them, I never touched them. I was wearing a gown, I was wearing gloves, and sometimes I was wearing a mask...There was never a fear that I would be contaminated," said Writebol.

The disease is spread purely through contact with body fluids such as blood, saliva, urine, feces, and vomit, and is not contagious until the victim becomes symptomatic. This is why Writebol, who was beyond cautious in her position, originally denied she had contracted Ebola. While she felt feverish, she attributed the symptoms to malaria, saying she often worked late, when mosquitoes were the most active.

It wasn't until her husband delivered the news that her friend and colleague Kent Brantly had contracted the virus that Writebol figured out she too had Ebola.

Both doctors knew the cycle of the disease and the likelihood of survival. Stuck in Liberia, the

Americans did not have access to the technology back home. Brantly admits that he was terrified and clung to his faith. It was really all he had after watching Ebola claim life after life.

The two were flown back to America where they were quarantined in Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. They learned that an experimental drug was available, but it had never been tested in humans. Known as ZMapp, it is specifically designed for Ebola. Brantly and Writebol decided he would get one of the three available doses and she the other two.

They soon recovered and were declared not a threat to the public, though it is yet unclear whether it is thanks to the ZMapp drug or not.

Nevertheless, Nigeria is now demanding access to the experimental drug, as hundreds another American doctor. In factm the disease is spreading so rapidly the World Health Organization has stated it's an international health emergency. Citizens of the affected countries become more and more desperate, particularly in Liberia where faith in the government weakens.

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# A Bachelor's Paradise

## Modern Day Amazons

BY: MADDY HOPKINS



*Courtesy of Google Images*

The Brazilian town of Noiva Do Cordeiro's reputation has erupted across the internet. Although a small village, it is dominated by 600 women and only a few men. Recent reports on the location have advertized the women as male-hungry Amazons, but this is far from true.

In reality, the women in Noiva Do Cordeiro are independent and reject the idea that they are campaigning for men to woo them.

Many of the women are married. The men, though, work in a neighboring town during the week and come home only on weekends, leaving the women to take on a man's job. Together they take care of the whole town, everything from caring for their children to tilling the fields to doing each other's hair.

They are most certainly not desperate for men, they say.

"There are a lot of things that women do better than men," said Rosalee Fernandes. "Our town is prettier, more organized, and far more harmonious than if men were in charge. When problems or disputes arise, we resolve them in a woman's way, trying to find consensus rather than conflict."

This mentality arose nearly a half century after the town's birth. When Maria Senhorinha de Lima decided to leave the man she was forced to marry, Brazilian society labeled her an adulteress and excommunicated her from the church in 1891. She fled to the Belo Vale region with a few other women. But then, in 1940, one of the girls married Pastor Anisio Pereira, who

quickly began forcing Puritan-like laws onto the women. This included no drinking, no listening to music, and no cutting their hair. When he finally died, the women vowed to never bow to a man's will again. In fact, they now say that while they would welcome men into their town, the men would have to conform to their rules.

One Noiva Do Cordeiro resident, Nelma Fernandes said, "We all dream of falling in love and getting married. But we like living here and don't want to have to leave the town to find a husband. We'd like to get to know men who would leave their own lives and come to be a part of ours. But first they need to agree to do what we say and live according to our rules."

So maybe the Noiva Do Cordeiro women are not modern-day Amazons, just women searching for equality and maybe even a little romance.

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## The Return of Ebola

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Families refuse to relinquish their sick ones for treatment because the chances of seeing them again dwindle every day. Men wearing protective gear will bury or burn the body and families are not allowed to be present due to the possibility of contamination. Protests erupt across West Africa because of the lack of trust in the governments.

After his brother's death, one man set fire to the Health Ministry of Liberia. Some even believe in the conspiracy theories circulating, anything from Ebola

being a way to decrease population to being a way to market drugs to being a cover-up for cannibalistic rituals.

Obama, however, refuses to release ZMapp to Nigeria. "I think we've got to let the science guide us," he said. "And, you know, I don't think all the information is in on whether this drug is helpful."

The World Health Organization says Ebola can be stopped. Without something more than the bleach mixtures though, they project it will be at least another six months.



## Turn up for Concerts

BY: ABBY HIGHBERGER

Concert goes, no matter what genre they prefer, when put in a venue with their favorite artists/musicians really are not that different despite different tastes in music.

The last two concerts of September in Pittsburgh only have one similarity. Cher, who is performing on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Brantley Gilbert, who is performing on Sept. 26 at 8:20 p.m. are both performing at the Bryce Jordan Center.

October is a pretty decent month in the Pittsburgh area for concerts, the first act to come to Pittsburgh is the up and coming band Hollywood Ending on Oct. 2, at The Club at Stage AE, If you like bands like The Vamps or 5 Seconds of Summer you should definitely check these guys out. The following shows in October consist of the following:

- Oct. 4 – Craig Morgan @ Pepsi Cola Road House
- Oct. 5 – Timeflies @ Stage AE
- Oct. 5 – Lil Dicky & DJ Omega @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
- Oct. 11 – Erik Church @ CONSOL Energy Center
- Oct. 11 – Jason Mraz @ Benedum Center
- Oct. 13 – Ok Go @ Mr. Smalls Theatre
- Oct. 14 – Fleetwood Mac @ CONSOL Energy Center
- Oct. 15 – Bassnectar @ Stage AE
- Oct. 18 – Judas Priest @ Benedum Event Center
- Oct. 21 – Skrillex @ Stage AE
- Oct. 29 – The Misfits @ Levels Nightclub
- Oct. 29 – The Beach Boys @ Bryce Jordan Center
- Oct. 30 – Hunter Hayes @ Bryce Jordan Center
- Oct 31 – Kiss Halloween Party (feat. Fifth Harmony, Jake Miller, & Meghan Trainor) @ Stage AE

November is a pretty slow month for concerts. At the moment, only about five “popular” acts are coming to Pittsburgh. The first act is country artist Rhett Miller, who will be at Club Café on Nov. 3. Then three days later on Nov. 6 will be the 2014 Honda Civic Tour at Stage AE featuring musical performances by Indie/alternative bands American Authors, The Mowgli’s and Oh Honey! November 13 Reggae artist Shaggy will be performing at Mr. Smalls Theatre, then two days later on Nov. 15 alternative band Augustana will also be performing at Mr. Smalls Theatre. To wrap up the month of November on the 17<sup>th</sup> Post-Hardcore band, Black Veil Brides will be at stage AE.

## Madden 15

BY: SANTINO CICCONE

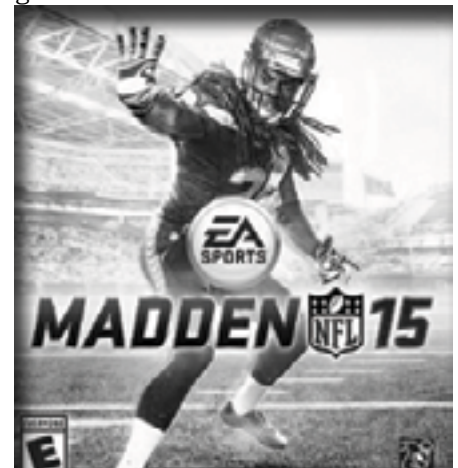
After the Seattle Seahawks won the Super Bowl, it was almost a definite that everybody knew that Richard Sherman was going to be on the cover of Madden 15. The game was announced in late April and released on August 26. NFL and video game fans rushed to the stores to pick up their own copy of the newest Madden.

This year, EA Sports updated Madden significantly. As the game loads, the player goes to a simulated game where you play as the Carolina Panthers in the 4th quarter against the Seattle Seahawks, with a final drive in the 2015 NFC Championship. After that, the player chooses their favorite team and for the unexperienced players, the game takes you directly to drills to do tutorials.

EA Sports has increased the pace of gameplay. For example, the coin toss is decided before the game; therefore, player simply chooses to kick receive or defer.

The great changes EA Sports updated Madden defensively the most. While playing single player, you can choose the camera angle from the defensive side, as opposed to view with the offense at the bottom of the screen. Also, there is a new system for laying harder hits. When controlling a player who is within five feet from the ball carrier a cone-shaped indicator appears followed by a button. If the player presses the button quickly enough, your player will lower the boom.

The most popular sport game in history continues to improve. If it's in football, “It's in the game!”



# Best School Movies

BY: GARRET ROBERTS

**1) 21 Jump Street** - R: Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum

If you are looking for an action-comedy, *21 Jump Street* is the movie for you. This movie is a story about two police officers, one with brains and one with brawn. While on a mission to find a drug dealer in a high school, they team up with the special unit division called 21 Jump Street. They go undercover as high school students to crack the case. The slapstick comedy in this movie is great, and will keep you laughing the whole way through. The constant jokes about high school life hit close to home.

**2) The Breakfast Club** - R: Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez

This movie is a classic high school drama. *The Breakfast Club* is a story about five students from different social groups in a Saturday detention for a variety of different reasons. Throughout this story, the students learn that they are not as different as they thought they were. They realize that no matter how society views them from their outside appearance, they are all basically struggling with the same issues inside. This story will definitely make you reevaluate how you view the person sitting next to you each day.

**3) Billy Madison** - PG-13: Adam Sandler, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras

*Billy Madison*, a classic under-achiever, is inheriting his father's business and fortune. The catch is that he must pass all 12 grades of school in under one year in order to get his inheritance. Adam Sandler wrote the screenplay, and performs as Billy. This, combined with the impressive line up of supporting actors, is the perfect storm for comedy. This movie brings a lot of laughs. Many of the teachers in this comedy may bring back memories of teachers in your school career.

**4) School of Rock** PG-13: Jack Black, Mike White, Joan Cusack

*School of Rock* takes place at a fancy prep school. Jack Black plays the part of a failing rock musician named Dewey Finn. To earn money for his rent, he fakes being a substitute teacher. He takes this opportunity to exploit the musical talents of his students to win money in the Battle of the Bands competition. The plot of this story, combined with the chemistry between the kids and Dewey delivers a wholesome message of self esteem, with humor, promising to keep you amused.

**5) Napoleon Dynamite** - PG: Jon Heder, Efen Ramirez, Jon Gries

While not action packed, *Napoleon Dynamite* has amazing line delivery. The dry, sarcastic humor of these jokes keeps you laughing throughout the entire movie. The story revolves around Napoleon trying to get the school to elect his friend Pedro for class president. While the plot is okay at best, the entertainment comes from the subtle yet hilarious jokes revolving around Napoleon's awkward, comical personality. Everyone watching this comedy can immediately replace Napoleon with a current or past classmate.



Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum in *21 Jump Street*. Picture By - Google Images

## Paperback Pulse Pounders

BY: AVA JODIKINOS

### Romance:

**Shatter Me:** Tahereh mafi (A girl whose touch is poison)

**The Selection:** Kiera Cass ( Like the bachelor)

**The Luxe:** Anna Goldberg (Giant love mix)

**Obsidian:** Jennifer Armentrout (Hot aliens vs. the government)

### Fiction:

**Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment:** James Patterson (half Angel hybrids who kick butt)

**The Iron King:** Julie Kagawa (Girl finds out shes half faerie)

**We Were Liars:** E. Lockhart (a family accident happens and a girl tries to figure out what happened.)

- "Seriously this book has a HUGE twist." Lauren Trimmer

**We Were Here:** Matt De La Pena (escaped juveniles )

- "Probably one of the best books I've read in my life."

Rachael Kriger

### Fantasy:

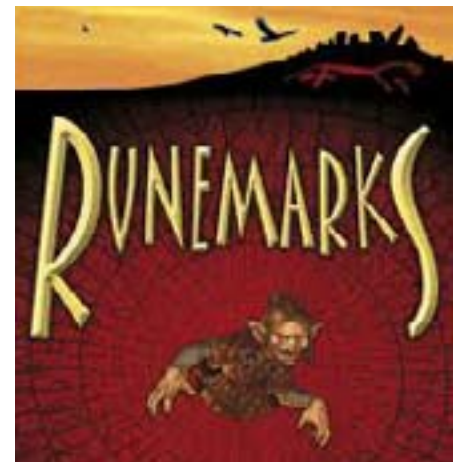
**City of Bones:** Cassandra Clave (demon hunters in NYC)

**The Raven Boys:** Maggie Stiefvater (fantasy, welsh kings, and psychics)

- "It's got a little bit of everything forbidden love, magic, psychics, and very compelling characters. And I really love Blue cause she cracks me up with her sarcasm and her feminist attitude." Maddy Hopkins

**Splintered:** A.G Howard (like Alice in Wonderland)

**Runemarks:** Joanne Harris (Norse mythology)



Cover of the novel *Runemarks* Picture By - Google Images

# Caught in Hi-Lites

