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17 FBLA members qualify for Nationals at SLC

BY HAZEL BURO

School News Editor

Last week, Future Business Leaders of America advisers Mrs. Audrey Dennis and Mr. Jeffery Luhrs brought 65 qualifying members to compete at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey. Members took part in a three-day conference in the Hershey Lodge where they competed in testing and performance events, attended leadership workshops and watched performances.

After being sworn in as Pennsylvania State President at last year's closing ceremony, senior Mackenzie Donald led the state conference and presented awards to winning FBLA members. This year, sophomore Ava Troup campaigned and won Vice President at Large for Pennsylvania FBLA, resultantly, she will be representing both Delaware Valley and Pennsylvania for this upcoming year.

"We are extremely excited for Ava," Mrs. Dennis

said, "She will represent DV strongly and have an exciting experience while she learns leadership skills."

Delaware Valley ended the conference with several chapter awards and 17 national qualifiers. DV won first place for Outstanding Chapter, first place for Community Service with 2,113.25 hours completed and third place for State Project Contributor.

First place winners include Donald, sophomores Vidhi Patel, Elizabeth Bailey, Joseph Benavides, Carl Wallenburg and freshman Eric Choi. Donald, Troup, sophomores Zoe Sutton and Emily Warfsman won second place. Benavides, senior

Cassandra Joyce, juniors Anna Vogel, Bennett Nielson and Queenie Yang won third place. The final national qualifiers include freshman Shannon O'Leary and junior Emily Cronin with a fourth place win.

After her win of Outstanding Adviser at last year's SLC, Mrs. Dennis was privileged with delivering a speech and awarding this year's Outstanding Adviser at the opening ceremony.

"I'm super proud of our chapter and can't wait to represent our school well at Nationals," Mrs. Dennis said.



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Vidhi Patel and Ritesh Patel celebrate after Vidhi wins first place in Introduction to Public speaking.

New scoreboard installed as part of stadium upgrades

BY CASSANDRA JOYCE

Editor in Chief

A new scoreboard was installed on April 19 inside of Warrior Stadium. The high resolution board from Watchfire has faced multiple delays in its installation but will be used for the rest of the spring sports season, Special Olympics and graduation this year to a variety of events in the future.

Although the same size as the old scoreboard, the new board is completely digital and is one of the highest resolution boards of its kind. It is complete with different templates for sports and has the ability to display multiple videos and graphics.

"Our current scoreboard exceeded its life expectancy by a couple of years. It's limited in what it can do from an



animation standpoint," Dr. Jayson Pope said. "[With] everything from video clips to full-length movies to commercials, we're going to be able to make this a very interactive and engaging experience for people."

The board is part of a series of upgrades for the stadium, including a new sound system and new LED lights, in an effort to have games be as close to collegiate events as possible and enhance every event on the field. During the last football season, administration and those involved in athletics began trying to enhance fan experience by playing different sound effects throughout the

game.

"Coming to events at our stadium for whatever it is, whether a Friday night football game, graduation [or] Special Olympics, I think everybody is hopefully going to be blown away with what they see," Dr. Pope said.

The scoreboard is funded through sponsorships from businesses within the local community. Just as the old board displayed sponsors names across the bottom of it, the new board will display three anchor sponsors on the bottom in LED boxes. Other sponsors will be promoted on the board itself.

"With the exception of our anchor sponsors, we are doing away with the idea of physical signs," Dr. Pope said. "All of our sponsors will be able to advertise digitally. That opens up a whole range of possibilities for companies that want to run seasonal promotions or want to do something a bit more engaging and interactive beyond just having a fixed sign."

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School News

SCOREBOARD: Scoreboard enhances games, community experience

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Staff members have been attending training sessions to learn how to operate the board since March. The first phase of training included demo videos of the software, the second phase was webinars with the scoreboard company and the last phase will be occurring in the upcoming weeks with staff being trained on the board itself.

“We have some very talented staff members who are pretty excited about this,” Dr. Pope said. “Staff members who have always done the scoreboard are now being trained on the software, and we’ve had a couple new staff members come out of the woodwork just because they’re interested in the project.”

Once staff members have become accustomed to the board, the goal is to get students involved in working with the equipment and making content for

the board. Members of the business and marketing CTE have already begun creating content to play on the board, promoting a variety of the school’s extracurriculars.

According to Dr. Pope, the scoreboard is not only going to bring the community together for events, but the process of getting and installing the board has been a true group effort from starting the plans for getting the board in August of last year until now.

“It’s pretty neat to see so many different groups because I think the one thing that people may lose sight of is this is not solely an athletics project,” Dr. Pope said. “Yes, it’s going to enhance the athletic experience, but the other types of events that we’ll be able to hold in our stadium because of the technology we have and the different groups of students who we’ll be able to bring into the project extends so far beyond athletics.”



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

The previous scoreboard was taken down on April 16, and the new one was installed on April 19 after facing multiple delays in its installation.



16 FCCLA students qualify for Nationals in Seattle

On March 18-20, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students competed in the State Leadership Conference and Competition held at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster.

The national team will be advancing to the National Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington, this summer.

The FCCLA national team winners are: seniors Samantha Walzer (Gold) and Grace Bogardus (Silver); juniors Draven Nitecki (Silver), Kasia Green, Riley McKenzie and Samantha Stead (Silver), Amber Foronda, Sara Gagnon, Kate Tamplin and Ceanna Williams (Silver); sophomores Jessie Chopyk (Silver), Kate Yablonski (Silver), Vically Cepeda and Jonathan Yarrish (Gold), Sara Acosta Rios and Layla McCormick (Silver).

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March Of Dimes brings awareness to maternal health risks

By SIASIA BEAN
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FBLA has partnered with March of Dimes for the 53rd consecutive year to raise awareness of maternal health risks such as infant mortality and premature births. The non-profit

organization seeks to improve the health of both mothers and infants while working to end preventable infant deaths. These efforts are funded by hosting change drive events across the country and the local area.

While the donations have yet to be counted for this particular drive, efforts by students and the community have ensured that at least one full jar of

funds has been raised in support of the organization and their mission.

For over 50 years, March of Dimes has partnered with the national FBLA, a program that encourages students to be proactive and engage with events in their communities.

“If there’s any opportunity to get involved in the community, we take full advantage.”

- Mr. Jeffrey Luhrs

Business department teacher Mr.

Jeffrey Luhrs highlights the event’s connection to FBLA and its impact on the community.

“That’s what the pillars of FBLA are— to get involved in the community in every way and any way possible,” Mr. Luhrs said.

“If there’s any opportunity to get involved in the community, we take full advantage.”

School News

Book drive event leaves impact on K-5 community

By EMMA CIANCIO
Opinions Editor

Delaware Valley hosted the first ever Once Upon a Book Drive, which the sophomore class put together as a legacy project on April 12.

From Feb. 2-March 15, over 5,000 books were donated to the drive from individuals district-wide. After the collection date, additional books were donated by members of the community.

During the event, 4,203 books were taken out of the 5,000 donated. Students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade who attended the event were given five tickets to “purchase” books. As the night went on, students were encouraged to take more than five books home with them.

“This is something that made all the buildings come together. The older students get to help the younger students, and it was a great way to bridge community throughout the school,” sophomore class

adviser Mrs. Michele Rojas said.

The morning of the Once Upon a Book Drive, Student Council sent out volunteers to each elementary school to encourage students to attend the book drive.

At the event, there were additional activities for



Emma Ciancio/Del.Aware

Once Upon a Book Drive volunteers, sophomore Kim Smyser and freshman Grace Filger, painted book drive attendees' faces at the face paint table.

kids to participate in like face painting, craft tables, games and temporary tattoos.

In addition to the activities, the Pike County Library assisted older students set up a library card that gives them access to streaming services such as Hoopla. Hoopla gives users access to millions of audiobooks, ebooks, comics, movies and music.

All leftover books from the drive will be donated to the new homeless shelter in Milford. When building the new shelter, they made sure to establish a place where younger children could have access to books.

Mrs. Rojas credits members of the community, students, faculty members, organizations and the Pike County Library for making this event possible. The goal for this event was for everyone to have fun, not just the younger students.

“There is a lot of dedication that went into this project,” Mrs. Rojas said. “I cannot wait for everyone to see the fruits of their labor.”

Students, staff donate 100 sneakers

By BOBBY RUSSO
Science & Technology Editor

The senior class held a fundraiser, during which students and staff were encouraged to donate pre-owned sneakers in good condition. The fundraiser raised money for prom and other senior class events.

“Got Sneakers”

runs on recycled sneakers, dedicated to relieving sneakers from landfills and reducing the release of harmful chemicals into the environment. The sneakers donated in reusable condition are redirected to second-hand markets, allowing individuals to obtain affordable pre-owned footwear while promoting sustainability.

“I will suggest it to the juniors

to continue this fundraiser next year, given the unexpected large amounts of sneakers we received,” senior class president Dom Moyer said. “Fortunately, everything proceeded smoothly and according to plan; it’s just we ended up with more sneakers than expected.”

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- Dom Moyer

According to senior class adviser Mrs. Jennifer Marchetti, “They will pay us for recyclable shoes, which will be donated to charity. The process is straightforward and supports a good cause, while also generating money for senior activities.”

At the end of the collection drive, the fundraiser collected a total of 100 pairs of sneakers in bags donated.

Two high school OM teams advance to World Finals

By ROXY CAUCHI
School News Co-Editor

Four high school Odyssey of the Mind teams attended the State Finals Competition on April 6. Out of the four, two teams advanced to the World Finals Competition.

The structure team, coached by Terry Balton, won first place and broke a world record. While in the time limit of eight minutes, their structure held 1,025 lbs, in total it held 1,420 lbs, breaking the previous record of 1,400 lbs. The team includes sophomores Connor Giblin and Angie Barcia and seniors Karter Peereboom, Ben Bailor, Christa Cirello, Abby Zimmerman and Emma Allen. They

scored a 90/100 for their skit, a 47.34/50 for style and a 87.67/100 for spontaneous.

The performance team, coached by Joseph Ziolkowski, also won first place. The team includes sophomore Bailey Ryan, juniors Brooke Natter, Addie Domani and Matthew Schweitzer and seniors Roxann Cauchi, Nick Colavito and Olivia Rowehl. They scored a 189.75/200 for their skit, a 43/50 for style and a 88.25/100 for spontaneous.

Both teams will be advancing to the World Finals in May, which is held at Iowa State University.



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The structure team held 1,420 lbs, breaking the previous world record of 1400 lbs.

Opinions

FAFSA delays cause harm to students, families, universities

BY KAYLEE KURCON
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As many college-bound students know, the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid has been nothing but a difficult situation. The financial delays are harming students, families and universities.

Unlike years in the past, this year FAFSA opened in December. Historically, FAFSA has opened in October for students to fill out and give schools optimal time to distribute financial aid packages.

This year, however, delays and glitches have created a time crunch for schools to review financial aid ability. Although FAFSA opened in December, many students were blocked from filling out the form until early January.

On Jan. 31, the FAFSA department reached out to schools, notifying them that they would not receive students' financial information until the first half of March. This meant that schools would not be able to start making offers until early April.

Loans, grants and scholarships are all detrimental for students who need assistance financially to afford the

school of their choice. This year's delay has made it nearly impossible for many students to commit to a college, as they do not know the cost of attendance.

Typically, the national decision day for students is May 1, but because of the issues with FAFSA, many schools have extended the deadline. Students are still being put on a time crunch, even with extending the deadline, which creates undeserved anxiety and stress.

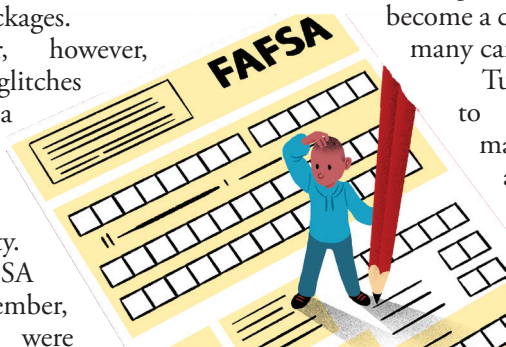
These delays and glitches are very telling in what federal programs value.

Attending a four-year university has become a class privilege, one that many cannot afford.

Tuition rates have risen to unmanageable costs, making it hard for almost any student to pay for college. This, mixed with inconsistent financial aid, makes it difficult for many students to see college as a feasible route.

The price of education and the denial of making it more affordable is no coincidence. It is an intentional decision to make sure that the wealthy continue to remain influential.

In the United States, education is a right not a privilege. Action needs to be taken to protect financial assurance so that students can continue learning in today's world.



OUR OPINION

Students are kids, not business investments

Through all four years of high school, you do everything exactly as you should. You stay out of trouble, take as many APs as possible, are in multiple clubs, play sports, get good grades and attend school events. The beginning of senior year starts, and you begin applying to college. Although nerve wracking, you know you did all you could. Months pass as you wait for a decision, and finally, you find out you got in. Excitement washes over you, and all the late nights out at games, studying and doing homework are worth it. You tell everyone you know, and you can't wait to go begin your future at your dream school.

Then, you get your financial aid package.

As you scan over the numbers, panic begins to set in. Of course you knew college was going to be expensive, but the numbers that came back were nothing like what you predicted. You know your family can't afford to help you pay all of it, and you don't want to have a mortgage-payment worth of loans to pay back straight out of college.

On top of that, you have to figure out applying for additional scholarships, finding a roommate, what you're going to be involved in and how to adjust to life away from the people you've been with every day.

With so much stress and after already investing so much work,

the last thing a student should have to worry about is not being able to afford the school they worked so hard to get into. It seems like nothing you do is ever enough.

Even when you find additional scholarships, most of them are for low-income students. Of course those who are low-income should receive the help they need, but what about those in the middle- those who have enough money to not qualify for these scholarships but do not have the money saved to afford college costs on their own?

You have to be the best of the best to even get scholarships and be accepted. Unfortunately, even if you are, you still might have to be paying \$30,000-\$50,000 for each year when you get out.

When is what a student does considered enough to not be in debt for 10+ years? When are students considered kids and not just there to rip money off of? You're not old enough to drink alcohol, but you're old enough to make a choice to be tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt.

Graduation is supposed to be a time of freedom, but instead, students are only trapped under the weight of their debt.

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Opinions

Not every tragedy needs to be a conspiracy

BY MICHAEL ELARO
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Social media has brought the gift of near instant news, if there is a major event actively happening anywhere in the world, people will know within an hour. Along with the knowledge of these events, mostly for tragic news, two different crowds often form: one group of people who see the news as what happened, and another who will turn anything into a conspiracy theory.

It is not any singular group of people who is blamed or doing the blaming either. Sometimes it turns political, while other times it is called terrorism.

One of the most recent cases of this was the collision of a cargo ship into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland. While most people saw this as an unfortunate accident, select groups turned the incident into a purposeful attack. Some turned to saying it was a terrorist attack on America in order to impact the economy. Others blamed it on the opposing political party. Many people, in their ignorance, saw a small clip of this crash and convinced themselves and others that they knew exactly what happened, causing more harm than help.

This is not the only case of individuals finding malaise in innocent accidents; the train in Ohio crashing with chemicals on board or people having heart and respiratory issues after being vaccinated are just a couple of examples of these unreasonable responses.

These conspiracies are not only farfetched most of the time, but are also insensitive to the people and their families who were directly impacted. If someone were to put themselves in the shoes of others dealing with the loss of a family member in a tragic accident, they will quickly realize their antics are not appreciated. Keyboard warriors who claim the government is purposefully crashing boats or killing people with a vaccine are often the ones making a situation go from bad to worse.

Staying wary of potential ploys against society is unfortunately a justified practice in modern life, but knowing when to stop needs to also be learned. Before jumping to farfetched conclusions and spreading misleading ideas, people need to understand a situation to the fullest rather than claiming every tragic accident was intentional.

'Descendants 4': Disappointing departure from original trilogy

BY SHANNON EBY AND ROXY CAUCHI
School News Co-Editors

There were many reasons why the Descendants franchise should have stopped after three movies. The main reason was the tragic death of actor Cameron Boyce who played Carlos in the movies. The third movie specifically ended the way it did because it had no intention of continuing without a main character.

The fact that none of the original cast members will be present in "Descendants 4" is reason enough for it not to be made. It is only going to have one main character from the original movies, which is absurd considering the original characters are what made the movies. Without the original characters the movie will

never be the same.

"Descendants 4" follows a totally new group of kids, and may as well be its own, separate franchise. While there were multiple reasons as to why the original characters wouldn't be in the new movie, it doesn't make sense to just jump to a new story line.

The loose connection to the original will be the new characters going back in time to save the previous characters' kingdom but holds no mention of the previous characters themselves.

I think it would make the most sense to have it be a spin-off movie series, given its loose relation to the original movies.

Are relationship labels important?

BY KAYLA SYKES
Sports Co-Editor

Labels are used to define a person's relationship with someone else. In today's world, there are a multitude of labels that people give their relationships. Whether that label be they're together, talking or dating, it serves a purpose. The importance of a label doesn't just benefit those involved in the relationship; it also signals a sense of commitment and exclusivity.

When two people enter a "talking stage," I believe it's best to state your opinions and feelings of where you stand. The help of labels allows for each person to be on the same page and have the same level of expectations. Especially in the "talking stage," an uneven expectation of exclusiveness may trouble a relationship. Further

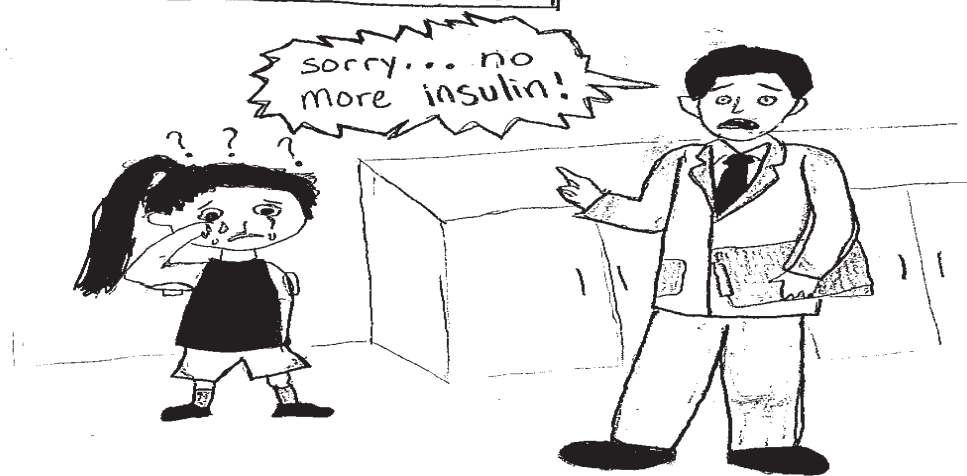
issues may arise when one person is not being exclusive and the other person has that intent.

Outside of the two people involved, I believe that labels help relieve the stress of outside assumptions. Labels can act as a blockade, as people's assumptions won't act as a pressure on a person to feel a certain way.

Labels in general are merely a personal opinion, as I understand that someone can feel trapped with a label. With the right person, however, a label feels less like a label and more like a reward.

Most importantly, I firmly believe that a label does not gauge how much a person may like another, but it will provide a sense of security and structure.

Insulin supply shortage



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School News

Model UN competes at PA College of Technology

By MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

Model UN attended their final convention of the year April 12 at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. None of their resolutions were passed during the event.

Juniors Olivia Van Tassel, Max Hancock and Bennett Nielsen were named Outstanding Delegates for their debate participation and excellence in portraying their nation's policies. Nielsen was also named Best Parliamentarian, one of five specialty awards, which is awarded for proper understanding of debate procedures and vote calling.

In Model UN, each student portrays a delegate from a different nation, and the members participate in various committees and work to pass resolutions

for different global issues.

The participating group was smaller than it typically is, missing six members due to conflicting event schedules.

"Only about eight kids could attend," adviser Mr. Scott Nielsen said. "We were supposed to have 14, so they did a great job."

The group previously went to compete at Bloomsburg University on March 20, but were unable to complete the drafting and signing of their resolutions due to inclement weather.



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Junior Bennett Nielsen speaks during the debate on April 12. He was named an Outstanding Delegate and awarded Best Parliamentarian.

They also attended a previous mock Constitutional Convention.

There were no seniors participating in the club this year, and Mr. Nielsen hopes to build off of the success of the juniors and sophomores. Last school year, Van Tassel was awarded Best Resolution, and the club hoped to build from that coming into this year.

"We are trying to grow the club and hoping to get to 15 to 20 students next year," Mr. Nielsen said. "When I started, we only had six, and this year we had 14 members."

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on April 24 from 8:30 a.m. -1:15 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. See 11/12 nurse Mrs. Jodi Kreese to sign up if you are 16 years or older. Each sign up helps HOSA reach its goal of 60 donors and 44 pints of blood collected.

Egg-citing egg hunt organized by CTE students

By HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

The Early childhood CTE program hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the preschool children on March 26.

Before the egg hunt, the high school students pre-numbered all baskets so that the preschoolers could easily find the eggs that matched up with the number on their basket. The number found on the

egg is meant to help the children collect their eggs and is a way to conduct the egg hunt in an orderly fashion.

"It is so fun seeing them get excited," early childhood student and senior Grace Bogardus said. "One of the best things about being a teacher is any

holiday and planning fun activities for them."

Each child found 15 eggs outside on the playground. The eggs were hidden outside on the playground by the CTE students who are not responsible for teaching a center that day.

Younger students had help from teachers to find their 15 eggs. After the eggs were found, the children sat at the picnic table, and

the teachers helped the children count to see that they had 15 eggs with their number. When they went inside they went to snack and after snack they went and sat on the rug to help the children to open the eggs and take the candy out.

"It is so fun seeing them get excited. One of the best things about being a teacher is any holiday and planning fun activities for them."

- Grace Bogardus

CTE students excel in SkillsUSA competition

By BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
World News Editor

Automotive CTE student junior Lydia Navarro competed and won in a mock customer service competition at the SkillsUSA state conference in Hershey, which took place on April 3-5. She received a gold medal and a scholarship for PennTech. She is set to compete at the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia in June.

"We're really proud of Lydia, she did a good job in customer service," Mr. Fitzpatrick said. "She beat her nearest competitor by 140 points so she was the clear runaway gold medalist."

Five other CTE students competed at the SkillsUSA state conference as well.

The event included a variety of different tasks they had to complete including chapter displays and other tasks relating to the student's respective CTE class.

Senior Brandon Kaufmann and

junior Lucas Schaffer both competed in the chapter display competition for building. Chapter display requires an interactive display that features CTE pathways. For their chapter display, Brandon and Lucas built a driving simulator.

Senior Johnathan Rivera also competed in the chapter display competition for electrical.

Juniors Gianna Balu and Kaeliann Wieboldt competed in the painting and decorating competition for building. This involved preparing and painting walls, paint trim, painting a window sash and hanging wallpaper, which took around six hours to complete.

SkillsUSA coach Mr. Keith Fitzpatrick is proud of everyone's performance and Lydia's advancement to the national level.

"I'm kinda excited for just the opportunity to get to the national level, and to be there is an accomplishment to me," Navarro said.

Energy Drinks



Celsius

Caffeine: 200mg

Sugar: 0g

Price: \$2.49



Alani Nu

Caffeine: 200mg

Sugar: 0g

Price: \$2.49



Rockstar

Caffeine: 160mg

Sugar: 29g

Price: \$2.39



Ghost

Caffeine: 200mg

Sugar: 0g

Price: \$2.69

Compiled by Etain Starr

The Real Cost

Are these popular energy drinks worth the price?

DIY Healthy Alternatives

Strawberry Dragonfruit Refresher

¼ cup dragonfruit

¼ cup strawberries

2 cups green tea

1-2 tablespoons honey or agave nectar (optional)

¼ - ½ cup coconut milk (optional to make it creamy)

Ice

- 1.) Brew green tea overnight
- 2.) Blend your tea, dragonfruit, strawberries and honey until pureed
- 3.) Fill a glass with ice, add another 1/2 cup of diced dragonfruit, pour the refresher over the ingredients and enjoy!

Strawberry Dragonfruit Refresher (medium)

Caffeine: about 100mg

Sugar: 29g

Price: \$3.79

Mango Dragonfruit Refresher

¼ cup white grape juice

⅓ cup mango juice

¼ cup lemonade

4 tablespoons frozen or freeze-dried dragonfruit

½ teaspoon green coffee bean powder (optional)

Ice

- 1.) Add everything together with a ¼ cup of ice and shake vigorously
- 2.) Pour ice into a glass, add some more freeze-dried, fresh or frozen dragonfruit pieces, pour the drink over the ingredients and enjoy!



Mango Dragonfruit Refresher (venti)

Caffeine: about 80mg

Sugar: 28g

Price: \$5.25

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Community News

Milford community provides safe viewing opportunity for solar eclipse

By BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
World News Editor

On April 8, Grey Towers National Historic Site and Milford Beach, with assistance from park service opened their doors to all to safely view the solar eclipse at 93% totality. Despite the eclipse not beginning until 2:00 p.m., people were still showing up as early as 1:00 p.m.

Solar eclipse glasses were required to enter, and people were provided all the space at Grey Towers to set up chairs and towels to view the eclipse comfortably.



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Though the clouds covered the majority of the eclipse, it was still briefly visible for some.

Unfortunately, the majority of the eclipse was unviewable due to a vast range of clouds covering it. This did not stop people from viewing the eclipse as it was visible for brief periods at a time.

Senior Chris Cassidy viewed the eclipse and thought it could have been better.

“It was good for a little bit but ended up being a disappointment,” Chris said. “It was too cloudy to see anything.”

Grey Towers wasn't the only place to set up viewings for the solar eclipse though.

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area hosted a viewing for the solar eclipse as well. Park rangers provided a welcoming

environment with various activities for people of all ages to enjoy. One of these activities involved kids making their own custom eclipse glasses by coloring a paper fish and then taping on a visor to safely view the eclipse.

Just like Grey Towers, parking and admission was free, and visors were even handed out to people who needed them.

The Milford Pike County Public Library also assisted during the event by giving out eclipse glasses to those who may not have been able to buy them beforehand. Various stores around the area were also selling eclipse glasses, though their stock quickly ran out.

The community banded together as a whole to provide a safe and welcoming environment for people of all ages around the Tri-State area to enjoy the once in a lifetime celestial event.

DV student transforms hobby into business

By KAYLA SYKES
Sports Co-Editor

Junior and longtime baker Arianna Healy has been selling cupcakes straight from her home since February of last year. While attempting to purchase her own car, Healy decided to take a hobby and turn it into a business.



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Arianna's Cupcakes can be purchased for various occasions and can be found on both Facebook and Instagram as Arianna's Cupcakes and ariannascupcakes23.

Ever since elementary school, she has had a strong passion for baking. In the kitchen, her mom would be in charge of the cooking, while Healy focused on the baked goods. Her decision to sell cupcakes specifically was due to her ability to create and decorate them.

Customers are able to purchase either a half dozen or a dozen cupcakes. Arianna's Cupcakes prices waver depending on flavors, designs and add-ons. For a usual dozen the prize is roughly \$40.

Her signature flavors include Reese's, Oreo, caramel, raspberry and strawberry. Arianna's favorite flavor is Reese's, and she also allows buyers to customize their flavors.

To get in contact with Healy to place an order, you can find her business account on both Instagram and Facebook, where she also displays previous designs. She also takes orders in advance and has made cupcakes for various events including baby showers and birthday parties.

This past summer Healy had a booth at the firework show at Airport Park and plans to work it again this year and has interest in selling cupcakes at Warrior Fest.

New restaurant offers diverse menu options

By MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

Located in Matamoras at the Best Western Hunt's Landing Hotel, Mr. Shane's American Fare Restaurant and Bar is now open. This new establishment offers a combination of comfort foods, and elevated bar foods.

Mr. Shane's is a well-designed restaurant that is spacious with multiple rooms and a bar. During my visit, the workers and staff worked together and stayed focused on the customers. I think that the close-knit staff definitely had a part in making it a good experience for me.

The menu offers a variety of foods ranging from different types of pizza to lobster. Even though the meals are on the pricier side, the food definitely made up for the elevated cost. I ordered a grilled chicken caprese sandwich for \$18. The sandwich

came with coleslaw, a small salad and a choice of either French fries, tater tots or sweet potato fries. The sandwich included fresh mozzarella, chicken, tomatoes and pesto which all came out amazing. The whole meal was extremely well made and was worth the price.

Mr. Shane's is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 11:30 a.m.- 9 p.m. On Friday and Saturday it is open from 11:30 a.m.- 10 p.m. and closed on Tuesday. The restaurant also offers catering and a to-go menu. Customers can hold a catered event at their location in Matamoras or request a mobile kitchen that can be brought to events.

I would highly recommend trying out Mr. Shane's. This new restaurant is a great place to stop by if you want to try a different variety of food.

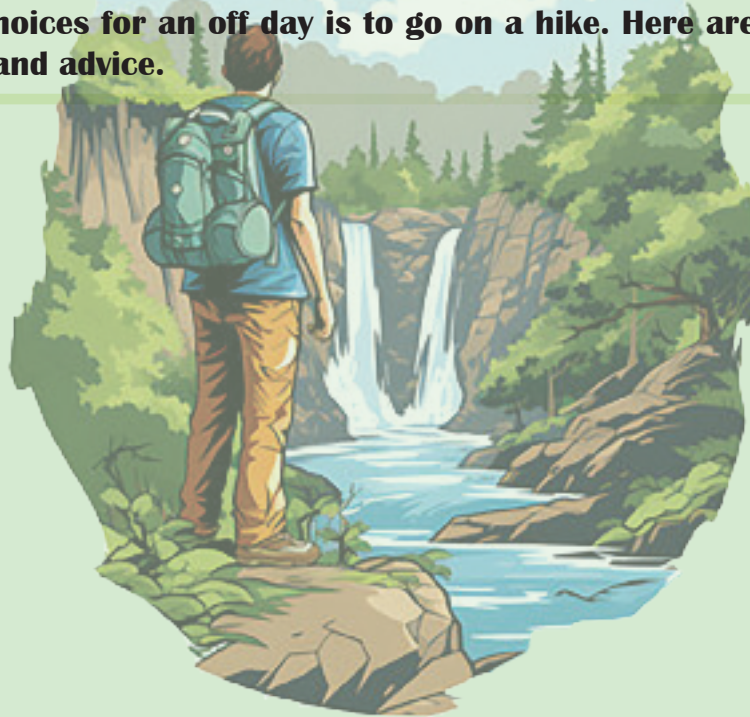
Community News

Local hiking locations and tips

Since spring has started and summer is quickly approaching, the interest in nature and going out is starting to get more attention. One of the best choices for an off day is to go on a hike. Here are some nearby hiking areas and our thoughts on them along with tips and advice.

Must Haves:

- Comfortable shoes that are good for walking and running
- Comfortable clothes that are best for the weather
- Water and other drinks
- Any light snack
- Bring a fully charged phone
- Comfortable bag to carry things in



Extra items:

- Flashlight
- Bug and tick spray
- Portable charger
- Extra water and food
- Change of clothes

Watch out for:

- The weather: make sure to check the weather before going out

Compiled by Hailey Kelly

Name	Location	Distance	Difficulty	Waterfall
Bushkill Falls	Bushkill, Pa.	2 miles	Moderate	Yes
The Knob	Milford, Pa.	2.8 miles	Moderate	No
Raymondskill Falls	Milford, Pa.	0.5 miles	Easy	Yes
High Point State Park	Sussex, Nj.	7.7 miles	Difficult at times	No, but has other attractions
Shohola Falls	Shohola, Pa.	0.6 miles	Moderate	Yes

Compiled by Emma Ciancio

World News

Maryland recovers from bridge collapse

By **TOPHER DELLA BELLA**
Sports Co-Editor

Since the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse on March 26, the state of Maryland has been making an effort to recover from this tragic incident. This tragedy sent six out of the eight construction workers to their death as they fell from the bridge into the Patapsco River.

Since then, the whole state of Maryland is making an effort to recover from this tragic incident. The Small Business Administration is offering assistance to those affected by the bridge collapse. Senator Ben Cardin stated that there are currently two channels open to help move traffic into Baltimore, and there will be a third channel added this month.

Shortly after the collapse of the bridge, President Joe Biden ensured that

the federal government will be paying for the new bridge. The cost of the bridge still remains unknown and will depend on the design.

Authorities say that three of the six bodies were recovered, but the search for the others is currently active. The State of Maryland is focused on supporting the families of the six workers who were killed in this tragedy.

There has been a nonstop clean up of debris that has already taken nearly a month to finish. Officials have stated that 80-90% of the steel from the bridge is still underwater. Huge pieces of steel have been moved out by cranes on barges.

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Ecuador condemned for storming Mexican embassy

By **BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ**
World News Editor

In an attempt to recapture the former Ecuadorian Vice President Jorge Glas who was seeking asylum in Mexico, Ecuadorian police stormed the Mexican embassy in Quito, Ecuador, on April 5.

Glas sought political asylum in Quito following his indictment on corruption charges and resided there from December until the raid. He has since been placed in a maximum-security prison in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Mexico stated that they are seeking to file a case against Ecuador at the International Court of Justice and intend on suspending their diplomatic ties with Ecuador following the incident.

According to Honduran President Xiomara Castro, the raid was "an intolerable act for the international community" and a "violation of the

sovereignty of the Mexican State and international law."

"The United States condemns any violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and takes very seriously the obligation of host countries under international law to respect the inviolability of diplomatic missions," U.S. State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said

Gabriela Sommerfeld, the Ecuadorian Foreign Minister, defended the raid at a news conference on April 6, stating that their actions were justified "in the face of a real risk of imminent escape."

"For Ecuador, no criminal can be considered a politically persecuted person when he has been convicted with an enforceable sentence and with an arrest warrant issued by the judicial authorities," Sommerfeld said.

United Kingdom develops first laser weapon

By **SIASIA BEAN**
Science & Technology Co-Editor

The United Kingdom's defense ministry has developed one of the first functional laser weapons, a powerful close range laser known as DragonFire.

Only costing an estimated 10 pounds per strike (equivalent to \$13) and not requiring ammunition, the technology has the potential to revolutionize air defense. It is extremely accurate, possessing the precision required to hit a target as small as a one pound coin from a kilometer away. Using this technology allows for the ability for targets to be engaged and cut through at the speed of light.

While the exact range of the weapon is classified information, the laser is intended to be used on marine vessels to take down short range aerial targets, though it appears to also possess long range abilities. The technology can not only destroy incoming threats but has the ability to identify, track and deter them. DragonFire is classified as a laser directed energy weapon, or LDEW, the first of its kind in the United Kingdom.

"It's a potential game changer for air defense," the defense ministry said in its video of the laser in action.

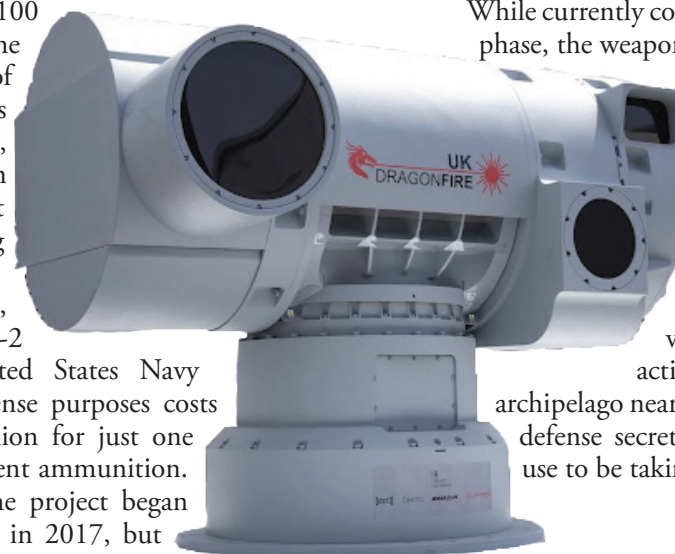
In terms of expenses, the UK has likened the cost of 10 seconds of laser power to running a regular heater for just an hour. Though the initial investment required in order to build the weaponry is equivalent to a hefty sum of \$100 million, the added burden of ammunition costs is nonexistent, making the weapon a powerful low-cost tool for the long term.

For comparison, the standard missile-2 used by the United States Navy for similar air defense purposes costs more than \$2 million for just one shot using the current ammunition. Development of the project began to take shape back in 2017, but

the nature of the project, as well as related video content, was only recently declassified and viewable to the public. It was created in response to the growing threat of drone warfare and has been made scalable for the purpose of being equipped on warships in the future.

While currently considered to still be in a research phase, the weapon is set to become available for future deployment in the next five to 10 years. Both the UK Army and Royal Navy are both considering adding the technology to their air defense arsenals when it becomes an option.

The now declassified video depicts the laser in action at a site in Hebrides, an archipelago near the coast of Scotland. The UK defense secretary has suggested a potential use to be taking down Russian drones.



World News

Mass stabbing attack leaves six dead, others hospitalized

By **KAYLEE KURCON**
Managing Editor

On April 13, at least six people were stabbed to death in an attack at a shopping mall near Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia.

New South Wales Police Commissioner Karen Webb identified the suspect as 40-year-old male Joel Cauchi, stating the attack was not terror-related. Police believe the attack to be a woman-targeted event but have no evidence that anyone was specifically targeted.

NSW's Police Commissioner Anthony Cooke revealed that senior police inspector Amy Scott was in the area when the attack began. As she arrived at the scene, the attacker held the knife up to her. Scott shot and killed Cauchi immediately.

Scott attempted CPR on Cuachi until paramedics arrived. The paramedics tried to revive him but were unsuccessful, pronouncing him dead at the scene.

Scott received much praise for her bravery, many

naming her a hero for putting herself in danger to save the lives of others.

Another 12 victims were injured during the stabbing and are being treated in hospitals. Five women and one man were fatally stabbed, one of the women being the mother of the nine-month-old baby who was also injured.

The male victim was identified as 30-year-old Faraz Tahir from Pakistan, who was a security guard at the mall. A written statement from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Australia revealed that Tahir had been in Australia for less than a year and named him as a cherished member of the community.

Cooke released information, stating that Cauchi had been suffering from unspecified

mental health issues, and the investigation would be continuing on for the next few days.

Video footage shows Cauchi running through the mall erratically, while lunging at people and pushing them out of his way. Many shoppers ran out of the mall in panic, while others sought shelter in the stores.

In a written statement released the day after the events, Cauchi's family said they were devastated by their son's actions and that he had been struggling with mental health issues since he was a teenager. They also stated that they had "no issue" with their son being shot by Scott as she was "doing her job to protect others."

After the event, people placed many floral tributes outside the shopping center to honor the victims. The shopping center will remain an active crime scene for days to come.



Countless floral tributes have been placed outside of the shopping center as a way to remember those who lost their lives.

Powerful earthquake hits Taiwan, strongest in 25 years

By **OLIVIA VAN TASSELL**
Community News Co-Editor

A 7.4 magnitude earthquake hit the eastern coast of Taiwan and was followed by many powerful aftershocks, on April 3.

The earthquake killed nine people and injured at least 950 people, according to Taiwan's fire department. The earthquake was so strong it destroyed buildings, caused landslides and its impact was felt in parts of China.

The quake struck around 15 miles south of Hualien County, a popular tourist city, at 7:58 a.m. The Central Weather Administration recorded 76 aftershocks in the five hours following the initial earthquake. Hualien's last large earthquake was in 2022 with a magnitude of 6.9

It was reported that almost 1,000 tourists and staff members were stranded in the mountains of Taroko

National Park in Hualien County. Three hikers and one driver died after rockslides in the park. Many people remained trapped in highway tunnels, rock quarries and numerous residential and office buildings.

In the northern part of Taiwan on Guishan Island a small piece of a major tourist destination nicknamed Turtle Island due to its shape, slid into the sea because of the earthquake. In the capital city of Taipei, many citizens were rescued from a partially collapsed warehouse.

Various videos of children being rescued from collapsed residential buildings have been posted to social media. These videos show the rescue efforts of the citizens and Taiwan firefighters.

Residents have been advised by Japan's meteorological agency to continue to urgently evacuate Taiwan until the advisory is lifted.

New Zealand works to power cars by woodchips

By **KAT QUINN**
Sports Editor

Newly manufactured woodchip powered cars have the potential to reduce dependence on Chinese imported supplies.

During this process, woodchips are transformed into artificial graphite called biographite that can be used to power EV (electric vehicle) batteries.

Since many countries, past and present, depend on China to provide the required components for electric cars, including lithium, iron and phosphate for batteries, it is important for other countries to take control of their independent manufacture of these supplies. China produces more than half of EV batteries produced each year.

Since this way of production has not been largely used, it does seem to raise some concerns. Ivan Williams, CEO of CarbonScape, the company behind this plan, eases concerns by explaining

that enough product will be generated annually by 2030 by using less than five percent of the forestry industry in Europe and the U.S. Big ideas come with sacrifice, and Williams realizes that, but he also points out that there would be sustainable and renewable resources being used. Swedish-Finnish forestry firms are also showing support by funding CarbonScape's purpose.

Investments being made currently will help finance sites for future manufacturing in Europe and the US. Because of these strides being taken in New Zealand, CarbonScape is looking to expand to different parts of the world, especially those who heavily depend on China for EV battery materials.

Because of these new innovations, humanity is taking steps towards a more energy efficient future. Advances in technology can create a more sustainable lifestyle when clean energy becomes more available.

Ask the Cast

What was the best part about playing your role?



*Kyle Czekaj
as
Edward Bloom*

"I enjoy the quick changes between being the young Edward and then being the more wiser Edward."



*Everett Zellmer
as
Will Bloom*

"I like the fact that I get to yell at Kyle."



*Roxy Cauchi
as
Sandra Bloom*

"I like getting to explore all of the different sides of my character."



*Josephine Perez
as
Josephine Bloom*

"I really like that I am able to do a little bit of everything in the show."



*Ethan Ford
as
Karl the Giant*

"I like being 8 feet tall."



*Ashantia Dicette
as
The Witch*

"I like that I get to hear the pit band while I perform."

PLAY

DVHS Dram

Big

BY HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

Family is complicated, and no one knows t
Fish" is about the relationship between Edward
Zellmer).

Growing up, Edward would tell Will tall ta
he didn't know his father at all. During the day
Josephine (Josephine Perez) is pregnant. This ne

Soon after, Edward finds out that he is dying,
take care of Edward with his mother, Sandra Blo

While staying at his childhood home, Wi
understand his father and figure out the reasonin

The play goes on to show Edward's past in th
present to thicken the plot and reveal new discov

By the end of the play, Will understands Ed
toward his father through the years. He under
something greater than a traveling salesman – to

Photos by Shayla Macaulay-Dech



BILL

na presents

Fish

his better than the Bloom family. The story of "Big Bloom (Kyle Czekaj) and his son Will Bloom (Everett

les about his life. As the years went on, Will felt like of Will's wedding, his father reveals that Will's wife, ws further strains their father-son relationship.

g. This news brings Will and Josephine back home to oom (Roxy Cauchi).

ill and Josephine discuss Edward's stories to try to ng behind the stories.

ie form of his stories, while displaying scenes from the veries.

Edward's reasons for his stories and regrets his actions stands that his father wanted to be remembered for leave Will a way to remember him.

Meet the Directors



Ms. Sarah Fitzkee was the middle school director for five years and is the high school director going on for three years. The reason she chose "Big Fish" was because it has wonderful ensemble roles, and she picks shows where the most kids can have the most opportunities, rather than choosing a star role for one kid. Ms. Fitzkee said her favorite part is "when we finally give the show over to the kids when they know and own it. I can step back and watch back what we have built."



Mr. David Torres, a DV alum, has been involved in drama for eight years both during high school and now assistant director. His favorite part is the artistry that goes into costuming, which he finds interesting because it is a whole separate piece. If it's not done well it can decrease the value of the story. "If you put in the effort in the costuming, then it really elevates the story," Mr. Torres said.

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SENIOR ART SHOW

Compiled by Michael Elaro

Compiled by Gia Scimeca


Kendra Blades
 After high school:
 Sussex County Community College
 "Don't follow me, I don't know where I'm headed."
 -Unknown




Marisol Mojica
 After high school: Undecided
 "I have been doing art since I was little. It's fun to me."



Eunice Choi
 After high school:
 University of Pennsylvania
 "Find your happiness. Life is all about discovering the things that make you happy. I found mine at DV."



Raquel Peral
 After high school:
 Borough of Manhattan Community College
 Inspirations: Video games, literature, TV shows



Maddie Oyer
 After high school:
 East Stroudsburg University
 "Just go for it."




Christa Cirello
 After high school: Undecided
 "I loved seeing people appreciate the art work I spent so much time creating."




Trinity Phipps
 After high school: Plans to tattoo
 "Water the flowers. Let the weeds die."



Ashley Ganly
 After high school:
 Lackawanna College
 Inspirations: N/A




Victoria Peral
 After high school:
 Borough of Manhattan Community College
 Inspirations: Video games, literature, TV shows, family & friends




Olivia Porter
 After high school:
 School of Visual Arts
 "Art connects and opens people's minds."




Samara Garcia
 After high school: Undecided
 Inspirations: Fighting games, Psychological Horror movies, 80s to 2000s movies





Michaela Velez
 After high school:
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Inspirations: Comics, film, animated movies



Brandon Maros-Moran
 After high school: Undecided
 "Art can be any creative subject you want it to be."




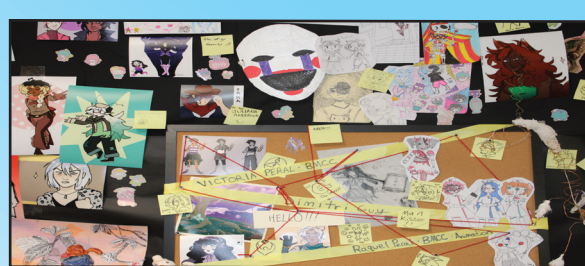
Dimitri Guy
 After high school: Dietary aid at Belle Reve
 Inspirations: Junji Ito, friends' art work




Scarlett Weir
 After high school:
 University of Pittsburgh
 "Stay cool, stan LOONA."



Charlie McClain
 After high school: Undecided
 "Why take other people's opinions on your life when you would never want to live theirs?"

Abby Yates
 After high school:
 East Stroudsburg University
 "I hope to always love making art as much as I do now :)"



Arts & Literature

Spotlight Artist: Samara Garcia

BY SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH
Entertainment Co-Editor

Senior Samara Garcia has been practicing art since she was very young. She got her start from her father, who is the artist who taught her how to draw.

Surprisingly, this is the only year she has taken art classes. This year she took 3D Design and is currently enrolled in Ceramics 1.

"She had a huge amount of talent out of nowhere," Ceramics teacher Mrs. Maria Tusinean said.

She admires Samara's dedication and the effort she puts into all of her projects.

This year, Samara won a Silver Key in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for one of her 3D Design mixed media pieces. The piece was sent to Wallkill Senior High School to be judged at the school's art show.

Another piece of hers from 3D Design was sent to the Portland Museum of Art in Oregon for its Tidal Shift Award Competition.

Samara's favorite school subject is art.

"I definitely wish I had taken more art classes," Samara said. "I really wish I had taken Painting."

Her preferred way to create art is digitally, but her favorite medium is sculpting. She works with all different types of media like traditional drawing, painting and as aforementioned digital drawing and ceramic sculpting.

"She is really committed. She isn't afraid to tackle anything I give her," Mrs. Tusinean said.

Samara draws inspiration from a subgenre of horror movies called slasher movies and an arcade game called "Street Fighter". She admires the game's artstyle and just has a long-lasting love for horror movies.

Samara said she will continue with art in the future, minoring in fine arts and majoring in film in college.

"I don't want a teacher to teach me their style. I like my own style," she said.



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Her art piece "Floss Twice a Day" is inspired by the character Butch Coolidge from "Pulp Fiction."

Spotlight Writer: Lucas Song

BY MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

For senior Lucas Song, writing is one of his biggest passions and is a huge part of his daily life. When most people think of writing, they think of writing in English class, but Lucas enjoys writing for his own personal reasons.

His writing comes from inspiration, and in the spark of the moment, he comes up with his own ideas. Writing is his way of turning his thoughts into something more and getting them out there.

"The prospect of creating my own world and characters is something fascinating. It's my imagination and inspiration being written down," Lucas said. "This is my way of expressing creativity the way people do through music or art."

Lucas is an active member of the

Creative Writing Club and gets to brainstorm ideas and get to create stories and participate in peer review with fellow students. Lucas writes in his free time and enjoys writing about action, science fiction, fantasy characters and situations that are not real.

"I like writing a lot of fantasy and fiction but also making real-life environments like adding in government or religion," Lucas said.

"When it comes to writing, you need to look into other writers' ways of writing."

- Lucas Song

Ernie Sandonato.

"When it comes to writing, you need to look into other writers' ways of writing. Mr. Sandonato is my go to for anything writing related, and he is a good teacher all around," Lucas said. "Anyone should go to him about anything writing related and see what his views are."

One of Lucas's inspirations for writing and someone he looks up to as a writer is his English teacher Mr.

Spotlight Musician: Nev Rhein

BY HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

Senior Nev Rhein has been playing as a member of the band since fourth grade. He plays the baritone along with the tuba, trombone and the ukulele.

"My dad is partially my reason for getting into music as well as my own volition," Nev said. "I wanted to play the flute and baritone. I got stuck with the baritone, and I never gave up."

Over the past year, Nev has been involved in numerous competitions and programs. He has performed in district band, region band, SteelStacks, concert band at Marywood University, drum corp, Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps during the summer.

He is also passionate about marching and hopes

to reach the highest commission of the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps before he ages out at 21.

When he started his musical career, he never wanted to play the baritone. His first choice was the flute, but after playing baritone, he grew to love it. For the past four years, he has been a member of the high school band.

He plans to attend Penn State University's main campus for tuba performance and to continue his career in music for the rest of his life. After earning his master's degree, he plans to be a part of an orchestra or the pit band of a Broadway musical.

"I love what I do and that's why I keep doing it. It keeps me active and motivates me to keep going and try new things," Nev said.



Arts & Literature

Shows give students chance to showcase art

BY GIA SCIMECA
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

On March 15, the Youth Art Month committee held a virtual exhibition called the Pennsylvania Art Education Association Youth Art Month Exhibit, which showcased over 300 students' artwork. The students from DV whose artwork was displayed at the exhibit were seniors Olivia Porter, Maddie Oyer and Michaela Velez and junior Ava McAteer.

On March 27, Wallkill Valley Regional High School held their 13th Annual Invitational Art Show, which showcased high school and middle school art. High schools submitted 10 pieces of

student artwork, and middle school participants submitted five pieces of artwork each.

On April 26, from 5-7 p.m. the Everhart Museum will be holding an in-person reception that displays submissions from art educators, students and their families by Representative Matt Cartwright.

The winner will be invited to Washington D.C. for a reception with other artists around the country. Their artwork will also be displayed on the Congressional Art Competition page and hung in the U.S. Capitol's Cannon Tunnel.

Second and third place winners and honorable mentions will be displayed at Cartwright's district office.



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Maddie Oyer's artwork was featured at the YAM exhibit.

Fashion Aware: Prom Dresses

BY KAT QUINN
Sports Editor

As prom season approaches and dresses are being purchased, certain styles and colors are making themselves popular and most desired. When picking out a dress, personal opinions and preferences are always top priority, but it can be helpful to keep trendy styles in mind.

Several colors, some making a comeback and some making a debut, including red, light blue, pastel pinks and purples, vibrant green, hot pink and orange are all filling up prom dress shops.

This year, many who have already had their prom have chosen to go with a simplistic, classy style dress, as in a plain color in

silk or velvet. Others have made prom to be more informal than in the past, wearing floral or picnic style dresses.

Many others have displayed very flashy and bold gown-style dresses, poofy and sparkly in all colors and designs. Some dresses of this style can also be found with an opening on one leg, strapless and with many layers to the dress.

Despite this year's popular trends, some classic dresses will never go out of style. Although the wild mermaid style dress is becoming outdated, dresses with more subtle mermaid flares are still a favorite. Many of these dresses are decorated with sequins but also are popular as satin, many with a one-leg slit.

Prom dress prices can be expensive, especially when taking style, color and popularity into consideration. Many dresses can be ordered online, but there are options for in-store purchase as well.



Artists compete in Scholastic Art & Writing competition

BY MICHAEL ELARO
World News Co-Editor

Students from a variety of art classes submitted pieces to the Scholastic Art & Writing competition, winning a total of 25 awards with 18 different students receiving awards. Their artwork was due Feb 29, and the winners were announced March 15.

Senior Eunice Choi won an American Vision Award, seven students won Gold Keys, six students won Silver Keys and six students received honorable mentions.

Choi also won four Gold Keys. Seniors Charlie McClain, Scarlett Weir, Olivia Porter, Michaela Velez and sophomores Angela Olsen and Maya Zhivkovich also won Gold Key awards.

Seniors Caroline Curtin, Samara Garcia, Madeline Oyer, Carlos Mendoza, Christa Cirello, Mia Evans, Ashley Ganly, Marisol Mojica, juniors Rolzin Jones, Peyton LaRocco and freshman Rhapsody Morgan also

took home awards.

Junior Owen Carso also won a Gold Key in the novel category.

"Art is very subjective, and it doesn't have an exact right or wrong answer. Thus, whether you win an award or cannot define the true value," Choi said. "But winning an art award definitely helps your artistic career, sadly. An art award is one of many ways to prove yourself as an advanced artist."

Award-winning pieces aren't made overnight though. One of Choi's pieces, 'Departure,' which was a part of her summer work, took from mid-June to the end of October to complete. Most of her time was spent brainstorming the piece, trying to depict a message, finding the right colors and getting the composition right.

Choi's art career isn't over yet. She plans to continue creating her pieces at University of Pennsylvania.



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"Reminiscence," from Choi's portfolio that won a Gold Key, tells the story of her looking back on her high school memories, having insightful thoughts about her past.

Entertainment

Conspiracy Theory: Where was Kate Middleton?

BY SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH
Entertainment Co-Editor

Thousands of eyes have been on the British royal family the past few months following a lull in public activity from Princess of Wales, Kate Middleton.

Middleton had not made a public appearance or statement since her last appearance on Christmas Day, leading followers of the royal family to raise suspicions. Conspiracies soon started to rise after the palace announced the princess was undergoing a planned abdominal surgery despite paparazzi catching an ambulance with an escort going to the hospital.

The theories ranged from tame ideas such as her and her husband Prince

William were undergoing a separation to more crazy suggestions like she had passed away or something more sinister had gone on.



After social media started to speculate, the palace started to release photos of her and the family to the media. At first glance, these photos looked authentic and gave some reassurance to the public, but then people started to further analyze the photos and found them to be altered in several ways. In some instances, the photos had simply been manipulated, but in some of the paparazzi

photos released, people theorized that the woman said to be Middleton was actually her body double.

After they had been called out, media outlets ordered a photo kill order, meaning they would no longer run the pictures in their stories. Later, they would deem the palace as an untrusted source, no longer taking information from them.

All of the confusion was finally remedied when the palace released a video with Middleton, sitting in front of the camera, explaining why she had been absent. It turns out that a biopsy taken during her surgery had shown that she had cancer. It was unspecified what kind she was battling.

People are relieved that their questions had finally been answered, but many are still hesitant to believe the royal family after what had gone down previously.

'Eternal Sunshine' proves to mark a new beginning

BY KAYLEE KURCON
Managing Editor

Ariana Grande's new album "Eternal Sunshine" focuses on the pain and loss of the ending of a relationship, while also revealing the beauty of moving on and finding one's true self.

While the album does touch on the end of her marriage to Dalton Gomez, it doesn't portray a vengeful point of view. Through the songs on the album, Grande shares the pain and sadness that she has endured but also shows the love and kindness that she also experienced.

The songs "Yes, and" and "Bye" are more upbeat and uplifting. The lyrics explain the feeling of healing and growing into oneself. Grande blends house-style music with coming-of-age pop with these songs.

The song "We Can't Be Friends (Wait For Your Love)" on the other hand shows the vulnerable and disheartened parts of accepting that friendship is not always possible when waiting for a romantic love. This song brings in R&B with a mix of pop.

Since Grande is going to be in the musical version of "Wicked," she features musical theater elements, notably in the song "Imperfect For You." Grande creates a great minor moment in this piece, which gives the sense of



imperfection. This song choice perfectly illustrates the point she is trying to get across.

"Eternal Sunshine" is different from most of Grande's past albums. It is a more theatrical album, marking the beginning of a new era for this female artist.

'Kung Fu Panda 4' satisfies fans

BY FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA
Entertainment Editor

"Kung Fu Panda 4" was released in theaters on March 8. The film received generally positive reviews from critics and has grossed \$202 million worldwide, making it the well-deserved sixth highest-grossing film of 2024.

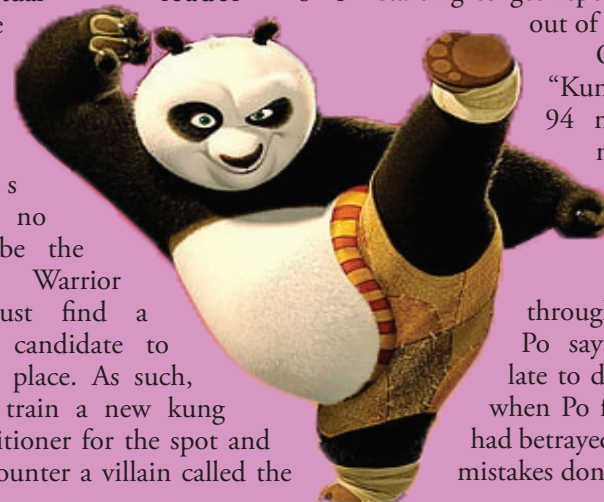
The story line consists of Po helping his adoptive father, Mr. Ping and biological father Li Shan, open their new restaurant as Master Shifu arrives to tell him that he must advance and become the spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace. This means Po can no longer be the Dragon Warrior and must find a suitable candidate to take his place. As such, he will train a new kung fu practitioner for the spot and will encounter a villain called the

Chameleon who conjures from the past, which is almost the same storyline as the previous movies which makes it repetitive.

This movie features well-known names that are perfect for their roles such as Jack Black as Po, Awkwafina as Zhen and Ke Huy Quan as Han.

"Kung Fu Panda 4" received 72 percent on the tomatometer and 86 percent audience score. Fans say this because, although this movie offers eye-catching entertainment to sustain their young audiences, the series is starting to get repetitive and running out of steam.

Overall, I think "Kung Fu Panda 4" is 94 minutes of action made for their young viewers and has a good message being emphasized throughout the story. As Po says, "it's never too late to do the right thing," when Po forgives Zhen who had betrayed him showing that mistakes don't define us forever.



Entertainment

'Sea of Thieves' to release on PS5, Switch

BY MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

"Sea of Thieves" is set to be released on the PlayStation 5 (PS5) and Nintendo Switch on April 30. The game, initially released March 20, 2018, has been exclusively available for Xbox customers.

The popular title features the player in first person as a pirate who can complete different voyages in an open-world multiplayer setting via a pirate ship. The game does not feature a narrative, but rather allows players to experience the game at their own pace.

On the PlayStation Store, "Sea of Thieves"



Source: PlayStation

"Sea of Thieves" offers an adventure setting and first person control.

has three editions available for purchase. The Standard Edition costs \$39.99, the Deluxe Edition costs \$49.99 and the Premium Edition costs \$59.99. The more expensive editions of the game offer various cosmetics and gold, the in-game currency, and the Premium Edition offers access to the title five days prior to its scheduled release date.

Cross-platform options will be available, and certain cosmetics will be made exclusive for PS5 and Switch or Xbox users.

Game developer Rare's announcement is coupled with publisher Microsoft Studio's decision to bring titles like HiFi-Rush, Pentiment and Grounded across gaming platforms as well.

New Beyoncé album proves to be an instant hit

BY SHANNON EBY
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Beyoncé released a new album titled "Act II: Cowboy Carter" on March 29, which is following previous album, "Act I: Renaissance." These albums are hits with fans all over the world.

This is a jam-packed album, with 27 tracks maxing out the 79-minute play capacity of CDs.

One of my favorite songs from the album is "Dolly Parton" because it is very relatable as it goes through Beyoncé's experience with being cheated on. Beyoncé covered Dolly Parton's hit song "Jolene," which has raised controversy over her remaking and changing its original meaning. This album has been in the

making for five years, even before she released "Renaissance" in 2022. She was inspired to make this album because of the racial hate she received at the 2016 Country Music Awards.

Beyoncé also revealed that one of the reasons she released this album is due to her roots of growing up in Texas, and her consequent listening and performing at the Houston rodeo.

"Cowboy Carter" has already been shattering records with its release on streaming platforms.

Spotify reps have said that the album has been the most-streamed album in a single day in 2024 so far. Beyoncé continues to please her fans by releasing hit albums and breaking records.



TikTok ban remains controversial in Congress

BY HAZEL BURO
School News Editor

On March 13, the bill to ban TikTok was passed by the House of Representatives in a 252-65 vote. This movement does not mean change is coming as the bill still has to go through a skeptical Senate. It remains unclear if the TikTok ban proposal has enough supporters to pass.

First off, the Senate reportedly has plans to make changes to the House bill before voting on passing the bill altogether. If changes are made, the bill will then have to go back to the House for approval. This lengthy process will significantly delay any possible ban.

The bill passed by the House states that the company that owns TikTok, ByteDance, must sell the app within six months of the ban or the U.S. government will ban TikTok. Some senators propose a change to the bill that will give ByteDance more time to find a buyer, as ByteDance argued that six months was too short of a time period. Other

suggested updates include changing the language to make it more difficult to challenge in court and expanding the bill to target other apps.

A handful of legislators are adamant that TikTok must be banned to protect both the U.S. government and American citizens' privacy.

Senators Richard Blumenthal and Marsha Blackburn jointly said, "As Congress and the administration consider steps to address TikTok's ties to the Chinese government, it is critically important that the American people, especially TikTok users, understand the national security issues at stake."

There are suspicions that ByteDance is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party and is using TikTok to spy on

Americans. These accusations have been denied with the company stating that their users' data is not shared with the Chinese government.

In addition to the ban's questionable level of support, there are several concerns about the legality and effectiveness of banning TikTok. The bill brings

concern about First Amendment violations. Both TikTok and its users would have their speech rights limited with the ban. In order for passage of the bill, the government will need to prove that the ban is critical to a government interest unrelated to speech and does not significantly infringe upon Americans' speech rights in order to withstand judicial review.

Others claim that the ban is not over concern about Chinese spies but an excuse to force ByteDance to sell the valuable app to American owners.



Science & Technology

Science behind an every day skincare routine

By ROXY CAUCHI
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A skincare routine is an important part of someone's day. With all of the different trends going around about which brand is the best or which products can reverse aging, it's important to know what goes into the skincare someone buys.

The science that goes into skincare products begins with understanding how different ingredients work and how that can help someone achieve healthy skin. For example, ingredients like retinol can help with cell turnover and collagen production which gives the "anti-aging" effect, while hyaluronic acid is excellent for hydration to achieve glowy and hydrated skin.

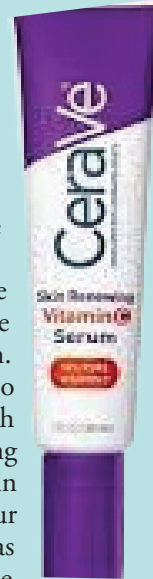
Another vital part of a routine is toner, which helps cleanse and reduce the appearance of pores. Toners without ingredients like alcohol or artificial fragrances

are best, because these ingredients can create dry skin. Natural ingredients such as aloe vera, witch hazel or tea tree oil are better for skin.

Many popular skincare brands rely on influencers to sell their products to their audience, however it is important to know your own problem areas in order to use the right products.

For instance, if you have more sensitive skin, you may want to use a more gentle product in order to avoid irritating your skin.

The pH level of skincare products is also crucial as skin has a slightly acidic pH, which is typically around 4.7-5.75. Maintaining this pH balance is essential for healthy skin function. A pH imbalance can disrupt your skin's barrier and lead to issues such as dryness, sensitivity, inflammation and acne



breakouts.

Antioxidants like Vitamin C and E, found in products such as CeraVe's vitamin serum, help protect the skin from irritation due to their ability to reduce dark spots, soothe inflammation and boost collagen production.

Sunscreen is a step in a skincare routine that many dermatologists consider the most important part, and the step you should never skip. Sunscreen plays a role in protecting the skin from ultraviolet rays from the sun, which can be damaging to skin and lead to sunburns or skin cancer.

Dermatologists recommend using sunscreens that protect from both UVA and UVB rays, as well as ones that are SPF 30 or higher.

Understanding how different products work and the ingredients that go into them is a crucial step in perfecting your everyday skincare routine.

Ammonia decomposition used to produce pure hydrogen

By GIA SCIMECA
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A research team at the Hydrogen Research Center of the Korea Institute of Energy Research (KIER) has developed a new clean hydrogen production technology involving ammonia gas decomposition without using fossil fuels.

The levels of pure hydrogen meet the standards for international standards for hydrogen powered vehicles. In the future, it's possible more companies might opt for a more sustainable and pure energy source instead of fossil fuels like gasoline.

Through using ammonia, which contains hydrogen and nitrogen, it does not emit any sort of carbon unlike petroleum

and gas, it releases carbon gasses into the atmosphere, rampantly furthering global warming. Ammonia also has 1.7 times the amount of hydrogen compared to liquified hydrogen, meaning it is a better method of obtaining.

The KIER team had used the leftover hydrogen and ammonia from previous decomposition reactions of ammonia.

The process for getting hydrogen is through decomposition, which is the chemical breakdown of a compound into two or more elements. This process involves heating up the ammonia at around 600 degrees Celsius or 1112 degrees Fahrenheit using the element Ruthenium.

A gas mixture of hydrogen and nitrogen is formed and can be used as a heat source for ammonia decomposition, but the remaining gas alone cannot give enough heat in order to cause a reaction, meaning extra heat needs to be added.



Countries all over the world have been working on reducing carbon emissions through producing pure hydrogen.

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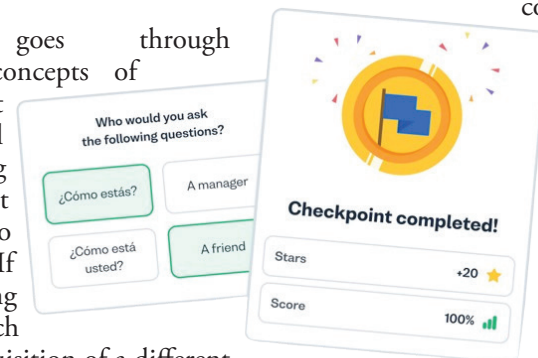
By SIASIA BEAN
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If you're looking to learn a new language or improve your existing skills, Busuu is the perfect app for you.

Busuu goes through fundamental concepts of your target language as well as providing different categories to start with. If you are learning languages which require the acquisition of a different alphabet, such as Arabic or Russian, there is an alphabet course you can take prior to starting the main one. Courses begin with introductory vocabulary and grammar concepts accompanied by visualizations and video content. The curriculum gets progressively more advanced by building on earlier lessons, and the option to retake lessons is always available.

In addition, Busuu provides flashcards and a community section not offered by other platforms. The app lets users submit recordings or writings in their target language for native speakers to review and correct. This is helpful of certain language difficult to pick up without speakers.

Busuu is free but advertises premium features. Ads only appear occasionally and are always triggered manually. This is notable since many apps allow pop-up advertisements and other annoyances to disrupt the user experience. Busuu does not employ these tactics. Given the neat user interface, non-intrusive advertising, and outstanding educational features, I would rate Busuu a 10/10.



Science & Technology

What's in your food?: Taco Bell Crunchwrap Supreme

By BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
World News Editor

Taco Bell's Crunchwrap Supreme: many consider it the best tasting item on their menu, something supported by the fact it has been the most ordered meal following its introduction in 2005.

Its popularity has to be attributed to a sole factor - its ingredients and taste. What makes the Crunchwrap Supreme so popular, and is it really all that good for you?

To start off, there are 540 calories in your average Crunchwrap Supreme. Accompanied with the decent calorie count is a decent amount of fat, sodium, carbohydrates and protein. It contains 21 grams of fat, 1210 milligrams of sodium, 73 grams of carbohydrates and 15 grams of protein.

The main concern when it comes to its nutritional value of the Crunchwrap Supreme is its very high

sodium content, as the daily recommended is no more than 2,300 mg of sodium a day according to the FDA. Eating one Crunchwrap Supreme already puts you halfway to your recommended intake.

The ingredients of the Crunchwrap Supreme consist primarily of beef, nacho cheese sauce, lettuce, tomatoes and a tostada shell. They contain much more than just that, as among those ingredients are also a



number additives and preservatives including calcium propionate, monosodium glutamate and artificial colors.

Calcium propionate and monosodium glutamate can cause symptoms such as irritability, restlessness, headaches and flushing in sensitive individuals, and artificial colors are believed to have possible adverse effects on children's behavior, though evidence for that claim isn't conclusive.

In summary, there isn't anything particularly concerning in Taco Bell's Crunchwrap Supreme apart from its high sodium content, meaning that just as long as it is eaten in moderation, everyone can continue to enjoy this Taco Bell favorite.

Drexel researchers test self-heated concrete

By MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

Researchers in Drexel University's College of Engineering have been working on producing a self-heating concrete mixture for over five years, and have recently published the data collected. They aim to create a mixture that can maintain a temperature above freezing, especially during the winter months.

The researchers hope to maintain the temperature of the concrete to help alleviate winter weather expenses for plows, salt and snow blowers. It can also help melt ice to improve traffic safety

"Our work is looking at how we can incorporate special materials in the concrete that help it to maintain a higher surface temperature," leading civil engineer professor Amir Yaghoob Farnam said.

The main component of the concrete

prototype is a lower temperature, liquid form of paraffin. Paraffin is a material that releases heat when decreasing temperatures change its state from a liquid to a solid.

The researchers have created two different mixtures involving paraffin. The first involves treating a light and porous concrete aggregate with the paraffin, while the second involves inserting the paraffin into the concrete via microcapsules.

Since December 2021, the researchers have monitored three different slabs of varying concrete mixtures outdoors. Two slabs are composed of the mixtures, while the third is a typical concrete slab being used as a control group.

Data collected shows the first slab being able to maintain a surface temperature above freezing for 10 hours and melt about 2.5 inches of snow. The second can only maintain its temperature for half that time.

"Our work is looking at how we can incorporate special materials in the concrete that help it to maintain a higher surface temperature"

-Amir Farnam

First paralyzed human receives Neuralink Chip

By BOBBY RUSSO
Science & Technology Editor

It's been about two months since paralyzed 29-year-old Noland Arbaugh underwent a historical surgery procedure to implant a chip in his brain. It was produced and made by Elon Musk's company Neuralink.

The chip is called the Neuralink brain-computer interface or BCI. According to the company's website, it allows people to control a computer or a mobile device wirelessly or just by "thinking about it."

Arbaugh has shared his experience of being able to control activities, such as playing one of his favorite video games, "Civilization 6," for eight hours straight.

"I had given up on playing that game," Arbaugh said, "I just couldn't play it as much as I wanted to, and

you [NeuroLink] gave me that ability again."

He has been paralyzed from the shoulders down for the past eight years after falling victim to a "freak" accident and hasn't been able to do activities he loves, such as playing chess.

"Now it's all being done with my brain. You can see the cursor moving around the screen; that's all me," Arbaugh said.

Arbaugh is the first person to use this technology. He stated that the surgery was "super easy" and was released from the

hospital a day later. However, he has also said that the technology hasn't been perfect and that he has run into some issues.

Musk's goal with this chip is to allow paralyzed people to control their thoughts and abilities on a computer.



Sports

Caitlin Clark creates movement for women's sports

BY HAZEL BURO
School News Editor

Historically, the enthusiasm towards women's sports has been significantly lower than that of men's sports. Over the last decade, there have been increases in popularity but nothing like the advancements seen this basketball season.

Iowa's Caitlin Clark brought an overwhelming amount of attention to women's college basketball when she beat the record for the most points scored in a season for both men's and women's collegiate basketball. This accomplishment drew many eyes to not just Iowa's team but women's basketball as a whole.

"Caitlin Clark in particular has managed to capture the interest and keep it because she's a generational player who is playing the game unlike any other woman that we have seen because of the logo threes," Cindy Brunson, who has been covering

women's basketball for years said. "We've really only seen that in basketball from Steph Curry consistently, and no one has done it in the women's game to this point."

According to Forbes, women's basketball viewership has gone up 60% across major networks since Clark's new found fame. LSU vs. Iowa's championship game last year set records with a peak of 12.6 million viewers. Additionally, 3.39 million viewers, the most viewers a regular season game has seen in 25 years, tuned in to watch Clark take the title as the NCAA Division I's top scorer for both men and women.

Not only have TV views skyrocketed, ticket sales have also

increased significantly. For the first time ever, Iowa's season tickets sold out. Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena seats 15,056 people. The Big 10 women's basketball tournament also sold out for the first time. Two weeks before the tournament started, all 109,000 tickets were gone. As of March 18, six times more women's tickets were sold than men's for the Final Four games.

With this increase in demand, the price of women's basketball tickets has also increased. Women's NCAA tournament tickets are over double the price of men's tickets. Some of the tickets to watch Clark break the scoring record exceeded prices of Super Bowl tickets, with prices going up to \$51,387 on Stubhub.

"I think we're only continuing to show what women are capable of — that we can have amazing sports, that we can entertain, that we can have the viewership, that we can have the support," Brunson said.



NBA playoffs set for April 20

BY MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

The NBA playoffs will begin April 20 following the Play-in Tournament, which concludes April 19. The Boston Celtics hold the top seed in the Eastern Conference, and the Oklahoma City Thunder are No. 1 in the Western Conference.

The Play-in Tournament began April 16, with each conference allotting three games to determine the seventh and eighth seeded teams. The eighth seeds will play the Celtics and Thunder, while the seventh seeds will play the two seeds in the New York Knicks and defending champion Denver Nuggets.

In the East, the No. 9 Chicago Bulls eliminated the No. 10 Atlanta Hawks to compete for the eighth seed with the defending Eastern Conference champion Miami Heat, who lost 105-104 to 2023 MVP Joel Embiid and the No. 7 Philadelphia 76ers. The 76ers will play the Knicks.

In the West, the No. 9 Sacramento

Kings defeated the 10th seeded Golden State Warriors to play the New Orleans Pelicans, who lost to the In-Season Tournament winning Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers earned the seven seed and will play the Nuggets.

The rest of the Eastern Conference has the third seed Milwaukee Bucks competing against the No. 6 Indiana Pacers and the No. 4 Cleveland Cavaliers hosting the fifth seed Orlando Magic.

The Bucks look to make a deep run with new head coach Doc Rivers, while the Pacers and Magic seek their first series victories since 2014 and 2010 respectively.

The Western Conference finishes with the No. 3 Minnesota Timberwolves playing the No. 6 Phoenix Suns and the No. 4 Los Angeles Clippers matching up with MVP candidate Luka Donic and the No. 5 Dallas Mavericks.

The Clippers have uncertainty surrounding the injury to leading scorer Kawhi Leonard as they, the Suns and the Timberwolves look to deliver their organizations' first championship.

Article was last updated on April 18.

MLB season begins with controversy, injuries

BY BOBBY RUSSO
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The Major League Baseball season started on March 20 in Seoul, Korea, where the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Diego Padres split a two-game series. During that series, hefty controversy appeared for the Dodgers, involving newly signed superstar Shohei Ohtani whose interpreter, Ippei Mizuhara, was dismissed by the team. Allegations suggest that Mizuhara stole approximately \$16 million and transferred the money to a bookmaking corporation for betting purposes. An ongoing investigation is underway, but MLB has not yet reached on the repercussions of these actions.

For the remaining 28 teams, the season kicked off on March 28. Since Opening day, several teams have made strong starts, notably the New York Yankees, who with their "World Series mindset," swept a four-game series from the Houston Astros to begin their campaign. Meanwhile in the National

League East, the Atlanta Braves, aiming for another shot at the World Series, took two of three from the Phillies and recently completed a sweep against the defending NL champions, the Arizona Diamondbacks.

One division to keep an eye out for this year is the American League Central. With four of the five teams having a genuine chance at clinching the division or securing a Wild Card spot, expect plenty of changes atop the division.

The 162-game season has already started with multiple injuries to standout players. Braves pitcher Spencer Strider is on the Injured List with elbow ligament damage, which will likely lead to Tommy John surgery. Similarly, Marlins pitchers Eury Perez and Sandy Alcantara are both going under TJ surgery. Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander is calling this a "pandemic" of injuries, attributing the newly implemented times for the pitch clock as a potential leading cause of pitchers' injuries.

Sports

Boys, girls track dominate Scranton Prep

Boys Track Results:

Delaware Valley: 102

Scranton Prep: 47

3200 M Relay: Nixon Kameen, Ben Bailor, Bobby Russo and Dan O'Keefe (1st)
110 Hurdles: Charlie McClain (1st)
100 M: David Choi (1st)
1600 M: Michael Donlon (2nd)
400 M: Jack Goginsky (1st)
300 Hurdles: Logan Murray (1st)
800 M: Dan O'Keefe (1st)
200 M: Jack Goginsky (1st)
3200 M: Nixon Kameen (1st)
4 x 400 Relay: Logan Olsommer, Jack Goginsky, Bobby Russo and Dan O'Keefe (1st)

Shot Put: Pasquale Venetucci (2nd)

Discus Throw: Tyler Bird (2nd)

Javelin Throw: Tyler Bird (2nd)

Long Jump: Sam Edsall (1st)

Triple Jump: Logan Olsommer (1st)

High Jump: Logan Olsommer (1st)

Pole Vault: David Choi (1st)

Girls Track Results:

Delaware Valley: 130

Scranton Prep: 16

3200 M Relay: Kim Smyser, Ava O'Grady, Laila De Freese and Anna Vogel (1st)
110 Hurdles: Emma Simmons (1st)
100 M: Liliana Coe (1st)
1600 M: Lily Stoveken (1st)

4 x 100 M: Alivia Wieder, Emma Simmons,

Kayla Sykes and Liliana Coe (1st)

400 M: Teizu Jones (1st)

300 Hurdles: Emma Simmons (2nd)

800 M: Lily Stoveken (1st)

200 M: Frannie Russo (1st)

3200 M: Anna Vogel (1st)

4 x 400 Relay: Ava O'Grady, Victoria Depew, Emma Allen and Ava Troup (1st)

Shot Put: Rainna Carr (1st)

Discus Throw: Rainna Carr (1st)

Javelin Throw: Kayla Sykes (1st)

Long Jump: Nicole Musselwhite (1st)

Triple Jump: Fiona Ring (1st)

High Jump: Nicole Musselwhite (1st)

Pole Vault: Liliana Coe (1st)

Compiled by Etain Starr

Unified track wins first place at season opener

By MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

DV hosted their second home unified track meet on April 10, against Honesdale and North Pocono's unified track teams. The Warriors competed in several events and came out in first place. All participants competed in at least one track event and one field event. DV came out on top with 185.82 points, North Pocono finished with 104 points, and Honesdale with 112.5.

"We are all super excited for this

season," assistant coach Hailey Vogel said. "Our athletes have been training hard to prepare for our first meet, which showed in our performance yesterday afternoon with our defeat over North Pocono and Honesdale."

The teams competed in javelin, shot put, long jump, 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter dash, 4x100 meter relays and 4x400 meter relays.



Senior Nikos Burks

This year's team consists of athletes Nikos Burks, Sadie Fuchs, Cole Miller, Neamiyah Gilmore, Shirley Owings-Norman, Madeline Oyer, Gabe Peruso, Emily Ryerson, Payton Yakupcin, Lydia Lumpkin, Jackson Miller, Ryan Stoll, Lin Sophia Zapata, Zoey Schaal, Michael McKeeby, Mickey Colgan and Maya Susman.

Spotlight Athletes Girls Track



Liliana Coe, JUNIOR

"Liliana has been our top sprinter, vaulter and has become one of the top triple jumpers in the league."
-Head coach Nicholas Quaglia

Boys Track



Tyler Bird, SENIOR

"Tyler has been our top javelin thrower for three seasons and has added the discus to his list of events. He is off to a solid start this season."
-Head coach Nicholas Quaglia

Collegiate Update: Trevor Johnson

By KAYLA SYKES
Sports Co-Editor

2023 graduate Trevor Johnson is a member of the Arcadia men's volleyball team. The Division III team is currently 16-11 and have gone on a three-game winning streak. Johnson has started seven of the 20 games he has played in. In the outside hitter position, he has earned 73 points, 63 kills, 31 digs and seven aces.

What is the difference from high school volleyball to college volleyball?

The biggest difference is the amount of games on the schedule, going from 15 in high school to 30 in college.

What are your favorite aspects of collegiate volleyball?

Traveling much further for away games than previously before, having team training sessions, team meals and being on campus to train with my teammates anytime.

What is your daily schedule like?

My daily schedule is usually two classes a day followed by a team lift, then practice.



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What advice do you have for future college athletes?

My advice for future collegiate athletes would be to do an overnight visit at the school and ask the athletes at that school what their thoughts are about the school.

What has been your favorite part of your college experience so far?

My favorite part has been making new friends and going out on weekends.

What are your goals for the rest of the season?

To finish the regular season undefeated and go to the MAC championship.

Sports

DV surges past North Pocono 9-3

By **BOBBY RUSSO**

Science & Technology Editor

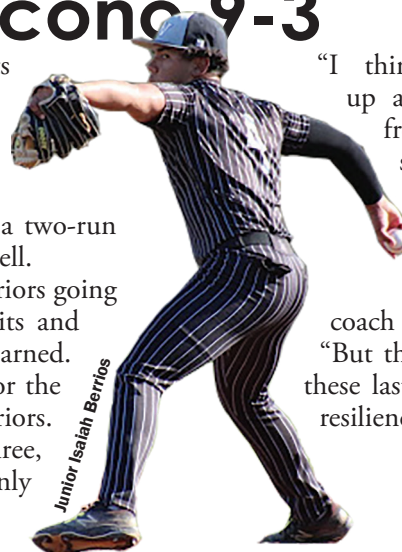
On April 15, the baseball team defeated the Trojans for their first home win of the year. Juniors Isaiah Berrios and Frankie Pedone pitched for the Warriors. Both of them held the Trojans to three runs on seven hits.

The Trojans got out in front early, scoring three runs in the first two innings. In the fifth, the Warrior offense exploded for a five-run fifth inning and expanded the lead in the sixth by scoring four more runs to extend their lead.

Berrios tacked on two hits and three RBIs against the Trojans as he went 2 for 4, senior Keaton Phillips had an RBI hit he went 1 for 4 and sophomore Liam Onofry had a two-run RBI single he went 1 for 4 as well.

Berrios started for the Warriors going four innings giving up two hits and three runs, two of which were earned.

Pedone took the mound for the last three innings for the Warriors. He ended up striking out three, giving up four hits and only walking one.



Junior Isaiah Berrios

"I think we've cleaned up a lot of the issues from early on. We're starting to get good pitching, hitting the ball well and our defense has improved," head coach Mike Murray said. "But the best thing about these last few games is our resilience."

Boys tennis sweeps Dunmore 5-0

By **OLIVIA VAN TASSELL**

Community News Co-Editor

The boys tennis team beat Dunmore 5-0 on April 5.

The team did not leave a single set to steal across the board.

Playing in the No. 1 singles spot was junior Alex Mullen who won 6-3, 6-1. Senior Alex Corcoran, who plays the No. 2 singles spot, defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 singles player senior Micheal Richards won 6-0, 6-0.

The No. 1 doubles team includes seniors Christian Perunsky and Ty Bates

defeated their opponents 6-1, 6-2, while the No. 2 doubles team, consisting of junior Owen Carso and freshman Nat Carso, won 6-1, 6-1.

Head coach Kevin Quinn said that for the team to improve to another level they need to continue to reduce free points, double faults and unforced errors.

This match concluded their home games, and they celebrated their senior night.

"We're in the position to go for a run in the playoffs," coach Quinn said. "We're very strong top to bottom and in the reserves."



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

Senior Alex Corcoran gears up for his serve against an opposing Dunmore player.

Softball suffers loss to Trojans 11-0

By **CASSANDRA JOYCE**

Editor in Chief

The softball team was defeated by the North Pocono Trojans with a score of 11-0 on April 15, bringing their record to 3-4.

Freshman Holly Olcott pitched one inning for the Warriors, giving up one hit and an unearned run. Freshman Emily Sullivan pitched the remaining six innings, giving up 16 hits and nine earned runs.

Olcott had the only two hits for the Warriors, going 2 for 3 during her time at the plate. The Warriors walked six



Junior Lauren Donnelly

times.

The team had bases loaded with no outs in the bottom of the third inning but were unable to capitalize on their opportunity when down 3-0. The Trojans were scoreless through the third and fourth innings but scored three runs in both the fifth and sixth innings and added another two in the top of the seventh.

"We competed against a really good team for five innings," head coach Frank Jordan said. "We wore down towards the end."

According to coach Jordan, the team had the most success in the field.

"Defensively, we made some really good plays that kept us in the game," coach Jordan said. "Nice plays were made by Lauren Donnelly, Ava Capeci and Dakota Jordan."

According to coach Jordan, the goal for the rest of the season is to continue to improve upon defense, confidence and consistency.

"We need to improve our confidence and energy level," coach Jordan said. "We have limited big innings by the other team. We are growing in small steps."

Spotlight Athletes Baseball



Liam Onofry, **SOPHOMORE**

"He has been playing great defensively and has been hitting the ball well."

- Head coach Mike Murray

Tennis



Christian Perunsky, **SENIOR**

"We don't need to ask him to lead. He's very flexible, plays doubles and singles."

- Head coach Kevin Quinn

Softball



Avery Calvario, **SENIOR**

"She's a senior shortstop who has been starting since freshman year. She is a solid all-around player."

- Head coach Frank Jordan

Sports

Volleyball falls to state-ranked team

By KAT QUINN
Sports Editor

On April 12, the volleyball team played an intense game against Exeter Township, a state-ranked team. Although ending with a loss, each set ended with a close score, the third set concluding at 30-32. The team's record is now 5-3.

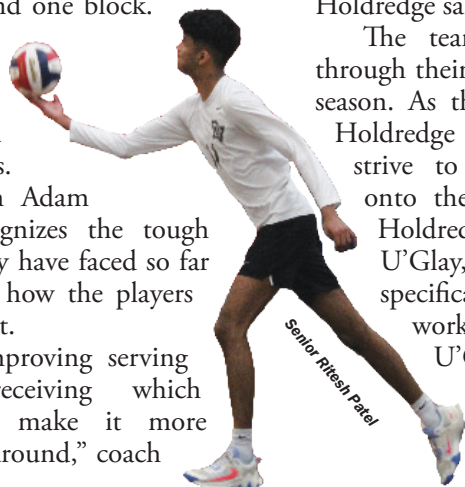
Against Exeter, senior Chris U'Glav and junior Gino Gualandi gained 14 and six kills respectively. In the back row, seniors Karter Peereboom, Sam Yost and U'Glav each had five digs, Gualandi had seven. Senior Tommy Parker had seven

service points and one block.

By setting up each attack, senior Aidan Papula gained a total of 21 assists.

Head coach Adam Holdredge recognizes the tough competition they have faced so far this season and how the players have dealt with it.

"We are improving serving and serve receiving which is starting to make it more competitive all around," coach



Holdredge said.

The team is just about halfway through their season, excluding the post-season. As the season progresses, coach Holdredge and the team as a whole strive to win Districts and move onto the state tournament. Coach Holdredge also notes that seniors U'Glav, Yost and Peereboom have specifically stood out for their hard work this season. He relies on U'Glav at the net to end each play and counts on Yost and Peereboom to defend in the back row.

Warriors fight through loss to Wyoming Sem

By KAYLA SYKES
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The girls lacrosse team lost to Wyoming Seminary 19-5 on April 9.

Junior Carrigan McCormack led DV in scoring with two goals. Junior Ava Krazewski, senior Maya Jean-Francois and freshman Ryhanne Rettinger each added a goal. Sophomore goalie Jaida Palacios had three saves.

Head coach Bernadine Salak

believes the team played and fought through the entire game despite the score difference and the hot weather.

"We didn't quit," coach Salak said. "The girls battled the entire game."

However, she credits Sem for their fast-paced skills and their transition play from offense to defense. With their talented midfield, they played a strong and physical game.

The team adjusted their defense in an attempt to stop Sem's one-v-one drive. The Warriors also worked



to score with a settled offense instead of fast breaks. According to coach Salak, the younger players also stepped up and got really good experience.

Coach Salak plans to keep building on one-on-one defensive stops and the team's chemistry.

"We just keep building that chemistry when it comes to playing together all on the same page and speed," coach Salak said.

The team takes on Scranton Prep and Liberty High School away this week on Wednesday and Friday, respectively.

Boys remain undefeated with 9-0 record

By TOPHER DELLA BELLA
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The boys lacrosse team dominated Wyoming Seminary 19-4 on April 12, at home. This victory adds one more win to the boys undefeated record making them 7-0.

"We're having a lot of success this season," head coach Jeff Krasulski said. "Any time you're 7-0, that's always a great thing."

Coach Krasulski believes that their offense is executing well when it comes to scoring. Juniors Peyton LaRocco and Noah Rabolli each had four goals.

LaRocco also broke the school record for assists and goals in a career. Senior Owen Kelly, juniors Bryson Mackey, Jaxon Barbalich and sophomore Mikey Iuzzolino all scored two goals for the warriors.

Junior goalie Keegan Heath had five saves. This win was a very offensive game for the Warriors as they were barely on defense throughout the game.

Senior Justin Kalitsnik won 17 out of his 19 faceoffs. Coach Krasulski credits Kalitsnik as he has

been a valuable player for the team this season.

"It really starts with Justin setting the tone at faceoffs," coach Krasulski said. "He was a big difference maker for us in this game." Kalitsnik had one goal in the game against Wyoming Seminary. Mackey also stepped in at faceoff winning all six faceoffs.

The team's defense was on point, stopping Wyoming Seminary nearly every time they got the ball.

Their next game is at Lake Lehman High School on April 22.



Spotlight Athletes Volleyball



Chris U'Glav, SENIOR

"We heavily rely on Chris. He has done a really good job on being more efficient this year."
- Head coach Adam Holdredge

Girls Lacrosse



Maddie Gifford, SENIOR

"She's really been working on trying to lead our defense and be a vocal leader on the field."
- Head coach Bernadine Salak

Boys Lacrosse



Peyton LaRocco, JUNIOR

"Peyton set school records for both assists and scoring."
- Head coach Jeff Krasulski