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Two seniors named Scholastic Superstars by Scranton Times-Tribune

By HAZEL BURO
School News Editor

Seniors Mackenzie Donald and Cassandra Joyce were recognized as Scholastic Superstars for their outstanding efforts inside and outside the classroom. The Scranton Times-Tribune awarded 25 students in the Northeastern PA area with the title on May 9.

Both Donald and Joyce are among the top 10% of their graduating class and are heavily involved in various extracurricular activities. Donald is the PA FBLA State President, as well as a member of National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Historians and more. Joyce is Editor-in-Chief of the Del.Aware,

Student Council president, FBLA officer and is involved in several other extracurricular activities.

Next fall, Joyce will be attending Northeastern University, and Donald will be attending Lehigh University.

Physics teacher Mr. Steve Rhule and her mom have been huge inspirations for Donald.

"I've had him [Mr. Rhule] five times over the past three years, and he's always really supportive," Donald said. "He really just wants to see us

succeed no matter what."

Joyce highlights journalism teacher Mrs. Leslie Lordi and her dad, who have both been instrumental in her academic career.

"My dad has gone through a lot and is always encouraging," Joyce said. "He always knows how to make things more positive."

In addition to their parents and teachers, Joyce and Donald also find support in each other. The two balance their friendship with "healthy academic competition," as well as making time to relax and be teenagers.

"We help each other and really push each other to be better, but we still always have fun together outside of school," Donald said.



Special Olympics unites community, provides day of fun

By CASSANDRA JOYCE
Editor in Chief



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware



The 15th annual Special Olympics was held on May 9, providing an opportunity for those with special needs to compete in a variety of track and field events.

Two hundred eighteen participants from Delaware Valley, Wallenpaupack, North Pocono, Western Wayne and Wayne Highlands, as well as adults from Devereaux and PCDC's day programs, attended to compete.

Special Olympics was made possible by people from all over the community. Local businesses donated food for lunch, 25 vendors were part of the resource fair, the Westfall ambulance crew was available in case of injury and a variety of teachers and students volunteered.

"Special Olympics is the best day of the year," Supervisor of Special Education Mrs. Cheryl Nielsen said. "It brings genuine joy and happiness to all involved. You can see it in the smiles on everyone's face."

According to multiple volunteers, the day is extremely rewarding in seeing the athletes' pure excitement.

"I've volunteered at the Special Olympics for the past four years, and the organization has truly made an impact on my life," senior Mackenzie Donald said. "I think there's something really special about this organization's ability to bring people together for a good cause."

School News

Student Council hosts first movie night on new scoreboard

BY MICHAEL ELARO
World News Co-Editor

Student Council hosted its first movie night on the new scoreboard on May 28 at 7 p.m., showing “High School Musical.” Tickets cost \$2 and came with a complimentary bag of popcorn.

While not open to the general public, all high school students were welcome to attend.

There was a concession stand that sold chips, ice pops, candy, chocolate bars, sodas, water and popcorn donated from Flagship Cinemas. Depending on the popularity of this movie night, Student Council may host movies more regularly next year.

Student Council president Cassandra Joyce and secretary Bennett Nielsen played a vital role in making this event happen. They reached out to high school principal Mr.

Lou DeLauro and athletic director Mr. Sean Giblin to verify it was possible to run a movie and to check the stadium availability.

“Hopefully this becomes an annual event, we’ll try it out and make adaptations,” Student Council adviser Mrs. Crystal Wummer said.

S t u d e n t
Council may explore other possibilities beyond movie nights to use the scoreboard for.

“My hope in the future for next year is to use it for more than just playing movies,” Nielsen said.



Michael Elaro/Del.Aware

Music students offered spectacular opportunity

BY MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

The music department was invited to take a trip to New York City on May 23 to watch an open rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic. In total, 18 students attended the trip. Senior music student Eunice Choi was very happy about this opportunity.

“I am definitely excited,” Choi said. “Seeing the New York Philharmonic in person is going to be amazing, and I can’t wait to hear them and see how they play together.” Choi said.

The New York Philharmonic, also known as The New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, is a symphony

orchestra based in New York. This group is considered one of the five most important orchestras in the United States and is considered one of the “Big Five.”

The following students, freshmen Eric Choi, Claire Choi, David Agron,



Contributed Photo

Music students and teachers attended the New York Philharmonic on May 23 at David Geffen Hall.

Inessa Martin, Ellinore Capila-Padiz, Jasmine Bean, Sam Carozzi, Logan Woodward, Ellinore Capila-Padiz, Brendan Baird, Meghan Haggerty, sophomores Jackson Hancock and Dominick Agron, juniors Nico Carozzi, Everett Zellmer, Caden McGooley, and seniors Shaeleigh O’Leary, Olivia Choi and Eunice Choi all attended the trip.

Students participate in state Envirothon

BY MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

The Environmental Club participated in the 2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon on May 22. They traveled to Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania for the event.

The competition featured a participating group from the 66 other Pennsylvania counties and included six different sections of competition. These sections included aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, an oral component and a current issue. The descriptions and other relevant information regarding each stage are available on the Pennsylvania Envirothon website.

The current issue for this competition was renewable energy for a sustainable future. At each competition, there is a unique current issue presented which the participating groups have to work together and examine various aspects of the issue.

Delaware Valley was represented by four students: senior Caroline Curtin, junior Siasia Bean, sophomore Jackson Hancock and freshman Logan Clarke. Hancock served as the team captain.

The students participated in the event through an exhibition. Their fifth member was unable to attend the event, meaning that the participants weren’t able to place at the Envirothon, leading to them participating via exhibition.

“We had a great day competing,” adviser Miss Bernadine Salak said. “We weren’t able to place, but it was a great experience.”

In order to advance to the state competition, the group had to win on the local level. They defeated 11 other teams en route to placing 1st at the Pike County competition, enabling their advance to the state Envirothon.

North East High School from Erie County earned first place at the 40th annual competition.

School News

Culinary students host OAC dinner

By MICHAEL ELARO
World News Co-Editor

The annual OAC, Occupational Advisory Committee, dinner was hosted by the culinary CTE program on May 22 in the Warrior Cafe. During this annual dinner, each CTE adviser proposes ideas for how their grant money should be spent. Once proposed, it is up to administrators to decide how to split up the grant money.

"The culinary students stepped up to the plate and did a phenomenal job," Chef Alex Niosi said. "They pretty much ran the entire dinner by themselves."



Chef Alex Niosi assisted senior Brogan Mapes in cooking asparagus for the entrees.



Seniors Morgan Ewicka and Liam Leonawicz broke up the fresh baked shokupan (Japanese milk bread rolls) for the tables.



Senior Jackson Romer seared the flank steaks to use in the panang neua (Thai beef curry).

The culinary CTE students decided to have an East Asian theme and menu for the OAC dinner.



Junior Peiper Sivo covered the pork belly used in the gua bao (pork belly steamed bun) with foil.

Two high school OM teams compete at World Finals

By ROXY CAUCHI
School News Co-Editor

Two high school OM teams went to the World Finals Competition held at Iowa State University from May 20-25.

While at the competition, both teams took part in activities like pin trading, the creativity festival and the international festival. They got to speak with people from different countries such as Poland, Japan, South Korea and China.

The structure team, coached by Terry Balton, won second place. Their structure held a total of 1210 lbs. The team includes sophomores Connor Giblin and Angie Barcia as well as seniors Karter



Contributed Photo

The high school structure team was awarded second place at World Finals, with their structure holding 1210 lbs.

Peereboom, Ben Bailor, Christa Cirello, Abby Zimmerman and Emma Allen. They were given a score of 95.28/100 for their skit, a 50/50 for style and a 55.94/100 for spontaneous.

The performance team, coached by Joseph Ziolkowski, won tenth place. The team includes sophomore Bailey Ryan, juniors Brooke Natter, Addie Domanico and Matthew Schweitzer and seniors Roxann Cauchi, Nick Colavito and Olivia Rowehl. They scored a 163.18/200 for their skit, a 41.01/50 for style and a 74.80/100 for spontaneous.

Inquiring Photographer

"WHICH SENIOR ARE YOU GOING TO MISS THE MOST?"

COMPILED BY KAT QUINN



"Kyle Chabak"
Max Parker and Jacob Brink
Class of 2027



"Gia Ciardullo"
Cara Churchill
Class of 2025



"Audri Smith"
Ella Smith
Class of 2026



"Shea Hughes"
Bella Bixby
Class of 2025



"Ethan Ford"
Christina Devine
Class of 2026



"Tyler Bird"
Lucas Petersheim and Chase Ruzanski
Class of 2027

Opinions

Fuel for your body costs nearly two times as much as the fuel for your vehicle

By EMMA CIANCIO
Opinions Editor

Eating healthy does not consist of counting every calorie you put into your body. It consists of rewarding your body with nutritious foods that turn vitamins and minerals into fuel for your body. But what happens when 3 million people cannot afford to fuel their bodies with the nutrients it needs?

In today's day and age, social media is a huge part of many people's lives. On platforms like TikTok, Instagram and Pinterest, users can find a plethora of healthy recipes. These recipes can provide alternatives to some not-so-healthy snacks. These alternatives seem worthwhile until you read the ingredients.

The majority of alternatives include ingredients like almond flour, organic eggs and milk substitutes. A five-pound bag of normal flour costs about \$5, while almond flour can cost as much as \$15.99 for a three-pound bag. While these substitutions are healthier for the body, they are not cost-effective. Eating healthy has become a trend, a trend so hard to follow that it leaves 3 million people unable to nourish their bodies.

Now, let's talk about fast food. Dunkin Donuts is one of the many fast food places students find themselves at before and after school due to the fact that it is convenient and close.

A medium coffee with non-sugar-free syrup and cream is \$3.99. Now add Oatmilk and one pump of a sugar-free syrup and

that \$3.99 coffee order, just became a \$5.10 order.

Like many, I find myself grabbing breakfast if I swing by Dunkin' Donuts in the morning. As someone with a gluten intolerance, I do not have the luxury of being able to eat everything on the Dunkin' Donuts menu. The one thing I find myself able to enjoy is the egg bites, which cost \$6. To be put into perspective, egg bites come in a pack of two and are about the size of a munchkin. The blame does not need to be put entirely on fast food chains and social media. Since 2020, inflation rates have gone up tremendously and so has the overall obesity rate in our country. This further proves my point that 3 million people struggle each year to find affordability when shopping for healthier foods.

The days of going in and out of food stores within minutes are over. Shoppers now have to analyze prices to see what is more cost-efficient for them. I can almost guarantee that items containing healthier alternatives do not make it to the cart. Take this from someone who works at a grocery store. The main thing customers say in conversation is how expensive their groceries are and how they wish they were only coming in for fewer items so they would not break the bank as much.

Let's be real: Why is the price of a four-for-four at Wendy's the same as a head of cauliflower?

OUR OPINION

Celebrity Worship Syndrome proves problematic

People all over the world have different opinions regarding celebrities. Many people are indifferent towards them, seeing celebrities as irrelevant in the scope of their own lives. However, there is a very small problematic group of people who perhaps like celebrities a little too much.

People who are obsessed with celebrities to such a degree are believed to have Celebrity Worship Syndrome (CWS) and is defined as an obsessive-addictive disorder where someone becomes hyper focused on a celebrity or multiple celebrities.

Though it isn't a clinically recognized condition in the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, tons of research has been put into it by organizations such as the National Institutes of Health.

The disorder itself doesn't have a direct cause but researchers have concluded many pre-existing mental health conditions can open a door to developing it. These include psychoticism, low self-esteem, addictive disorders, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorders.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with being a big fan of your favorite celebrity, but once

it gets to the point where it takes over all aspects of your life, it will be nothing but harmful to you.

A popular but controversial group of fans who are believed to have CWS are Taylor Swift fans, particularly those who call themselves "Swifties."

Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with Swift or her music. "Swifties," on the other hand, are often seen attacking other people online who display even the slightest shred of dislike for Swift for her music and support her in a cult-like manner, even weirdly referring to her as "mother."

Because of that behavior, artists like Swift start getting the stigma that they promote their fans to act in such a disgraceful and rude manner.

Behavior like that does not only affect the artists though as people who are obsessed over a person who plays little to no role in their lives can lead to them forgetting who the people who really matter in their lives are.

Once it starts affecting your mental health and those around you, that's when you need to evaluate if an obsession to that degree is really worth having.

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Opinions

Modern government has become joke

BY GIA SCIMECA
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While I may not be able to vote until the 2028 election, with the candidates we have running for president, I still would not vote even if I could.

Politics in this country has turned into voting for post-retirement aged men who are in opposing parties, which apparently means that we should believe them to hold different values; most of the time this isn't the case.

Age limits young and old should be enforced for presidential candidates, which should coincide with the retirement age of the country. In no way should a candidate above the age of 70 be the nation's president.

There has been a rise of politicians completely new to the field, such as former president Donald Trump. Even though it's okay for non-politicians to run, I don't think that they have enough knowledge relating to politics. It almost feels like a Dunning-Kruger effect, in which people with limited knowledge of a topic, in this case politics, overestimate their capabilities and think that because they can run a business, that means they can also run a country.

Politicians in general are not considerate of the true needs of citizens but seem to be concerned with fulfilling their political agenda. This does not pinpoint one part, but the whole system. They seek to gain money and power out of it, at the expense of American lives. They increase the economic state of the country, which now many people and families are barely able to afford basic needs.

Politicians don't even care about the current healthcare system, which is extremely overpriced. Why is calling an ambulance \$10,000? Why is life-saving medication costing hundreds of dollars, or even thousands? And not to mention, how many states have made laws banning abortion, which is an essential right for all women?

While it may be easy to think, "Oh, we can just fix it if we elect the right candidates," this system is so corrupt to the point of being broken, which now will make it nearly impossible to fix because who in their right mind would want to ruin their career, family and future, just to be president of this country?

Instead of focusing on voting for the right people, we should focus on what we can change with our system.

Mental health should be #1 priority in sports

BY TOPHER DELLA BELLA
Sports Co-Editor

As the month of May comes to an end, which is mental health awareness month, high school, college and professional athletics do not prioritize mental health enough. Many situations where mental health wasn't a priority led to athletes retiring from sports completely or committing suicide. People need to be aware of how bad sports can affect an athlete's mental health.

Athletes as a whole are expected to put their game first when really they should be making their mental health their primary concern.

Being the guy who makes the big play to end a game or a match brings with it a ton of pressure. That

pressure hurts your mental state especially when you are an athlete who constantly thinks the worst of yourself. When you keep messing up and those thoughts get in your head, it only makes you play worse and feel worse. You constantly get the feeling that you are letting your teammates, your coaches, your family and most importantly, yourself down.

Speaking on mental health is mostly frowned upon when your athlete. For example, when NBA superstar Kyrie Irving announces that his mental health is off he is told by Charles Barkley to "shut up and dribble." Players need to have a voice when it comes to their mental health. Athletic programs at any level whether it's high school, college or professional need to take action.

Qualified immunity proves disturbingly unconstitutional

BY SIASIA BEAN
Science & Technology Co-Editor

The qualified immunity doctrine is a concept that suggests that federal officials and law enforcement are to be granted immunity from legal consequences due to their jobs unless they have violated a "clearly established constitutional right." Ironically, this doctrine violates a clearly established constitutional principle—the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. This clause is meant to ensure that all citizens are protected equally under the law, which the concept of qualified immunity undermines by suggesting that police and federal workers have special immunity reserved to them. By providing legal advantages to some officials that other citizens are denied, the premise of equality in the legal system is contradicted.

Not only is qualified immunity

both unequal and unjust, but it also opens the door for an increase in corruption amongst police officers and government officials. According to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, law enforcement officers have avoided prosecution for stealing, shooting children, attempting to harm family pets and countless other deplorable activities that no regular citizen could escape repercussions from. This encourages harmful activity from law enforcement officers because the precedent has made it clear that to some degree they are above the law, which no person in the United States should be.

Unfortunately, there is no straightforward solution to this problem. The best option for stopping this issue is through encouraging legislation to be made surrounding the issue and bringing attention to court cases related to the issue.



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CLASS OF 2026

School News

Music department holds final concerts

By GIA SCIMECA
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

Every year the music department holds concerts for orchestra, chorus, band and jazz band at the end of the year. Each ensemble has been preparing since the beginning of the second semester. The bands will play music from popular TV shows and movies.

Each concert will consist of six or more pieces, compared to the usual three to four pieces done during other concerts during the year, with students being given the opportunity to perform a solo throughout a concert.

"I'm excited to see how far they can take this music," band director Mr. Rick Bullock said.

The orchestra concert was held on May 20, The chorus concert was held on May 22, and both the band and jazz band concerts will be held May 31.



Gia Scimeca/Del.Aware

On May 22, parts of DV chorus members performed a song from a military musical.



Maddie Gifford/Del.Aware

Senior Averi Dunn performed her dance piece throughout the orchestra concert.



Brian Rodriguez-Hernandez/Del.Aware

Trombone players read off sheet music picked by Mr. Bullock.

Mr. Bullock prepares his students for their performance on May 31.



Brian Rodriguez-Hernandez/Del.Aware

Puzzle Fun

This issue's puzzle fun is a scavenger hunt around the school. Based on the pictures below, find the location of the images and write them down. All images are in the hallways and not in any classrooms. The first person to find all the correct locations should Mrs. Lordi in C13 to claim your prize.

The winner of last issue's puzzle fun was Andrea DelFreo.

Photo 1

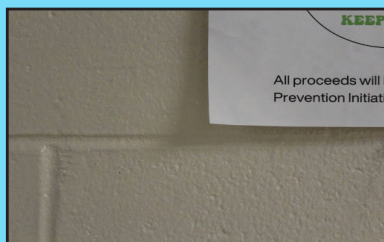


Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Compiled by Hailey Kelly

CTE students expand skills through creation of content for scoreboard

By CASSANDRA JOYCE
Editor in Chief

The business and marketing CTE students have been making content for the new scoreboard since January.

Once the contract for getting the scoreboard was approved, the students were approached by administration to make content for the board. The first project the students worked on was compiling the images taken of fall athletes from earlier this year and drone shots of the stadium to create a welcome video. From that point on, they created graphics for spring sports and the Special Olympics. They worked with students from across the district, as well as competitors from neighboring districts.

"I'm just thrilled that my students have their opportunity to get their hard

work out, not just in the district but to the whole community," business and marketing CTE teacher Mr. Jeff Luhrs said. "It's just great exposure for them to hone their marketing skills."

In order to make the graphics for the board, the CTE students collected information from teachers and coaches who were interested in having content for the board, filmed short clips of the students and edited them together in Canva.

Multiple students in the class worked on different projects at the same time, ensuring that the students can get the projects done as efficiently as possible.

"We're really excited for the opportunity and thankful Dr. Blaum and Dr. Pope have given us this opportunity to bring the CTE to a whole [new] level," Mr. Luhrs said.

School News

Junior Historians provide fun for local senior citizens

By HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

The members of Junior Historians hosted the annual Senior Citizen's Dinner for local senior citizens in the 11/12 cafeteria on May 22.

During the dinner there were approximately 25 senior citizens in attendance and 20 people helping out.

"I was a little disappointed in the show of people, but it didn't stop the rest of us seniors from having fun," senior citizen Geraldine Barbarito said. "The food was excellent, the students were fantastic and so was the club adviser, Mr. Guzinski. He is always more than pleasant, and it is an honor to spend an evening with him. Regardless of the outcome, we still had so much fun socializing and dancing."

The dinner was catered by John's of Arthur Avenue. Ingredients for the hors d'oeuvres were provided by FACS teacher Mrs. Mercy Ross. Multiple teachers

provided supplies like carts to help the wait staff distribute the food. During the dinner, social studies teacher Mr. Tyler Barnett helped out in the kitchen, along with senior Paige Geisler who was working the dinner as a representative from John's of Arthur Avenue.

The dinner consisted of dinner rolls, hors d'oeuvres, salad, chicken parmesan, pasta, broccoli and cake. There were a multitude of hot and cold beverages including tea, coffee, lemonade, water and iced tea.

Due to the abnormally low attendance rate, the excess food was donated to the track banquet that was being held in the 9/10 cafeteria. The attendees were also able to take extra food home.

"Even though there weren't as many people as anticipated it

was still a fun experience," Junior Historians president Andrew Williams said.

Towards the end of the night before cake was served, a speech was given by Williams and Junior Historians vice president Carmela Riccio.

For multiple members of Junior Historians this was the last dinner they worked during high school.

"I was a little sad because I actually enjoyed helping out, and I won't be able to help out next year," senior Samantha Huerta-Alcaide said. "It was my first year joining the club so I didn't get to help out the past three years."



Hailey Kelly/Del.Aware

Local senior citizens were treated to a meal at this year's annual dinner.

Fishing Club in full swing for spring with new grant

By MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

The fishing club has recently received the Ted grant from the Pike County Outfitters. Metzger graciously donated 10 brand new, fully outed fishing rods, reels and lures for the fishing club's season which was in total, \$400.

"I am so excited to get to use these new rods," Fishing Club member, sophomore, Eric Wilsey said.

The club, advised by Ms. Jessica Hill, has doubled in size only being in their second year, including a variety of anglers



Contributed Photo

Fishing Club members catch a two and a half pound smallmouth bass along the Delaware River.

moving up from beginner to advanced. This being only their second year, Ms.

Hill reached out to Ted Metzger for his help in supplies.

"We are so excited to continue this club," Ms. Hill said. "For any of those in need of fishing supplies, let Ted know you heard out through DV!"

"I'm so grateful for Ted Metzger giving us this opportunity to make this experience better for young anglers, and I appreciate the care for giving other students the opportunity to fish," Fishing Club member, senior, Sam Roberts said.

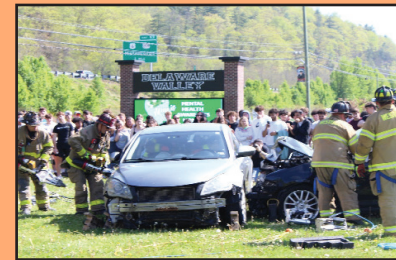
Simulated car crash shows seniors dangers of drunk driving

By ETAIN STARR
Opinions Co-Editor

Chief of School Police Mark Moglia and a collection of volunteers held a simulated car crash to make seniors aware of the dangers and risks of driving while under the influence.

On May 2, volunteers from all around the community came together to make this happen. Westfall Township, Milford and Matamoras Fire Departments brought firetrucks and ambulances to the scene. Pennsylvania State Police and Eastern Pike County

Police came with cop cars. A Medevac from Stroudsburg also volunteered to be a part of the simulation. The two cars used in the crash were donated by Ray's Auto.



Contributed Photo

Firefighters use the Jaws of Life to saw the victim who was involved in the crash out of the car.

Ten DV drama students acted out the scene in front of the senior class.

"It was done in a chaotic fashion to give us an idea of the severity of a serious accident," senior Travis Kowal said. "We wouldn't want to put ourselves in that type of situation."

Chief Moglia felt it went well and was effective. He hopes to

do this again in upcoming years.



Ten high school students volunteered at the NEPA Girls STEM Competition on April 27th. The volunteers were split up into different groups and each group helped run a different event for the competition. Half of the volunteers ran the science experiments where they helped the girls learn how to make chocolate into shapes. The other half of the volunteers helped out in the programming rooms where they ran the coding sessions.

Compiled by Roxy Cauchi



Ten members of Combo 11 volunteered at Shohola Elementary's environmental day. Out of all elementary schools, Shohola Elementary is the only school to organize environmental groups to come together and teach younger generations more about the Earth. Some of the volunteering events include a face painting booth ran by Combo 11, a tour of fire trucks and equipment provided by the Shohola Volunteer Fire Department and a speech to students done by the Milford Fire Department about environmental rescue.

Compiled by Emma Ciano



Three students performed at the Milford United Methodist Church on May 4. The students were invited to perform during the Arts Festival held at the church. Seniors Josephine Perez and Roxann Cauchi and sophomore Ashantia Dicette worked with a trained pianist to perform multiple songs on the spot. The audience walked in and out as they viewed the art displayed along the walls of the church. The performance gave the students an opportunity to perform with a professional pianist to work different songs and styles.

Compiled by Roxy Cauchi

WARRIORS LEND A HELPING HAND



Several DV schools hosted their field days and had high school students volunteer to help set up and supervise the events. DDES held their field days on May 22 and 23. On May 24, SES held their field day. The field day for DVMS' sixth and seventh graders is June 3 and DDMS' was May 30.

Compiled by Shayla Macaulay-Dech

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The Combo 10 class went on their second service learning trip this year. On May 17, the class was invited to Lake Champion, New York, to clean up A Young Life Camp.

"[It was a good way for them] to have fun and practice team building," English teacher Ms. Sarah Fitzkee said.

Compiled by Gia Scimeca

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Milford Dairy Bar



Compiled by Olivia Van Tassell

Vanilla: ★★★★★
 Chocolate: ★★★★★
 Cookie Dough: ★★
 Specialty Flavor: ★★★★★
 Pricing: ★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Overall: ★★★★★

Business Hours: Weekdays 12 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Weekends 12 a.m.- 9 p.m.
 Location: 307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337
 Cash only

Polar Bear



Compiled by Kaylee Kurcon

Vanilla: ★★★★★
 Chocolate: ★★★★★
 Cookie Dough: ★★★★★
 Specialty Flavor: ★★★★★
 Pricing: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Overall: ★★★★★

Business Hours: All week 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Location: 1004 Pennsylvania Ave, Matamoras, PA 18336
 Cash only



Get a taste of summer

Green Valley Farms Market and Creamery

Riverside Creamery



Compiled by Maddie Gifford

Trifle Sundaes

Chocolate
 Eclair: ★★★★★
 Oreo: ★★★★★
 Cake Crunch: ★★
 Brownie: ★★★★★
 Pricing: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Overall: ★★★★★

Business Hours: Sunday-Thursday noon - 9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday noon - 10:00 p.m.
 Location: 5 Water St. Port Jervis, New York

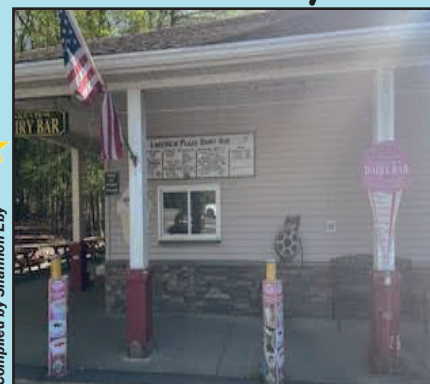
Lakeview Dairy Bar



Compiled by Michael Elaro

Vanilla: ★★★★★
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 Pricing: ★★★★★
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 Location: 588 Routes 6 and, US-209, Milford, PA 18337



Compiled by Shannon Eby

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 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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Business Hours: Monday-Sunday 5:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Location: 1757 Route 739, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Community News

Bashful Blooms reopens in Milford

By KAYLEE KURCON
Managing Editor

Recently, the new and improved flower bar Bashful Blooms reopened in Milford. The flower shop, now located at 319 Broad St., not only sells flowers but also provides private workshops to the community.

Bashful Blooms held a sneak peek pop-up shop on April 28, featuring some of the tulips and anemones that will be sold at the new location. The store officially opened Mother's Day weekend, allowing pre-ordering starting May 1 to ensure that all customers got their bouquet.

The spring hours for the shop are Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.- 1p.m.

They have a wide variety of blooms and bouquets

to choose from with arrangements of prices low as \$28 and as high as \$120. Customers can order online and choose an arrangement of their liking, including what color scheme they would prefer and if they would like to leave a note. Bashful Blooms also offers private group workshops in which groups can hold classes for learning



Kaylee Kurcon/Del.Aware

Bashful Blooms offered specialty bouquets for Mother's Day.

how to make bouquets and arrangements, having a seasonal or holiday-themed class, having a DIY wedding party or even a birthday party class.

Prices for these workshops start at \$125 per person for groups under five people and \$115 per person for groups up to eight people. The workshops include a two-hour time block for instruction and design.

Bashful Blooms also has a donation system where customers can donate to "Pay-It-Forward-Flowers" and Bashful Blooms will provide flowers to nursing home residents, widow/widowers, low income families or food pantries.

Bashful Blooms provides quality flowers while also giving back to the community.

Run for Riley Memorial 5K will be held on Saturday, June 1, at 10 A.M.

at DVHS in memory of Riley Krick.

Local business provides custom screen printing services

By OLIVIA VAN TASSELL
Community News Co-Editor

Jem Screen Printing & Embroidery, located in the center of Milford, offers all the Milford-themed merchandise you could ever need. It is also where students can get their varsity jackets.

Jem first opened its doors in 2016 and has been serving the area with locally-themed souvenirs ever since.

Jem provides custom apparel and promotional items at affordable prices. They can screen print for any reason you may need. They generally print for local businesses, community events, schools, non-profit organizations and sports leagues.

The staff is helpful and knowledgeable about the entire process of screen printing and making varsity jackets. They produce prints on all types of T-shirts, ranging in quality and price.

It is easy to order through their website,

jemspe.com, and customers can just pick up their order at 315 Broad Street. Clients can even request a quote for any order of merchandise on their website.

Their superior customer service provides excellent guidance in designing a custom varsity jacket.

Varsity jackets can be very expensive due to their high quality and customization. They make this process extremely easy and have numerous resources for designing a jacket. Their expertise and experience in this field makes the process very simple. The staff is very friendly when you walk in the doors and are always willing to help you find whatever you need. Their store is organized well, even having a special section for DV attire.

They are also dependable with creating custom orders as they are usually early or on time.

You can find them @jem_screen_printing on Instagram.

Forest Hall exhibit displays artistic diversity

By SIASIA BEAN
Science & Technology Co-Editor

Forest Hall studios recently featured three artists in their 2024 spring and summer art exhibition. These three notable artists include Hollywood photographer Phillip Caruso, Chilean painter Jaime Palacios and Manhattan-born sculptor Jonathan Shapiro, each of whom possess not only unique artistic mediums but also captivating stories and backgrounds in which their work is grounded.

Each artists' works are displayed in their own respective sections accompanying the stories behind each artist's approach to art, which further reflects their artistic diversity and uniqueness.

The first display, Caruso's "Hollywood Euphoria," was inspired by his father's career as a cameraman and is a testament to

the power of visuals as a form of art. He credits his proximity to celebrities to the advantage of being involved with the company Imagine Entertainment early on in his career, a choice which led him to meet actor Robert DeNiro and other infamous figures who are featured in his photography works.

Shapiro's "In My Tree" includes sculptures partially inspired by his rescue dog, Nina. He cites her survivor spirit along with the calm and wilderness of the forest as the driving force behind his creations.

The final collection of pieces are by Palacios, also known as "Chino," a Chilean artist whose painted works accompany few words, leaving them open to a variety of interpretations. He calls this collection of works "Origins" because he feels that as his art matures over time, he is becoming more in touch with his beginnings.

Community News

'Guys and Dolls' exceeds expectations

BY EMMA CIANCIO
Opinions Editor

A little over a month ago, the Combo 11 class was invited to the Milford Theatre for the second student viewing of "Guys and Dolls." I originally thought that my favorite part of the outing would be getting to hang out with my friends, but by the end of the day, I could credit the show for being my favorite.

As someone who has little knowledge and background around the world of theater, "Guys and Dolls" opened my eyes to the immense amount of talent that our small town holds.

Throughout the whole show, I felt as if I was at a Broadway show in New York City.

"Guys and Dolls" is a comedic musical that shows off the times of gambling, partying and old romance all taking place in the 1950s. As all musicals do, "Guys and Dolls" captured the essence of the early '50s by singing songs such as "Bushel & a Peck," "I've Never

Been in Love Before," "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat" and "Adelaide Meets Sarah."

The cast was filled with raw talent, which was



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The cast of "Guys and Dolls" put on eight shows for the local community.

absolutely amazing due to the fact that talent like that is in our own backyard.

Like myself, my Combo 11 classmates also feel as if the Milford Theatre did an amazing job putting on this musical.

"I did not have many expectations going into the play since it was my first time seeing a Milford Theatre production," junior Kara Luppосello said. "But any expectations I had were completely blown out of the water. The show was very impressive and very well done."

Some cast members had to travel an hour or two to perform in the play, and in my opinion, it was totally worth it because any viewer could see the dedication and passion in the performers' voices.

"I think my favorite part of working with a cast where I genuinely feel like the weakest link up there," Taylor James, who played Sky Masterson, said. "It forced me to work ten times harder to get into my character and perform to where I needed to be."

Delaware Valley Choral Society is back in practice

BY HAZEL BURO
School News Editor

For the first time since the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, the Delaware Valley Choral Society will be performing in public. The group performs two major concerts a year, one at the end of their fall season and the other at the end of their spring season. Additionally, the choral society will perform at various venues throughout the year upon request.

The Choral Society is a nonprofit organization performing for the benefit and enjoyment of the Delaware Valley community. They stand as an opportunity for singers in the area to be involved in a choral group. As well as entertaining the community, the Choral Society is an outlet for learning.

"We provide an opportunity for all interested and qualified singers to perform in a choral organization and provide an opportunity for student musicians to participate with the Society and perform along-side with professional musicians, "

director Jeffery Fornoff said.

Two events are currently scheduled for the Society. On June 1, they will be performing Broadway Blockbusters, and on Dec. 15, they will perform Christmas Classics. Both concerts are to be held at the Milford United Methodist Church. The upcoming Broadway Blockbuster concert will include music from a variety of popular Broadway shows.

"I chose these Broadway Blockbuster because each is completely different from each other and because of their audience appeal," Fornoff said.

The Society performs a wide variety of genres during their concerts. They dive into baroque, classical, romantic, contemporary and Broadway, as well as featuring works of local, living composers.

Their concerts can be found at various churches in the tri-state area, the Milford Theater and at the Delaware Valley High School Auditorium.

At their peak membership, the Society had 40 singers. Now with 20 singers, they encourage lovers of the art to apply for membership and join their choir.

Bagel HQ becomes new competition to neighboring delis

BY KAT QUINN
Sports Editor

Established in neighboring Port Jervis, Bagel HQ is the most recent bagel shop added to the tri-state area.

Similar to most delis, this bagel shop's menu is not restricted to only bagels. Although there is a surplus of bagel options, there are also additional breakfast choices on the menu. This includes omelettes, breakfast wraps and heroes. Bagel HQ also offers a large menu of lunch sandwiches including traditional cold cuts, chicken salad, tuna salad and

grilled cheese.

The "breakfast plate" came with eggs, bacon, toast and homefries. Although it wasn't too impressive, a good portion of food came with the price.

Most of the staff was friendly and the overall environment was welcoming. Compared to Milford's Naked Bagel, the menus both have a wide variety for breakfast and lunch. Bagel HQ's prices are reasonable but slightly higher than the prices at the Naked Bagel.

The hours of operation are consistently the same, opening at 6 a.m. and closing at 3 p.m. every day.



Kat Quinn/Del.Aware

The breakfast plate came with an abundance of food and flavor.

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Mr. Tom Smith

Mr. Tom Smith has worked in the Delaware Valley School District for over 30 years. In January 1994, he started long-term subbing, which lead him into teaching math.

Mr. Smith does not have one best memory at DV, but he enjoyed teaching math in high school with his wife who was pregnant with their son.

"It's the greatest memory and gift," Mr. Smith said.

His favorite aspect about teaching was being given the opportunities to have positive interactions with students. He enjoyed watching the students feeling accomplished after struggling but not to the point of frustration.

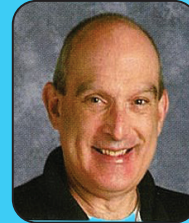
His plans for retirement are to catch up on things that he put on the side and to spend more time with his family and friends.

"I am just going to enjoy the golden years," Mr. Smith said.

Through his experience at DV, he felt he had multiple opportunities to grow professionally and continue learning.

"It was a wonderful experience to continue learning myself," Mr. Smith said.

As Mr. Smith leaves the school district he says to "continue growing, learning and always put students first, because there's a reason we are here."



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Mrs. Kathy Farley

Mrs. Kathy Farley has worked in the Delaware Valley School District since 1987. She was a fifth grade teacher at Dingman Delaware Elementary School for 15 years. Since then, she worked at the high school as a reading specialist for 22 years.

When Mrs. Farley first started working, the student enrollment was much smaller. The elementary school only had a total of three 5th grade classes.

"My favorite thing about working here was seeing a light bulb go off for students knowing that something finally clicked," Mrs. Farley said.

Mrs. Farley is most excited about having a flexible schedule as she plans to work in her husband's office

learning about estate and real estate work.

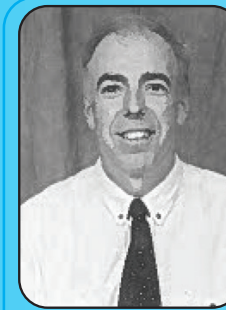
Mrs. Farley feels working at DV has helped her grow as a person and has given her the opportunity to work with all different types of learners.

A favorite memory for Mrs. Farley was watching her 5th grade students' faces light up as they saw the dinosaurs when they went on their field trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City.

"I want to thank DV for the opportunity to work in the school district my entire career and I loved watching what it has grown into today," Mrs. Farley said.



- Compiled by Etain Starr



Mr. Steve

Known for his Pop-Tarts supply and dry humor, Mr. Steve Rhule is retiring after teaching for 29 years at DV.

Mr. Rhule teaches AP Research, physics and engineering. He is also the adviser of the technical Odyssey of the Mind team.

According to Mr. Rhule, the biggest difference in the school from when he started working here is the size of the school, but the students and education are about the same.

Mr. Rhule's favorite part of his time at DV is "spending [his] day with really smart people."

"I think I have the best job here because I have the best students," Mr. Rhule said.

According to Mr. Rhule, he planned on retiring at the



Mrs. Colleen Corry

Mrs. Colleen Corry has been a guidance counselor at DV for 19 years and is spending her last year surrounded by her coworkers and friends.

"My best memory at DV was the lip dub in 2013," Mrs. Corry said. "It was amazing to see the entire high school come together. Teachers, students, admin, members of clubs and athletes all found fun and creative ways to represent themselves."

Since Mrs. Corry first started working at the high school in 2005, multiple things have changed over the years. Back then, they had to do report cards on paper instead of being able to use computers.

During her time working in the high school, she

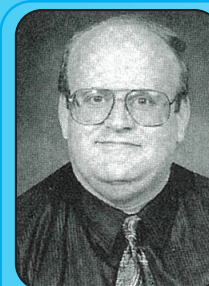
has developed connections with students, watching them grow academically and maturely over the years. She will miss the students in her self-help groups and is proud to graduate with them. She will also miss the friendships she has made.

After retiring, Mrs. Corry will be busy for the first few months preparing for her children's weddings. Once the wedding celebrations are over, she plans to travel and have more opportunities to read and relax.

"As a member of the community and a parent of two students, I am confident that the district will provide for all students," Mrs. Corry said.



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Mr. George

Known for his dad jokes and vast knowledge of military history, social studies teacher Mr. George Gelderman is retiring after 30 years of teaching.

Before taking a full-time position at Delaware Valley, Mr. Gelderman was a substitute for the district for four years. He taught almost every social studies class, including Sociology, Military History and Psychology." In addition to teaching, Mr. Gelderman has been the long-term Rho Kappa adviser and has helped oversee light production for shows and concerts in the auditorium.

"Over my 30 years of teaching, I have seen over 7,000 students throughout my classroom," Mr. Gelderman said. "Interacting with them will always be the highlight."

Mr. Gelderman states that ever since the beginning of

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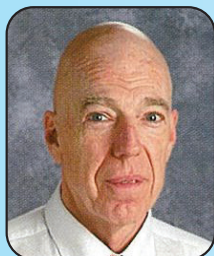
Mr. Rhule

end of last year when his daughter graduated, but a “harsh request” from senior Mackenzie Donald made him stay another year.

“He has pushed me to become the best version of myself in and out of engineering,” Donald said. “I don’t think I would have pursued engineering if it hadn’t been for Mr. Rhule.”

His hope for DV for the future is for it to help the bright students advance as far as they can.

“I think there’s some really bright people who go to school here,” Mr. Rhule said. “I think we should always give them a chance to see how much they can do.”



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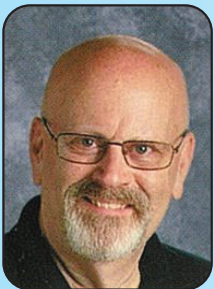
Mr. Gelderman

his teaching career, he wanted his classroom to feel like a safe place for his students, and at the end of his career, he feels that he has succeeded.

One of Mr. Gelderman’s favorite memories at Delaware Valley was when his students threw his wife a bridal shower. The highlight of the party was smashing wedding cake into each other’s faces.

After retiring, Mr. Gelderman has plans to travel with his wife and become a security guard at Skylands Stadium so that he can watch baseball all day.

“Mr. Gelderman has the best stories, like a cool grandpa,” senior Anna Broffman said. “He has helped me learn to love sociology.”



- Compiled by Emma Ciancio



Mr. Dave Peters

Mr. Dave Peters is a social studies teacher who has taught and coached at DV for 33 years. For 29 years, he was the baseball coach, with 20 of those years spent as the head coach.

He teaches AP Psychology, Psychology and Geography and briefly taught other history courses. Throughout the years as a teacher, he enjoyed the content of the classes, and enjoyed traveling to away games with the baseball team. He recalls his favorite memory at DV being winning a state championship with the baseball team in 2006.

“The students and the profession of teaching has changed the most,” Mr. Peters said.

He graduated from DV in 1986. Since beginning

teaching he thinks the students have changed a lot, but he thinks he has never had a class he disliked working with.

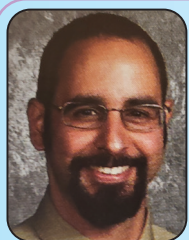
“DV gave me a means to raise a family and a sturdy job to enjoy life,” Mr. Peters said.

He is able to thank the school for a lot of things, those aforementioned as well as other memories.

Mr. Peters looks forward to spending more time with his family after retiring. He has two daughters, a son and a grandson. He wants to spend more time working in construction with his son and wants to try his hand at learning a second language in his spare time.



- Compiled by Shayla Macaulay-Dech



Mr. James Albert

Mr. James

Albert has been teaching within the Delaware Valley School District for 25 years. He has taught Biology, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Citizen Science and 7th grade science.

According to Mr. Albert, when he started working here the school experienced rapid change in enrollment compared to New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Albert’s favorite memory of his time at DV is the time spent with his students and staff.

“The people are what make my memories so wonderful,” Mr. Albert said.

Albert’s plan for retirement is working for an outdoor outfitter and lead trips including kayaking, canoeing, hiking, mountain biking and snowshoeing.

He also plans to spend time with family and friends but also volunteer his time to help those in need.

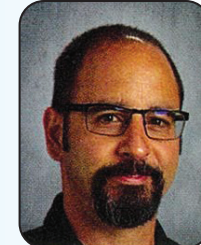
He has many fond memories of his students over the years.

“My students, who have brought such laughter and great times during my years,” he said.

His experience at DV led him to learn how much he needs to be patient and understanding with people.

“We all have struggles and challenges, so we need to be there for each other,” Mr. Albert said.

Albert is very grateful to the district for his many years of service.



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Ms. Denise Nikles

Retiree and former DV graduate Ms. Denise Nikles says goodbye to her 30 year teaching career. Over the past 23 years teaching at DV, Ms. Nikles said that she is grateful for her time here.

“They [DV] gave me a wonderful career. They gave my children a great education, and I couldn’t be more grateful,” Ms. Nikles said.

As a child, she always knew she would be a teacher. As someone who wanted to touch people’s lives, she believes at DV she was able to. She’ll miss the connections with her students.

Ms. Nikles also states that she is going to miss her relationships with colleagues. Some of her best memories come from the comradery with her co-workers.

Before she started working at DV, Ms. Nikles taught in Port Jervis. She has spent her career teaching English, science and special education. She also was a coach for both middle school and high school field hockey.

Along with coaching, she cherished teaching. Nikles’ favorite lessons were when students judged the topic before learning it. She enjoyed being able to turn it around for students to really enjoy the topic.

After retiring, Ms. Nikles plans to travel, see her kids and volunteer in all her free time.



- Compiled by Kayla Sykes

World News

Pennsylvania nurse faces life in prison for murders

BY BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ

World News Editor

On May 2, Attorney General Michelle Henry stated in a news release that former nurse Heather Presdee was sentenced to three life sentences in a row for murdering three patients. She also faces 380 to 760 years of consecutive incarceration for attempting to kill another 19 patients in her care, all without possibility of parole.

"This plea and life sentence will not bring back the lives lost, but it will ensure Heather Pressdee never has another opportunity to inflict further harm," Attorney General Henry said.

Presdee began these murders and murder attempts in 2020 and ended in 2023 when the Office of Attorney General filed charges for homicide and attempted murder. She had administered lethal doses of insulin to her patients during short-staffed night shifts working the medicine cart to make sure any medical emergencies prompted by her actions

wouldn't warrant immediate hospitalization.

"Presdee often took steps to ensure her victims would expire prior to shift change so that they wouldn't be sent to the hospital where her scheme would be discovered through medical testing such as C-peptide tests," the criminal complaint stated.

Her murders took place in the five facilities she worked at during the three-year span, including Concordia at Rebecca Residence, Belair Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Quality Life Services Chicora, Premier Armstrong Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and Sunnyview Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Relatives of the victims were given an opportunity to speak during Presdee's sentencing hearing. Many of the speakers demanded Presdee look them in the eye as they spoke, which she did not do.

"We're angry and hurt that she disguised herself as a caring nurse," Elizabeth Simons Ozella, daughter of victim Irene Simons, said. "She took someone from this earth that she

had no right to take, and she played God when she didn't have that right."

Victim Nicholas Cymbol's sister Melinda Brown labeled Presdee as "pure evil" and said that justice will be served only when "she meets her maker."

Though Presdee refused to make eye contact with the victims' speakers, she did repeatedly apologize to the court for her actions, repeating "I'm sorry for what I've done" and "I'm very sorry."

"There was a tear in her eyes, and some folks could see up in the jury box from the press that I handed her a handkerchief to wipe her tears away,"

Phil DiLucente, Presdee's defense attorney, said. "So, at the end of the day, we're all human, and this is a very, very tragic — a tragic case."



Ozempic drug leads to increased fertility

BY HAZEL BURO

School News Editor

With the rising popularity of Ozempic drugs, another side effect besides weight loss has emerged. Women report pregnancy after use of the drug, calling the fetuses "Ozempic babies."

Ozempic was initially approved for use to control Type 2 Diabetes by supporting significant weight loss. Now, the drug is more widespread and prescribed "off-label" as a weight loss aid.

The drug works increasing insulin production in the pancreas and stopping excess sugar production in the liver. This process has led to much success in reigning Type 2 Diabetes.

After the weight loss side effect was observed the company Novo Nordisk developed a type of Ozempic called Wegovy, which is specifically designed only to cause weight loss. Other

companies followed this idea.

An Alabama woman, Catera Bentley, was informed by her doctor that she would not be able to have children when she was diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome. Bentley began taking Mounjaro, an Ozempic drug, to support her weight loss journey. After a few months, she lost 40 pounds and her menstrual cycle returned to normal cycle. This change gave Bentley hope that she would be able to conceive.

After becoming pregnant, Bentley was concerned about the effects Ozempic would have on her child.

Due to the way these drugs work, doctors say it is likely that Ozempic leads to more pregnancies, and there should be caution when using the drug during early pregnancy. Dr. Jody Dushay said that women should stop using the drug two months before trying to get pregnant.

Police link suspect to murders of four Canadian women

BY KAT QUINN

Sports Editor

Over 50 years after the murders occurred, the man responsible for the death of four young women was confirmed to be Gary Allen Srery. Srery, who was living in Canada illegally, was linked to the crimes by the use of DNA.

While Srery was found to be the killer of these four young girls, police believe there may be more victims because of his long criminal history. Srery was also a serial sexual offender who could have committed several other violent crimes like these murders.

As for the four confirmed deaths, the victims include Eva Dvorak and Patricia McQueen, who were both 14 years old, Melissa Rehorek, 20 years old and Barbara MacLean, 19 years old. These victims were all killed in a span of a year. Since these murders occurred in only one year, it leads investigators to believe that there could be more victims.

At the time of the original investigations, police failed to link the DNA to a suspect because of the little amount of technology for DNA evidence. In 2003, about 30 years later, police were able to confirm that the same person was responsible for Rehorek and MacLean's deaths. Most recently in 2021, the same DNA evidence was linked to the deaths of the other two known victims, Dvorek and McQueen.

With progressing technology, investigators were able to identify Srery through genetic genealogy, but found that he died in 2011 in an Idaho state prison, serving time for sexual assault. Because this technology was not always available, Srery could not be the confirmed murderer until this time, about 50 years later.

At the time of the murders, Srery was illegally living in Canada after fleeing the U.S. in 1974 and after committing many crimes of sexual assault, kidnapping and burglary.

World News

Singapore Airlines flight results in one casualty

By **KAYLEE KURCON**
Managing Editor

One passenger was left dead and 71 others were injured after their plane took flight from London towards Singapore on May 21. It is speculated that the Singapore Airlines flight experienced a severe turbulence that would end in the loss of a life.

Singapore Airlines reports that the plane was in the middle of food service around 10 hours into its flight when the turbulence began. At the time the turbulence started the plane was over Myanmar's Irrawaddy Basin, forcing the crew to conduct an emergency landing in Bangkok.

Stockton traveler, Andrew Davies recounts everything as seemingly normal, until "all hell broke loose," leaving shoes, iPads, iPhones, blankets and cups flying to the ceiling when turbulence hit.

Video footage from inside the plane has been released, revealing the overhead compartments left

open, oxygen masks deployed and sections of the plane's ceiling exposed.

Tracking site FlightRadar 24 shows the plane suddenly dipping then rapidly climbing up hundreds of feet before going through this motion again. Data reveals that the disruption only lasted about 90 seconds but ended in numerous injuries.

The turbulence is likely a result of a rapidly developing thunderstorm over southern Myanmar, in which storm cells grew from 20,000-30,000 feet to over 50,000 feet in less than an hour.

The incident killed 73-year-old British man Geoff Kitchen, with suspicion of a heart condition. An autopsy remains ongoing to finalize the cause of Kitchen's death.

Other passengers who were injured during the flight remain at the Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital in Bangkok. The hospital received 71 victims, naming six to be severely injured. Many of the injuries are limited to cuts, gashes and broken bones.

Singapore's Ministry of Transport is currently investigating the situation of this flight with the help of the US National Transportation Safety Board, who has sent out personnel to Singapore to help aid in the investigation.

According to a professor of atmospheric science at the University of Reading in the U.K., the number of flights enduring turbulence and severe turbulence is predicted to increase around the globe by 2050-2080.

Following the incident, Singapore Airlines has expressed apologies and as many answers as they can, hoping to support those who were injured



Source: Reuters

Oxygen masks were deployed during the three-minute turbulence in which injured many.

Senator Robert Menendez faces bribery charges

By **SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH**
Entertainment Co-Editor

New Jersey senator Robert Menendez is on trial due to charges of taking bribes. The alleged bribes included gold bars, cash and a luxury car. According to prosecutors, the purpose of the bribes were to help push U.S. aid to a foreign government.

The 16 charges the senator faces include conspiracy to commit bribery and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

The prosecutors said that Menendez and his wife Nadine Menendez helped New Jersey businessmen obtain contracts with officials from Egypt and Qatar to send billions of dollars of American aid to their countries.

Menendez's attorneys are arguing that the most crucial pieces of evidence against Menendez cannot be shown to jurors without violating lawmakers' constitutional speech and debate privileges.

The judge on the case, Judge Sidney Stein, is considering whether or not jurors are allowed to see text messages and phone records that allegedly show that Egyptian officials were trying to get their "money's worth." The records also apparently show Menendez's wife bragging about Menendez's influence in arms sales.

Prosecutors are having issues within the case due to having to be cautious of the Constitution's speech or debate clause. The clause grants a form of immunity to lawmakers, stating "for any speech or debate in either House, they [members] shall not be questioned in any other place. It follows a provision that prevents the arrest of members traveling to or from sessions of Congress."

Judge Stein has denied Menendez's request to have the entire case thrown out, and the trial is expected to last through the month of June.

Iranian politicians die in crash

By **BOBBY RUSSO**
Science & Technology Editor

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahain died in a helicopter crash in northwestern Iran on May 20.

The incident occurred in a dense foggy mountainous area, and was linked to sabotage activity attached to the crash. The country is in despair trying to cope with the loss of two key leaders in one accident.

The helicopter in the crash was a Bell 212 helicopter that Iran purchased back in the early 2000s. Iran has extensively flown Bell helicopters in the last few decades. Often without any safety checks.

Former Iranian Foreign Minister tried to blame the U.S. for this accident. The U.S. banned any sale of artifacts and aviation parts to Iran and does not allow the people of Iran to have any goods from aviation facilities.

That day many people around the country mourned the loss of their president and prime minister. Many holding posters of Raisi and waving Palestinian flags. Men were praying and crying, women wearing black chadors gathered together holding photos of the dead leader.

This crash comes as the Israel-Hamas war continues to boil. Iran-backed Hamas and supported the attacks that started the conflict. Just last month Iran launched its own drone missile attack on Israel.

The crash claimed the lives of all eight individuals on board, among them several high ranking officials. With Raisi's death, there are now numerous uncertainties regarding the trajectory of Iran's domestic and foreign policies.

Iran has renamed a new president and declared five days of national mourning.

Arts & Literature

Spotlight Artist: Liz Gruodis

BY GIA SCIMECA

Arts & Lit Co-Editor

Senior Liz Gruodis has always been surrounded by art in her life. She gives credit to her parents for getting her into art because her parents own an art gallery in Milford.

As a child, she used to sell the items she was proud about, her favorite being reverse tie-dye. But now, she only has time to make stuff in her free time.

Art teacher Mrs. Marie Tusinean describes Liz as “crafty” and “really good at coming up with solutions for art” and expresses how art comes easily and naturally to her.

“She is very enthusiastic and all in about art,” Mrs. Tusinean said. “It seems like she never has those artist inhibitions.

Her medium of choice when she is creating an art



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One of Liz’s projects from Ceramics 2 was a pun of a hamburger with the pig being the patty to make it true to its name.

piece is using wood or acrylic paint.

During her years at DV, Liz has taken General Art, Drawing 1, Jewelry Design and Ceramics 1 & 2. While Liz has been in multiple clubs like Ski Club and Rachel’s Challenge throughout high school, she recalls how much she enjoyed being in Art Club in the past.

“I absolutely loved it there,” she said. “There was so much freedom in it.”

Liz said that her favorite things to make are tops on a wood burner or landscape paintings.

She plans on attending Penn Tech for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and plumbing to become a technician.

“Believe in yourself that you can do anything you put your mind to,” Liz said. “Don’t care [about] what others think.”

Spotlight Writer:

Aiden Black

BY MICHAEL HELT

Online Editor

Senior Aiden Black has developed an appreciation for literature through his experiences at the high school. Mr. Bryan Pol’s AP Literature and Composition class has helped him come to enjoy writing and poetry over the past year.

“Every poem, short story or novel you read tells an amazing story,” Aiden said.

Aiden participated in Student Council, SAAC and football and

was previously enrolled in AP Language and Composition. He credits the AP courses he took with helping him grow academically.

“[AP Language] definitely helped me in terms of actually learning to write and develop a good argument,” Aiden said. “[AP Literature] really made me love and appreciate writing and poetry.”

Earlier this year, Aiden accepted a full ride to play Division 1 football at Stanford University. He plans to major in political science and is considering either economics or philosophy as a minor.

“I recently became interested in economics, but philosophy is something I’ve always been interested in,” Aiden said. “I really enjoy government and politics so that’s why I wanted to major

in political science.”

He believes that the writing courses he took are certainly beneficial to someone

looking to major in a writing-related field. He advises those considering a career in writing to really build a love for literature.

“If you truly learn to appreciate literature, you will be grateful for all the experiences and emotions you are put through just from the amount of literature involved,” Aiden said.

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Spotlight Musician:

Josephine Perez

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School News Co-Editor

While she is now an avid member of DV’s chorus, senior Josephine Perez began her musical journey in third grade as a viola player. Even though only participates in the school’s chorus ensemble, outside of school Josephine still plays the viola as well as the guitar.

In addition to being a soprano in the chorus, Josephine is a member

of chamber choir, was the assistant vocal director for the DVMS production of “Beauty and the Beast” and has been in the drama productions since fifth grade.

“My favorite part about being in chorus is the ability to learn songs in different languages and when you finally get it right,

it’s a huge confidence boost,” Josephine said.

After high school she will attend Hofstra University for music business. She plans to take courses for both vocal and instrumental performance and to be a part of the drama club at her college. She attests to the fact that her school will let her count these classes as credit for her major so that she can take them without delaying her education.

“I am very inspired by Paramore and Olivia Rodrigo,” Josephine said. “I just really like their ability to move fluidly through different styles of music.”

Josephine’s advice to other musicians is to “keep music in your life in some way, even if your career isn’t about pursuing it.”



Arts & Literature

Student authors publish new books

By HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

Students junior Owen Carso and seniors Hallie Balogh and Auttie Grace are student authors with upcoming books. Balogh and Grace are seniors who have been working together for eight years. This is Carso's third book in the span of a year.

Owen Carso: "Bigfoot's Bargain"

Carso's latest book is titled "Bigfoot's Bargain" which contains comedic elements and is more lighthearted than his first book, "A Deal With Death." This story is in the same universe as "A Deal With Death," but it is not a spinoff of his earlier book. "Bigfoot's Bargain" was published on May 13 and is available on Amazon or buying it directly from Carso.

His inspiration for "Bigfoot's Bargain" was "A Deal With Death" by taking characters who everyone knows about and portraying them in a humorous light. Carso will be bringing back Mother Nature, but portraying her in a different manner.

"I am choosing to dedicate this book to my friend Riley Krick because he was someone who always supported my writing," Owen said. "He was the first person I discussed my idea with, and I normally never tell it to anyone besides my family."

As he started writing "Bigfoot's Bargain", the book is centered around a friendship between Bigfoot and the main character Noah. This friendship was inspired by Carso's friendship with Riley.

This book is focused on a younger audience as well as anyone who has been through high school and dealt with drama.

Hallie Balogh and Auttie Grace: "Empire: At Esprit's Core"

What started off as a joke when they were in 5th grade turned into a science fiction novel. Balogh and Grace's second book titled "Empire: At Esprit's Core" is a sequel to their first book "Empire: To the Earth and Back." This new book is a continuation of their last book and will pick up two weeks after their last book ends.

"[When working together] we argue a lot, but we don't take each other seriously enough to have a full out fight," Auttie said.

The book was released on May 16 and is available on Amazon as a paperback or as an eBook. They have been working on this book since the last book was published about two years ago.

"We wanted to write a science fiction novel so that we could have control of our rules and world," Hallie said.



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"Bigfoot's Bargain" completes Owen's third novel thus far. "Empire: At Esprit's Core" acts as the sequel to Auttie and Hallie's previous novel.

Fashion Aware: Bathing Suits

By KAYLA SYKES
Sports Co-Editor

As summer is quickly approaching, it is necessary to be up to date on the bathing suit trends. The most fashionable trend coming up is bright and patterned bathing suits.

For both guys and girls, bright colors and patterns have become very popular across social media. It is super beneficial to get a head start on bathing suit shopping, as it can be very difficult once the summer starts to find the right sizes or exactly what you're looking for.

While these bright-colored bathing suits are becoming more popular, a trend that is resurfacing is tankinis. Tankinis, a late 90s and early 2000s trend, follows the Y2K aesthetic.

Target, a well-known and popular store

known for their variety of merchandise, sells mix and match bathing suits. This allows shoppers to follow both the tankini and brightly-colored trends.

Hollister has been a well-known store for years for their popular jeans and following the latest fashion trends. However, Hollister has been broadening their clothing, especially bathing suits in recent years. Recently, Hollister has grown for the frills and floral designs. For guys they offer an array of bathing suits, whether you're looking for a plain color, floral or bright patterned design, they sell it.

Girls can also find a variety of types of bathing suits, whether it be a two-piece or one-piece.

Kulani Kinis is another popular online bathing suit shop. Following and creating trends, the options are endless and the sizing is very inclusive. On social media it may seem like a female heavy brand, but guys can also find bathing

suits of all sorts of designs. They even sell matching bathing suits for you and your bestie or you and your significant other. Their Instagram KulaniKinis shares a variety of the cool and trendy designs they have to offer.

However, the costs for these bathing suits can be expensive. For females looking for a bathing suit, paying \$30-\$60 for a top isn't the cheapest option.

Looking locally, TJ Maxx and Walmart offer a bunch of options for both males and females on the affordable side.

Bathing suits are a necessity for pool days and beach trips. Bright colors and patterns are trends that are fun to follow, but wearing what you find comfortable is the most important.

It doesn't matter what you wear or where you buy the suit, but it matters how it makes you feel. No matter the pattern, color or trend, choosing what suits you is its own trend in itself.

Trends change all the time. While bright patterns and colors may be in right now, the summer holds an endless amount of time for new trends to come around.



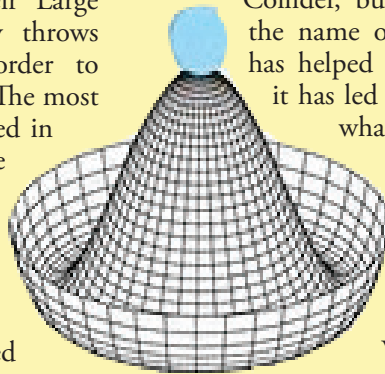
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Conspiracy Theory: What did CERN do?

By **MICHAEL ELARO**
World News Co-Editor

On July 4, 2012 the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN), activated their Large Hadron Collider. This machine virtually throws subatomic particles at each other in order to produce new particles, and it did just that. The most important activation particle collider resulted in the discovery of the Higgs boson, aka the "god particle."

The Higgs field was first proposed in 1964, theorizing that the universe is filled with a particle that gives all other fundamental particles mass. With the discovery of the Higgs boson, this confirmed



the theory of the Higgs field, completing the ideas of quantum electromagnetism.

After finding the Higgs boson, the research facility has periodically shut down the Large Hadron Collider, but continues to experiment in the name of science. While this collider has helped with scientific breakthroughs, it has led the general public to question what goes on behind closed doors. Since the Higgs boson, CERN has been accused of causing earthquakes, creating black holes and even opening portals to other dimensions.

This leads to the theory: What did CERN do to our

Earth?

A rather common rumor surrounding CERN is that in 2012, when the "god particle" was discovered, the world actually ended, or we were shot into an alternate universe. Ever since 2012, the world has seemed like a different place than prior. Weird events are seemingly becoming everyday life, weather has become erratic, extraterrestrial sightings are common, even global politics have gotten worse. These can all be explained through the creation of a black hole by the Large Hadron Collider.

While this theory may seem far-fetched, it's hard to pretend that the world is a strange place now compared to pre 2012. Stay vigilant in incase of an alien invasion next!

Drake, Kendrick Lamar exchange disses

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

Stemming from a sneak diss made by rapper J. Cole on the track "First Person Shooter" from Drake's album "For All the Dogs," the beef between artists Pulitzer prize winner Kendrick Lamar and Drake has been the main topic of discussion in the rap industry as of lately.

They released several songs dissing each other, but their most popular songs released so far are Kendrick's "Meet the Grahams" and Drake's "The Heart Part VI."

"Meet the Grahams" starts off with Kendrick apologizing to Adonis, Drake's son, for the way his father is.

In the next verse, he talks directly to his mom. He claims that she gave birth to a "master manipulator" and that she should use him for his money for all his wrongdoings. He goes on to say that he thinks people like Drake should die and accuses him of being a pedophile by saying people like him and Harvey



Weinstein should be locked up.

The rest of the song involves Kendrick directly claiming that Drake has lied about everything from his secret daughter to his ghostwriters, which is more likely than not true.

In "The Heart Part VI," Drake addresses most of the accusations made by Kendrick. He refutes Kendrick's claim on the track "Euphoria" that Drake snitched over a decade ago, and highlights the accusations of his relationship with underage women.

He tries to defend himself by saying his status is too big for him to get away with such accusations, even though that logic is flawed as many people of his status have gotten away with heinous crimes without being caught before.

He also refutes the hidden daughter rumors and claims it was fake information which his people gave to Kendrick.

As of now, the beef ends unless Kendrick responds, though many including myself believe Kendrick won.

'Deadpool & Wolverine': Disney's first R-rated movie

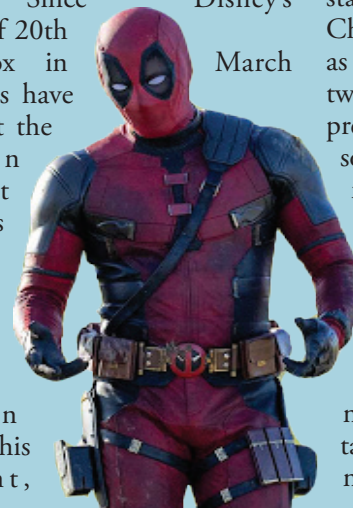
By **BOBBY RUSSO**
Science & Technology Editor

"Deadpool & Wolverine" is set to hit the big screen this summer on July 26. This highly anticipated debut marks its entry in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), representing Disney's bold move of a Rated-R movie.

It was originally slated for the fall of 2024, then moved up to May 2024. The film faced scheduling challenges due to the ongoing strike, ultimately solidifying its spot for this summer.

Since Disney's acquisition of 20th Century Fox in March of 2019, fans have buzzed about the speculation about Deadpool's future within the franchise.

In an interview, Jackman expressed his excitement,



stating, "I'll probably have more fun on this movie than any other I've ever done," he said.

With both Reynolds and Jackman sharing the screen, fans can expect relentless fights and constant clashes between the duo.

Jackman reprising his role as Wolverine for the remarkable tenth time marks his inaugural entry into the MCU, adding an extra juice of excitement into the mix of movies.

Speculation has swirled around this film, with rumors suggesting star-studded additions to the cast. Channing Tatum's rumored appearance as the mutant Gambit adds an exciting twist, especially considering his previous association with a canceled solo film character. Another intriguing rumor involves Taylor Swift, possibly portraying either singing hero Dazzler or a rendition of Lady Deadpool.

If these rumors are true, the third installment of the franchise promises to be an epic superhero movie, having a stacked cast of notable talents from both Hollywood and the music industry.

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'HIT ME HARD AND SOFT' was well worth the wait

BY SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH
Entertainment Co-Editor

Billie Eilish dropped her long-awaited album "HIT ME HARD AND SOFT" on May 17. The album consists of 10 songs.

The first track, "SKINNY," delves into the struggles of fame and Eilish's own insecurities. She touches on body image and her external and internal perceptions of herself. This track showcases her trademark soft vocals and is overall quite mellow.

The next two songs "LUNCH" and "CHIHIRO" are much more upbeat. Most notably the guitar and bass in both songs is incredibly catchy. I can say "LUNCH" has been stuck in my head since it was first teased several weeks ago.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER" gives the listener a hopeful, coming-of-age feeling. It's a heartfelt song about friendship and finding your place amongst your closest friends. This is one of the most popular songs on the album, and people are using the song on TikTok to show off their best friends.

Next, "WILDFLOWER" tells the story of Eilish comforting a friend after her breakup and then starting a relationship with her friend's ex-lover. I enjoyed the composition of the song and the story the lyrics tell.

"THE GREATEST" is track 6 and touches on sacrifices and the complexities of love. The lyrics show the things Eilish forgoes in favor of her partner's satisfaction. This song is beautiful and actually gave me goosebumps.

Next is "LAMOUR DE MA VIE." This song is

about a past relationship and how Eilish is glad she got out of it.

"THE DINER" comes in strongly and has a funky instrumental. It is the most different from the rest of the album and is one of my favorites.

Finally, "BITTERSUITE" and "BLUE" finish off the album. These songs have a seamless transition connecting them. "BLUE" is the reworked versions of two previously unreleased songs, "True Blue" and "Born Blue." Both of these songs are fantastic and satisfying to listen to together.

Since being released the album has garnered 52,832 sales.

No matter one's opinion, there is no doubt that the "evidence" gets you thinking.

Swift breaks records with release of 'The Tortured Poets Department'

BY OLIVIA VAN TASSELL
Community News Co-Editor

Taylor Swift has dropped her 11th studio album, "The Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology," which was a surprise double album release that included her previous album announcement of "The Tortured Poets Department" or "TTPD". This album adds 31 new songs to Swift's discography.

Some critics have claimed that her album is too repetitive and feels like one song blending together. This has not stopped fans from streaming her album non-stop. Shortly after the release, Spotify announced that "The Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology" is the first album to reach 1 billion streams in a single week on the platform.

The album has two songs

with features which include "Fortnight" with Post Malone and "Florida!!!" with Florence + The Machine. Both of these songs are excellent additions to the album and add diversity as these are both artists she had not made music with in the past.

In typical swiftie fashion, fans have already begun speculating about which songs correlate to people and events in her life. So far fans are assuming that

"The Alchemy" and "So High School" are about Swift's current boyfriend football star, Travis Kelce. Both of these songs display a youthful and romantic vibe. This is why fans are assuming it is about her latest romance. It is also rumored that "Swift also broke the record for the largest sales week for an album on vinyl in the modern era with 700,000 copies being sold.



'Moana 2' set to release this fall

BY FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA
Entertainment Editor

The first "Moana" grossed a worldwide total of \$687.2 million. To follow up on this story, Disney is set to release "Moana 2" on Nov. 27 this year.

Considering that the original "Moana" was reportedly one of the most viewed movies of 2023 helped make the decision to pivot from a series to a movie sequel.

Disney CEO Bob Iger confirmed the upcoming film on Feb. 7, while also revealing new details which depicted the movie's return in a teaser trailer.

The follow-up to "Moana" was originally developed as a TV series but became a full-length movie after Iger was impressed with the footage.

Development on "Moana 2" began in 2020 as a television series for Disney Plus before

being worked into a theatrical sequel by February 2024.

Shortly after the announcement that the series was being repurposed as a feature film Auli'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson were confirmed to reprise their respective roles as Moana and Maui.

The plot starts with Moana receiving an unexpected call from her ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.

Disney has also announced a live-action remake of the first "Moana," which is set to feature Johnson. While the live-action version has long been set for June 27, 2025, trade reports suggest that Disney will push the live-action movie back to 2026 so that they have more time for "Moana 2" and the live-action remake.



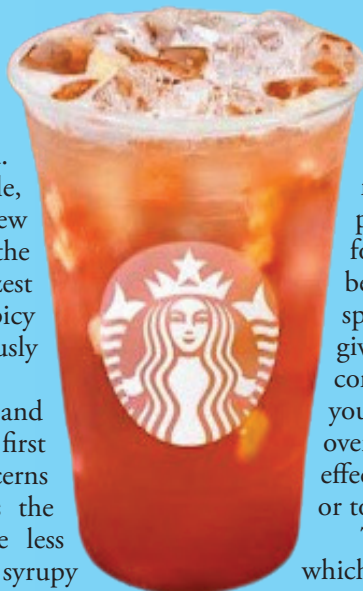
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What's in your drink?: Starbucks Spicy Lemonade

By **FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA**
Entertainment Editor

Starbucks recently added new spicy lemonade refreshers to its menu. The new flavors include spicy pineapple, strawberry and dragonfruit. The new spicy lemonade brings together the sweetness of their refreshers, the zest of lemonade and the heat of the spicy chili powder blend to create a deliciously refreshing sip.

The main ingredients are water and sugar, which are relatively common first ingredients. One of the biggest concerns with Starbucks drinks in general is the sugar content. Their refreshers have less sugar than some of their well-known syrupy



coffees, but there's still about 20 grams of sugar in each. Considering that the American Heart Association recommends no more than 36 grams of added sugar for adult men and 25 grams for women per day, it could lead to future problems for their young customers. Sugary beverages cause blood sugar levels to spike and quickly fall. That means they give a little burst of energy, but that comes with a crash that also may leave you feeling hungrier and less satisfied overall. There could also be long-term effects like increased risk of heart disease or tooth decay.

The chili powder contains maltodextrin, which is a sugar substitute that can cause

gastrointestinal issues and many consumers have reported to experience stomach problems.

Comparing a regular strawberry acai lemonade refresher and a spicy lemonade refresher, the spicy ones have 40-90 more calories depending on the size, 205 milligrams more sodium, 11 more grams of sugar, 1 gram more of protein and 5 milligrams more of caffeine.

On top of the already spicy beverage Starbucks refresher, customers can also add spicy cream cold foam.

Overall, this drink may be the new upgrade of the regular refreshers to a person who likes spicy foods as it has a pleasant amount of heat and while customers are able to choose either a light or extra spicy chili powder blend. But if you are trying to play it safe just order the regular lemonade refreshers.

4G network to be on the moon later this year

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

In late April, NASA and Nokia announced their goal of sending a 4G network unit to the moon later this year. Their intention is mainly to help with NASA's Artemis program, which has the goal of returning astronauts to the moon within the decade.

The network is also being used to help research lunar ice and send the data back to Earth, since lunar ice is theorized to possibly be used for creating breathable oxygen and even fuel for space travel.

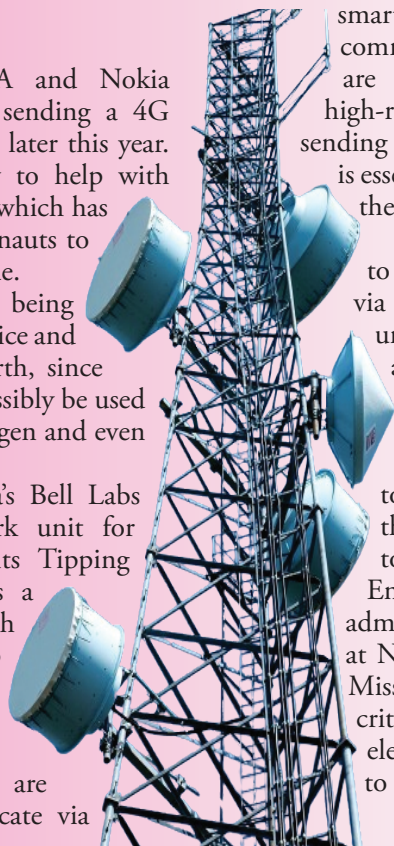
NASA selected Nokia's Bell Labs to build the 4G network unit for the project as part of its Tipping Point Initiative, which is a series of partnerships with companies that develop key technologies dedicated to space exploration and lunar colonization.

While astronauts are already able to communicate via

radio from the moon, being able to use smartphones and higher tech communication systems that are capable of projecting high-resolution videos and sending important scientific data is essential for Artemis to yield the best results.

The network unit is set to be taken to the moon via a SpaceX rocket. The unit itself is to be placed at the south pole of the moon and be remotely controlled from Earth.

"Being able to communicate on the Moon is critical to Artemis," Walt Englund, deputy associate administrator for programs at NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate, said. "As critical as any other mission element like power, water to drink and air to breathe."



Australia invests millions in quantum computing

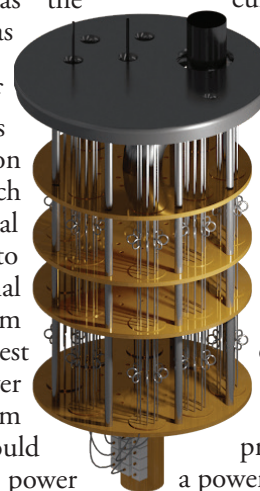
By **SIASIA BEAN**
Science & Technology Co-Editor

The Australian national government as well as the state of Queensland has announced it will invest the Aussie equivalent of \$620 million towards PsiQuantum, a Silicon Valley startup, which is one of several global companies racing to make the first functional commercial quantum computer. The interest comes from the power possessed by quantum technology, which would allow for computing power that easily surpasses any existing computer or supercomputer currently in existence.

By 2027, PsiQuantum plans to build a quantum version of supercomputing facilities. The computer system will use fusion-

based architecture and photonics which involve the encoding of Qubits into particles of light. The company did not disclose how its current progress compares to other startups of a similar nature, but believes that the project will ensure that they are at the forefront of the race. When completed, fault-resistant quantum computers may prove useful to several industries including minerals and metals, healthcare, renewable energy and several others. Touted as an opportunity to solve today's impossible problems, the prospect of such a powerful technology both intrigues and worries many people.

Outside of the potential granted from these technologies, quantum computing is expected to create jobs for many people, with the current projection being 10,000 jobs made available in Australia by 2040.



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TikTok ban: A global debate

By ROXY CAUCHI
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

The debate surrounding TikTok's presence in global markets centers primarily on two key issues: data privacy and national security. Some critics argue that TikTok, owned by the Chinese company ByteDance, may be subject to Chinese government influence and could potentially misuse their user data. These concerns have led several countries, including India and the United States, to consider putting limitations on the app or banning it altogether.

In June 2020, India banned TikTok and several other Chinese-owned apps during escalating tensions between the two countries. The ban resulted in a significant decrease to TikTok's audience, as India was one of its largest markets, with over 200 million users. The move underscored the growing unease among

policymakers about the influence of Chinese tech companies and how they handle user data.

During Donald Trump's presidency, his administration raised alarms about TikTok's potential threat to national security, with the major fear being that the Chinese government could access user data collected by the app. As a result, the administration wanted to ban TikTok from U.S. app stores and attempted to force its sale to American companies. This led to TikTok fighting the ban in court, as losing their U.S. audience would also cause a huge loss for the company.

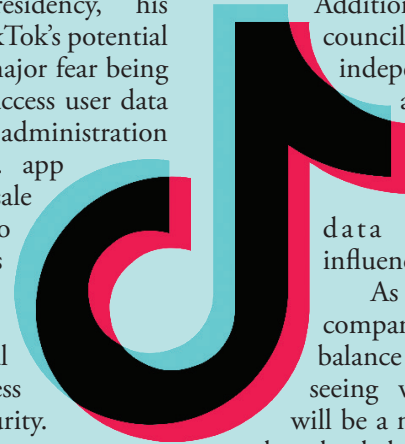
In response to these potential bans, TikTok has taken steps to address concerns over data privacy and security. The company has implemented measures such as data localization, where user data is only

stored within the country it was created in, and increased transparency regarding its content policies.

Additionally, TikTok has formed advisory councils and committees composed of independent experts to provide insight and guidance on issues related to safety and security.

The TikTok ban represents the ongoing conflict surrounding data privacy, national security and the influence of technology on policy making.

As policymakers and investors in the company navigate this dispute, finding a balance between protecting user data and seeing where technology shapes society will be a major part of TikTok's ability to be downloaded in the United States and in many other countries.



CTE research expands after concerns grow

By TOPHER DELLA BELLA
Sports Co-Editor

Traumatic hits to the head in football can cause serious injury to the brain. Studies show that the consequence of these brain injuries is a condition called chronic traumatic encephalopathy or CTE. This condition has led players to lose memory, become aggressive, develop suicidal behaviors, get dementia and subsequently, lose their life.



Source: Wikimedia

Guardian Caps are worn by 300,000+ athletes nationwide to reduce impact during practice and in games.

To help prevent CTE in football, scientists are investigating the types of head impacts that can offer the highest risk. A research team of top scientists, such as Dr. Daniel Daneshvar, is constantly looking into the relationship between head impacts and CTE.

To estimate impacts, 631 brains donated by men who have played professional football were examined. High-stage CTE was found in 288 of the men. On average, the donors played about 12 years of professional football and died at the age of 60.

In an effort to minimize occurrences of CTE, athletes and coaches associated with the National Football League are lowering the number of strength hits to the head. The NFL has gone as far as giving players the option to wear guardian caps during regular season games.

The sports equipment company, Riddell, has played an active role in the prevention of CTE in football players by developing their newest helmet, the Riddell Axiom. The Axiom is starting to make its way from the professional and collegiate level over to the high school level and even the youth level. This is only the start of the major prevention of CTE.

Researchers develop sustainable jet fuel process

By MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

Researchers from the University of Sydney in Australia have recently created a chemical process that can use landfill methane gas emissions to make sustainable jet fuel. The development could potentially help potentially lead the aviation industry toward a more low-carbon future.

The aviation industry is responsible for roughly three percent of global emissions. Landfills emit up to 20 million tonnes of greenhouse gasses annually. This new process can help reduce both landfill and aviation emissions while offering a sustainable way to still provide fuel.

The process begins with the use of a shaft-like

methane well to collect the emissions from a landfill. In some countries, like the United States, laws already exist in certain areas enforcing landfill methane collection, but their systems are designed for electricity generation.

“Modern landfill facilities already capture, upgrade and combust their gas emissions for electricity generation,” professor PJ Cullen, lead author of the published research, said. “Our process creates a much more environmentally impactful and commercially valuable product.”

Non-thermal plasma is then used to excite the gas via renewable energy sources, and the . doesn't necessitate any special conditions.

“The process doesn't require heat or pressure, meaning it requires less energy, making it highly compatible with renewable energy power sources,” Cullen said.





SENIORS Sign OFF - SPRING

Volleyball



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

- Chris U'Glav
- Karter Peereboom
- Tommy Parker
- Samuel Yost
- Aidan Papula
- Ritesh Patel

Track & Field

Girls seniors:

- Regan Curabba
- Nicole Musselwhite
- Ryan O'Connor
- Fiona Ring
- Sophia Thoman
- Hannah Lowe
- Lily Cosentino
- Grace Bogardus
- Cassandra Joyce
- Mackenzie Donald
- Anaya Ruiz
- Emma Allen
- Jana Caball Sunyer
- Ashely Ganly

Boys seniors:

- Tyler Bird
- Charlie McClain
- Jack Goginsky
- Nixon Kameen
- Ben Bailor
- Dan O'Keefe
- Bobby Russo
- Owen Ruzanski
- Logan Lee

Unified Track

- Cole Miller
- Neamiyah Gilmore
- Nikos Burks
- Sadie Fuchs
- Michael McKeeby
- Maddie Oyer

Boys Lacrosse

- Jacob Albaugh
- Kolton Handy
- Daniel Rizzo
- Owen Kelly
- Averi Dunn



Topher DellaBella/Del.Aware

- Jaydin Erickson
- Justin Kalitsnik
- Christopher Eisloeffel
- Mike Shannon
- Brody Smith

Tennis



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

- Ty Bates
- Michael Richards
- Jeruan Patton (Not Pictured)
- Alex Corcoran
- Christian Perunsky

As the spring sports season comes to an end, seniors were recognized for their hard work and dedication. These Senior nights are organized by the booster clubs and coaches. Seniors' plans for after high school, their involvement and how long they have been playing were announced.

Complied by Topher DellaBella

Softball

Avery Calvario



Trista Kuddar



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

Baseball



Lucas Innella



Jackson Corrie



Lawson Hawke



Ronan McManus



Travis Kowal



Luke Kraszewski

Bobby Russo/Del.Aware



Keaton Phillips



Everett Bell



Kyle Chabak

Girls Lacrosse



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- Grace Kloetzer
- Corinne Larca
- Adrianna Buchanan
- Emerson Gagnon
- Haleigh Sibilia
- Mikaela Shallo
- Maya Jean-Francois
- Maddie Gifford

Sports Wrap-ups

Softball

BY CASSANDRA JOYCE
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Softball ended its season with a 8-0 loss against Valley West on May 2. They were 5-16 on the year.

Freshman Emily Sullivan and junior Shannon Eby had the only hits in the game. Junior Lauren Donnelly pitched 5 2/3 innings, and Sullivan got the last out.

According to head coach Frank Jordan, the team struggled to make the necessary adjustments at the plate, but they were able to stop Valley West from scoring for the first three innings.

Sullivan led the team in batting average at .333, and she and Eby were the team's leaders in hits. Junior Ava Capeci led the team in RBIs.

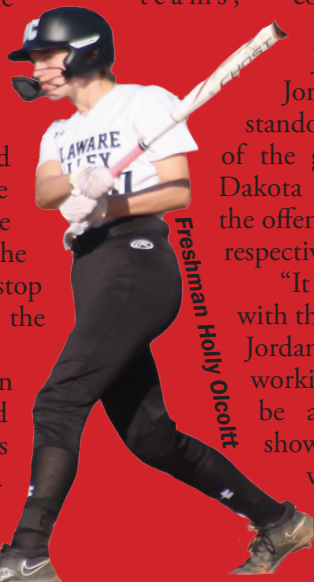
Throughout the

season, the team figured out how to stay in difficult games, but coach Jordan believes the team needs to improve upon confidence.

"We became more athletic this year, improved our ability to make plays and limited big innings for the other teams," coach Jordan said.

According to coach Jordan, sophomore Jordan Dickerson was a standout player in all aspects of the game. Eby and junior Dakota Jordan stood out on the offensive and defensive sides respectively.

"It was a pleasure working with this group of girls," coach Jordan said. "They are a hard working, yet fun group to be around. We definitely showed improvement and will keep working in the future."



Freshman Holly Olcott

Baseball

BY BOBBY RUSSO
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The baseball team defeated Scranton on May 21, with junior Frankie Pedone leading the charge for the Warriors going all the way for a no-hitter against the Knights. He pitched seven innings, striking out four in a 3-0 win.

Seniors Kyle Chabak and Keaton Phillips both had RBI hits, which held the lead for DV. The win for Warriors matched them up against Hazleton Area in the semi-final district playoff game.

In the Hazleton game, Phillips took the mound for the Warriors having only pitched

one inning giving up five earned runs. The next pitcher was freshman Alex Calvario, as he had a better outing, pitching three innings giving up three runs, with a strikeout in between.

The offense was able to muster up three runs in the fourth inning with sophomore Liam Onofry and freshman Londyn Hernandez providing the three runs with RBI hits in the inning, but that was the only offense that day for the Warriors. Hazleton Area went on to score nine more runs to 10-run mercy the Warriors and end their season.

The baseball team finished with an 8-14 record to finish the season.



Senior Keaton Phillips

Boys Tennis

BY OLIVIA VAN TASSELL
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The tennis team finished its season with a 10-4 record including their playoff games.

The team beat Wilkes-Barre Area in their quarterfinal game and progressed to the semi-finals when they lost 3-2 to Crestwood. Both doubles teams won and all three singles teams went to three sets.

"It was as close as it could have been," head coach Kevin Quinn said.

Sophomore Jaxson Hazard stepped up this season, moving into the third singles position and winning his first semi-finals match.

Seniors Christian Perunsky and Ty Bates went undefeated through the quarter and semi-finals.

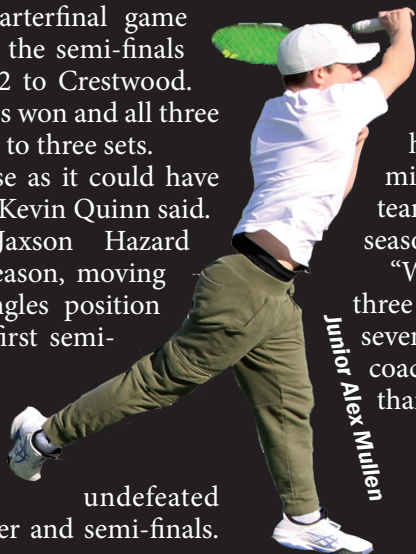
The first doubles team earned a bronze medal in doubles Districts.

No. 1 singles player junior Alex Mullen also earned a bronze medal in singles Districts.

"It's the first medal in the program since 2018," coach Quinn said.

Coach Quinn is grateful for the success the team has had this year and will miss the seniors who the team is losing after this season.

"We are going to lose three starters out of our seven-man rotation," coach Quinn said. "We are thankful for seniors."



Junior Alex Mullen

Unified Track

BY MADDIE GIFFORD
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On May 1, the unified track team competed in its last meet at North Pocono's stadium. DV finished second place with 3.00 points, North Pocono took first place with 5.00 and Lakeland placed third with 1.00.

At the end of the season, DV finished in second place for the Northeast North division.

This season's team turned out with 20 athletes and partners and were coached by

Mrs. Linnette Saturno, Ms. Jerica Tallo and Ms. Hailey Vogel. According to coach Saturno, this number of athletes was a good turnout with an increase from last year's team of 12 athletes.

Because this season had many cancellations and schedule changes due to rain, the season was difficult to navigate for the athletes, but they adapted and persevered.

"Our DV athletes were great teammates and worked hard to create opportunities with students with and without disabilities to demonstrate and promote the values of inclusion, acceptance and teamwork," coach Saturno said.

The team was fortunate to join other teams this year such as Lakeland and North Pocono. Every meet this season was a tri-meet with 60 or more athletes participating.



Junior Gabe Peruso

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Boys Lacrosse

BY TOPHER DELLA BELLA
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Ending their season with a record of 15-3, the boys lacrosse team fell to Easton Area High School on May 21, 13-10.

"We played a great game. It was a close game the entire

time. Our kids fought and played well together," said head coach Jeff Krasulski. "We had a few too many turnovers and that did us in, but the guys had a great effort against a top team down in District 11."

Junior Peyton LaRocco contributed three goals, junior Noah Rabolli

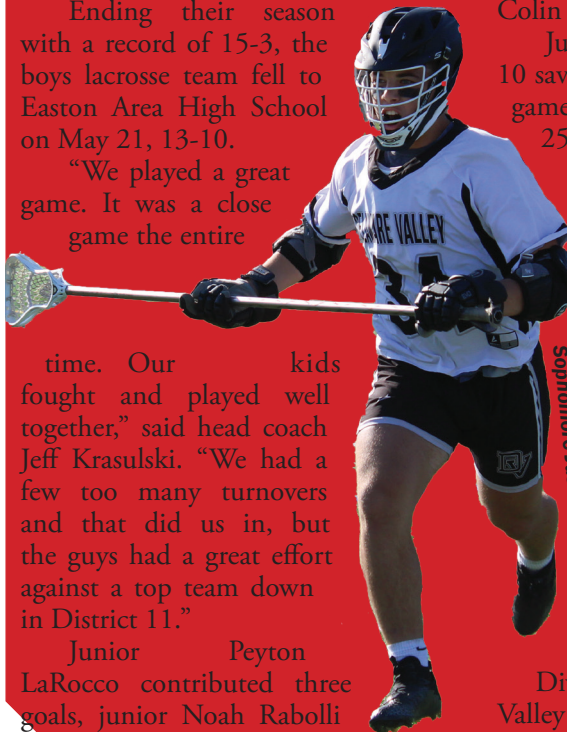
and senior Justin Kalitsnik had two goals each and senior Owen Kelly, junior Bryson Mackey and sophomore Colin McGarvey each had one goal.

Junior goalie Keegan Heath had 10 saves and Kalitsnik had a dominant game at faceoff winning 22 out of his 25 faceoffs.

"Justin Kalitsnik really dominated the faceoffs for us," said coach Krasulski.

The boys had a number of accomplishments throughout the season. The team got their 200th win, LaRocco set a school record for goals in a career with over 200 goals, and Kalitsnik also set a school record for faceoff wins in a career with 802.

The only senior this year who will be continuing his career with lacrosse in college is Kelly who will be playing Division III lacrosse at Delaware Valley University.



Sophomore Justin Estevez

Girls Lacrosse

BY KAYLA SYKES
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The lacrosse team ended its season against Pleasant Valley High School during their subregional game 20-4.

According to head coach Bernadine Salak, the Warriors struggled against Pleasant Valley's quick midfielders and attack. However, the team had good energy and were locked in the sideline. The team also never quit.

"The team played together and really left it all on the field," coach Salak said.

One of the key moments during the game was when junior Ava Kraszewski scored her 200th goal in the second quarter.

"She is now number two on our all-time goal scoring list,

only 12 goals behind our all-time goal scorer, Bailey Fedun," Salak said.

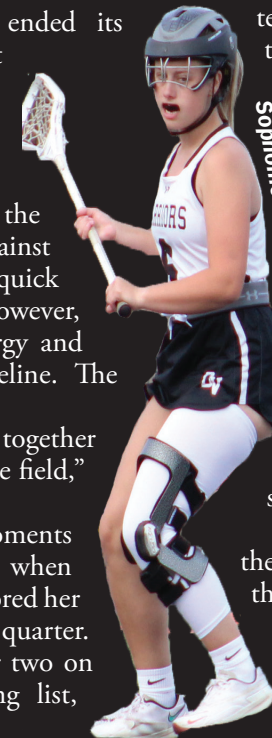
Coach Salak believes the team battled all season to win the district championship. She also believes younger players gained a lot of experience at the varsity level.

The seniors had a great impact according to coach Salak.

"Our seniors provided good leadership and really worked hard to shape their senior season into a championship season," she said.

Kraszewski is going to miss the memories she has made with the seniors.

"I'm gonna miss the bus rides before and after games the most," Kraszewski said.



Sophomore Taylor Spears

Track and Field

BY ETAIN STARR
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Both the girls and boys track teams ended their seasons with a 5-1 record.

At Districts, sophomore Emma Simmons won first place in the 110m hurdles and moved on to States. Junior Liliana Coe moved onto States for triple jump and senior Charlie McClain moved on for 110m hurdles as they both placed second in the district.

Coe also placed third in the pole vault during the district meet.

Junior Rainna Carr placed second for shot put.

The relay team consisting of seniors Nixon Kameen, Bobby Russo and Dan O'Keefe and junior Micheal Donlon placed third in the 4x800m relay.

The 4x100m relay team consisting of McClain and juniors Logan Olsommer, David Choi and Alex Vaughan placed third.

Head coach Nicholas Quaglia felt the season was a very successful season.

"We were solid in all areas," coach Quaglia said. "This helped us win in dual meets."

At States, Simmons placed 17th, McClain 24th and Coe placed 26th in their respective events.



Senior Ben Bailor

Boys Volleyball

BY KAT QUINN
Sports Editor

The volleyball team won 3-0 against Wilkes-Barre on May 23 to earn its second consecutive district title. They will move on to compete in the first round of the state tournament on June 4. In addition to winning the district championship, they are also league champions for the second year in a row.

In the district game, the team worked together to take a clean sweep at Districts. Senior Chris U'Glay earned the team 19 kills and eight digs. Senior Tommy Parker collected eight kills and 20 service points.

All season, each player played a crucial role in each game. Senior

Aidan Papula has given the team 413 assists, supporting U'Glay's 292 kills, Parker's 98 kills and junior Gino Gualandi's 91 kills at this point in the season. In the back row, senior Karter Peereboom and Yost provided a solid defense, with 89 and 71 digs respectively.

Head coach Adam Holdredge is proud of what the boys have accomplished this season. He is looking forward to seeing how the state game will play out.

"We had some ups and downs this season, but they fought through it and became a better team because of it," coach Holdredge said.



Senior Chris U'Glay