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DV HOSTS INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BY NICKI MUSSELWHITE
Community News Co-Editor

On May 31, the Special Olympics were held at Warrior Stadium with over 200 athletes and five schools/centers competing: Delaware Valley, Wallenpaupack, Wayne Highlands, Pike County Development Center and Devereux.

This event provided students, and some adults, with special needs the opportunity to compete in various track and field events.

In some capacity, this type of event has been hosted at DV for 14 years. During the pandemic, the name changed to Warrior Games, but the same type of competitive and fun environment was present.

This year's event honored Joseph Lillis, the manager for Area P Special Olympics. He

was a long-time volunteer who dedicated his time to athletes with disabilities in the community.

"He is looking down at us smiling," event organizer Eric Kudrich said.

Secondary education consultant and staff volunteer Mrs. Nicole DeLauro has been attending these events since they were first started at Delaware Valley. She was a special education teacher at DV for 17 years.

"I love to see the athletes succeed in something they are working so hard for," Mrs. DeLauro said. "It is the best school day of the year."

There were over 50 students and staff participating as volunteers.

JUNIORS DEFEAT SENIORS 32-19 IN POWDER PUFF GAME

BY MADDIE GIFFORD
Staff Writer

In the powder puff game on May 25, the juniors defeated the seniors in a second-half comeback 32-19.

SAAC adviser Mrs. Krystine Thompson, along with other members of SAAC, teachers and student volunteers, organized and ran the flag football event. It has been 18 years since the last powder puff game held at DV.

"When I was a freshman in high school, I really wanted to play but that's when it was discontinued. I really wanted to bring it back," Mrs. Thompson said. "It was an event that everyone at school really loved."

There were a total of 21 juniors and 15

seniors who participated in the game.

"We had a lot of fun, and I'm happy we got to play for our senior year," senior Katie Matthews said.

The junior team was coached by juniors Dom Moyer, Justin Kalitsnik, Tyler Bird and Kolton Handy. The seniors were coached by seniors Paulie Weinrich, Landon Machado, AJ Dierksen and Connor Gaughan.

"Even though the seniors lost, it was really fun to be a part of, and we all enjoyed it," Weinrich said.

Next year, Mrs. Thompson plans on hosting powder puff in the fall during football season and having a Friday night game. She hopes to keep bringing the school spirit back.



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Maddie Gifford/Del.Aware

DAY IN THE LIFE OF

eunice choi



Eunice Choi can almost always be spotted with a camera in her hand and a sleep deprived but kind expression on her face. She participates in a wide variety of activities at school and exceeds expectations time and time again.

CJ: Cassandra Joyce (interviewer)

EC: Eunice Choi (interviewee)

CJ: What are the different activities you are involved in at school?

EC: Marching band, yearbook, NAHS, NHS, FBLA, drama, AP Art History and AP Studio Art

CJ: What is a typical day like for you?

EC: I stay until 6:00 with practice and rehearsals. When I go to games, I get home around 9:00, have a late dinner and do my homework. I never go to bed before midnight. I'm a walking zombie.

CJ: What's your favorite kind of art to make?

EC: I like drawing people- not realistically but more of a stylized sketchy.

CJ: How did you become involved in yearbook?

EC: In middle school, my friend was in yearbook, so I heard you can take pictures. As someone who loves taking pictures, I joined.

CJ: What do you do for yearbook?

EC: I take pictures and teach other people how to take pictures, especially of sports. I layout and edit the pictures and just help overall.

CJ: What is your role in marching band this year, and what does that entail?

EC: Drum major. Responsibility is a big part. You have to take care of 40 high schoolers and middle schoolers. Leadership is important because I have to lead them to go to practice. Conducting is easy. It's the main job, but it's less pressure than the leadership stuff.

CJ: What did you do in FBLA this year, and how did it interest you?

EC: Digital Animation. My dream career was animator, so I wanted to make an animation that was longer than just short clips I did by myself and challenge myself.

CJ: How will what you do here impact your future career?

EC: I want to be an artist. NAHS and AP art classes will help me develop skills, and FBLA gives me college ideas. It helps develop more of the social side of it.

CJ: What is your favorite part of the things you do?

EC: I like meeting and interacting with people. Making those networks is really important now and still will be as an adult.

I love yearbook because I get to meet a lot of diverse people.

CJ: What's the most difficult part of it all?

EC: Time management. There's so much work, and sometimes my body cannot physically do it because I lack sleep, and I'm always tired.

CJ: How do you find a balance?

EC: I don't. I just go for it. I just suffer, but this shall pass. That's one of my mottos.

CJ: What does art mean to you?

EC: I think it's a part of my life now that's just there. I don't remember starting it. Art in general is really important and valuable because it's not just beautiful visually. It has deep meanings. As an artist, I admire how people put effort and time into their work. I want to do it like them. It's one of my challenges because it's never ending. There's no final goal. It's just discovering myself because art really depends on the artist. I'm still in the process of finding what my art is, and it's hard.

CJ: What advice do you have for those who do a lot at school or are interested in art?

EC: This too shall pass. After all the hard work, there will be a great outcome one day. You will get good, positive results from your effort. Do it because you want to do it.

Draw a lot until you see results. Do not give up because you're not better than others. Some people think just because other people are better than them they're not good, but that's not true. It just means those people put more effort in so far. Try harder and harder until you're satisfied with it. Some people are just talented, but that doesn't mean they'll always be better. You still need to practice and trust the process.

FUN FACTS

Favorite food: Korean Food

Favorite song: The Weekend-

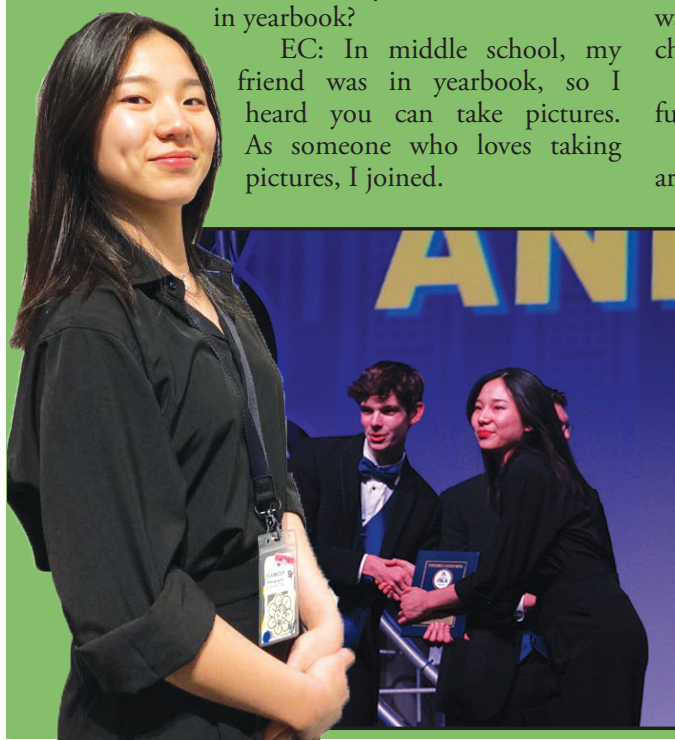
"88rising" & "BIBI"

Favorite movie: "Zootopia"

Favorite class: Math and art

Favorite drink: Water

Secret talent: Baking



School News

Ensembles perform final concerts

By SHAUN RYAN
Entertainment Editor

Every year, each ensemble holds a concert consisting of pieces that they have been preparing for since the beginning of the second semester.

The jazz band, orchestra, choir and concert band all perform in the last few weeks of school. The ensembles perform six or more pieces compared to the usual three to four since each group is given the opportunity to perform alone.

The orchestra performed with select students from the concert band for their final two arrangements. The jazz band brought on students from the middle school for their second to last song.

Concert band will be performing the final concert of the year on June 8.



Hazel Buro/Del.Aware

On May 25, the chorus and chamber choir were joined by the Dingman Delaware Elementary School's children's choir.



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

Eddie Nieves conducted the third piece of the evening "Tango Mysterio" arranged by Susan H. Day.



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

Jazz band coordinator Mrs. Tina Reece joined the band on stage with an alto saxophone performance.

All six students in the jazz band had a chance to solo throughout the concert.



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

Guest speaker recounts events of Port Jervis lynching

By MICHAEL HELT
Science and Tech Co-Editor

On May 25, guest speaker Michael Worden delivered a presentation to roughly 200 students from various classes. Worden was invited to speak by social studies teacher Mr. Tyler Barnett.

The presentation was in regards to the June 2, 1892, mob lynching of a black man named Robert Lewis in Port Jervis, New York.

Viewing the presentation were Mrs. Lordi's journalism students, Mr. Barnett's Peace Studies students, Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Sweeney's Forensics classes and Dr. Cosentino's American Government students.

In the auditorium, pictures of the majorly involved individuals in the lynching, including that of Robert Lewis, were displayed.

During the presentation, Worden provided an account of the events leading up to Lewis' lynching. Lewis was accused of sexually assaulting a white woman named Lena McMahon and was apprehended

by local residents for the crime.

Before the police officers could take Lewis into custody, a mob dragged him over half a mile to Main Street where he was hanged twice. Nobody was charged with Lewis' murder.

Worden said he felt that events would have transpired differently if the rights of the accused were applied with Lewis. He believes that he would likely have seen prison time and would have likely confessed to being set up during an interrogation interview.

He included some details that were seemingly lost to history, like the story of Lena McMahon following the assault. He managed to find a connection between her story in Port Jervis and news headlines concerning a decomposing infant in the Cosmopolitan Hotel in New York City.

While Worden managed to compile a

comprehensive account of the events with over 635 sources, the process certainly had some setbacks. A major issue was the amount of time that had passed since the events occurred.

"It's hard to recreate a crime scene from 130 years ago," Worden said.

Worden explained the difficulty in mapping out the 1892 layout of Port Jervis.

He had issues in particular with finding the locations of the jail and the tree used for the lynching. He had to compare photos of different time periods and physically traverse Port Jervis to properly locate the sites.

He wasn't able to uncover any physical evidence to corroborate the events, and some specific details, like the type of knot used during the hanging, weren't available.

The COVID-19 pandemic played a role in further delaying the book, which took roughly four years to compile and organize.

"It took a lot longer than I anticipated," Worden said.

Despite the difficulties that arose, Worden's reconstruction of the events leading up to the lynching has had an impact on his audience.

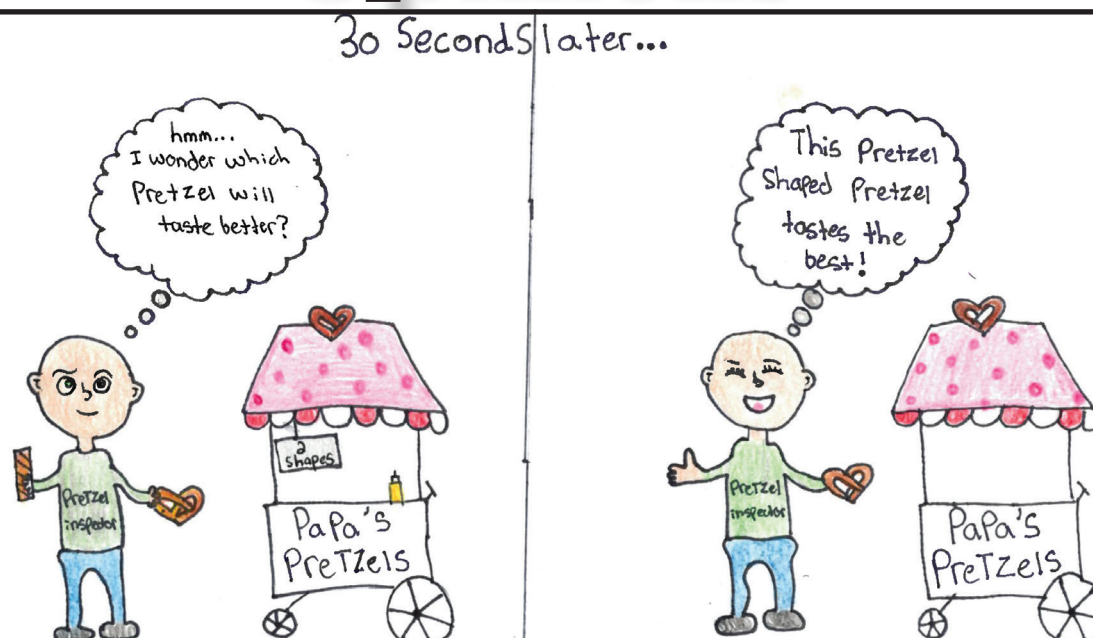


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Mr. Barnett and his students came together to prepare the auditorium for the guest speaker.

Opinions

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Social media is making humanity less social

By KAYLEE KURCON
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The irony of social media is that ultimately, it is making us less social. At first, social media was created to help users connect digitally with friends, family, colleagues and even people we have never met before.

Consequently, more people now than ever are dealing with nomophobia-which is just a fancy word for a fear of being without a mobile device.

Social interactions stimulate the release of dopamine, a chemical released in the brain that makes you feel happy. Because it is so easy and accessible, so many people have replaced real face-to-face interactions with digital interactions, while still getting that dose of dopamine.

Seemingly, Gen Z struggles the most with communication skills and recognizing non-verbal aspects of a conversation. This is merely a direct repercussion of their constant use of social media.

As more and more people spend their time glued to their phones, they are neglecting rudimentary social skills. Not only are we losing social skills, we are also losing meaningful relationships.

Social media gives us this illusion of having many social connections that are not very accurate. You could have all the followers in the world but how many of those connections are true and meaningful? Being on social media gives people this sense of being part of a large community, which may just mask the fact that they do not actually have close and personal relationships offline.

By following friends through social media, instead of privately communicating, we create false images of people and overlook that they have other things going on in their lives. Everything is not always how it appears and by valuing a digital connection over a face-to-face conversation, we are being careless with relationships.

Overtime, the carelessness turns into distance in the relationship and eventually there's no relationship at all. All because of treasuring a digital presence.

Even when we devote time to spending time with friends and family, consider how much time you actually spend in the moment versus how much time you spend on your phone. When we have our phones with us, it takes us away from the present. You are no longer living in the moment if you are spending that time scrolling through your Instagram feed.

Each year cases of social anxiety rise. This should come as no surprise as social media becomes more popular every year too. Distracting themselves from real-time interaction and even avoiding said interactions causes people to be remiss in social abilities.

Lacking in experience with real social interactions undoubtedly has its consequences when someone is put in a face-to-face situation.

Despite the perks of social media, the world needs a digital detox to learn how to be social again.

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Opinions

OUR OPINION

Dynamic pricing or plain robbery?

Why are concert tickets all of a sudden starting to get ridiculously costly? Is the musician setting the prices? Is it the venues? Nope. It is the third party where the tickets are being sold. Ticketmaster, a leading company in the sale of concert tickets, for example, uses what is commonly known as "dynamic pricing." Dynamic pricing by definition means "the practice of varying the price for a product or service to reflect changing market conditions, in particular the charging of a higher price at a time of greater demand."

This, in turn, means that with higher demand for tickets, the higher the ticket price will be. Seems fair right? Not \$20,000 fair.

According to Insider, the highest concert ticket to see Taylor Swift on her Eras Tour was over \$20,000. For Drake, it was \$5,000.

The artist didn't set these prices, which means companies like Ticketmaster and SeatGeek were price gouging the tickets.

These companies are clearly taking advantage of consumers, consumers who would pay that kind of money to see their favorite performers.

The Californian reports that Ticketmaster controls over 80 percent of the live concert market. When purchasing a ticket, consumers can expect to pay up to 75 percent of the cost of the original ticket in fees alone.

Ticketmaster merged with Live Nation, the leading music and live performance vendor. Since this merge, both companies now own over 70 percent of live concert

venues and tickets being sold. This means that it is unavoidable for artists and performers to not have performances at Ticketmaster venues.

Taylor Swift recently found herself in turmoil with Ticketmaster. Fans complained that the tickets were so high that they were unable to purchase them. Taylor was furious with Ticketmaster and demanded the prices be dropped.

Fans began suing Ticketmaster for financial damages, some even winning their cases.

Swift is considered a role model for many young children. These children go to their parents begging for tickets, and when these tickets turn out to be thousands of dollars, they are heartbroken.

In November 2022, the Department of Justice started investigating Ticketmaster's parent company, Live Nation. This came after Ticketmaster crashed because over 3 million people were simultaneously buying concert tickets for the Eras Tour.

According to Rolling Stone magazine, the DOJ is still looking into Ticketmaster and Live Nation, claiming they are monopolizing their ticket sales in order to gain more money.

Ticket prices should be so high when back in 2000, you could find a ticket for a major artist for only \$50.

The hottest season of the year is also the worst

By JEONGHO KOH

Science and Technology Editor

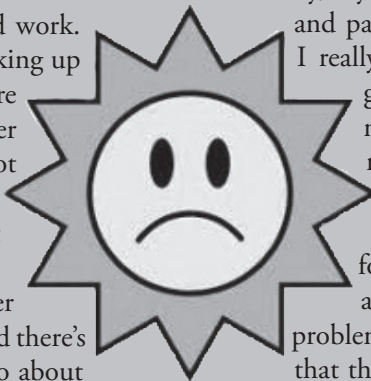
With school ending and summer vacation approaching, school students and staff alike are excited for a well-deserved break after nine months of hard work. While I also look forward to waking up later in the day and having more days available to be lazy, summer is still extremely overrated and not worthy of much praise aside from the few good things that it entails like pool parties.

An issue with the summer season is that it is just too hot, and there's only so much that people can do about it. At least with winter, which is also known for its extreme temperatures like summer, there is always a way to completely block the cold since the amount of layers people can wear is infinite. It is a little bit harder to block

out the heat than the cold since things like a fan or air conditioner is a much more difficult to carry around with you at all times.

If that isn't bad enough, the high humidity makes it even more uncomfortable. On a hot humid day, my skin becomes an oil reserve and party ground for mosquitoes. I really hate how sticky my skin gets, and I also would rather not have several sleepless nights scratching away at a bump that resulted from a bug bite. There's room for argument that there are products to solve these problems, but I would much prefer that they don't happen in the first place.

I know many regard the summer season as their favorite, but I personally feel it has the most nuisances compared to spring, autumn and winter.



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School News

Retirees plan to enjoy retirement, thank school

By NICK GELARDI
School News Editor

Receptionist

Plans after retiring: I want to see more of my grandkids and work on my art.
Impact of DV: I went to school here and got to meet all kinds of different people. It made me realize how good I have it.
Advice for others: Be friendly and kind, and everything else will fall into place.

Mrs. Cordova



Mr. Navarro



Maintenance Worker

Plans after retiring: My plans after DV are just to relax and enjoy woodworking and golf.
Impact of DV: It gave me stability and a 35 year career that made me the man I am now.
Advice for others: My advice is to be truthful and work hard but stay true to yourself.

Hall Monitor

Plans after retiring: My plans are to slow down and enjoy. My pastimes were basketball, going out to dinner and a little dancing.
Impact of DV: I learned to respect others and be humble.
Advice for others: Listen closely before you speak to students and feel what they are saying, and use humor much more often.

Mr. Lanfrank



Ms. Zarzecki



English Teacher

Plans after retiring: I like reading and writing for pleasure.
Impact of DV: I realized how much I love writing.
Advice for others: Love everything you do.

Inquiring Photographer

“WHICH SENIOR WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?”
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“Sean Hodgins”
Kolton Handy
Class of 2024



“Sean Lefberg”
Tyler Bird
Class of 2024



“Paulie Weinrich and
Connor Gaughan”
Travis Kowal
Class of 2024



“Celi Denhalter”
Zoe LeMay and
Sophie Alario
Class of 2024



“Xander Kelly”
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“Sara Flick”
Audrianna Smith
Class of 2024

CTE students install new electric car charger

By HAZEL BURO
World News Co-Editor

On May 12, the electrical CTE students completed the installation of an electric car charger on the side of the high school. According to CTE teacher Mr. Brian Watson, reading teacher Mrs. Alison Newman recently taught the electrical and automotive students a lesson on green technology. In this lesson, she touched on topics such as solar panels and electric powered cars. Consequently, the automotive and electrical CTE programs collaborated to purchase an electric car charger. The project taught students that there is a lot of work and money in the electric car industry.

“It gave installation work to the electrical students and coincided with cars moving from combustion engines to electric power for the automotive students,” Mr. Watson said.



Hazel Buro/Del.Aware

Senior Kyle Smirman
attaches the charger to the
building.



Hazel Buro/Del.Aware

Junior Sam Gouldthorpe
drills the hole to begin the
project.

School News

Junior Historians provide fun, food for local seniors

By HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

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

There were approximately 95 senior citizens in attendance with 25 students who volunteered for the evening.

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 the owner of John's, Colin Smith.

The dinner consisted of bread, 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.

"I had Mr. G in ninth grade so he recommended

that I join Junior Historian, and I've been involved in it since," Junior Historians president Andrew Williams said. "It's a good experience to help learn

how to be hospitable."

Unlike other dinners, music was provided by speakers from Core Entertainment. The playlist played was a mix of jazz and big band music from the 40s.

"My favorite part of the dinner was when Hailey, Hailey's grandma and I danced and got other people at the dinner involved," Junior Historians vice president Carmela Riccio said.

A surprise for the senior citizens was an improvised dance performance to the song "Moonlight Serenade" by the Glenn Miller Orchestra performed by Riccio, Junior Historian member Hailey Kelly and Kelly's grandmother Geraldine Barbarito right before cake was passed out.



Hailey Kelly/Del.Aware

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

Sophomore class attends Career Day

By LILY COSENTINO
News Co-Editor

On May 19, the sophomore class participated in Career Day with a wide variety of different careers to explore. The students had

the opportunity to meet professionals who are working in their field of interests, hear career outlooks and ask questions.

The speakers talk to the students about the level of education it takes to accomplish their career, the working

conditions, annual salary and if the job field is projected to grow in the future.

This year, students had over 15 volunteer guest speakers to choose from. The speakers came to the school for 6th and 7th period, along with being

treated to a lunch. The students chose two career paths that interested them to attend to the speaker for the period.

"It was very inspirational, and I'm glad I could learn about other people's job experience and hear about different perspectives in careers paths," sophomore Teizu Jones said.

This opportunity is provided to the sophomores to help guide them down a career path as they progress through high school, while also providing them enough time to change their minds and ask more questions.

The guidance department offers many different opportunities for the students throughout their high school experience to explore their future career options in hopes to make it the smoothest and easiest transition for them possible.



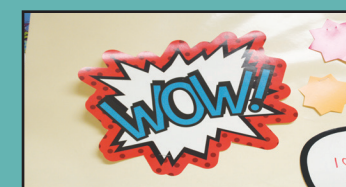
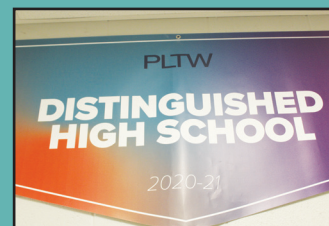
Lily Cosentino/Del.Aware

Students test an unreleased BMW brought in by one of the company's associates.

Puzzle Fun

This issue's puzzle fun is to guess the location of where the following photos were taken.

These photos are of objects around the halls of the high school. Be the first person to guess where all four pictures were taken to win a prize. Come to Mrs. Lordi in D4 to submit your guesses. Freshman Grant Nielsen and Phil Fitzpatrick were the winners last issue.



Compiled by Kat Quinn

School News

John Lockwood named in 29th class of Scholastic Superstars

BY NICK GELARDI
News Editor

Every school year, the Times-Tribune names their class of Scholastic Superstars, selected from Northeast Pennsylvania schools. The panel of judges evaluates students based on their academic, athletic and charitable involvement and success within their respective schools, and senior John Lockwood was selected as part of the prestigious 25-person group this year.

"It was nice to be on stage with 24 other selected students," John said.

John acknowledges his hard work throughout his academic career as the main factor behind this achievement, as he has been putting in hard work for almost seven years since middle school. He recalls

many sleepless nights, but he knows the importance of balance in his life.

"I do not sleep until the work is done, but I do what is necessary and not burn myself out," he said.

His hard work in school has also contributed to his other academic accolades, as his class rank is currently first, and he has scored five fives and two fours on AP exams.

He also credits other people for motivating him to success, such as his brother who was a huge inspiration and factor in John's success. John's brother was also valedictorian six years ago at DV, and also attended Brown

University, where John will be attending college. He also wanted to thank math teacher Ms. Jessica Hubal who inspired him to do computer programming and made it enjoyable for him as well.

John's involvement in other activities, such as the varsity swim team, National Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind and being an Eagle Scout has also helped him become a Scholastic Superstar.

"[These activities] helped me become a well-rounded student, not just academically but athletically and with community service," John said.

John received his Scholastic Superstars medal from Times-Tribune executive editor Larry Holeva during a ceremony at Lackawanna College on May 9.



Culinary class prepares exquisite meals for OAC

BY SOPHIA BALL
Sports Co-Editor

The culinary arts CTE students hosted a dinner for the Career and Tech areas local advisory committee on May 18. The attendees consisted of school administration, faculty and local industry professionals.

Each year, the students focus on a theme for the menu. This year they focused on doing an avant-garde inspired menu with a few molecular gastronomy elements. The students served handmade ravioli, leek and watercress soup, seared yellowfin tuna, New York strip steak, mashed potatoes, sorbet and strawberry cheesecake for dessert. They served approximately 50 guests.

"It was a huge success," head chef Alexander Niosi said. "The students created a very ambitious menu that they executed to perfection."



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The Warrior Cafe dining room was set up for the OAC committee.



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Culinary students Brogan Mapes, Kylie Grunwald and Morgan Ewicka were involved in the culinary event.

Three OM teams place top 10 at world finals

BY KAYLEE KURCON
Opinions Co-Editor

This past week, three Odyssey of the Mind teams traveled to Michigan State University to compete at the world finals.

The technical team including freshman Ella Dong, sophomore Gryphon Fernald, juniors Owen Ruzanski and Olivia Choi and seniors Jessica Rhule, John Lockwood and Ashley McKeon placed third out of 30 teams.

The structure team, consisting of freshman Angie Barcia, sophomore Noelle Holderith and juniors Emma Allen, Karter Peereboom, Ben Bailor, Abby Zimmerman and Christa Cirello placed fifth out of 36 teams.

The theatrical team consisting of freshman Bailey Ryan, sophomores Addie Domanico, Brooke Natter and Matthew Schweitzer and juniors Olivia Rowehl and Roxann Cauchi placed seventh out of 43 teams.

The theatrical team overcame the challenge of losing a team member.

"We really adapted to our situation going from a seven-member team to a six-member

team a week before Worlds. I had to learn the lines of two people and our other team member, Matt, had to learn the lines of another character, switching his roles," Rowehl said. "It was definitely different and difficult, but it brought us closer as a team."



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Coach Terry Balton's team placed fifth at Worlds.

Community News

Playa Bowls serves array of healthy blends

By KAT QUINN
Community News Editor

With the warm weather approaching, going out for ice cream may become a frequent occurrence. Although it has become more popular in the past few years, Playa Bowls can be a new place to go during a hot summer day.

The closest Playa Bowls shop is located in Sparta, New Jersey. The interior of the shop is decorated as if it is right off of the beach. There is

plenty of indoor seating to cool off during the day.

The main options on the menu include bowls, smoothies and juices. There are also choices for coffee. Playa Bowls has recently added a new mango-based flavor. Other kinds of bowls include acai, pitaya, chia pudding, banana, oatmeal, green and coconut. Mixed bowls are also available. Orders are made right in front of the customer, with fresh fruit and purees.

With just a half hour drive from Milford, Playa Bowls is a great shop to stop at this summer.



Kat Quinn/Del.Aware

The Pura Vida bowl consists of acai, granola and berries and topped with honey.

Colonial Diner proves to be worth the drive

By LUCAS PAULEY
Editor in Chief

A staple in the Middletown area, the Colonial Diner has provided those who have passed through with delicious comfort food for generations.

Its menu boasts a variety of different options, ranging from diner classics with their breakfast and sandwich options to their choice of Italian and seafood specials.

At my most recent outing, I ordered diner staples, disco fries and a grand slam.

Their fries covered with mozzarella cheese and doused in rich gravy was the perfect sodium fueled meal to start my lunch off with. The fries had the perfect crisp to complement the combination of cheese and gravy. Even though a plate of disco fries will most likely take a few years off your life because of how unhealthy it

is, I encourage all future patrons to split a plate of this irresistible mountain of deliciousness priced at \$8.95.

With the grand slam my plate consisted of two eggs, two pieces of bacon, a sausage link, home fries and two pancakes.

I was rather underwhelmed by the eggs and home fries finding both to lack any flavor whatsoever. What made the meal was their pancakes which I believe to be the gold standard. Dence, yet fluffy, their pancakes are perfect for anybody

regardless of their griddle allegiances. Overall, the Colonial's breakfast options make it a worthy stop next time you're in the 845.



Lucas Pauley/Del.Aware

The Disco Fries consisted of melted cheese and rich gravy.

Summer activities in Pike County

By NICKI MUSSELWHITE
Community News Co-Editor

Grab a friend, a water bottle, some sunscreen and head out to one of the many activities in the Pike County area.



Waterfalls

Raymondskill
Hackers
Dingmans
Bushkill
Shohola

Beaches

Palmyra Beach (Wallenpaupack)
Milford Beach
West End Beach (Port Jervis)
Seaside (New Jersey)
Point Pleasant (New Jersey)
High Point (Sussex)

Activities: Kayaking, fishing, rafting
Delaware River
Lake Wallenpaupack



Concerts/ Drive-In Movies

Bethel Woods (Sullivan County, New York)
Fair Oaks Drive-in (Wallkill, New York)

Ice Cream

Polar Bear (Matamoras)
Riverside (Port Jervis)
Milford Dairy Bar (Milford)
Dairy Queen (Montague)

Delaware Valley Drama Presents **“Mamma Mia”**



Ms. Sarah Fitzkee, the director of the play, presented the community with the production of “Mamma Mia.” “Mamma Mia” is something I’ve always wanted to do,” Ms. Fitzkee said. “I was absolutely happy with the results. Everyone enjoyed it.”

Although she doesn’t have a favorite production, she is thrilled about how this one turned out.

Ms. Fitzkee wishes the graduating seniors to “continue to enjoy theater whether performing, or in the audience and good luck.”



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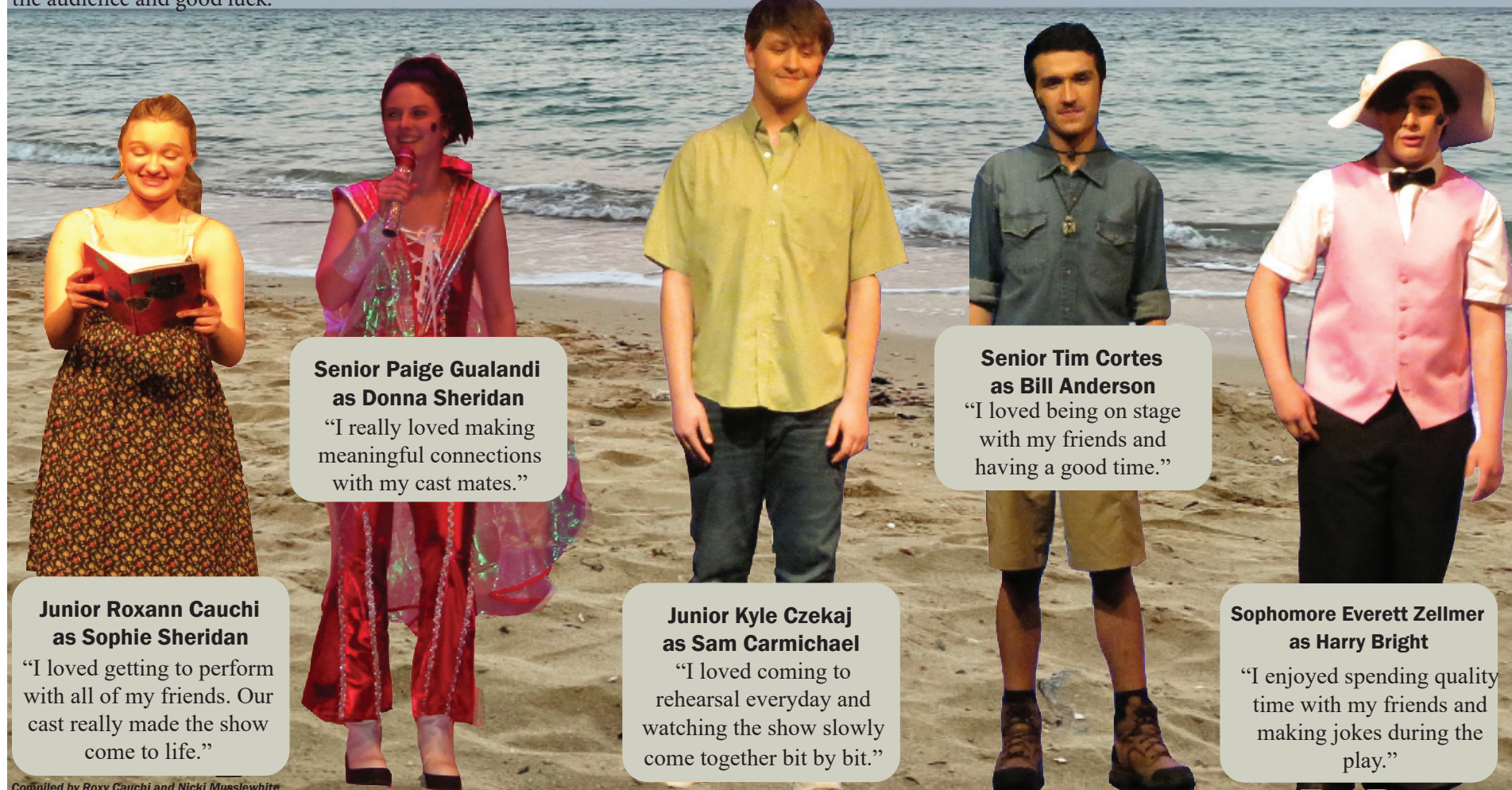


Assistant director Mr. David Torres has been performing in Delaware Valley productions since the age of ten.

According to Mr. Torres, costuming was a challenge for this year’s production since design was such a complicated aspect.

“I loved this show. The cast really brought the energy and gave life to the show,” Mr. Torres said.

He is looking forward to the different character choices the students will make with next year’s show.



**Senior Paige Gualandi
as Donna Sheridan**

“I really loved making meaningful connections with my cast mates.”

**Junior Roxann Cauchi
as Sophie Sheridan**

“I loved getting to perform with all of my friends. Our cast really made the show come to life.”

**Junior Kyle Czekaj
as Sam Carmichael**

“I loved coming to rehearsal everyday and watching the show slowly come together bit by bit.”

**Senior Tim Cortes
as Bill Anderson**

“I loved being on stage with my friends and having a good time.”

**Sophomore Everett Zellmer
as Harry Bright**

“I enjoyed spending quality time with my friends and making jokes during the play.”

Senior Art Show

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Cordelia Anc

College: Cosmetology &
Esthetician School
Major: Cosmetology

"Art has been an important
outlet for me to express what I'm
interested in."



Juliana Anderson

College: Eastern Gateway
College
Major: Social Work

"Art has been something that has
helped me become more in touch
with myself as a person."



Olivia Coelho

College: SUNY New Paltz
Major: Visual Arts

"Art has made me who I am today
and it brings me confidence."



Lilly Cole

College: Millersville
University
Major: Fine Arts

"Adding color to my art adds



Alayna Conklin

Tattoo Internship

"Don't overthink art. It comes
out how it's supposed to."



Jaeden Decker

College: University of the Arts
Major: Graphic Design

"Art is a stress-free environment for
me, and it is something that I enjoy
doing in my free time."



Sofia Galasso

College: SUNY Orange
Visual
Major: Communications
Technology & Graphic Arts

"The DV art teachers and art
program have inspired me to
pursue art as my career."



Paige Gualandi

College: Western
Connecticut State University
Major: Musical Theater &
Acting

"There is no limit to art."



Kiana Guy

"Art is fun to me, and it's a
way I express myself."



Sam Hadley

"Art is fun and expressive."



Sage Henry

College: Lesley
University
Major: Environmental
Science

"I think art has a deeper
meaning that people don't
recognize. Art is a beautiful
form of expression that is why
I have been so indulged in it."



Katherine Hammett

"I like art because it changes
and grows like I change and
grow."



Zoe Nestor

"I've always been told the
world is my canvas, so I like
to paint it the way I see it."



Madison Ruiz

College: New Jersey
Institute of Technology
Major: Architecture

"Art is what I do in my free time,
and I have a lot of free time,
therefore I love art."



Hannah Lounsbury

College: Flagler College
Major: Fine Arts

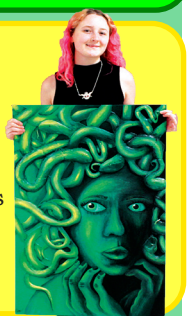
"Art is a unique way I express
myself."



Eva Wallace

College: Sussex Tech
Major: Welding

"Creating beautiful pieces for others
and for myself brings me so much
joy, and I hope to continue creating
for the rest of my life."



Arts & Literature

Spotlight Artist: Jaeden Decker

By NICOLE STEINBERG
Managing Editor

Jaeden Decker's first memory of art was when she made her older brother a necklace out of string and a gem. Jaeden said that her brother ended up loving the necklace and wore it until it broke the very next day.

Jaeden's favorite medium of art is graphic design. "Graphic design combines technology and art. I plan on going to college to major in it," she said.

Jaeden decided to further her artistic career at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia..

She also mentioned that her favorite art to create is abstract art.

"I would say I do a lot of abstract pieces," Jaeden said. "I like to design things with bright colors."

Jaeden's sister was in Odyssey of the Mind, which inspired her to continue art in high school.

"All of my siblings have inspired me the most. They all took art classes and have been helpful throughout my art career," she said.

Throughout high school, Jaeden

has taken classes such as Graphic Design, Ceramics 1 & 2, Jewelry Design, Intro to Drawing and 3D



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Jaeden painted this shoe using street art as an inspiration for a graffiti type of style.

Design.

Art teacher Mrs. Krystine Thompson, Jaeden's graphic design teacher, said they are currently working on gum package designs in class.

"I am excited to see the finished outcome and her idea come together digitally," Mrs. Thompson said.

Mrs. Thompson also said that Jaeden is very creative.

"Jaeden works hard and always makes sure to submit her best work," Mrs. Thompson said. "She

regularly asks for feedback and advice which not everyone does."

Spotlight Writer: Maddie Sieber

By LILY COSENTINO
News Co-Editor

Maddie Sieber, a sophomore in English 10, has recently been recognized for her outstanding poetry.

"Maddie shared her personal poetry with me earlier in the school year," Mr. Bates said. "I was impressed with her writing. It's encouraging to see

a student turn to writing as a form of self-expression."

Maddie takes her personal experiences in life and expresses them through

her poetry. She allows every person, emotion, action and experience to drive her towards her goal and to help her flow through her writing as she goes.

"I started writing more recently when I needed something to express myself with. I couldn't keep pushing my emotions to the side," Maddie said.

Maddie's experience with Mr. Bates in English class pushed her forward in her writing and allowed her to open up in a safe, expressive environment.

"He has taught me more than just the curriculum. He has shown me hope and gave me a sense of happiness in my school life," she said. "I will be joining the wrestling team and that I can't wait for. He is an overall incredible

teacher and an amazing comedian too."

Not only is Maddie expressing herself with poetry, but she has recently

started a book called "A Life That's Worth Living," and she is looking forward to publishing it.

Maddie recently learned to enjoy writing as she used it to set mini goals along with school work and her job. She never allows herself to get overwhelmed, but instead makes the

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- Mr. Evan Bates

Spotlight Musician: Zac Jacaruso

By JAMES ZAYATZ
World News Editor

Senior Zac Jacaruso is a wrestler. He's a state champ, two-time state finalist, two-time northeast regional champ and three-time district champ. While juggling a successful wrestling and academic career, he has also been growing a career as a rap artist.

Since the age of 10, Zac has been messing around with rhymes and throwing songs together on the fly. Because he started so young, his first memory of making music was a freestyle rap he made about soda that he put over a YouTube beat. Since then, he has fallen in love with the process and continues to hone his craft daily.

Now, he has officially released

between 15-20 full songs and performed five features on other artists' songs. Of his almost two dozen songs, his favorite is "Cold," also one of his most popular.

His aunt, who played a role in founding the Backstreet Boys, and his close friend Gee6, a fellow artist, both heavily inspire him when making music. His aunt's success and his friend's mentorship constantly motivate him.

"He really showed me the swag behind the rap and how to market myself," Zac said, referencing Gee6.

The music, for him, is a way to express himself while also having a good time.

He plans to continue improving and growing his brand, hoping to take it "to the top."



Arts & Literature

Nestor's artwork on display in nation's capital

By ROXY CAUCHI
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

On April 28, senior Zoe Nestor was awarded first place in congressman Matt Cartwright's Congressional District Art Competition. She was awarded the House of Representatives certificate as well as two plane tickets to Washington D.C.

"When I found out that I had two tickets, I had to bring my mom. My other family wanted to come too, but since they weren't able to, they're planning on going to see my art when it's open to the public," Nestor said.

The winning piece entitled, "Colorblind" featured a colorblind girl looking into a world of color and reflecting on the muted tones she sees.

"I wanted to see the world through someone



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Senior Zoe Nestor's winning piece is entitled "Colorblind."

else's eyes. It's crazy to me that everyone views color differently, and that's why I wanted to explore the topic through this piece," Nestor said.

To ensure that she didn't feed into any

misconceptions, she researched the various types of color blindness.

The process to create this piece was lengthy, given she had to lay down modeling paste in order to add a textured element before she even began painting. At the time, this method was fairly new to her, but since then, she had created many more like it.

"I want to focus on positive messages through my artwork because so many people focus on the negative side of things," Nestor said.

Her work will be hung in the Cannon Tunnel for a year, and will be available for the public to see.

Nestor feels as though her grandmother is a big inspiration to her.

"She was very good at art, and in a way, I feel like I picked up where she left off," Nestor said.

Voices of Tomorrow to perform at Music Festival

By FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA
Entertainment Co-Editor

Voices of Tomorrow will be performing their annual show on Music Fest weekend, featuring the voices of children around Milford.

The show will be held at the Milford Theater at 2:00 p.m. on June 11. Tickets will be \$20 and can be bought online and at the Milford theater on that day.

This performance is a cabaret, a collection of songs performed

This cabaret is directed by Jeffery Stalker, accompanied by Sandy Stalter and choreographed by Melissa Thomas.

Students involved are from Delaware Valley and Port Jervis.

"I try to get involved with any theatrical performances in the area, so

when I heard my vocal coach Sandy Stalter was musically directing another cabaret I joined," freshman Addison Del Mauro said.

They only have a few more rehearsals until the show, while they practice every Sunday focusing on choreography and singing.

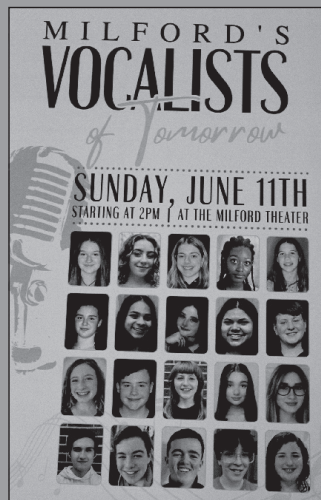
"We practice numerous dance styles and music genres until we perfect the performance," Del Mauro said.

This cabaret is made up of young performers who either want to pursue a career in performing arts or those who just enjoy singing for others.

"I'm excited to show people what we've worked so hard to create," junior Roxy Cauchi said.

The performers are eager to show what they worked on.

"I am most excited for finally being able to put on the show," Del Mauro said.



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Fashion Aware: College Merch

By TIFFANY GONZALEZ
Opinions Editor

There is no better way to show your college spirit like wearing the school's merchandise. Whether it's a hoodie, hat or a T-shirt, showing off the school you will be attending can be an immense source of pride.

No matter the price, the merch always gets bought. The representation of colleges mostly is shown throughout senior year of high school, as it gets more popular while people are finally approaching college. They are getting into their schools of choice.

Although the merch on campus may be expensive, there are still people in those stores every day.

There are so many different styles of college merch now: sweatshirts, sweatpants, T-shirts, long sleeve shirts,

socks, car stickers and magnets and even dog toys.

There is truly an infinite amount of supplies in college stores to represent their school. While most people love to represent their future or current college, there are still some people who just buy it for the style or look.

For example, a popular college that everyone loves to buy from is Penn State. The Penn State merchandise can run up to \$100 for one special item. Most people who wear Penn State merchandise do attend the college, but there are still some people who just like the color and feel of the attire.

Some also might have a love for the school because of their sports teams. If the college is known for a certain sport, some might like to buy the merchandise to show their support in that way.



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Entertainment

Conspiracy Theory: Stairs in the Woods

By JAMES ZAYATZ
World News Editor

Are stairs weird? If they are in a building, on a porch or even in a bus, they are likely pretty normal. What about staircases in the middle of the woods, miles away from buildings, porches or buses and far off of any trail? Add discussion of alternate dimensions and disappearing children and some stairs get very weird.

The staircases-in-the-woods phenomenon began in the 2010s yet has recently picked up steam due to media exposure on sites such as TikTok and YouTube, with posts garnering millions of views discussing possible theories and interesting stories.

The stairs in question are very much real yet with no concrete evidence of anything other than their existence, many curious people still debate over the truth of these mysterious monuments.

For the most part, those interested are either highly skeptical and rationalize the location of the

stairs, or, inversely, believe that the stairs may be supernatural in nature.

One of the original sources of speculation was a 2015 Reddit post by a user claiming to be a search-and-rescue officer who had seen one of these staircases. They detailed an ominous feeling around an extremely out-of-place set of stairs and went on to recall frightening accounts of coworkers and the like. In the end, the user, while convincing in their storytelling, revealed that it was just that, a story, and not a real account. Yet, those who had actually seen these stairs and had strange occurrences began to share "true" experiences, generating a buzz around the topic. Some claimed that the stairs are responsible for missing children,

while others insisted that a single step would curse whoever dared to touch them.

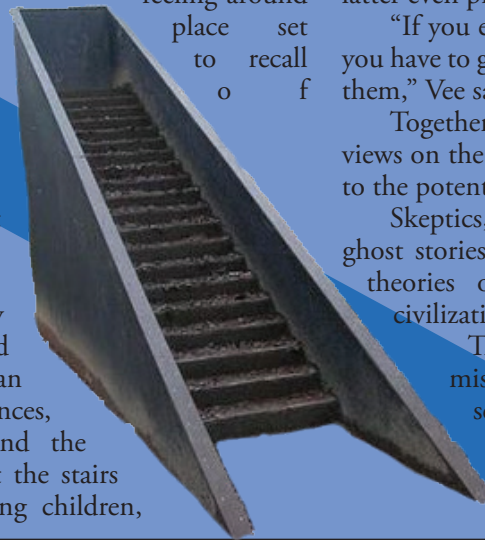
Creators such as YouTuber Wendigoon and TikTok creator Jessii Vee made content on the potential supernatural origins of the stairs, with the latter even providing advice to her audience.

"If you ever see a random staircase in the woods, you have to get away as fast as you can, NEVER climb them," Vee said.

Together, they have amassed close to four million views on the subject, drawing much greater attention to the potentially malevolent forest stairs.

Skeptics, on the other hand, explain away the ghost stories and terrifying theories with their own theories of dilapidated structures and former civilizations.

The chances of finding one of these misplaced staircases for the average person seem to be astronomically low, yet if someone does happen upon one, it may be safest to admire from a distance - just in case.



Taylor Swift's Eras Tour takes over the U.S.

By KAYLEE KURCON
Opinions Co-Editor

With the tour being announced last November, Taylor Swift fans have been anxiously waiting for Swift to get back on stage. This is her first time back in concert since 2018, and she has come back with a bang.

The Eras Tour has proven to be monumental for both Swift and her fans as Ticketmaster reported that Swift could have filled over 900 stadiums with the amount of fans who attempted to buy tickets.

During presale, over 2.4 million tickets were sold, which broke the record for the amount of tickets sold in a single day. Fans completely sold out the tour before tickets even hit general on-sale.

Thousands of fans were unable to buy tickets because the Ticketmaster website crashed mid-purchase. When fans got back onto the website, the prices had risen significantly and sold out too quickly to try to buy again.

This caused a major debacle where Ticketmaster was taken to court and sued for "unlawful conduct" in the sales of the Eras Tour tickets.

Swift reached out to her fans, apologizing

for the chaos and letting them know that she had no intention of causing the fiasco. Ticketmaster spoke out months later, apologizing to Swift and the fans, declaring that the crash was due to software bots trying to illegally obtain tickets.

Due to the unprecedented demand for tickets, Swift added 17 show dates to her tour so that fans had the opportunity to see her in concert.



Despite the ticket sale drama, Swift began the tour mid-March and will be performing until August. With 52 show dates in place, Swift will be traveling across the U.S., visiting 20 cities.

The large-scale production of the show includes endless costume changes, set swaps, over a dozen dancers and stunts. She

has set up the stadiums with catwalks that span the entire stadium length.

Each "era" comes with its own costume, props and visual effects. The stage itself is a screen that changes throughout the concert and features multiple moving platforms.

Fans have been sharing their experiences on TikTok, creating a space where fans show off their outfits and clips from the concert.

Many fans are going all-out, dressing in outfits inspired by certain eras and songs. Another upcoming trend at every concert seems to be friendship bracelets.

This trend came from the song "You're On Your Own Now, Kid," which includes the line "So make the friendship bracelets."

Fans took this line quite literally, and so, made friendship bracelets. Fans of all ages have been trading bracelets as they gather together before the show.

These concerts have been so high in attendance, the Eras Tour has set new attendance records in Arlington, Texas's AT&T Stadium and Nashville's Nissan Stadium.

The production, sales and aesthetics of this tour has caught the attention of many and continues to grow as it is spreads on social media.

Entertainment

First 'Barbie' movie set to release

By FRANCESCA ANTONNECHIA
Entertainment Co-Editor

On July 21, the fantasy comedy movie "Barbie," based on the fashion dolls by Mattel, will be released as the first action "Barbie" film after several computer-animated films and is set to be rated PG-13.

Amy Schumer was initially the lead role, but she dropped out due to directing disagreements and scheduling issues.

On April 4, the official social media



accounts shared new pics of the cast with the stars of the film Margot Robbie as Barbie and Ryan Gosling as Ken.

The film was first announced in September 2009 by Universal Pictures, but development didn't begin until April 2014 with Sony Pictures. Sony then lost the rights to the film and it was transferred to Warner Bros. Pictures in October 2018.

The first teaser trailer hit theaters in December 2022 and was subsequently released on YouTube.

The film is directed by former ELLE UK cover star Greta Gerwig, who co-wrote it with Noah Baumbach.

The film is set in Barbieland where



Ken, who's obsessed with Barbie, loves the real world for all the reasons Barbie hates it. Then the duo flees Barbieland to the real world and the Mattel CEO (Will Ferrell) goes after them to bring them back.

This new film "Barbie" has mixed reviews, so watchers will have to wait and see to form their own opinion.

Mario Bros. surpasses expectations

By HAZEL BURO
World News Co-Editor

While Rotten Tomatoes may disagree, with 59% rotten tomatoes, "The Mario Bros. Movie" is one of the better movies to enter the theaters recently.

The movie begins with brothers Mario and Luigi, two unsuccessful plumbers, finding themselves sucked into a foreign world. While Mario is taken to a jolly Mushroom Kingdom, his brother is spit out into a place not as friendly, the Dark Lands.

Teaming up with Princess Peach, Mario goes on a mission to save Luigi and stop the evil Bowser from taking over Mushroom World.

Though the whole idea of the movie seems childish, the plot makes sure

viewers are on the edges of their seats the whole time. The experience is stressful in a way that is enjoyable. The action, plot twists and delayed decisions by the characters keep viewers interested until the end.

In addition to the suspense, producer Chris Meledandri incorporated humor that all ages will get a kick out of. Bowser's love for Princess Peach and Donkey Kong's scenes are particularly hilarious.

The creators of "The Mario Bros. Movie" did a wonderful job appealing to the nostalgia of the older generation, while simultaneously making a show that is entertaining for children.

Excited fans of Mario will not be let down by the production, as they will experience a well-rounded movie full of action, jokes and even emotional struggle.



Source: losangelestimes

'Barry' wraps up with fourth, final season

By SHAUN RYAN
Entertainment Editor

On May 28, the series finale of "Barry" aired on HBO Max. Bill Hader stars as the title character, a low-life hitman who discovers his love for acting while descending into madness and guilt from his past crimes.

The series begins as a dark-comedy, with its fair share of suspense and action as well. As the series progresses, it shifts into an intense drama with spots of comedy added in the mix that feel like breaths of air before being submerged back into the water.

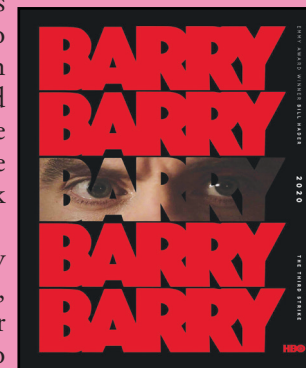
Being a "Saturday Night Live" alum, Hader adds a clear aspect of comedy into the show. He stars, directs, writes and produces the show. Supporting actors include Henry Winkler, Anthony Carrigan, Sarah Goldberg and Stephen Root.

The final season begins with Barry imprisoned with a former conspirator, only to escape and leave his partner-in-crime behind. What follows is a series of intense situations involving both the protagonist and supporting characters, as Barry's life and mind unravels.

The performances of every actor involved are nothing short of astounding. Hader's portrayal of Barry holds the show together, but the performances of the supporting cast is what makes the show truly special.

Watching the final season felt like a completely different show compared to the beginning.

If you want to laugh, stick to the first few episodes of the show. The series finale will leave you questioning what you just watched.



Source: lostposters

World News

Charles III sworn in as King of United Kingdom

By CASSANDRA JOYCE
Sports Co-Editor

On May 6, Charles III and Camilla Bowles were crowned as king and queen consort of the United Kingdom respectively at Westminster Abbey.

This is the first coronation in almost 70 years since Queen Elizabeth II's in 1953. When Queen Elizabeth passed away on Sept. 8, it made King Charles III, her son, the next in line to take the crown. Prince William will take the king's former position as Prince of Wales, making him the next heir to the throne.

The coronation was attended by various notable figures, such as the members of the royal family, various political leaders from the UK and other countries and celebrities such as Stella

McCartney, Emma Thompson and Rowan Atkinson. Lionel Richie, Katy Perry and Andrea Bocelli performed at the ceremony.

Controversy has been raised over the appearance of Prince Harry at the coronation. His time at the coronation was short as he did not wave to the crowds with the rest of his family nor attend the post-ceremony celebrations.

During the ceremony, he sat next to his cousins, Princess Eugenie and Princess Beatrice. Tensions have been considered high between the royal family since Prince Harry published his memoir "Spare" that tells the story of him growing up in the royal family where he exposed questionable actions of other members of the family.



Montana becomes first state to ban TikTok

By JEONGHO KOH
Science and Technology Editor

Greg Gianforte, governor of Montana, signed Senate Bill 419, enforcing a ban on the popular mobile app TikTok. The reason for the restriction is due to the fact that since TikTok is owned by a Chinese company, there is speculation that the Chinese Communist Party is using the app to collect private information of TikTok users.

"The Chinese Communist Party using TikTok to spy on Americans, violate their privacy and collect their personal, private and sensitive information is well-documented," Gianforte said. "Today [May 17], Montana takes the most decisive action of any state to protect Montanans' private data and sensitive personal information from being harvested by the Chinese Communist Party."

There will be consequences in neglecting this law, and the Montana Department of Justice will enforce it. App stores will be fined \$10,000 for each day the foreign social media is still available for download, and TikTok will be fined the same amount for each day their app is available to Montanan locals.

TikTok responded to the Montana government with a lawsuit, claiming that the ban is a violation of the U.S. Constitution and the First Amendment. In addition, the company also claimed that the concerns that governor Gianforte posited as legit were in reality "unfounded" and had little proof.

Regardless, the ban is set to enact at the start of 2024 as of right now, but that may soon change depending on the verdict of the court case.

Eight dead, several injured in Texas mall shooting

By NICOLE STEINBERG
Managing Editor

At 3:36 p.m. on May 6, 2023, a gunman opened fire in a crowd of people at a shopping mall in Allen, Texas.

Seven people died on scene, including the shooter, as well as two others who passed at the hospital. Those dead ranged from three to 31 years old. Of the eight who were killed, three were under the age of 12.

The victims include: Christian LaCour, Aishwarya Thatikonda, Daniela and Sofia Mendoza, Kyu, Cindy and James Cho and Elio Cumana-Rivas.

33-year-old Mauricio Garcia was later identified by officials as the shooter. He was found with an AR-15 style gun along with a full suit of tactical gear.

After the shooting, speculation began to arise as to where and how this man had access to such lethal supplies. The following Monday, Pentagon officials released a statement claiming Garcia was

discharged from the Army after concerning mental health reasons.

Not much is known as to why Garcia decided to go into the mall that day, but investigations are still

underway.

In a statement later made by President Joe Biden, he urged legislators to enact stricter gun laws making it harder to obtain such guns and ammunition.

"Such an attack is too shocking to be so familiar. And yet, American communities have suffered roughly 200 mass shootings already this year, according to leading counts," President Biden said.

He also ordered government buildings to lower their flags to half-staff on the Sunday following the shooting.

Within the following days of the shooting, hundreds showed up to pay their respects. People brought flowers, balloons and stuffed animals. They also made posters with the sayings "pray for Allen" and "show Allen love."

Eight large crosses are also outside of the mall, bearing each deceased person's name. There is a white cross in front of each black cross, embellished with writings from people who visit the memorials.



Source: abcnews

An onlooker reacts as she visits the memorial outside of Allen Premium Outlets following the shooting.

Science & Technology

What's in your food?: Wendy's Baconator

By **BOBBY RUSSO**
Staff Writer

In the town of Dublin, Ohio stands the Wendy's headquarters. In 2007, Wendy's wanted to introduce a new burger. This led their team to go on a quest which brought them to one of their finest ingredients.

Wendy's has always prided themselves on high-quality, fresh ingredients, and the Baconator would be no exception.

Wendy's wanted to experiment with various types of bacon, searching for the right one to finish and complete the burger. They settled on thick-cut, hickory-smoked bacon.

The bacon was only the first step in completing the burger. Next, they elevated the taste of the burger with a blend of American cheese, ripe tomatoes and crisp lettuce. To finish, the burger is laid between two

toasted bakery-style buns.

The Baconator is well known for being a calorie-dense-based option for customers, so individuals looking for a lighter option should explore other meals on the menu.

With all of its toppings together, the Baconator comes in at 960 calories, 38 grams of carbs, 57 grams of protein and 66 grams of fat.

While the Baconator may be loved, it does have some aspects to keep in mind before ordering. The Baconator has a massive amount of sodium, which can cause health concerns for people

with certain medical conditions. It is advised to be aware of the sodium count before consuming the Baconator.

It also contains a significant amount of fat and cholesterol due to the bacon and cheese. While fats can be productive for the body, excessive amounts may negatively impact one's health. It's important before eating to be mindful of dietary fat and cholesterol intake.

It's important to consider these negatives for one's health goals. While the Baconator may have some drawbacks, it can still be consumed and enjoyed with a personalized experience of one's own Baconator.



Even fridges have turned touch screen

By **LILY COSENTINO**
News Co-Editor

In our electronic heavy generation, Samsung has created a touch screen fridge as the next step in refrigeration technology. These fridges can not only detect when you are running low on your favorite foods by the camera inside your fridge that watches when you remove food from the fridge, but it can also stream your favorite music apps, broadcast TV shows and movies or even mirror your Samsung TV right onto the fridge door.

Along with all of these features, the fridge allows you to log your food expiration dates providing you a



warning to use your food before it spoils. When the fridge was created its cost was around \$6,000 but after facing many complaints they lowered their pricing. Now the cost of these fridges range from \$1,699- \$2,499.

The first round of these fridges came to the public in 2016 but, after more time and research, in 2017 Samsung came out with the updated version called "Family Hub 2.0." In 2016 they provided only four models and in 2017 they came out with 10 models. For people who had purchased the first model, Samsung provides the fridges with software updates allowing them to have the same software as the newest fridges.

The newest models provide a three door option with two fridge doors and one freezer door, or a four door fridge with two fridge doors and two freezer doors.

Scientists discover new plastic-digesting microbes

By **MICHAEL HELT**
Science and Technology Co-Editor

Scientists in the Swiss Alps have recently discovered multiple samples of bacterial and fungal microbes that can digest plastics. The Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL) has determined that the microbes can do this at 15 degrees Celsius, roughly half the temperature of previously documented microbes.

The breaking down of plastics at lower temperatures is viewed as a breakthrough in recycling efforts because of its carbon neutral potential. Unlike similar microbes, these strains don't require heating, which necessitates the use of carbon-emitting fuels.

Researchers have yet to identify the most optimal temperature for plastic digestion, but they believe it to be between 4 and 20 degrees Celsius.

The institute conducted experiments on 19 bacterial and 15 fungal strains, testing both biodegradable and non-biodegradable plastics.

Two fungal strains were determined to be the best performers, able to digest all plastic types beside non-biodegradables.

Researchers have determined that the microbes can digest these plastics due to structural resemblances to plant

cell walls. The enzymes produced by the microbes cause the plastic degradation.

"The further modification of the enzymes might be needed to optimize properties such as protein stability," Dr. Beat Frey said.



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The Swiss Alps are home to the discovered microbe strains.

Sports

Collegiate update: Blake Gearhart

By TIFFANY GONZALEZ

Opinions Editor

Delaware Valley 2019 alum Blake Gearhart recently graduated from Clarkson University (Division III). While pursuing basketball in his collegiate career as a point guard, he just recently reached his 1,000th point during his senior year. Blake's emotions while hitting this milestone were ecstatic and was filled with joy. He felt as though it was a combination of so much hard work and time that he had put into the sport.

"I wanted to share this moment with the people who were there for it all. I had my parents in the stands, and I called Coach Holtzer right after the game," Blake said.

Blake's everyday schedule mostly revolved around lifting, practicing and playing games. Practices usually lasted about three hours and started with a



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Blake scored his 1,000th point at the end of his senior year season.

quick film before doing any skill workouts. Practices would always end with some live play and then some

sort of conditioning.

He would lift in the morning before any of his classes. After class if he had time, he would stop by the gym to get some extra shots in.

Before he would head to practice at night, he would make time to have meals with his teammates.

One of the biggest mental obstacles that Blake had to face while transitioning from high school basketball to college basketball was the demand. The demand of having to be at every lifting workout, every three-hour practice even on weekends, the long bus rides and the charity events. He was able to do this all while balancing school work and attending classes.

Blake said that DV prepared him for college ball by having awesome teachers and coaches who taught him so many lessons and have helped him in all aspects.

Blake plans to stay involved with basketball even though his college career is done.

'We Want You' posters promote school spirit

By AIDAN MCBRIDE

Sports Editor

In the fall of 2021, art teacher Mrs. Krystine Thompson created her own version of the iconic Uncle Sam draft promotion poster, but she used it to promote school sporting events. Instead of Uncle Sam under the "We Want You," she put former DV alum CJ Ross. Ever since then, the posters have been a hot commodity for athletes in every sport.

Mrs. Thompson created these posters with the hope that athletes from different sports will be more school spirited.

"When I was in high school, we [athletes] would all support each other and each of our sports. I don't really see that support as much nowadays," Mrs. Thompson said. "I wanted to make something that will encourage the students to support each other."

Mrs. Thompson likes the fact that kids from every sport are able to



Aidan McBride/Del.Aware

be highlighted.

She said it is really fun to get to know the athletes, and she loves doing all kinds of photo shoots with the athletes, whether they are serious or more on the humorous side.

Girls wrestling recognized as PIAA sanctioned sport

By LUCAS PAULEY

Editor in Chief

On May 17, PIAA voted to approve girls wrestling as an official PIAA sport. This decision will impact the girls wrestling team at DV and their competition statewide.

Prior to the decision, most schools did not provide necessary components for a wrestling team such as a coach, appropriate uniforms, transportation or even mat cleaner.

"Now it will be mandatory for schools to provide a coach, an adequate training area, uniforms and competition," head coach Evam Bates said.

While DV began providing these amenities for the girls wrestling program, it will allow for other programs throughout the state to grow stronger because of the support from PIAA. This will also allow for more wrestlers to receive scholarships to collegiate girls wrestling programs.

DV was the tenth school to provide a girls wrestling team in Pennsylvania. Coach Bates says this will allow for the

DV girls wrestling program to be one of the toughest in the state because of their early start.

"I do think competition will become more intense, but I think we'll hang with them," Mr. Bates said. "A lot of it's going to be that we had wrestling here for longer than a lot of schools. There's a lot of factors that play a role in my confidence, and I think we're going to be a powerhouse in girls [wrestling] for a very long time."

This will also lead to girls wrestling achieving a higher level of prestige now that it is a PIAA sport. Previously the girls wrestling team had won nine state medals in the last six years, but the state tournament had not yet been sanctioned by the PIAA.

"Now you can officially say you are a PIAA state place winner. We have won a number of state medals in the last six years, but the recognition is not there," coach Bates said.

These changes are scheduled to go into effect for the 2023-2024 winter season.

Sports Wrap-ups

Softball

By **CASSANDRA JOYCE**
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On May 22, the softball team lost a hard fought game to Wyoming Valley West 10-9 in extra innings, ending their season in the first round of playoffs with a 2-18 record.

Key players throughout the season included seniors Emily Henn and Olivia Conza, juniors Avery Calvario and Baylee Lock and sophomores Shannon Eby, Dakota Jordan, Lauren Donnelly and Ashlynn McCardle.

Henn and Conza are the only seniors leaving the team next year. According to head coach Frank Jordan, they will be greatly missed.

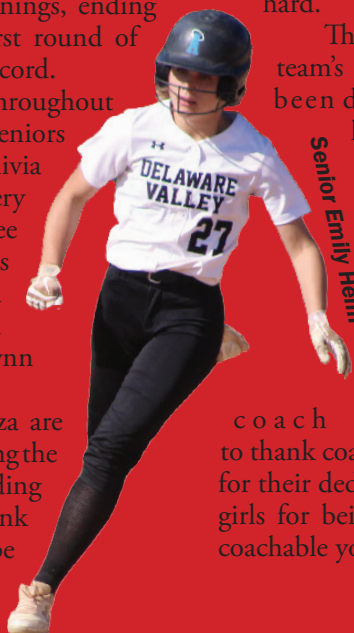
"They work hard

and set a great example," coach Jordan said. "Emily is one of the best players to come through DV and will be hard to replace. Olivia sets an example of being at practice every day and working hard."

Throughout the season, the team's greatest improvement has been defensively. Coach Jordan is looking forward to building on the progress from this season next year in various aspects of the game from confidence to playing more aggressively.

"This group of girls was an absolute pleasure to coach,"

coach Jordan said. "I would like to thank coach Propst and coach Henn for their dedication to the girls and the girls for being such hardworking and coachable young ladies."



Senior Emily Henn

Baseball

By **BOBBY RUSSO**
Staff Writer

On May 23, the Warriors defeated Scranton in the first round of playoffs 7-1.

Junior Jackson Corrie dominated on the mound with six and two thirds innings of one run baseball. He had three strikeouts along the way and earned the win.

On offense, junior Everett Bell led the way by going three for four with four RBIs that afternoon, and junior Lawson Hawke and sophomore Isaiah Berriers tacked on a combined three RBIs.

To end the

season on May 25, the team took on Hazleton on the road and fell to the Cougars 5-1. Junior Ronan McManus took the mound for the Warriors and pitched four and one third innings, giving up five earned runs and striking out four along the way.

Once again, Bell led the team in hits supplying the only two hits in the game for DV.

"We met those goals. Obviously the district championship is our ultimate goal, but we ended up doing well offensively, we came around defensively and our pitching came around as well," head coach Sean Giblin said.



Junior Lawson Hawke

Boys Tennis

By **AIDAN MCBRIDE**
Sports Editor

During the week of May 15, the boy tennis team, specifically the doubles teams, competed in the district quarterfinal.

Although both teams lost, it was a successful season for a team that was considered to be in a rebuilding year, according to head coach Kevin Quinn.

There were two doubles teams that competed. One team consisted of senior Wil Salus and junior Alex Corcoran, and the other team was junior Christian Perunsky and sophomore Alex Mullen.

Throughout the year, coach Quinn believes that the team

improved at closing out matches.

"I think as a whole we got better at ending points when we had the opportunity to put our opponents away," coach Quinn said.

Salus, the lone senior, had a successful season, which helped the team win overall matches.

"He posted the best record on our team," coach Quinn said. "His leadership at practice will be greatly missed."

Coach Quinn believes that the current group of juniors will be ready to lead the team to an even more successful season next year.

"[Our expectations] are for us to take the next step forward and get past the semifinal round in team districts," he said.



Junior Michael Richards

Unified Track

By **AIDAN MCBRIDE**
Sports Editor

On May 22, the unified track team competed in an invitational at Lackawanna Trail High School. DV took first place, and each team member received a gold medal for their efforts.

During the invitational, several athletes and partners got new personal best times and measurements, which led to a landslide victory.

This was the inaugural season for unified track and field for DV, and expectations were exceeded for coach Erika Adames.

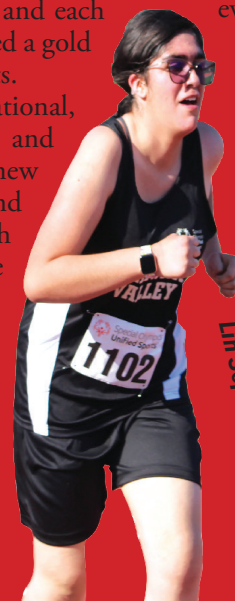
"My expectations

were exceeded not only for athletics, but I was really happy with the relationships that were developed between the athletes and partners," she said. "From the first practice to now, there was improvement everywhere."

Coach Adames also said that the experience of this year and future years will leave a lasting impact on the athletes.

"[Unified track and field] is very inclusive, and the opportunity for our athletes to be included means a lot to them," coach Adames said.

For next year, she hopes to do year-round advertising to recruit new partners to replace graduating seniors. Her plan is to "hopefully get the current seniors to recruit kids who will fit the mold" for the team.



Lin Sophia Zapato

Sports Wrap-ups

Boys Lacrosse

BY SOPHIA BALL
Sports Co-Editor

Ending their impressive season with a 17-3 record, the boys lacrosse team fell to Freedom High School on May 23, 7-8.

"They played great, we had great success in the second quarter with five goals, but we kind of lost our groove a little bit in the second half," head coach Jeff Krasulski said.

Senior goalie Connor Gaughan had an impressive game with 17 saves. Seniors Paulie Weinrich and Xander Kelly both contributed two goals, sophomore Peyton LaRocco had five assists and one goal, senior Brady Quinn and sophomore Noah Rabolli had one goal each as well.

The team's 17 wins this season were the most they have had since 2014.

"I am very proud of them,"

Krasulski said, "we averaged 18 goals a game, they dominated the games they were supposed to compete in."

All-league first team players are senior Kyle Smirman for defense, Weinrich for midfielder, Gaughan for goalie and LaRocco for attack. All-league second team players are Quinn for attack, junior Justin Kalitsnik for faceoffs and Kelly for midfielder.

Gaughan received goalie of the year, and Smirman received defensive player of the year.

Out of the nine seniors, five will continue playing lacrosse in college. Quinn, Gaughan and Weinrich will play Division III lacrosse at Moravian University, University of New England and Rochester Institute of Technology respectively. Senior Shawn Santise and Kelly will play Division II at Felician University and Holy Family University respectively.



Senior Connor Gaughan

Girls Lacrosse

BY HAZEL BURO
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The girls lacrosse team ended the season with a 9-11 record. According to head coach Bernadine Salak, the girls made it to unfamiliar territory this year, district finals.

On May 18, the girls beat Wilkes-Barre Area in the semi-final, so they traveled to Hazleton Area on May 22 for the finals. The team lost, ending their season. Hazleton had defeated them earlier in the season.

The girls played their best this season according to coach Salak.

"The season had a lot of ups and downs, but I think our girls played their hearts out. We were competitive in most of our games," Salak said.

Coach Salak

highlighted sophomores Ava Kraszewski and Carrigan McCormack and seniors Leah Weinreb and Ella Vogel as key players for the Warriors.

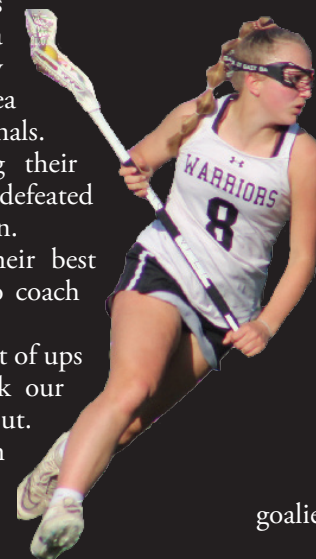
Kraszewski was the team's leading scorer, with 100 goals as of May 21. Both Kraszewski and Weinreb scored their 100th goal this season.

"It's great to see two 100 goals this season. We haven't seen that in a very long time" Coach Salak said.

McCormack and Vogel were noted as great assets to the team's defense.

"Carrigan really stepped up with Vogel on our defense to try and protect our freshmen

goalies," coach Salak said.



Sophomore Ava Kraszewski

Track and Field

BY MICHAEL HELT
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On May 15 and 16, the boys and girls track and field teams competed in the district meet at Scranton Memorial Stadium to finish their season.

In total, 10 boys and four girls placed at the district meet. The following are the athletes who placed. The boys 4x100 relay team qualified for the state championship.

Boys:

100m: Armand Ruest (3rd) 11.36, Henry Goginsky (6th) 11.62

4x800m Relay: Scott Holderith, Michael Donlon, Dan O'Keefe and Nixon Kameen (5th) 8:49.18

110m Hurdles: Charlie McClain (3rd) 15.48

200m: Henry Goginsky (2nd) 22.65

Triple Jump: Peter Stanislavsky (2nd) 44-7

4x100m: Ryder Machado, Aiden Black, Henry Goginsky and Armand Ruest (1st) 43.13

Discus Throw: Justin Hernandez (3rd) 147-9

High Jump: Peter Stanislavsky (2nd) 6-3

Girls: 100m Hurdles: Emma Simmons (2nd) 16.36

Pole Vault: Liliana Coe (2nd) 10-0

Shot Put: Maddie Gecik (5th) 32-9.75

1600m: Ryan O'Connor (5th) 5:24.85

Discus Throw: Maddie Gecik (6th) 94-6



Senior Clint Murray

Boys Volleyball

BY KAT QUINN
Community News Editor

The boys volleyball team is still coasting through their season. They have checked league champions and are ready to check district champions off the agenda as they prepare to head into the first round of the state tournament.

In the team's district semifinal game, played on May 24, they swept Hazleton in three sets. Junior Chris U'Glav and senior Trevor Johnson both had 11 kills for the team, while senior Keith Sublett had nine and junior Tommy Parker added eight, assisted by junior Aidan

Papula, who had 33 assists. Senior Lucas Pauley supported the back row with eight digs. All season, the team has been well rounded on the stat sheet.

"Everyone has a role and does their job, and that's what works," coach Heather Holdredge said.

In the league competition, the team remained undefeated the entire season, ending 11-0, and they are adding to their winning record.

The boys will advance onto the state playoffs after their anticipated win in the district finals. As their season is slowly coming to an end, they will prepare for next year.

"We definitely have gaps to fill, which they will be able to if they are willing to put in the time and effort," coach Holdredge said.



Junior Tommy Parker

The team had not yet played their district game before pages were printed.