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Warrior Games provide valuable memories for students

BY LIZ KAMEEN
News Co-Editor

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic preventing the regular version of Special Olympics, DV held the Warrior Games on June 2. Instead of multiple schools attending this year, only DV students were allowed to participate.

"Today is the day that brings everyone together, no matter their ability," said junior Gabbi Courtright.

Activities that took place included the high jump, the long jump, soccer, softball throwing, the 400-meter run, the 100-meter run, the 50-meter sprint and much more.

Assistant principal of special education Dr. Jayson Pope helped organize over 60 student volunteers to

help with the event. Mrs. Laura Butler, Dr. Diana Bixby and Mrs. Cheryl Nielsen all helped coordinate the event, as well.

"We are so thrilled that we were able to provide a day that felt a lot like Special Olympics but smaller. We are all so proud of all of the athletes who competed today and so thankful for everyone who helped with the Warrior Games," said Dr. Pope.

In the 15 to 18-year-old beginner category, senior Mickey Colgan placed first in the 100-meter run, Luke Hoffman placed second, and freshman Christopher DeGraw placed third.

In the 50-meter walk, sophomore Andrea Mills-Ward placed first. In the



Liz Kameen/Del.Aware

Multiple events took place at the Warrior Games, including the 50-meter walk.

intermediate 100-meter run, junior Danny Dascoli placed first.

In the intermediate 100-meter run, senior Oliva Rombousek, freshman Neamiyah Gilmore and junior Liza Boote placed in the top three.

Volunteers gathered at the finish line to cheer on participants and prepare awards for the top three participants in each category.

DV secures three spots on Scholastic Superstars team

BY MIKAYLA KRISANDA
World News Editor

Each year The Times-Tribune selects 25 students to be on the Scholastic Superstar team. This year, three out of the 25 selected students, Kaleigh Kuddar, Laura Marquez and Abby Vogel, were from Delaware Valley. There was a ceremony held in Scranton to honor the superstars on May 25.

According to Sarah Hofius Hall, the writer of The Times-Tribune Article, students were chosen because they "excel

in classroom leadership roles and spend time serving others, performing on the stage, conducting experiments in a lab or competing on an athletic field."

"I was honored to be selected as one of the 25 students who received this award, and I am so grateful for my friends, teachers and especially family for encouraging me throughout my high school career."

-Senior Abby Vogel

Judges chose from 64 nominees from nearly two dozen schools. Each school nominated up to three seniors.

Kuddar has been involved in the Interact Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Rho Kappa, National Art Honor Society, National Business Honor Society, soccer and FBLA. She will be attending Harvard University.

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Committee seeks to maintain inclusive environment

BY ADRIENNE GORDON
Entertainment Co-Editor

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee was created in the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year as an adjunct to the Board of Education. The committee's purpose is to uphold the school district's commitment to a safe environment where all students can be free and comfortable as their authentic selves. The committee only acts in an advisory role and does not have authority.

The members include faculty, alumni, community members,

administrators, board members and current students, who currently meet on Zoom the first Monday of each month. When choosing members, it was critical to have individuals with differing perspectives without having a group too large to function efficiently.

They will meet regularly until September, discussing the framework and goals of the committee.

The school district will then develop an action plan to support its objectives. After that, the group will only meet twice a year to track progress.

"I hope that the committee can spark some change in the district."

- Senior Ariella Wilmot

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ART SHOW



Michelle Andia

College: New York University
Major: Film

"Art has always been a part of my life and always will be... I always remember wanting to create something with my hands, whether it was a video, painting, or drawing."



Samantha Baisley

College: Sussex County Community College
Major/ Minor: Photography & Fine Arts

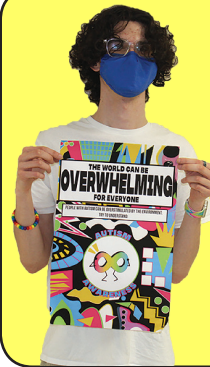
"Taking photographs has given me a new appreciation of the world around me. What inspires me is beauty found in the natural world."



JD Flick

College: Temple University
Major: Graphic & Interactive Design

"Art has impacted my life by basically giving me something to express myself and making something beautiful while doing it. It's also kind of become my calling in a sense."



Emily Festa

College: Marywood University
Major: Architecture

"Art has made a huge impact on my life. It has helped me to find what I want to do in my future career wise... I get my inspiration from what's around me- whenever something catches my eye, I just start to think of different ways I can make art from it or with that object in the project."



Jarett Baka

Studying: Graphic Design

"Art has changed my life. Instead of doing nothing I have something. It filled a void in me that I didn't know I had. It gives me a sense of completion when I finish a piece... Art as a whole has been a chore and a gift."



Anton Scheuermann

College: East Stroudsburg University
Major/Minor: Psychology/Fine Arts

"It's [art] always been a way for me to express myself and relax. It's been a way to work through my emotions... My younger sister Catherine has been doing art since she could hold a pencil. She's always been an inspiration for me... Now I see myself doing art for the rest of my life."



Jolie Fraggetta

College: Marywood University
Major: Elementary Education

"I have become more interested in art the past two years and it has definitely affected my confidence by seeing what I am capable of creating. [My inspiration is] the teachers who have guided me in the right direction and have believed in me."



Milada Burovova

College: University of New Haven
Major: Forensic Biology

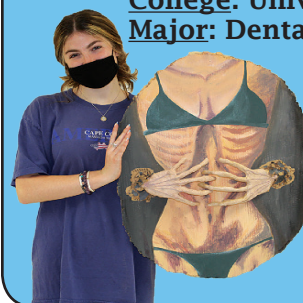
"Art has really given me an enormous outlet for creativity and helped me deal with stress. Something about working with my hands and making things that other people can see and enjoy is therapeutic I guess."



Kristen Henry

College: University of New Haven
Major: Dental Hygiene

"Art has always been very dominant in my house hold, from my parents to my sisters. It has allowed me to express myself through very creative and interpretative ways."



Bryan Morley

College: Kutztown University
Major: Communication Design

"Art has impacted me in amazing ways... I get my inspiration from living in Queens, New York for some of my life. I always have this street-art-look connected to me and I love incorporating nature aspects because of where I live today."



Kendall Mrozinski

College: Mansfield University
Major: Marketing & Digital Media

"Art has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Art in general has shown me how to not stress over the mistakes I've made when they can't be fixed and how to work around them to still be happy in the end in spite of the imperfections."



Gavin Munro

College: SUNY Orange County Community College
Major: Radiology

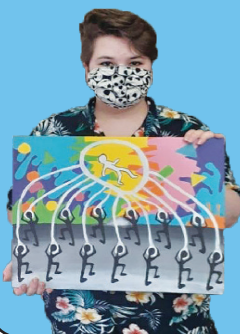
"Art has impacted my life by showing me a different perspective of life... My photography puts my mind somewhere else and relieves a lot of stress."



Dena Salotti

Studying: Jewelry Design

"Art created such an impact on my life. I often had trouble expressing myself as a kid, and when I discovered my love for art, it gave me an outlet to be myself when I couldn't around others... Art wasn't something I had to make for other people, it was an extension of myself and my interests."



Other artists unavailable for interview/ picture:

Amy Carpenter & Peter O'Connell

Compiled by:
Jolie Fraggetta & Maddie Mallon



Once Upon a Mattress



By
KAILA DUNN
Managing Editor

After putting in countless hours of hard work, the Drama Club was able to record their production of "Once Upon a Mattress" on May 24 and 26. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, no family or community members were allowed, but students and staff members were able to be in the audience socially distanced. The production will be livestreamed on June 11-13 for people to watch.

Photos by Kaila Dunn and Stella Tannenbaum

Meet the Cast:

What was your favorite part of the play?



"My favorite part of the show was meeting new people and getting enthusiastic about putting on a great show."
 -senior Bailey Shay



"My favorite part of drama was performing and being with my friends."
 -sophomore Tim Cortes



"I liked the part where I run onto the stage and announce the arrival of the princess."
 -senior Mike Asprea



"My favorite part of the show was playing a pregnant character."
 -senior Grace Gandolfo

Opinions

HBO Misses Again with 'Those Who Wish Me Dead'

LUCAS PAULEY
Class of 2023

HBO Max's partnership with Universal Studios to provide same day releases to their subscribers has pulled many into purchasing the new streaming services. Unfortunately, from "The Little Things" to "Tom and Jerry" and "Mortal Kombat," the streaming service has provided more than its fair share of flops and "Those Who Wish Me Dead" is no different.

The film follows an ensemble of characters in rural Montana while two assassins attempt to hunt down a young boy named Connor on the run. The plot heats up when the killers resort to starting a forest fire in an attempt to take him down.

When Hannah (Anjelina Jolie) runs into a distraught Connor, she must do all she can to avoid the fiery grasp of the assassins.

The film is uncomfortably structured, with central characters not meeting until almost halfway through the movie. This leads to the first and second act

having little to no tension even though that is the entire point of the thriller genre.

The clunky dialogue hurts the performances, ultimately ruining the believability of most of the relationships between characters. It also fails to create memorable moments throughout the film. Jolie and newcomer Finn Little, who plays Connor, prove to be an exception giving strong, emotional performances.

The high note of the movie is the connection between Hannah and Connor. How both of them are tied together through their relationship with loss is what makes the film's ending so entertaining. Unfortunately this isn't explored to its fullest potential, instead they opted to waste time with side characters.

If you're able to get past its bland and drawn-out beginning, "Those Who Wish Me Dead" can provide you with two rather entertaining performances. It can be streamed on HBO Max until June 14.



'Invincible' shatters viewer expectations

SHAUN RYAN
Class of 2023

"Invincible" is an animated TV show that was first released late March 2021. The show is based on a comic series created by Robert Kirkman. The show is rooted in the superhero genre but with an intense twist.

The main plot of the show follows the main character Invincible, the teenage son of the most powerful superhero on the planet, Omni-Man. The main point of interest comes from supporting characters unraveling Omni-Man's immoral ambitions.

The show has spiked in popularity quickly in the few months it has been out. At first glance it seems like a regular animated superhero series, by the end of the first episode, it is clear why the show is rated mature.

The most intriguing factor of this series is its dramatic approach. "Invincible" is almost a whole new genre in its own right. It is easy to tell the amount of effort the producers of this show put in. The writing is thought provoking and meticulous and does not stray from the comics.

The subject matter of this superhero series is extremely heavy for an animated show. Corruption, fragility of life and abuse of power are all discussed throughout this eight-episode series. Surprisingly, using this platform to discuss these topics is perfect.

One last (and very important) reason why this series is so effective is the voice acting. Every character has been casted almost perfectly. The titular role Omni-Man plays in this series is captured perfectly by veteran actor J.K Simmons.

'Invincible' is an Amazon Prime Video original, with eight episodes running at 45 minutes each. This phenomenal TV show has already been renewed for both a second and third season. I strongly recommend watching.

I think we should do bigger assignments piece by piece with constructive criticism along the way and no final grade until the end to feel less pressured. This learning process is just one of the many ways we can reform education as a whole and let students gain a more valuable experience.



Have an opinion you want to share? Send a direct message to Del.Aware on Instagram or stop by Mrs. Lordi's room (D4) to find out how to be featured in our newspaper's opinions section.

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School News

Quiz Bowl team wins in WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI
Staff Writer

From the beginning of April to mid-May, the Quiz Bowl team virtually attended the WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage. The team won the tournament with around 40 teams entered in the competition. The WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage challenges students from WVIA member school districts, and at the end of the season, rewards the winning teams with money and prizes.

Because of AP testing, the team members had different availability for the competitions. The team consisted of seniors JD Flick, Luke Helms, Janice Healy and Adam Kanterman, juniors Mikayla Courtright and Ralph Courtright and sophomores Clint Murray and Sara Flick.

Each round of this fast-paced competition contains questions from all areas of knowledge such as

history, sports, literature, pop culture and more.

In previous years, the team was typically broken up into teams for each competition.

This year, however, the teams were chosen differently each time. None of the team combinations were ever put out twice, and every single member of the team was able to contribute and play to their individual strengths.

"It was a fantastic team effort," adviser Mr. Michael Murrery said.

The virtual tournaments allowed Mr. Murrery to work with the team more and really prepare them for the new way of competing. They made an effort to practice at least twice a week, but

because of other activities and sports, the members would show up as much as they could whenever they

could.

The team attempted to attend other virtual tournaments throughout the year, but because some of the technology the tournaments were using was not compatible with technology at DV, they could not. Because of this, the team focussed their attention on the WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage which was held over Zoom and ran smoothly.

Since the previous adviser Mr. Kevin DeVizia retired, this was Mr. Murrery's first year as adviser for the Quiz Bowl team.

"He [Mr. DeVizia] did a great job for many years coaching the team prior to his retirement," Mr. Murrery said.



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The DV Quiz Bowl team collaboratively won the WVIA virtual tournament.

SCRANTON: Students awarded at ceremony

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"I was happy to get the award because it encompassed and recognized everything that I have done in the past four years. It also allowed me to give my thanks to everyone who has helped me along the way, especially my parents," said Kuddar. Marquez has been involved in marching band, veterinary shadowing intern, Girl Scouts, Odyssey of the Mind, math peer tutoring, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Mock Trial, Junior Historians, Rho Kappa, drama pit



Contributed Photo

Kaleigh Kuddar receives her medal from Executive Editor, Larry Holeva.

ensemble and the Women of Science team. She will be attending Cornell University. "My initial reaction was overall joy and excitement because the award encapsulated everything that I have worked so hard for," said Marquez. "It was an award celebrating all of my accomplishments throughout

high school and through my life so it was very special to me."

Vogel has been involved in lacrosse, Student Council, National Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind, Mu Alpha Theta and Rho Kappa. She will be attending Lehigh University.

"I was honored to be selected as one of the 25 students who received this award, and I am so grateful for my friends, teachers and especially family for encouraging me throughout my high school career," said Vogel.

On May 27, The Times-Tribune began to feature one of the 25 superstars each day. They also began to feature them on billboards in the Scranton area on the day that their feature was published.

Puzzle Fun

In the puzzle below, unscramble the summer food words. Be the first to report to Mrs. Lordi in D4 after 8:00 a.m. with the correct answers to win a prize. Good luck!



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HERSHEY PARK SENIORS 2021



Senior Skyler McHenry relaxes on the bus ride to Hershey park.

Seniors Grace Hommel and Scott Sussman took a break to enjoy lunch.

Senior Jon Reome tests to see if he makes the height requirement for Great Bear.

Senior Luke Ruggiero was excited during the bus ride to Hershey Park.

Seniors Taylor Hill and Hailey Jordan enjoy eating lunch together.

Seniors Courtney Mauro and Ariella Wilmot shopping for clothes.

Seniors Kaila Dunn, Ariella Wilmot and Madison Kelly ride the Coal Cracker.

Seniors Ava Como and Hunter Sickler were all smiles as they rode Great Bear.

Seniors Milada Burovova and Alice Cauchi on the way back from Hershey.

Seniors Luke Ruggiero, Peyton Kelly and John Russo get ready for the day at the park.



DV Spring Concerts



Orchestra

Reilly Ziolkowski/Del.Aware

By *SOPHIA PERRIN*

Orchestra performed their spring concert on June 2 directed by Miss Lauren Flack. According to Miss Flack, the ensemble has worked all year to perform this concert.

The program included songs such as Newbold's "Preus" and "Iditarod," Holst's "St. Paul's Suite" and Balmages' "Struggle in the Shadows". Arranged songs include Grainger's "Molly on the Shore" arranged by Dackow, Menken's "Enchanted" arranged by Kazik, Berlioz's "March to the Scaffold" arranged by Leidig and Glière's "Russian Sailors' Dance" arranged by Isaac.

Soloists for "St. Paul's Suite" were seniors Mary Lee and Abby Vogel. Conducted by Assistant principal, but former music teacher, Mr. Nathan Kropavich "Struggle in the Shadows" soloists included seniors Kenzi Neighbors, Vogel and Lucas Helms and junior Stella Weir.



Chorus

Kyla Stead/Del.Aware

By *KYLA STEAD*

The high school chorus performed on May 25 with director Mr. Richard Horst. They performed pieces such as "Gitanjali Chants," "Awake the Trumpets Lofty Sound," "Somewhere" from "West Side Story" and "There Will be Rest." Their traditional spring concert closing piece was "Song for the Mira," which included senior soloists and violinists.

"We always progress out of the spring concert to the DVHS alma mater," said Mr. Horst.

There were some challenges regarding performing outside such as the little reverberation and having to be separated from each other.

"It makes watching the conductor that much more important, as you can not rely on others in the same way as usual," said Mr. Horst.

To gain confidence, students practiced the music and overcame many challenges in order to present their work.



Concert Band

Reilly Ziolkowski/Del.Aware

By *SOPHIA PERRIN*

Directed by Mr. Richard Bullock, the concert band performed outside in the 9/10 parking lot on June 2.

"It was very much a different experience having the concert outside. Having kids perform via Zoom at the same time was also a new experience that went well," Mr. Bullock said.

The songs performed included "Rephrygeration" by Todd Stalter, "The Seal Lullaby" by Eric Whitacre and selections from "Les Miserables." Other songs played included "Arabesque" by Samuel Hazo and "Pusztá - 4 Gypsy Dances" by Jan Van der Roost.

The only soloist in the concert was freshman Abby Zimmerman, who played piano in the song "The Seal Lullaby."

"Overall the concert was a great success, and the band played fantastically," Mr. Bullock said.



Jazz Band

Kyla Stead/Del.Aware

By *KYLA STEAD*

On May 25, the jazz band performed with director Mrs. Tina Reece. With the performance being outside, there were some unique challenges.

Sound was one challenge, as playing outside makes it more difficult for players to hear each other compared to the normal band room setting. The wind was also a challenge the band faced, and to help hold music down, students used rubber bands and clothespins.

In addition to a combined piece with the middle school jazz band, the high school band played six songs.

Soloists were seniors Mike Asprea, Zach Brown, Josh Caraballo, Danielle Dierksen, Aiden Sykes and Danny Zhivkovich. Junior soloists were Liam Yost and John Michael Zirpoli. Junior Leah Phillips was featured on tenor saxophone as well.

Mrs. Reece says she is happy they were able to perform.

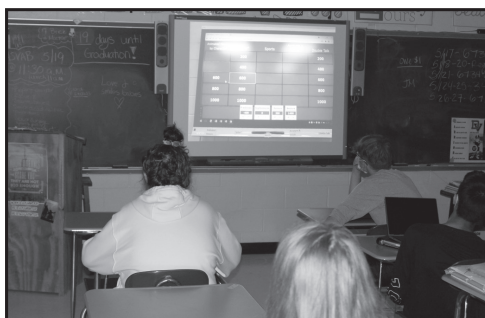
School News

Virtual Jeopardy event brings students, staff together

By ADRIENNE GORDON
Entertainment Co-Editor

On May 20, the high school successfully streamed a virtual Jeopardy tournament to YouTube to bring the school community together. The senior class defeated the junior class 4-1, and the sophomore class defeated the freshman class 3-2.

Producing the live stream event involved a great deal of technology. The Jeopardy board was an adaptable online template, which junior Katelyn Barcelowsky



Adrienne Gordon/Del.Aware

Mrs. Lordi's sixth period class cheers for fellow freshman Roxann Cauchi during the school-wide Jeopardy event.

operated during the live stream. The production team used three cameras for production: one large, moveable video camera that sophomore Haley Troup utilized. Two DSLR cameras were on tripods that used a hardware encoder called Elgato Camlink 4K to turn the DSLR cameras into webcams with 4K streaming ability.

They used software to program the camera changes and insert the commercials into the live stream. Freshmen Logan Curtis and Will Seidel served as the live-stream consultants and helped troubleshoot issues. All class officers were involved in various tasks, from coming up with topics to setting

up the Media Center.

Sophomore class adviser, Mrs. Michele Rojas, gave an enormous shout-out to the DV Tech department as they helped test the setup and provide suggestions to better the live stream.

Many talented, creative students were involved in the game's production, such as junior John Michael Zirpoli, who came up with the idea for the commercials and created the opening commercial that featured the marching band.

"I heard that commercials were needed, and it seemed like it would be a fun project to do. In addition, I wanted to bring attention to the marching band," Zirpoli said.

The student body seemingly enjoyed the game, and the students and staff even gave helpful suggestions if the class officers decide to plan this again next year.

"Preparing the Jeopardy tournament was a ton of fun and a learning experience. Overall, it went very well and was entertaining to watch."

- Freshman Logan Curtis

EQUALITY: Students, teachers vital for committee's success

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Recently, the committee sent out a survey to all students in grades 6-12 seeking to assess thoughts and feelings among the students on issues about diversity and inclusion. However, they decided that the administration of the survey was flawed and will not use the data. In the future, the administration may choose to do something similar.

The head of the committee, Mr. Cory Homer, said that student and teacher members are the

most important because they have critical insight into how it's working and how they can improve moving forward.

Math teacher Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski is currently the only teacher on the committee and is tasked with representing teachers and students, making sure their voices are heard.

"It has made the district, teachers, parents and the community recognize that there is a concern with inclusivity," said Mrs. Oszczepinski.

Student member, senior Ariella Wilmot, has optimism for the committee's potential.

"I hope that the committee can spark some change in the district and offer other kids and their families the support that they need and a platform to share their experiences so it won't get swept under the rug," Wilmot said.

Superintendent Dr. John Bell planned to launch a similar committee in the future, but because the landscape of education is changing, decided to launch it earlier.

Homer hopes that the committee will serve as a sustainable framework for the school district and thanks everyone supportive of the group.

"It has made the district, teachers, parents and community recognize that there is a concern with inclusivity."

- Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski

OFF BEAT NEWS

On May 5, the fire alarm went off at the beginning of sixth period. Students went into a frenzy, as not everyone was in their classes yet. Many students were still trying to find their classes while making their way outside.

High School principal Dr. Nicole Cosentino said all students were out of the building in under four minutes and 30 seconds. When fire trucks



Caption by Jolie Fraggetta / Contributed photo

showed up to the school, the staff was just as confused as students until everyone was sent inside about 10 to 20 minutes later. It was later found that there was some type of issue in the new gym area that triggered the alarm.

School News

Event honors students in AP Research, engineering

By STELLA TANNENBAUM
Arts & Literature Editor

On May 27, students in the AP Research and Engineering Design and Development courses presented the culmination of their year-long projects at a presentation night and dinner held in the Learning Commons. Students in both classes watched their peers present their projects in person, while administrators, review board members, guests and parents attended on Zoom.

The event began at 3:15 with presentations from the AP Research students.

The first AP Research project featured was senior Tawhid Jahangir's study on the relationship between spectator presence and athletic performance. Jahangir's research question was: has the fan restriction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic decreased the performance level of professional football and soccer players due to a lack of inspiration that fans may provide?

To answer this question, he analyzed performance statistics for several professional sports teams. He concluded that the presence of spectators did not have a statistically significant influence on the athletic performance of professional soccer and football players.

The AP Research presentations concluded with senior Autumn Walzer's presentation of her research on personality as a predictor of academic performance.

Walzer analyzed the relationship between students' personality traits and academic performance, using the 16 Personalities Test and class ranks to perform a linear regression. She concluded that the traits of Intuition and Observance showed correlations with higher and lower academic performance, respectively.

Both classes ate dinner together before the

engineering presentations began.

The first presentation from Engineering Design and Development students was about a project by seniors Kyle Cottone and Zachary Matthews, who created the Flowboard for snowboarders to practice their sport in the summer.

The Flowboard is a motorized device similar to a skateboard but with multidirectional wheels, allowing the board to function like a snowboard without any snow present.

The final presentation of the night was given by engineering student senior TJ Teehan. Teehan created an Illuminating Dog Collar, a device that would allow dog owners to control LED lights on their dog's collar. The lights could be controlled through an app on the owner's phone, changing color and brightness.



Stella Tannenbaum/Del.Aware

Kyle Cottone presents the Flowboard, his creation in Engineering Design and Development.

Co-Op offers job opportunities to students

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI
Community News Co-Editor

Cooperative Education (Co-Op) is an opportunity for seniors to split their school day between academics and work.

The program is divided into two different sections, Capstone for Career Technology Education and Diversified Occupation for non-CTE students. Both capstone and DO students will have

will work whatever periods their CTE is, and DO students must attend first through fourth period taking classes required for graduation.

Students who want to participate in Co-Op are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA, work 18 hours a week at their job and keep a job duty log. Students in the capstone side of co-op will work in a job related to their CTE, and DO students can work in a job that relates to what they want to study.

Any current junior who missed the co-op meeting and is interested in joining can contact Ms. Yanko at YankoJ@dvsd.org.



Contributed Photo

Madi Strickler gives her employer a Working Warriors sign to promote the Co-Op program.

their first period with Ms. JoAnne Yanko, learning about employability skills such as interviewing, teamwork and career safety. Capstone students

Inquiring Photographer

"IF YOU COULD TIME TRAVEL, WHEN AND WHERE WOULD YOU GO?"

COMPILED BY EMILY HEROLD



"I would go live by Bethel Woods in the 70s."

Morgan Frey
Class of 2024



"I would go to LA in the 90s to listen to their music."

AJ Cadogan
Class of 2022



"I would like to meet Frank Sinatra in the 1950s."

Taino Rivera
Class of 2022



"I would go to the Jurassic era."

T.J. Teehan
Class of 2021



"I would go to the 80s because hair bands were awesome."

Mike Sotak
Staff



"I would go to my hometown of Ridgway, PA in the 1950s-60s."

Ms. Kara Morelli
Staff

2021

Biggest accomplishment: Being a part of developing a successful aquatics program

Extracurricular: Was able to help develop the swim program and worked with dedicated and professional individuals

Look forward to everyday: The 4:44 a.m. alarm, coming in hoping to find the pool filled with clear water and hearing everyone's complaint about the water temperature

Plans after retirement: Enjoy family time and life

- Compiled by Kenzie Panetta



Joseph Kusner

Pool Manager and Boys Varsity Swim Coach

34 Years at DV

Feelings after leaving: A huge change to not be there on a regular basis, but feels like he is still there in spirit. "Once a Warrior, always a Warrior!"

Favorite part of job: Being able to play a role in students' lives and having the opportunity to see them grow and transition into adulthood

Plans after retirement: Spending a lot of time with his wife and their son to see him develop in every way

Advice for students and colleagues: Time goes by much faster than you perceive it, so appreciate every experience and take advantage of every opportunity

- Compiled by Alex Krakowski



Gary Dennis

Math Teacher

25 Years at DV

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Advice for s colleagues: " know how muc memories, try make the work
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Miss most at DV: Seeing the colleagues every day that she shared great laughs, inside jokes and standard smiles with

Biggest accomplishment: Teaching for 32 years and timing her retirement perfectly, since she always wanted to retire when her son, Matt, graduated

Plans after retirement: Avoiding the alarm clock, enjoying her sewing and craft work, getting caught up around the house, floating in her pool and spending time with family and friends

Advice for students and colleagues: Students should learn how to pay their bills, and colleagues should work through the challenges because teaching can be very rewarding

- Compiled by Aidan Fean



Lisa Studsrud

FACS Teacher

32 Years at DV

Miss most at DV: All of the friends he made along the way, as well as the staff and students

Biggest accomplishment: Making sure the school was ready for the next day and helping students with any issues that they might have had that he could help with

Plans after retirement: Relax for a while and travel when he can without thinking about getting up for work

Advice for students and colleagues: "Do the best you can in your life at everything you do and set a goal and stick with it."

- Compiled by Kaila Dunn

Favorite memories: Enjoyed working at the different sports events, seeing the talent of our students, the creativity of the senior's Halloween costumes and it was great to see them enjoy themselves

Biggest accomplishment: Always took pride in her work, gave 100% every day and hopes she kept the school's standards

Plans after retirement: Has been a certified fitness instructor for 25 years and will continue to be in her retirement; looking forward to spending time with her five, soon to be six, grandchildren

Advice for students and colleagues: "Time goes by so quickly. Live, love and laugh a lot"

- Compiled by Madison Kelly



Joyce Batista-Parker

Attendance Secretary

21 Years at DV

Miss most at DV: The staff and working with her students

Biggest accomplishment: Being named Adviser of the Year at DV and at PA FBLA state level, being inducted into the FBLA National FBLA Hall of Fame and having seven FBLA state officers at DV

Plans after retirement: Moved to Florida and is excited about living six miles away from Disney and visiting new beaches

Advice for students and colleagues: For her students, "Always strive to do your best, there is no limit to what you can do." For her colleagues, "DV is a great place to be. Continue to give it your all despite any challenges you might encounter."

- Compiled by Reilly Ziolkowski



Maura Angle

Marketing CTE teacher and Cooperation Education Coordinator

14 Years at DV

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Retirees

Memory: Growing flowers in pots of his classroom and giving them to the spring.

Accomplishment: "Writing a book for Environmental Science. Decades of students took the class, enjoyed our nature walks, and many went on to study it in college. Now some of them will make a great legacy, and that is a great legacy."

For retirement: Hopes to take more family trips until his wife and he can go on longer trips.

For students and staff: "Life is short, and you never know how much time you have. Make good use of it. Do not hurt anyone and be a little better if you can."
Compiled by Adrienne Gordon



Mark Cykosky
 Science Teacher
 35 Years at DV



Bruce Masker
 Custodian
 18 Years at DV



Andrew Crawford
 English Teacher
 10 Years at DV

Memory: Coaching volleyball.

Accomplishment: Just being a teacher was a great accomplishment. He came to the profession late in his life.

For retirement: Spending time with their grandchildren and traveling.

For students and staff: "Never stop learning."
Compiled by Jolie Fraggetta



"As this chapter of your life ends, may a new and exceptional one begin."

Community News

Pike County Public Library hosts virtual book artist lecture

BY STELLA TANNENBAUM
Arts & Literature Editor

On May 19, the Pike County Public Library and the Peters Valley School of Craft hosted a free virtual event called “Leaping Off the Page,” an artist lecture with book artist Leslie A. Grossman.

Held over Zoom, the lecture lasted from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m and provided an opportunity for questions at the end.

The event began with introductions from Rose Ciocci, director of the Pike County Library, and Kristin Muller, the executive director of Peters Valley School of Craft. The focus then shifted to Grossman as she displayed different forms of handmade books.

Grossman has both a bachelor’s of fine arts and a master’s of fine arts in printmaking and has displayed her work in a variety of university and private collections.

Although she has never considered herself to be

much of a reader, Grossman has always been interested in books a form of art.

“It was something about the form of a book that was exciting for me. It’s like this little package, this little gift,” said Grossman.

She asked attendees to consider their idea of what a book is to them. Then, she revealed that books can take many forms, from functional to decorative and sculptural.

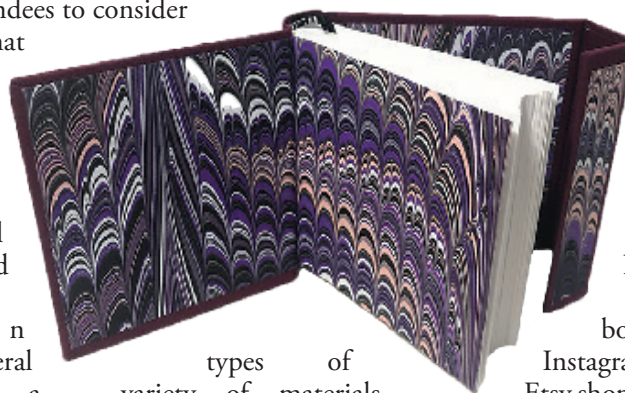
Grossman presented several types of bindings using a variety of materials, from the simple binding used in paperback books in which single sheets are glued into the spine to the

accordion and octavo bindings that do not require glue.

During the Q&A, Grossman answered questions about the types of magnets, folding techniques and types of paper that she prefers to use. For the inner covers of her books, Grossman often uses marbled paper that she creates herself.

For those interested in learning more about book art, Grossman suggested looking into other book artists such as Shawn Sheehy, Colette Fu and Su Blackwell.

To view or purchase Grossman’s books or marbled paper, visit her on Instagram at [parhelion.marbling](https://www.instagram.com/parhelion.marbling) or on her Etsy shop, Parhelion Works. Her websites are [leslieagrossman.com](https://www.leslieagrossman.com) and [parhelionworks.com](https://www.parhelionworks.com).



Restaurant Review:

Franico’s Pizzeria & Trattoria

BY AIDAN FEAN
Sports Co-Editor

Franico’s Pizzeria & Trattoria is a local family owned pizza restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue in Matamoras. The menu has a variety of options including plain pizza, different types of pastas, sandwiches and wraps.

My family and I often eat at Franico’s because it is the closest pizzeria to where we live. Occasionally, we order food to our house and the delivery time is always reasonable.

The restaurant itself has a charming atmosphere. The seating area is spacious and party sizes can range from two people to up to 10 people.

The workers are extremely friendly and greet you pleasantly when you walk through the doors.

After ordering, the pizza is placed in an oven behind the counter. Once it is baked, it is brought directly to your table. The crust is crunchy while the sauce, cheese and any toppings you get are much softer.

Overall, Franico’s is an enjoyable place to get a quick bite to eat.



source: usarestaurants

Franico’s Pizzeria & Trattoria offers dine-in services, curbside pick-up and no-contact delivery.

Business Review:

Milford Thrift

BY LIZ KAMEEN
News Co-Editor

Milford Thrift, located at 214 E Hartford Street in Milford, offers a wide variety of secondhand items. Max Maltsev opened Milford Thrift in August, hoping to bring more quality clothes to the local community for lower prices.

Maltsev noticed that Milford did not have any sort of thrift store, and he hoped that opening a second-hand clothing store would allow good-quality clothes to be reused instead of discarded.

Milford Thrift sells used clothing, books, self-defense items, jewelry, novelty items, armor, organic soaps, sunglasses, swords, costumes, household items, art, watches and various other items.

Maltsev hoped to add value to the local community by opening his thrift store and attracting more tourist attention to other stores in Milford.

The upper floor offers various clothing, shoes, leather jackets, children’s

items and even a wedding dress. The downstairs section sells novelty items, such as Captain America’s shield, a Thanos gauntlet, costume masks and paintings.

Milford Thrift sells gifts for every occasion, including quality clothes for reasonable prices, and I definitely recommend stopping by.



Liz Kameen/Del.Aware

Thrift offers second-hand clothing, novelties, art and various other items.

Arts & Literature

Fashion Aware: Crocheted Clothing

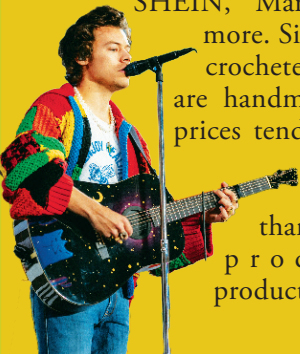
BY MIKAYLA KRISANDA
World News Editor

Over the past year, crocheted clothing has become a staple in many people's wardrobes. Crocheted clothing can be anything from sweaters, bikinis, pants, headbands, bags and tops.

One example of crochet fashion is from vice president Kamala Harris's stepdaughter, Ella Emhoff. Now signed to IMG Models, Emhoff frequently posts to social media wearing crocheted hats, jackets, pants, sweater vests and more.

Even before Emhoff began posting crocheted clothing, it was still rising in popularity. Another notable person to dabble in crocheted pieces was Harry Styles. During rehearsal for the Today Show in February 2020, Styles donned a JW Anderson colourblock patchwork cardigan which ultimately started a crochet-themed trend on Tiktok.

Currently, you can purchase crocheted clothing anywhere from Anthropologie, Free People, Etsy, Urban Outfitters, Nordstrom, Nasty Gal, Forever 21, Zara, SHEIN, Mango and more. Since most crocheted items are handmade, the prices tend to be a little higher than mass-produced products.



The Momentary offers artistic experiences

BY KENZIE PANETTA
Community News Editor

The Momentary museum opened to the public on Feb. 22, 2020. A branch of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the museum occupies a decommissioned cheese factory.

While keeping most of the existing building intact and only adding elements when necessary, the building was repurposed into a contemporary art space in downtown Bentonville, Arkansas.

It was envisioned by the Walton family as a way to enhance the quality of life in northwest Arkansas.

Driven by the Walton family's ideas and support, the museum acknowledges

the many indigenous caretakers of the land and water such as the Caddo, Quapaw



source: forbes

'Nick Cave: Until' is bursting with colorful wind spinners, wallpapers, found objects, beads, and a crystal cloud.

and Osage tribes.

It appreciates the enduring influence of the vibrant, diverse and contemporary cultures of the indigenous peoples and

aims to dismantle their invisibility in the past, present and future.

In addition to preserving and displaying its region's history, another goal of the Momentary is to express and explore contemporary art's role in everyday life by exhibiting works that explore new ideas and inspire action and change.

With a commitment to cultivating art and cultural experiences, it provides more opportunities for education, engagement and enjoyment in the region.

The museum serves as a gathering place to relax, work, eat and drink and discover today's art through programs, exhibitions and festivals.

For example, the Momentary provides both indoor and outdoor visual art projects, a variety of performing arts, concerts, culinary experiences, artists-in-residence, a wide selection of food and beverage options and a gift shop.

'Things In Jars' proves to be a dark, thrilling detective novel

BY SOPHIA MILLER
Arts & Literature Co-Editor

"Things in Jars" takes place in 1860's London and follows Bridget Devine (Bridie), a young woman working as a detective. Bridie is unlike most women her age as she is unmarried, has a horrible sense of fashion, loves to smoke and has a dark past. Bridie also loves to solve crime and is hired to crack a new case.

With the aid of her giantess housekeeper and the apparition of a recently deceased professional boxer, Bridie attempts to solve the mysterious case of Christabel Berwick's disappearance. While attempting to solve the mystery behind Christabel's possible kidnapping, Bridie discovers that there is more to Christabel Berwick as it seems.

According to the maids of the estate, Christabel seemed to attract large amounts of snails and went through nannies quite often. The latest nanny as well as the

estate's doctor seem to have disappeared alongside the child which leads Bridie to believe that the kidnappers resided within the house.

Throughout the story there are flashbacks of Bridie's own backstory. The reader finds out that she used to live as a street urchin, collecting dead bodies and selling them off to scientists to be experimented on. The book continues on with a slew of murders, a wrongful imprisonment, a crooked circus, two sets of star crossed lovers and a murderous brother.



source: latestbookcrush

Overall, I thought this book was amazing. As someone who reads detective novels frequently, (and especially enjoys Sherlock Holmes) I get used to seeing many rip offs that don't quite have the same charm that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle offers in his novels. However, this book was refreshingly new while still paying homage to Doyle's writing style. The main character is witty, intelligent and strong-willed which makes her enjoyable to follow as she doesn't play into the damsel-in-distress trope that is unfortunately common in literature.

World News

Pride month returns with hybrid celebrations

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI

Community News Co-Editor

June is the month when most LGBTQ communities worldwide come together to celebrate Pride.

The original organizers of Pride chose the month of June to hold what was then called the Christopher Street Liberation Day March in remembrance of the Stonewall uprising. The Stonewall uprising occurred a year prior to the first Pride Day in 1969 when police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, New York. Thirteen people were arrested for violating the state's gender-appropriate clothing statute. This event sparked six days of violent protest against law enforcement.

Last year many cities that celebrate Pride annually had to substitute their plans for the 50th anniversary of Pride to virtual programming because of the coronavirus pandemic. This year, cities and capitals such as New York and Paris will be holding both in-person and virtual events, as well as taking proper

COVID precautions in order to celebrate.

New York has transitioned to hybrid Pride events. There will be an in-person Pride parade, Pridefest street fair, Frontrunners Pride run and Outcycling Pride ride. The Pride parade will be held on June 27 and broadcasted on ABC-7 for those who can not attend. Both the Frontrunners Pride run and the Outcycling Pride ride will be held in person and virtually, but registration is required. There are also 12 strictly virtual events which include a family movie night, workshops and conferences. Dates and registration for all events can be found on nycpride.org.

Paris will be holding their Pride month from June

11-26 with in-person events. They announced that they will be holding their annual Marche des Fiertés LGBT. The march will take place on June 26, and participants will walk from Pantin to République.

Toronto will be hosting Pride all virtually this year. Events include workshops, conferences and various entertainment panels. Dates and links can be found at pridetoronto.com.

While many cities will be celebrating Pride in June, others will be celebrating later this year. Denmark's capital, Copenhagen, will be hosting WorldPride Aug. 12-22, an event that promotes visibility and awareness of LGBTQ issues on an international level. The events will be both in-person and virtual. It will include two parades, festivals and other cultural activities.



source: thestocktonrecord

Pride participants pose in front of a mural at High Water Brewing in Lodi, California, during the first annual Lodi Pride festival.

Black fungus sweeps over India

By SOPHIA MILLER

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

Mucormycosis, a rare infection caused by exposure to mucor mold, is set to be labeled as an epidemic as it is continuing to negatively impact India's population.

The fungus starts by attacking the sinuses then moving on to the brain and lungs. Once the fungal infection reaches the brain, it leaves the patient "permanently disfigured." It has become especially destructive to those who have autoimmune diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

According to the BBC, some cases

are so severe that doctors have been forced to remove patient's eyes or jaw bones to stop the spread of the fungus.

Cases continue to rise as is shown in Maharashtra where 1,500 new cases have been announced. BBC reports that one hospital in Mumbai has dealt with 24 new cases in two months as opposed to six cases in the entirety of last year. As a result of the surge in cases, the steroids used to treat the infection have been virtually depleted.

Though the fungus can be harmless to some, it has turned deadly due to this lack of proper treatment.

"It is ubiquitous and found in soil and air and even in the nose and mucus of healthy people," said Dr. Akshay Nair, an eye surgeon based in Mumbai.



source: gettyimages

Nurses work fervently to treat COVID-19 patients also affected by the fungal infection.

Chinese government relaxes birth limit restrictions

By KENZIE PANETTA

Community News Editor

China is one of the largest countries in the world, both in landmass and population. In the country's 9.6 kilometer radius of land resides 1.4 billion citizens.

Due to this level of overpopulation, China is facing serious social and economic problems such as the degradation of land and resources, pollution and poor living conditions.

In an attempt to control the growing population, in 1979 the Chinese government started the "one child per family policy." This policy stated that citizens must obtain a birth certificate before the birth of their children.

Exceeding the limit meant the parents would either be taxed up to 50% of their income or punished by loss of employment or other benefits.

As a result of these sterilization policies, China has experienced new economic issues. The country's population is rapidly aging, causing the number of working-age people to quickly decrease.

Although the birth limit was raised to two in 2016, the problem persisted, straining the economy further. Therefore on May 31, the Chinese government declared that it will now allow citizens to have three children.

According to AP News however, the current cost of raising a child, disruption to their lives and the need to look after elderly parents has deterred couples from having children. This poses a risk to China's ambitions to transform into a prosperous consumer society and global technology leader.



World News

Tensions flare between Israel, Palestine over Jerusalem

By VICTORIA HOFFMANN
Editor in Chief

Israel and Palestine have been known for having constant tension.

The 100-year-old conflict started after World War I when Britain took control of the area known as Palestine after the defeat of the Ottoman Empire. The land's population was mainly Arabs with a minority of Jews, and Britain made it their goal to transition Palestine to a national home for people of Jewish descent, thus starting a feud between the two ethnic groups that have been fighting for their rightful land.

The current conflict started during the holy month of Ramadan when a squad of Israeli police officers entered the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, pushing through the Palestinian attendants. Then, they cut the

cables to the loudspeakers that broadcast prayers to the faithful from four medieval minarets.

"This was the turning point. Their [Israeli police] actions would cause the situation to deteriorate," said the grand mufti of Jerusalem Sheikh Ekrima Sabri.

The Israeli police raid was one of the main starting points that led to the resumption of war

between Israel and Hamas, a militant group that occupied the Gaza Strip.

The fighting escalated into war-like tactics on May 10. Hamas began to fire rockets after warning Israel to fall back from al-Aqsa, a Jewish and Muslim holy site.

Mass destruction ensued after the initial attacks. It is estimated that over 250 people were killed, mainly in Gaza. Israel suffered a minor loss, with an estimated death toll of 12.

Eleven days after the first rocket launch, both Israel and Palestine agreed on a cease-fire.



source: theconversation

Palestinian children created signs in memory of other children who were killed in the recent fighting between Israel and Gaza.

Germany recognizes Namibia genocide

By SOPHIA PERRIN
Science & Technology Co-Editor

Germany recently took responsibility for a "forgotten genocide," between 1904 and 1908 in Namibia, a region northwest of South Africa. Tens of thousands of Africans were killed by German soldiers as a precursor to the Holocaust.

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said his country was asking the descendants of the Herero and Nama people for forgiveness. While recognizing the colonial-era genocide, Germany also paid a sum of over 1.1 billion dollars for financial aid to the community for things such as healthcare.

"We will now officially refer to these events as what they are from today's perspective: genocide," Maas said.

A military commander, known as Lothar von Trotha, was dispatched to lead a protection force or "Schutztruppe," as a result from resistance

of the native populations of Herero and Nama. He issued warnings to the two ethnic groups in 1904.

The population of Herero and Nama totaled 110,000. However about 80% were killed by hanging, shooting or being driven into the desert.

Some groups representing the Herero and Nama accepted the terms of the deal while others are not so willing.

"We are not going to accept his apology as long as he doesn't see us as human beings," said southern Namibia resident Sima Luipert, a descendant of one of the Nama victims of the genocide.



Royal Household faces more allegations of racism

By EMILY HEROLD
News Editor

Months after Prince Harry and Meghan's bombshell interview with Oprah, the Royal Family is now facing even more allegations of racism.

On June 2, The Guardian, a British newspaper,

published a report declaring that Queen Elizabeth II's top courtiers banned "coloured immigrants or foreigners" from serving in clerical roles in the royal household until at least the late 1960s. These reports were

discovered in documents in the United Kingdom's National Archives.

"[The documents] reveal how in 1968, the Queen's chief financial manager informed civil servants that 'it was not, in fact, the practice to appoint coloured immigrants or foreigners' to

clerical roles in the royal household, although they were permitted to work as domestic servants," reported The Guardian.

The Guardian also said the documents showed that around the 1970s, Queen Elizabeth II was negotiating with government officials to exempt the royals from laws prohibiting

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- The Guardian

discriminatory hiring practices, which to this day keep royal employees from being sued for alleged discrimination at work with the royals.

The palace later issued a statement to E!

News about the claims.

"The Royal Household and the Sovereign comply with the provisions of the Equality Act, in principle and in practice," the palace statement said. "This is reflected in the diversity, inclusion and dignity-at-work policies."

Entertainment

Most anticipated albums of the summer

By EMILY HEROLD

News Editor

As summertime approaches, a new wave of music comes out every year just in time for concert and festival season. Last summer, most events were either canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But as vaccines start rolling out, case numbers go down and restrictions get lifted, there is likely to be an emergence of these events again, and in turn artists will start releasing new music. Here is a list of some of the upcoming albums to be released this summer.

Jordi- Maroon 5 (June 11)

This album will touch on the pandemic, Black Lives Matter protests and the passing of their manager Jordan Feldstein. It will also feature many guest stars such as Megan Thee Stallion, Stevie Nicks and Juice WRLD.

source: interscoperecords



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Happier Than Ever- Billie Eilish (July 30)

After debuting the lead single "Your Power" and her new platinum blonde hair, this album is a symbol of Eilish's newfound maturity and evolution in her career.

Blue Banisters- Lana Del Rey (July 4)

Three months after the release of Lana Del Rey's album *Chemtrails Over the Country Club* in March, Del Rey is going to be picking up where she left off, continuing with the same moody and atmospheric vibes.

source: twitter



Monsters at Work

"Monsters at Work" is a Disney+ original series based off "Monsters, Inc." which will be released on July 2. The series takes place six months after "Monsters, Inc." in the city of Monstropolis which is beginning to make the transition of fueling from screams to laughter.

Tylor Tussman, who is a recent scare major graduate from Monsters University, is working as a mechanic in the facilities. Tussman dreams of working alongside Mike Wazowski and James P. "Sulley" Sullivan. The series features old characters such as Wazowski, Sulley, Roz and Celia Mae as well as new characters such as Tussman, Val Little and Henry Winkler. This is the second long-form series based on a Pixar film.

By KAILA DUNN
Managing Editor



source: digitalspy

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

By MADDIE MALLON
News Co-Editor

"Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" follows Shang-Chi, who has been training for his entire life to master kung fu.

His father, the villainous Mandarin, calls him back home after 10 years spent in San Francisco where he leads a normal life as a hotel valet with his best friend Katy.

The Mandarin was a character introduced in "Iron Man 3" but has been recreated due to criticism for its insensitive racist stereotypes.

The producer Jonathon Schwartz said this movie will be a dark family drama, but the trailer revealed plenty of action as well. Most characters in this movie have never been seen before, which brings a new and refreshing aspect to the lengthy Marvel movie series.

Nobody

By JOLIE FRAGGETTA

Opinions Editor

"Nobody" is a film that follows Hutch Mansell, a father who has a seemingly normal life. He is shown going through the routine of his everyday life when one night he is awoken to his house getting robbed.

When his daughter makes him aware the robbers took her bracelet, a switch seems to go off and Mansell tracks down the robbers to reclaim the bracelet.

On his way home that night, he fights a group of intoxicated men on a bus causing a relative of the men to find Mansell and get violent.

This movie kept me on the edge of my seat and I would recommend it to anyone who wants a good thrill.



source: universalstudios

In the Heights

By JOCLYN IRONS

Entertainment Editor

"In the Heights," based on the Tony Award winning musical will be released in theaters and on HBO Max June 11.

The movie follows Usnavi, a likeable and magnetic bodega owner in Washington Heights, as he sings about his dream of saving enough money to close down his bodega and move back to the Dominican Republic. It displays the trials and tribulations of a community of lovable people, all held together by one place: the borough they all come from.

The music was written by Lin Manuel Miranda best known for his other Tony Award winning musical "Hamilton" as well as his work with Disney on movies such as "Moana." The movie stars Anthony Ramos, also best known for his role in "Hamilton," originating the dual roles of John Lawrence and Philip Hamilton.



source: imdb

Entertainment

The Church of Scientology attracts celebrities

BY LIZ KAMEEN
News Co-Editor

The Church of Scientology was founded in 1953 by American author L. Ron Hubbard and has continued to draw celebrity attention since. Members of the church believe that the human mind reacts to trauma by clouding the analytic mind and preventing Scientologists from experiencing reality. As their landmark building is based in Los Angeles, many celebrities have

joined the organization, such as Angelina Jolie, Tom Cruise and John Travolta.

Members of the church are advised to disconnect from friends and family who are not a part of the church, and Jolie has allegedly followed this rule by separating from Brad Pitt and gaining full custody of their children. Pitt is allegedly furious that Jolie would allow their son, Maddox, to consider joining the organization.

Recent controversies have surrounded the Church of Scientology, criticizing the church's opinions on psychiatry and bringing up allegations regarding the abuse and exploitation of church members. Scientologists do not believe in psychology and psychiatry, and many lawsuits have been filed against the organization for denying medical care for members in need.

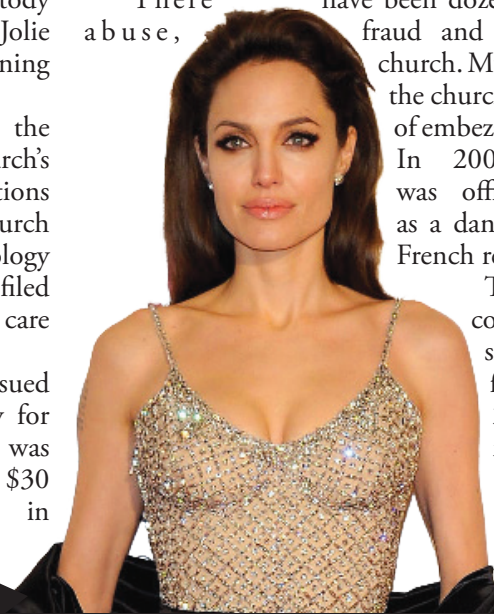
In 1980, Larry Wollersheim sued the Church of Scientology for mental distress and was rewarded \$30 million in

damages.

The Church of Scientology is currently banned in multiple countries, such as Germany and some parts of Australia and Russia, due to the propagandist nature of the organization.

There have been dozens of reports of abuse, fraud and bribery in the church. Multiple officials of the church were convicted of embezzlement in 2001. In 2006, Scientology was officially classified as a dangerous cult in a French report.

The church continues to shrink in size, from over 200,000 members in the 1990s to less than 20,000 today.



Kennedy curse affects family and friends for eight decades

BY MADISON KELLY
Sports Editor

The Kennedy curse is a series of premature deaths, accidents and other tragedies involving members of the American Kennedy family. Since 1944, the Kennedys and their close friends have been a part of a series of incidents including plane crashes, drug overdoses, skiing accidents, car accidents, rape accusations, murder convictions, cancer and miscarriages. It began with Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. died due to his BQ-8 aircraft he was piloting accidentally exploding over East Suffolk, England on August 12, 1944. The most famous Kennedy death is former President John F. Kennedy when he was assassinated in 1963. Then his brother, Senator Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1968. Kennedy

In 1969, late Senator Ted Kennedy questioned if "some awful curse did actually hang over all the Kennedys."

The curse was presented again on April 2, 2020, when Maeve Kennedy McKean and her eight-year-old son disappeared during a canoe trip at Chesapeake Bay. Maeve's body was found by divers four days later, and her son was found six days later.

BY STELLA TANNENBAUM
Arts & Literature Editor

June is Pride Month for the LGBTQ+ community, and watching films centered around characters in this community is a common way to celebrate. Many streaming services offer

Streaming services celebrate Pride Month

a variety of films and TV shows celebrating LGBTQ+ storylines throughout a variety of genres.

For instance, Hulu has a section called "Pride" featuring popular shows such as "RuPaul's Drag Race" and "The Bravest Knight."

Hulu also offers "Love, Victor," a TV series set in the same high school as the popular film "Love, Simon." The series follows new student Victor as he struggles with his sexual orientation and difficulties at home and in school, eventually reaching out to Simon for help.

Netflix has a category called LGBTQ Stories, which is separated further into many genres such as emotional movies, casual viewing, feel-good TV shows and more.

"The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson" is a documentary on Netflix following Victoria Cruz, an LGBTQ+ rights activist, as she fights against violence

against transgender women and investigates the death of her friend and fellow activist, Marsha P. Johnson.

While police claim Johnson's death was the result of suicide, many believe Johnson was murdered. The documentary is described as emotional and investigative, and it has received stellar reviews.

For a more lighthearted, feel-good film with a star-studded cast, Netflix also offers "The Prom." This fictional, musical story follows a teen in a small town in Indiana who wishes to attend her school's prom with her girlfriend and the unfortunate former Broadway stars who rally behind her to help make it possible.

The comedy features many famous actors including Meryl Streep, James Corden and Nicole Kidman and was described as irreverent, heartfelt and inspiring.



Science & Technology

Possible antistars detected in galaxy

By SOPHIA PERRIN
Science & Technology Co-Editor

A new study's results present the possibility that so far 14 stars may have antimatter cores, therefore proving the likelihood that antistars exist in the Milky Way. These antistar candidates give off a different variation

of gamma rays, produced when antimatter meets normal matter.

"If, by any chance, one can prove the existence

of the antistars ... that would be a major blow for the standard cosmological model," said Pierre Salati, a theoretical astrophysicist at the Annecy-le-Vieux Laboratory of Theoretical Physics in France.

Although the general thought is that the universe was created with equal parts normal matter and antimatter, physicists have hypothesized that evolution has

caused the number of matter particles to outnumber the number of antimatter particles.

However, an instrument on the International Space Station has diminished these hypotheses by detecting hints of a few antihelium nuclei. If the observations are proven, it

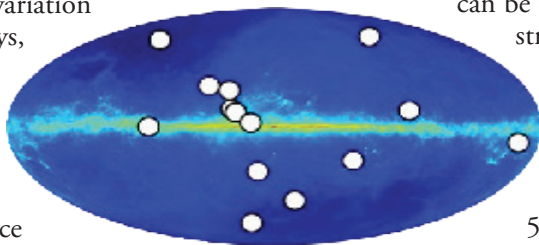
can be determined that stray antimatter could be shed by antistars.

While

conducting a study, about 5,800 gamma-ray sources were

cataloged. Among those sources 14 points of light gave off energy suspected to be matter-antimatter annihilation.

"It would be practically impossible to say that [the candidates] are actually antistars," said study co-author Simon Dupourqué, an astrophysicist at the Institute of Research in Astrophysics and Planetology in Toulouse, France.



Brood X Cicadas return after 17 years underground

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI
Staff Writer

After 17 years of tunneling and feeding underground, Brood X Cicadas are finally emerging again in order to begin mating.

Brood X Cicadas are one of 15 different types of periodical cicadas that return every 17 years in the eastern U.S. The first written record of Brood X Cicadas was in 1715 by a Swedish clergyman Rev. Andreas Sandel in Philadelphia.

While they may look dangerous to some people, they are not harmful to humans.

However, they are slightly

dangerous to animals.

They begin to emerge when the soil warms up to

64 degrees Fahrenheit. Typically, this happens around late April, but larger groups of them are seen in May.

"This is an unusual biological phenomenon. Periodical cicadas only occur in the eastern United States; they don't occur anywhere else in the world," said entomologist Eric Day of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The loud buzzing noise that can be heard outside is the male cicadas flexing a drum-like organ called a tymbal to attract a mate.

Over 35 million Americans are expected to be able to interact with them before the end of their lifespan, which is around four to six weeks. They start to

die off around late June and early July. If anyone

misses the chance

to see them this

year, the next chance to see them is in 2038.



Avocados linked to alternative treatment of leukemia

By MADDY FEDUN
Science & Technology Editor

A study conducted at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada may have discovered a better alternative treatment of leukemia found in avocados. Avocatin B is a fat molecule that is only found in avocados.

The study focused on acute myeloid leukemia, also known as AML, a destructive form of leukemia.

According to Department of Food Science, Dr. Paul Spagnuolo, cells containing

leukemia have a high amount of an enzyme known as VLCAD. These cells heavily rely on this enzyme to

survive, which Spagnuolo and his team have screened several compounds in attempts to find a substance to inhibit the enzyme. He was able to find the best inhibitor in an avocado, and he hopes to successfully use it in patients with leukemia.

"VLCAD can be a good marker to identify patients suitable for this type of therapy. It can also be a marker to measure the activity of the drug. That sets the stage for eventual use of this molecule in human clinical trials," said Spagnuolo.

Many drug treatments, such as chemotherapy, are toxic and often fatal to patients who are diagnosed with leukemia.

"There has been a drive to find less toxic drugs that can be used," Spagnuolo said.

Since his discovery, he has "completed a human study with this as an oral supplement and have been able to show that appreciable amounts are fairly well tolerated."

This study was partly funded by the Leukemia Cancer Foundation, the Cancer Research Society and Ontario Institute for Cancer Research in hopes to find an alternative way to treat leukemia found in patients.



source: universityofguelph

Study suggests new alternative to leukemia treatments found in avocados.

- Dr. Paul Spagnuolo

Sports

Girls, boys track teams compete at district championship

By **MIKAYLA KRISANDA**
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On May 18, both track teams competed at the District 2 AAA Championship meet at North Pocono High School. Senior Taliyah Booker came in first place in the 400m dash. Sophomore Celi Denhalter came in third place in the 1600m run. The boys relay team consisting of seniors Kyle Kanterman, sophomore John Russo and sophomore Dom Lazzaro came in third place for the 4x800 m relay.



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“Overall I feel like we all out performed ourselves, and we had a lot of personal bests,” said Cottone.

In the long jump, senior Brooke Acoveno came in fourth place. Kanterman also came in fourth place in the 3200m run. Freshman Kaya Meler came in fifth place during the 1600m run. Senior Mark Callanan came in sixth place in the high jump.

Booker ran both the 200m and the 400m and set school records in both with times of 25.43 (200m) and 55.86 (400m). In the 400m, she broke the meet record by two seconds. She advanced to the state

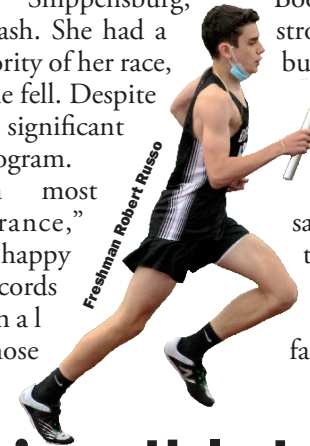


Sophomore Haley Troup

championship meet at Shippensburg University on May 29.

At Shippensburg, Booker ran the 400m dash. She had a strong lead during the majority of her race, but with a few steps to go, she fell. Despite the fall, she leaves a significant mark on the track program.

“I’m most proud of my perseverance,” said Booker. “I’m very happy that I was still able to set records and achieve new personal bests despite all of those factors.”



Freshman Robert Russo

COVID-19 linked to heart related issues in athletes

By **MADDY FEDUN**
Science & Technology Editor

A study was conducted to assess the risk of heart damage on college athletes who previously tested positive for the coronavirus. The study was published in JAMA Cardiology, a peer-reviewed journal, which found an inflammatory heart condition, myocarditis, in 37% of the Big Ten college athletes.

Nine of the athletes with myocarditis reported that they were experiencing cardiac symptoms while 28 reported no cardiac symptoms, which shows the challenges of the study.

“Unfortunately, from our study we show that symptoms do not help us very much. I won’t say symptoms are of no value. But they did not pick

up the majority of our cases of what we were calling myocarditis,” said cardiologist Dr. Lawrence Rink, who has been a doctor at Indiana University for 40 years.

Dr. Rink’s statement counters two preceding studies that determined cardiopulmonary and COVID-19 symptoms were insights of possible heart-related problems post COVID-19 diagnoses.

Dr. Curt Daniels, who led one of those preceding studies, suggests that athletes

who test positive for COVID-19 with no symptoms, can still have changes to their hearts that need to be examined further with MRIs.

“Dr. Rink and I both aren’t saying everyone needs an MRI who has had COVID. The findings show you can’t rely just on symptoms to say, ‘Hey, you’re fine. Go do everything on Day 11 coming out of isolation.’ You need to take it slow, watch out for potential symptoms and if there are any, seek medical care and further evaluation,” said Daniels.

The Big Ten study found that when cardiac MRIs were taken in post COVID athletes, they “yielded a 7.4-fold increase in detection of myocarditis.”



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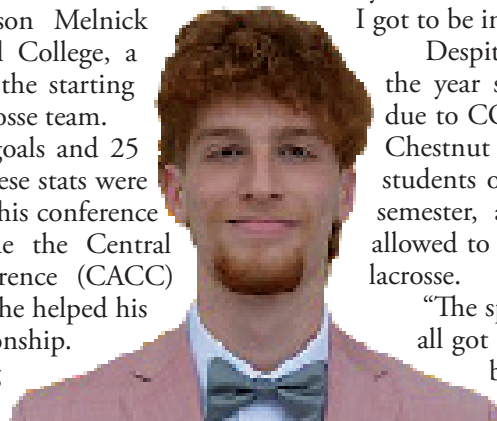
Collegiate Update: Jackson Melnick

By **LUKE RUGGIERO**
Sports Co-Editor

Class of 2020’s Jackson Melnick is attending Chestnut Hill College, a Division II school, and is the starting left attackman on their lacrosse team.

Melnick recorded 24 goals and 25 assists in his first season; these stats were second and tied for first in his conference respectfully. He also made the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) All-Tournament team, and he helped his team win a CACC championship.

“It was an amazing feeling getting the first



CACC championship for the team,” Melnick said. “The win meant alot for everyone involved, and I am just happy I got to be involved in our success.”

Despite the successful season, the year started out questionable due to COVID-19 restrictions. Chestnut Hill did not allow students on campus for the fall semester, and the team was not allowed to be around each other outside of lacrosse.

“The spring semester was the first time we all got to meet each other, so it was hard to build chemistry,” he said. “But towards the middle of the season we started

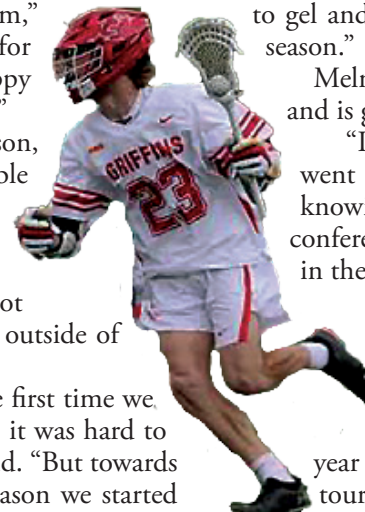
to gel and build that chemistry to finish out the season.”

Melnick is proud of how his first season went and is glad that he was a part of it.

“I feel that my first year on the team went amazing. It is an awesome feeling knowing that I had an impact on winning the conference championship and finishing top 20 in the country,” he said.

He anticipates just as good of a season next year due to most of the players returning.

He expects to win another conference championship, finish the year top 20 again and make it to the NCAA tournament.



Sports *Wrap-Ups*

Baseball

By AIDAN FEAN
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The Warrior baseball team finished the season with an 11-8 loss in the district semi-finals to Wilkes-Barre Area. That loss gave the Warriors a record of 3-13 to end their season.

The team was led by senior Brendan Henn who hit .481 and scored nine runs. Senior Aiden Oliver also led the Warriors after hitting .298 with 23 RBIs and three home runs.

Senior Damien Estenes pitched the most innings for the Warriors, throwing 22 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. He also led the team with 23 strikeouts. Junior Christian Galimi was also an important part of the Warrior pitching staff, throwing 22 innings and striking out 18 batters. Galimi also led the team in their earned run average with a 1.91 ERA.

The Warriors will return next year with over half of their roster, losing only seven seniors. This was Sean Giblin's first year as head coach.

Softball

By MADDIE MALLON
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The softball team finished their season with a record of 7-14.

On May 20, the team played Riverside and won 14-2. Sophomore Emily Henn started the game with a homerun. In the second inning, junior Jillian Senior and Henn added singles and junior Abby Kemp scored twice. Senior Taylor Hill added a double with two RBIs. In the third inning, juniors Kyleigh Simar and Senior had hits. Henn added another homerun for three RBIs. Henn went 3-4 with two homeruns and three RBIs. Kemp went 1-2 with two walks and two RBIs. Hill went 2-4 and added four RBIs.

On May 26, they had their district semifinal game against Hazleton and lost 15-0, ending their season.

"There were many challenges this season. We had very little practice time and plenty of back-to-back games. It did not allow for a lot of time to work on certain things," head coach Chelsea Sweeney said.

Boys Lacrosse

By MADDY FEDUN
Science & Technology Editor

The boys lacrosse team finished its season with an overall record of 9-2 and placed third in the conference. The team was led by junior Nate Melnick with 44 goals and 13 assists followed by sophomore Xander Kelly with 34 goals and 20 assists, sophomore Paulie Weinrich with 21 goals and 24 assists and senior Finnegan McCormack contributing 26 goals and 16 assists.

Despite several setbacks due to injury and COVID-19, the boys were still able to compete for a full season.

"Our team got a lot of experience for our underclassmen this year. We competed in every game as we dealt with injuries to key players and COVID-19 stoppages. I am happy that the guys were able to get back on the field this year and compete," said head coach Jeff Krasulski. "I look forward to learning from this for the future."

Girls Lacrosse

By MADISON KELLY
Sports Editor

The girls lacrosse team clinched the District II 3A title after beating Dallas. The team competes in a subregional that is based on power rankings. They lost to Hazleton Area on May 4, but they outranked them in the subregional power rankings placing them in first and winning Districts.

"The season overall was great as we pushed through all the barriers that COVID-19 put in our way. We continued growing as a team and coming out as district champions," senior Erin Hartey said.

The season was led by seniors Maddy Fedun and Julia Weinreb and juniors Emily Cruz and Daisey Carney and sophomore Leah Weinreb. Carney scored a total of 33 goals all season.

On May 20, the team traveled to Freedom High School for their first round of playoffs where they lost 27-1. The one goal for the Warriors was scored by Leah.

The girls ended the season with a record of 8-7.

Volleyball

By LUKE RUGGIERO
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The volleyball team finished its season on May 1 with a loss in the first round of AAA States to Emmaus High School. Senior Cayden Bell recorded four kills, two digs and five service points despite the loss.

Prior to this game, the team defeated Abington Heights to secure the District 2 AAA title. The team finished with a 13-2 record.

"Cayden, along with seniors Zach Matthews and Yoshi Sumitomo got our team rolling and kept us going throughout this match. Then throughout the rest of the match the entire team stepped up and all played outstanding," said assistant coach Heather Holdredge.

The team will have to start fresh next year, losing eight seniors in the offseason.

"We will be young and not have a lot of experience but hopefully we can get kids in the gym and play in our AAU winter season to try and close the gap," said coach Holdredge.

Tennis

By LIZ KAMEEN
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On April 15, the boys tennis team traveled to North Pocono for doubles districts.

Senior Scott Sussman and junior Gavin Buckley competed against Berwick in the first game, winning 6-0 in their first set and 6-2 in their second set. Sussman and Buckley faced West Scranton in the second round of Districts and lost their first and second sets 6-2.

"Gavin has been an anchor at No. 1 doubles all year. [He is] an excellent leader on and off the court. He stays late every day to get more practice in. Gavin is a player that every coach would want on their team," said head coach Kevin Quinn.

Junior Griffen Kowal and senior Jack Moniot played Hazleton in their first game, winning both their first and second set, 6-1 and 6-0, respectively.

Kowal and Moniot won their first set against Wallenpaupack 6-3 but lost their second set 2-6 and their third set 1-6.