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Drive-thru dinner provided for local veterans

BY MEAGHAN HUNT

Community News Editor

The drive-thru Veterans Dinner was held on Nov. 10 just in time for the remembrance of veterans for Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

Last year because of COVID-19, there were only 11 veterans who showed up to receive their dinner.

However, this year the number of veterans who attended doubled. The coordinator of the event, Mr. Michael Guzenski, said that 60 veterans confirmed that they would be picking up a dinner.

Veterans entered the school parking lot



and were greeted by members of Junior Historians who were volunteering for the event.

After that, they parked at the 9/10 entrance where they were greeted by volunteers and Mr. Guzenski. Volunteers, who ranged from freshmen to seniors, carried out the free meal to the recipient. Volunteers also held signs and spoke to veterans, thanking them for their service.



Meaghan Hunt/Del.Aware

Sophomore Vincent Yang delivers a meal to a veteran.

The free meal included a chicken parm to-go box with two cookies for dessert. The district purchased 90 chicken parm meals from John's of Arthur Avenue, and the cookies were donated to the event by John's of Arthur Avenue.

The Veterans Dinner had live music during the event. The performers were senior John Michael Zirpoli and junior Josh Rodriguez. Zirpoli played the piano and the drums, and Rodriguez played the electric guitar and sang.

The dinner was held from 4-6 p.m.

"It went very well this year," Mr. Guzenski said. "It was a success, and we had a way better turnout than last year."

Title IX policy outlines crucial student rights at DV

BY LIZ KAMEEN

Editor in Chief

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires schools to quickly respond to any reports of sexual harassment or misconduct effectively and actively take steps to prevent sexual harassment. Federal laws prohibit any sort of retaliation, along with a list of procedures that must be followed after a case of sexual misconduct has been reported.

Dr. Peg Schaffer is the district's Title IX coordinator, whose primary responsibility is to ensure the district is following the Title IX policy and to coordinate investigations regarding complaints of sexual harassment and discrimination. Mr. Chris Lordi will replace Dr. Schaffer as the coordinator following her retirement in February of 2022.

Tracey Vitchers is the executive director of It's On Us, a nonprofit organization founded in 2014 under the Obama-Biden administration to help combat on-campus sexual assault and educate students regarding Title IX and similar federal laws. Vitchers recently held a Zoom meeting with DV parents and students discussing the proper handling of sexual assault cases in school settings.

"Ideally, a school district should have one Title IX coordinator per campus, and Delaware Valley only has one for the entire district," she said.

Dr. Schaffer stated that most issues are handled with the building principal, and if not settled, move to her level for a more in-depth investigation.

"I do not think it is necessary [to have more coordinators.] In my tenure of the Title IX component, I have only had employment issues that have come up to my level. I have never had a student issue raised to my level. Most issues are handled at the building level, and it has not been something that has been overwhelming to me," Dr. Schaffer said.

Vitchers stated that every district has the responsibility under federal law to easily distribute the district's Title IX policy, which she said is currently in direct contradiction of the federal Title IX policy.

"The school district is required to widely distribute who the Title IX coordinator is, as well as the actual Title IX policy itself. Right now, that

information is not easily accessible on the district website...To find the Title IX coordinator, students and parents must call the district office and ask, which directly violates confidentiality," Vitchers said.

Dr. Schaffer stated the Title IX policy is on the first page of the handbook, so students and parents can easily access it when they bring home the student handbook contract to sign. Due to the ever-changing position of the Title IX coordinator, the coordinator's name has not been published on the website. However, Dr. Schaffer stated that following her retirement, the district will seek

to publish more information regarding the name and contact information of the coordinator to fit changing federal guidelines.

Vitchers relayed that if a student feels their Title IX rights have been violated, she recommends addressing it with superintendent Dr. John Bell. Vitchers also said students and parents could file a formal complaint with the Federal Department of Civil Rights if they believe their rights have been violated.

"I have only had employment issues that have come up to my level."

- Dr. Peg Schaffer

School News

School Board Election Results

On Nov. 4, four school board seats of Rosemary Walsh, Pam Lufy, Jessica Decker and Felicia Sheehan were up for re-election. Walsh was the only incumbent not re-elected.

BY LIZ KAMEEN
Editor in Chief



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Pam Lufy, incumbent, graduated from the California University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Language Remediation. She has worked on the Delaware Valley School Board for 20 years.



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Vice president and incumbent of the school board, Jessica Decker graduated in 2004 from the College of Saint Rose. She also received a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Scranton in 2006.



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Felicia Sheehan, incumbent, moved to Pike County in 1988 and has worked in her family's insurance and income tax business since 1996. She is also a board member for Eastern Pike Youth Soccer Club and other community organizations.



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Derek Smith is an attorney at the Law Office of Charles Kannebecker since graduating from the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 2015. Smith is the only non-incumbent elected.

If you enjoy acting, singing and dancing, join the DVHS Drama Club! Director Sarah Fitzkee plans to have a performance of "The Addams Family" musical in the spring. Club meeting dates will be in the morning announcements, and auditions will be held in January.

OFF BEAT NEWS

Prank exposed; demand for woodshop club discovered

Technical education teacher Mr. Eric Thiele, a known prankster at DV, was successfully pranked a couple of weeks ago. Fine and Applied Arts teachers Mrs. Tricia Kaylor and Mrs. Krystine Thompson posted flyers advertising a new woodshop club run by Mr. Thiele. Students asked the very confused Mr. Thiele about his club, which he knew nothing about. What began as a prank has now sparked a genuine interest and motivation to participate in the club.

"After seeing the thousands of disappointed students' faces, I will be openly considering a woodshop club in the future," Mr. Thiele said.

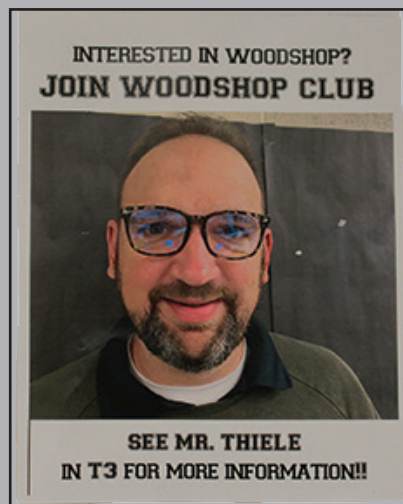


Photo and caption by Sophia Vasile

Puzzle Fun

Use the list of Thanksgiving words and find them in the word search. Be the first person to come to Mrs. Lordi in D4 with the completed puzzle to win a prize. The winner of the previous puzzle was senior Giovanni Armas-Cascina.

m	h	s	t	u	m	b	p	i	e
g	t	t	g	h	d	f	i	t	r
c	s	u	d	t	e	a	a	f	k
t	a	f	r	k	r	m	c	a	m
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q	r	g	m	v	b	d	i	o	l
p	a	r	a	d	e	m	f	s	i
c	f	o	o	t	b	a	l	l	p

- Turkey
- Pie
- Parade
- Pilgrim
- Stuffing
- Feast
- Family

Compiled by Sophia Perrin

School News

Students inducted into National Art Honor Society

By LUCAS PAULEY

Opinions Editor

On Nov. 9, 16 student artists were inducted into the National Art Honor Society (NAHS). Students were selected based on their prolific artistic abilities displayed in school.

The induction consisted of a candle lighting ceremony followed by speeches from chapter members on the importance of art. This included president of NAHS senior Maddie Mallon, junior Niki Ruggiero, and seniors Liz Kameen and Sophia Miller.

Afterward, inductees discussed the significance of a piece of artwork they had created to present at the induction.



Lucas Pauley/Del.Aware

Inductees passed a flame from candle to candle during the induction ceremony.



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In total there were eight seniors, five juniors and three sophomores who were inducted into the NAHS.



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President Maddie Mallon discussed how art can improve the community.



Fall Break Schedule

- **Nov. 23 - Half day**

(periods 1, 2, 3)

Dismissal 11:15 a.m.

Parent teacher conferences

Activity Bus: 1:00 p.m.

- **Nov. 24 - Half day**

(periods 4, 6, 7)

Dismissal 11:15 a.m.

Activity Bus: 1:30 p.m.

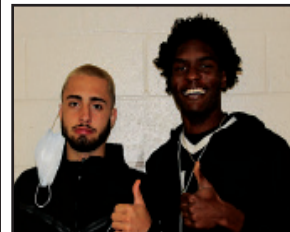
- **Nov. 25, 26 and 29 - No school**

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Inquiring Photographer

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THANKSGIVING FOOD?

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"Stuffing"
Joey Sciascia and
Harlem Cook
Class of 2022



"Ham and applesauce"
Nicole Skelenger
Class of 2023



"Apple Pie"
Liam O'Toole
Class of 2024



"Turkey and stuffing"
Nicki Musselwhite
Class of 2024



"Pumpkin Pie"
Ms. Mikaela Smith
Staff



"Turkey and stuffing"
Mr. Tyler Barnett
Staff

Opinions

Dear Dela

Dear Dela, how do I tell my best friend that her boyfriend is not good for her without hurting her feelings and damaging our friendship?

-Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior, respectfully sit her down and talk to her about it. You need to hype her up and make sure that she knows her worth. Just remember you need to be nice about it, but you also need to be honest and tell her the truth.

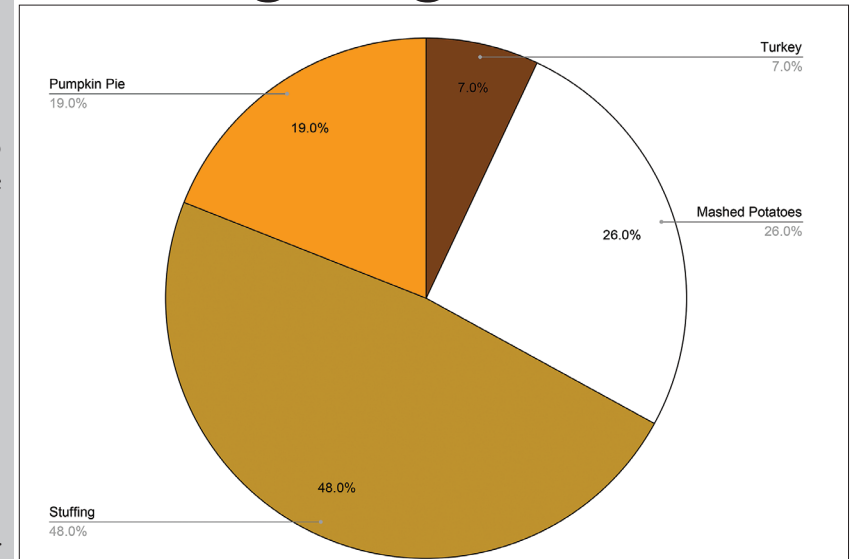
I'm thinking about trying out for the Drama Club, but I haven't been involved since middle school. I'm not the best dancer, and I'm worried that I won't be able to catch on as quickly. Should I try out or nah?

-Apprehensive Student



Dear Apprehensive Student, my advice—go for it! You never know the outcome unless you try out, so pull off the Band-Aid and give it a shot! You only get this opportunity now, so live with no regrets.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



This data was collected from the newspaper's online website from Nov. 4 - Nov. 12. A total of 29 people participated in this specific poll. To participate in the next poll, visit dvhsnews.org.

Irlen syndrome may affect vision, reading skills

DANIEL SCHEUERMANN

Class of 2022

After a minor concussion, I had trouble reading, experienced light sensitivity and felt excessively tired. Though these are normal symptoms for a concussion, my symptoms lasted long past the regular recovery period and were much more severe.

Several of my cousins have a condition called Irlen syndrome, a condition that causes many separate parts of the brain to activate when they shouldn't. Because of this, I decided to get tested. After a weekend trip to Rochester, I not only knew where these symptoms came from but how to solve them. In two weeks, I received a special pair of glasses designed for me specifically. Though you may mistake them for transversals, they were intentionally designed to have a yellow green color. The color helps the brain better process the information it's receiving and is the only proven method to correct the processing problems that come with Irlen Syndrome.

The Irlen method was designed by Helen Irlen over 20 years ago. She was researching under a federal research grant and discovered a group of people showing a noticeable improvement when their reading material was covered by a colored sheet.

Over time, she created colored lenses, which proved to work much better than the filters. There are over 100,000 possible colors, compared to the dozen filter colors. It is rather surprising that no one has ever heard of this remarkable discovery, when 12-14% of students with generally good reading skills can be helped by the Irlen method, which is approximately 180-210 students at DVHS. The Irlen method doesn't just improve brain function, it normalizes it entirely. The Irlen website (Irlen.com) has a five-minute test to determine if Irlen syndrome is the cause of your reading troubles.



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School News

Early Childhood Education adjusts to COVID-19

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI
Arts & Literature Editor

Early Childhood Education (ECE) is a three-year Career and Technical Education course. The class teaches students to prepare curriculum and strategies for working with children from ages 1 to 9. Students are also taught how to understand the development of children intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally.

In all the levels of ECE, students spend two to three days of the week working on course curriculum. The other days are spent visiting four local early learning centers and volunteer working with children in the age range of two months to nine years.

The class work for ECE students varies. Students may have traditional textbook and written assignments, group projects or they may work on resource creation.

“Students create resources to use later in their career with working with children,” said Early Childhood Education teacher Mrs. Jill Farr-Bodnar.



Mrs. Jill Farr-Bodnar

Last year, the ECE classes were not allowed into the early learning centers due to COVID-19, but this year protocols have been put in place to allow them back into the centers.

Upon entering and exiting both the Delaware

Valley High School preschool and the Delaware Valley Elementary



Reilly Ziolkowski/Del.Aware

Seniors Alana Eveland and Matalina Sibilia run a Thanksgiving-themed art activity for the preschool students.

School, students must wash their hands and are required to wear a mask the entire time they are in the facilities. The students are also socially distant in the classrooms, are limited to work with a child for 10-15 minutes and all interactions with children are tracked in case contact tracing is necessary.

“We are thrilled to be back in the early

Valley High School preschool and learning centers this school year,” said Early Childhood Education teacher Mrs. Beth Pavinich.

Keystone Dates

Literature - Dec. 7 and 8 (Period Schedule: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

Algebra - Dec. 9 and 10 (Period Schedule: 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)

Make-up dates for Literature and Algebra are Dec. 13-15

Biology - Jan. 11 and 12 (Period Schedule: 6, 7, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2)

Make-up dates for Biology are Jan. 13 and 14

Tutoring and Labs

Math: Peer Tutoring - Wednesdays after school until 4:20 p.m. in Room S8

Math Lab - Open all periods except for 4th

Keystone Remediation Program - Runs every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:15 p.m. in Room D6

Math: Morning Tutoring - From 7:10 a.m. - 8 a.m. in Room A10 with Mr. Llewellyn

If you would like to attend, see him for more details.

Science Lab - Available for any students who need review, help or extra time during all lunches in room R21

Writing Lab - Open periods 1, 3, 4, 5A, 5C, 6, 7 in Room C8 with Ms. Zarzecki and 2nd period in Room A17 with Mr. Bates

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Students who love nature encouraged to join club

By MARISA DAMBACH
News Editor

The Environmental Club is for any student who enjoys the outdoors and wants to help save and protect the environment. The club meets alternative Mondays and Wednesdays after school until 4:30 p.m. with science teacher Ms. Bernadine Salak in Room T5.

Members are currently working on projects that include a school garden, a school pond and a composting bin. Members will also have the opportunity to go on campus biodiversity walks.

In the spring, club members are expected to compete in an Envirothon against other schools in the area for the possibility to qualify for States and Nationals.



Marisa Dambach/Del.Aware

Members of the Environmental Club completed the school pond, which is located in the Media Center courtyard.

If students are interested in joining the Environmental Club, see Ms. Salak in Room T5 for more information or check the schedule outside T5 for meeting dates.

School News

Electrical CTE projects advance student skills

By SOPHIA VASILE

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

The junior and senior Electrical Career Technical Education students were given their first projects of the year this past month. Electrical occupations teacher Mr. Brian Watson has been assigning different projects ensuring students are gaining as many skills as possible before leaving highschool. Students have been working on projects such as requiring speaker systems and placing underground electricity to a nearby Mountain Bike Club shed.



Sophia Vasile/Del.Aware

Junior Mason Cardona drives hydraulic scissor lift.



Sophia Vasile/Del.Aware

Juniors Max Walsh and Mason Cardona fix the fluorescent shop light.



Sophia Vasile/Del.Aware

Senior Jayden Strzalka operates a heat gun to shrink the water-tight connectors.



Sophia Vasile/Del.Aware

Junior Max Walsh mounts the marine stereo amplifier to the back plate.



Sophia Vasile/Del.Aware

Seniors Jackson Valentin, Mackenzie Riker and junior Barrett Hill backfill the ditch.

Building CTE students start construction of sports shed

By NICK GELARDI

News Co-Editor

Building Construction students have started work on a new sports shed by the stadium and have collectively worked together on the beginning stages of a long-term project that is likely to be finished in April or May.

The project started when Building Construction class 1 dug out the area where the new shed will be located and backfilled the area with clean stone that will go under the concrete slab. Building Construction classes 2 and 3 installed the wood forms that are the edge of the concrete slab.



Nick Gelardi/Del.Aware

Building Construction students Kayla MacDonald, Nate Harbeck and Wyatt Beheran go over the concrete with steel trowels to smooth it out.

The students were able to pour the concrete slab after receiving three yards of 4,000 PSI concrete from Peenpack Sand and Gravel in Huegenot, New York. After the truck arrived, six Building Construction 2 and 3 students assisted with the pour: senior Ralph Courtright, senior Patrick Moran, junior Joe Carpenter, senior Nate Harbeck, junior Tim Cortes and junior Kayla MacDonald.

Once the concrete was placed in the form and the top was screeded level, a first pass over the concrete was done with a Bull Float to make the surface smooth, that was followed by a second one with a steel trowel. Anchor bolts were then placed in the fresh concrete that will tie the walls down to the slab.

Marching band improves performance

By KYLA STEAD

World News Editor

On Nov. 6, the marching band competed in the USBands National Championships. They scored an 83.5 and placed 13th out of the 16 bands in their group.

Their show at the competition was the best of the season according to director Mr. Richard Bullock. One of their greatest assets was their level of focus and professionalism not only at the competition but throughout the season.

"Everyone knew we had a big job to do and really stepped up the performance at the show," Mr. Bullock said.

He said they have grown at an exceptional rate, and being able to step up their rehearsals really showed when it came time to the competition.

In the past, the visual aspect of

the show has been a weakness, but this year, they were able to turn it into one of their strengths. They also focused on communicating the show to a crowd at games and the judges at competitions.

Although there were logistics of the show that were unexpected, such as the timing of the show being pushed back, the band was able to perform a show that was very effective and had great crowd reaction according to Mr. Bullock.



Senior Liam Yost

Community News

New ShopRite opens in Westfall Town Center

By **SHAUN RYAN**
Entertainment Editor

On Nov. 7, a new ShopRite opened for business in the Westfall Town Center. The grand opening ceremony included ribbon-cutting and brief speeches delivered by ShopRite administration.

The ceremony was held outside at 8:30 a.m. The DVHS jazz band performed in front of the store prior to the ribbon-cutting.

The new ShopRite is in the same location as the old Kmart that had been shut down years ago. The plans for this ShopRite have been in the works for more than two years before being



Shaun Ryan/Del.Aware

The jazz band performed several songs for the grand opening ceremony.

executed.

“This has been a dream project of ours since 2019 when we signed up for this location... with your sincere efforts and hard work, we have done

remarkable work here in this location,” Steve Savas said, president of ShopRite stores.

The interior of this ShopRite was fully refurbished after the Kmart was closed. The inside of the building had been almost completely stripped after Kmart’s

closing.

“The transformation from what it was (Kmart) to what it is now is practically a miracle,” senior vice

president of sales, Brett Wayne said.

Many of the store employees and administrators were directly transferred from their old location in Montague, New Jersey. That store has been shut down in place of the new Matamoras location.

The interior of this store was fully decorated for its grand opening, and the aisles were exploding with customers trying to get their first look

“I couldn’t be more sincere right now; this is the most beautiful grocery store I have ever seen.”

- Brett Wayne

at this location.

“You just can’t comprehend the work that goes into doing something like this... I couldn’t be more sincere right now; this is the most beautiful grocery store I have ever seen,” Wayne said.

They call it Good Time, I call it Great Time

By **JAMES ZAYATZ**
World News Co-Editor

A hidden gem nestled along Route 739, Good Time Pizza is the perfect place to relax and grab a slice of cheesy goodness. Good Time is a household name for many Dingmans Ferry residents and with good reason.

Customers are greeted warmly and with great enthusiasm. Not only are the staff very friendly, but also the interior decor of the building allows for a comfortable dining experience. The main dining room is accompanied by a fireplace that gives a cozy, rustic atmosphere.

The main counter is decorated with a display of various pizzas available for purchase. Next to the counter is a refrigerator containing a variety of Coke products available to purchase.

My order usually consists of plain cheese pizza and Sprite, but I’m known to occasionally branch out if I’m really feeling adventurous and order a pepperoni pizza. The pizza quality is

respectable, with thick, doughy crust and rich cheese. Good crust is a make-or-break for me, and Good Time most certainly made it.

The service and quality is immaculate, but good luck if you do not carry a pizza cutter with you, because for as good as the food is, they can not cut through pizza to save their lives.



Liz Kameen/Del.Aware

Although pizza is a staple at the restaurant, Good Time offers an expansive menu.

Refurbished Milford Theater attracts Milford citizens

By **SOPHIA VASILE**
Arts & Literature Co-Editor

The Milford Theater has recently made a comeback thanks to new director NYC film producer Beth O’Neil.

O’Neil moved back to her hometown of Milford from NYC at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was approached by Milford Theater owner Bill Rosado who was interested in restoring the theater and wanted O’Neil to direct the project. O’Neil has directed the installation of seats, new state of the art film projector and screen, new heating and cooling systems and has installed a bar for drinks and concessions.

“We’re here to welcome the entire community back to the Milford Theater and to enjoy all different aspects of the arts. We look forward to welcoming you [community] back,” O’Neil said.

The theater is now open to the public and has hosted the Black Bear Film Festival and various concerts.

“We have movies playing every other weekend as well as live events scheduled for once a month right now,” O’Neil said.

O’Neil and her team are also in contact with the Milford Readers and Writers Festival and plan to host the event in September 2022. According to O’Neil, Milford citizens have shown an overall positive and excited response to the theater’s new beginning. The most recent showing attracted 70 guests, which O’Neil said is a major accomplishment for the theater.



Sophia Vasile/Del.Aware

Refurbished Milford Theater is now open to the Milford community.

World News

U.S. port crisis may result in holiday disaster

BY NICK GELARDI
News Co-Editor

Many ports around the United States have been in crisis or are rapidly approaching one right now. They have been blocked with a surplus of shipping containers, piling up for weeks, and it does not appear like they will be cleared any time soon.

These containers are stuck at places such as warehouses, truck yards and parking lots, waiting to be emptied in time for the holiday season.

The problem arose from the combination of the ongoing pandemic, COVID-19 and China's export market. An international freight marketplace, Freightos, has reported that the cost of transporting goods by shipping containers has doubled since May 2021.

One of the most heavily impacted ports by this crisis is the Port of Los Angeles. According to The Business Insider, the largest port in the United States has been shut down by half a million shipping containers. Most of these containers are 20 feet tall

and carry about 12 million metric tons of goods.

Another California port, The Long Beach Port, experienced trouble with these shipping containers. They responded by increasing their hours of operation to 24 hours on Mondays through Thursdays.



source: pixabay

Stacks of shipping containers pile up at U.S. port.

The overflow of these containers also pose a great threat to American neighborhoods, specifically ones in California. On Oct. 20, a shipping container fell off the back of a truck and flattened a car in the process. Nobody was injured, but concern is growing amongst residences that are located close to these overwhelmed ports.

The Port of Savannah, located in Savannah, Georgia, is also in the middle of this crisis. According to The New York Times, about 700 containers were left there for a month or more. They also reported that in September, 4,500 containers sat in the port waiting to be unloaded or moved to a different location.

With shipping containers likely to be stuck at these ports for months, many people are starting holiday shopping early to avoid the increasing demand for popular holiday gifts.

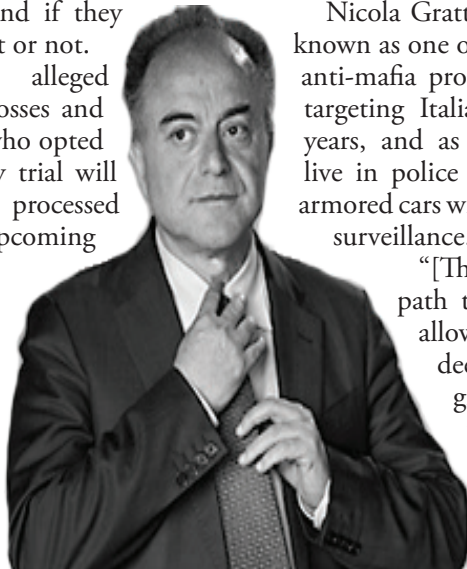
70 'Ndrangheta mobsters convicted in maxi-trial

BY LIZ KAMEEN
Editor in Chief

On Nov. 6, 70 'Ndrangheta mobsters were convicted in a maxi-trial, receiving prison time from one to 20 years, depending on the severity of their crimes and if they were an informant or not.

Over 300 alleged mobsters, mob bosses and corrupt officials who opted out of the speedy trial will have their cases processed separately in upcoming hearings.

The 'Ndrangheta is thought to produce global profits worth about \$72 billion each year and control 80% of Europe's



trade of cocaine trafficking. Alleged mob boss, Luigi Mancuso, who is considered the leader of the 'Ndrangheta family, opted for a lengthier trial. Giancarlo Pittelli, ex-senator and lawyer, accused of being the family's white-collar fixer, also opted for a longer trial.

Nicola Gratteri is leading the case, known as one of Italy's most respected anti-mafia prosecutors. He has been targeting Italian gangs for over 30 years, and as a result, is forced to live in police protection, driving in armored cars with constant bodyguard surveillance.

"[This trial] will open the path to yet more trials and allow us to make even deeper inroads into the group. I want people to believe in us and begin to collaborate and have great trust in us," Gratteri said.

Jeff Bezos under fire for allegedly lying to Congress

BY AIDAN MCBRIDE
Sports Co-Editor

On Oct. 17, five members of the United States House Judiciary Committee wrote a letter to Amazon's chief executive accusing the company's founder, Jeff Bezos, and other company executives of lying to Congress about Amazon's business practices.

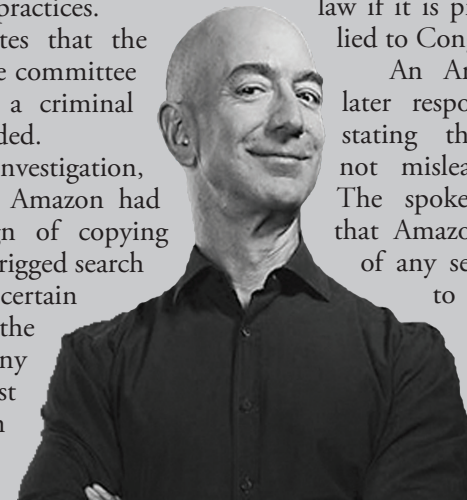
The letter states that the five members of the committee are considering if a criminal investigation is needed.

After a Reuters investigation, it was shown that Amazon had started a campaign of copying products, and they rigged search results in India so certain brands within the Amazon company would get a boost in sales. Amazon denied engaging in any of those

practices.

The letter written by the committee states that the credible reporting from the Reuters investigation "directly contradicts the sworn testimony and representations of Amazon's top executives- including former CEO Jeffrey Bezos." The letter also states that Amazon may have violated the federal law if it is proven that executives lied to Congress.

An Amazon spokesperson later responded to the letter stating that executives "did not mislead the committee." The spokesperson also stated that Amazon prohibits the use of any seller data to be used to produce private label products, and Amazon investigates the situation if it happens to come up.



World News

Climate conference pushes for ambitious goals

By KYLA STEAD
World News Editor

The 26th Conference of the Parties, also known as COP26, was hosted in Glasgow, Scotland, from Nov. 1-12, and the remarks and goals made by the leaders who attended the conference are ambitious in nature.

This climate change conference is attended by the nations that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which came into force in 1994.

This significant climate event is held in order for countries to set more ambitious goals towards their part in working to end climate change. This is where countries' strategies in executing their plans are negotiated.

One major goal addressed was to prevent the average global temperature from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius, as this is where the dangers

of global warming grow significantly. There were also statements on coal, deforestation and financial aid for adapting to climate change.

World leaders were promoting their efforts in limiting greenhouse gases and expanding renewable energy as well. The draft created and negotiated during this conference is made up of points such as time frames regarding national climate commitments, climate finance, transparency with leaders' goal setting and carbon markets.

Many world leaders view the conference as an opportunity to "press the restart button," and this conference has already sparked conversation, controversy and hope in the future of the climate crisis.



U.S. borders open for nonessential travel

By JEONGHO KOH
Science & Technology Co-Editor

On Nov. 8, the United States reopened its border to vaccinated individuals from 33 different countries including Mexico, Canada and most of Europe.

Travelers may now board airlines as long as they have proof of vaccination

and a negative COVID-19 test taken three days prior to the trip. They will not need to quarantine upon arrival. Those traversing by land do not require COVID-19 test results, and children under 18 and people medically unable to be vaccinated are exempt from this mandate.

The Trump administration passed the pandemic travel ban in March of 2020 due to rising COVID-19 concerns. After President Joe Biden

took office, he publicly announced in September of 2021 that the United States would relax the restrictions.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said that "this policy will further boost economic recovery."

This decision raised concerns for the World Health Organization because Europe is currently battling new waves of coronavirus

"We are at another critical point of pandemic resurgence."

- Hans Kluge

infections.

"We are at another critical point of pandemic resurgence," WHO Europe chief Hans Kluge said. "Europe is back at the epicenter of the pandemic, where we were one year ago."

Nonetheless, the aviation industry is seeing a significant increase in bookings as passengers are enthusiastic to reconnect back with their loved ones after being separated for nearly two years.

Corrupt Afghan officials falsify security force records

By SOPHIA PERRIN
Science & Technology Editor

Attacks in Afghanistan are steadily increasing, while the Afghan security forces decrease in stability and strength. Most of the fighting has occurred in five of 34 provinces in Afghanistan including Helmand, Badghis, Faryab, Herat and Farah.

Former Minister of Finance in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Khalid Payenda, reported that most of the 300,000 troops and police on the government's payroll did not exist. Allegedly the "ghost soldiers" were added to official lists in order for generals to collect the wages.

The Taliban rapidly seized control over the country in August, leading Payenda to blame the advances of the Taliban on the false records that said that the number of security forces greatly outnumbered the

Taliban.

"The way the accountability was done, you would ask the chief in that province how many people you have and based on that you could calculate salaries and ration expenses and they would always be inflated," Payenda said.

A particular instance that was affected by the lack of troops occurred in a cluster of villages called Babaji, located close to Helmand's provincial capital, Lashkar Gah. Twenty four members of the Afghan border police dug into a mud fortress beyond a river bridge under the tricolors of the Afghanistan flag.

The men were relocated there, some 300km from a frontier with Pakistan in efforts to defend against the

Taliban, who continue capturing territory. During the first few days, three border police were killed, reported Raz Mohammad, a soldier stationed in Babaji.

"For two months, we had trouble getting to know the area," Mohammad said.

Captain Ghulman Wali and his men were in Babaji to fill the void left by the "ghost soldiers." However, the low morale was a noticeable problem in the area's police presence.

In a recent investigation, Helmand's provincial council discovered that approximately

40% of enlisted troops did not exist. Possible reasons for the inflated number of troops include corruption of officers and other officials or commanding officers hiding their failures by purposely not reporting casualties and desertions.



source: theguardian

Afghan police are stationed in Babji to defend against the Taliban.

Conspiracy

From the Apple Watch to 9/11, the writers for "The Simpsons" seem to predict events years before they happen in real life.



Conspiracy theories: fact or fiction? Conspiracy theories have been around since the first assassination. Since then people have come up with a conspiracy theory for everything. People have found it easier than ever to fall down the rabbit hole. Around the globe believe that there are other worldly things happening.

Texas' Leading Newspaper

Presidential assassinations: conspiracy or coincidence?

By SOPHIA PERRIN
Science & Technology Editor



There are several similarities between the lives and assassinations of President Abraham Lincoln and President John F. Kennedy.

Both Lincoln and Kennedy were elected to Congress in 1846 and 1946 respectively. Both presidents were inaugurated into the White House 100 years apart; Lincoln being elected in 1860 and Kennedy in 1960. Another coincidence between the two was their concern for civil rights, as it was a major issue during their presidencies.

Concerning the similarities between the assassinations, both men were shot in the head. Afterward, the successors for both were southerners named Johnson, born 100 years apart from each other. Another eerie coincidence is that President Lincoln was shot in Ford Theater and Kennedy was shot in a Lincoln Continental four-door convertible made by Ford Motor Co.

Each man was known by three names, Lincoln's assassin was John Wilkes Booth and Kennedy's assassin was Lee Harvey Oswald. The locations of the murders and flee sites are also eerily similar, in that Booth shot Lincoln in a theater then Kennedy from a warehouse, then fled to a theater. Both men were also killed before their trials.



West Virginia folklore Mothman

The Mothman folklore initially began on Nov. 12 in 1966 in Clendenin, West Virginia, when a group of gravediggers noticed something strange. They reported they saw a massive human-like figure rapidly moving amongst the trees.

The second alleged sighting of Mothman happened three days later, two hours away from Clendenin, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Witnesses reported that the creature had bright red eyes and a 10-foot wingspan. The witnesses also reported that they believed the creature was able to fly as fast as 100 miles per hour. Three days after the Point Pleasant sighting, eight more encounters were reported to The Gettysburg Times.

Wildlife biology professor Dr. Robert L. Smith debunked the idea that a flying monster was in West Virginia. He suggested that the creature might be a sandhill crane, which is roughly five foot and has large red eyes. While Smith's explanation convinced some, others still believed and feared that Mothman was real.

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI
Arts & Literature Editor

The conspiracy of Area 51

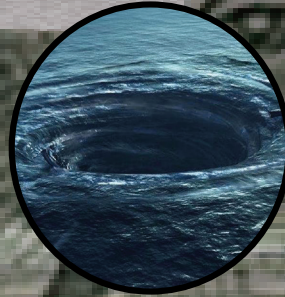
Some people believe that extraterrestrial activities such as aliens and alien spacecrafts can be found inside the doors of Area 51. In 1947, there was a supposed crash of an alien spacecraft in Roswell, New Mexico. Believers feel as though this is when the conspiracy started. Many individuals have reported seeing unidentified aircrafts flying in or around Area 51.

A former employee named Robert Lazar claims that he worked with the extraterrestrial life inside of Area 51. Lazar told reporters that he saw autopsy photographs of aliens hidden inside of the facility and that is where the aliens are being held and experimented on. Area 51 is not accessible to the public, and up until 2018, the place itself could not be found on satellite imaging.

To this day, no real evidence has been found that aliens exist anywhere in the world.

By NICOLE STEINBERG
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Due to the number of ships and planes that have disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle, it is believed that it is a portal to another dimension.



Many people believe that popular celebrities like Tupac and Michael Jackson are still alive because of look-alikes or videos on the internet.



Conspiracy Theories

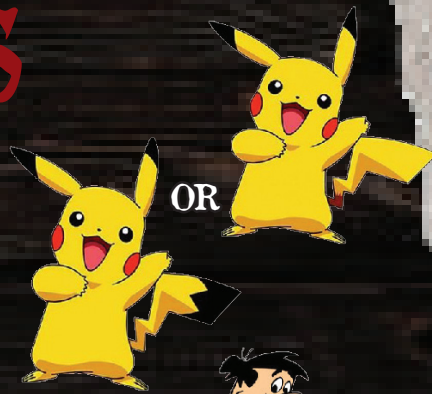
have been around since the 1960s, beginning with the JFK theory for just about any major event. Due to social media, the role of conspiracy theories. From Area 51 to Bigfoot, people are opening in our society.

BY NICOLE STEINBERG
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The Mandela Effect

The Mandela effect has been a mystery ever since it was coined by Fiona Broome in 2010 who had a false impression that South African leader Nelson Mandela died much earlier than he actually did. A theory suggested that this phenomenon is proof of alternate realities while others dismiss it as just a flaw in human memory.

BY JEONGHO KOH
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BY LUCAS PAULEY
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The Daily W

Existence of a Bigfoot still uncertain

Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, is a mysterious figure in American culture. Its existence is a joke to many, believing that Bigfoot is only a hoax. To a passionate minority that couldn't be farther from the truth.

Bigfoot is described as a large, hairy, humanlike creature and is primarily thought to be located in the Northwestern United States. Some consider the creature to be the North American counterpart to the Abominable Snowman, a similar figure known to roam the Himalayas. It would get its name from the incredible size of the tracks.

The search for a Bigfoot can be traced back to the 1950s when journalist Andrew Genzoli wrote, "Maybe we have a relative of the Abominable Snowman." Although there were wildman myths before, this would lead many to dive back into old newspapers in search of evidence.

The original piece of evidence that started the craze, a trail of oversized footprints, was proven to just be a prank by an unknown logger. Evidence would continue to be discovered only to be debunked later.

The most famous piece of evidence that supports the existence of a sasquatch is Roger Patterson and Robert Gimlin's video footage from 1967. When the two men were horseback riding in Northern California, they captured a gorilla-like creature walking through the woods. The video has seemingly held up against scrutiny from foreign analysts, scientists and Hollywood experts.

Sixty years after Genzoli's comment, Bigfoot is an iconic legend of American woodlands and society. Although there is an uncertainty about its existence, it remains a part of the popular culture.

Malaysia Flight 370 disappears into thin air

On March 8, 2014, Malaysia Flight 370 went missing with 239 people on board and no crash site was found. Less than an hour after takeoff and right before the plane disappeared, the pilot said, "Good night, Malaysian three-seven-zero." The plane then deviated from its original route and abruptly turned toward the Indian Ocean with reasons unknown.

Many theories have surfaced following the crash. One of the most popular and logical theories states that a fire happened in the cockpit during the flight. Eventually the pilots passed out from smoke inhalation, and the plane crashed in an unknown location.

Another theory suggests that Russian Special Ops took the plane. Hijackers took apart the plane's electronics and faked the satellite data. The plane was taken to Kazakhstan where it was hidden in a large building.

Other theories were speculated including the United States shooting down the plane and the plane landing in Pakistan to be armed and used for future delivery.

BY MARISA DAMBACH
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Arts & Literature

Students showcase creativity through art projects

By JAMES ZAYATZ

World News Co-Editor

Delaware Valley's art students have been working diligently and skillfully on any art projects. Under the instruction of art teacher Mrs. Christine Sweeney, the students have completed several different assignments, some of which are displayed throughout the hallways. Of the many art pieces, Mrs. Sweeney has highlighted three stand-out pieces.

Artist: Senior Sophia Miller

Description: This sculpture of a bird is intended to convey a piece of her personality.

"I wanted to depict my love for reading, which is why I incorporated [book] pages into the bird's feathers," Miller said.



James Zayatz/Del.Aware

Artist: Sophomore Scarlett Weir

Description:

Her observational piece with charcoal is based on the study of light logic in Drawing 1.



James Zayatz/Del.Aware

Artist: Senior Maddie Mallon

Description: Her piece is based on a picture of her sister in Boston, the picture was carved into a linoleum block and printed onto the page with intent to create a sense of place.



James Zayatz/Del.Aware

Fashion Aware: Sweater Vests

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI

Arts & Literature Editor

In March of 2020 Women's Wear Daily (WWD) magazine reported that sweater vests would be making a comeback in the fall. As the vests began to appear on runways, they also began to appear in everyday wear. Sweater vests have made their comeback in fashion in various styles.

The origin of sweater vests can be traced back to the 1880s when rowers would wear them to increase sweating to promote weight loss. By the 1930s, sweater vests became common in men's wardrobes.

Since the 30s, the sweater vest has made a comeback in various ways about every 20 years. In the 1950s, sweater vests were used to make outfits look polished. In contrast, vests in the 1970s were bright colors and bold patterns.



When they made a comeback in the 90s and early 2000s, the vests were worn by everyone from sports teams to moms to teenagers.

Social media is what really influenced the comeback of sweater vests this time around. Since WWD reported the comeback of the vest right as the COVID-19 pandemic hit, influencers on Instagram and TikTok are the people who promoted the fashion.

The vests can be styled in different ways depending on the fashion you're interested in. If you prefer layered clothing, you can wear an oversized sweater vest with a large T-shirt or button up underneath. If you're more into the preppy look, you can get a more skin tight patterned vest.

Whether they are coming from name brand stores such as Gucci or Prada or from second hand shops, the sweater vest has become a staple of modern fashion.

Scholarship opportunities provided for student artists

By MADDIE MALLON

Contributing Writer

Students looking to further their artistic education have plenty of opportunities to use their creativity to support themselves by applying to scholarships such as the Terry Crews "Creative Courage" scholarship, Christopher's Poster Contest and the Scholastic Art and Writing Portfolio Awards.



Terry Crews "Creative Courage" Scholarship - \$20,000

Applicants must submit an art piece of any form and a written explanation for the piece and their goals for the future. Any high schooler is eligible. Applications are due Jan. 12, 2022. One winner will be chosen and announced on Jan. 26, 2022.

Christopher's Poster Contest - \$100-1,000

All high school students are eligible for Christopher's Poster Contest and must apply by Feb. 17, 2022. Participants must make a poster based on the theme "You Can Make a Difference." First, second and third place winners receive scholarships.



Portfolio Awards - \$1,000-10,000



Seniors may apply by submitting a collection of six of their best works, which may be art or writing based, as well as a written personal statement. Sixteen Gold Medal Portfolio winners will receive \$10,000 scholarships and 30 Silver Medal Portfolio winners will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

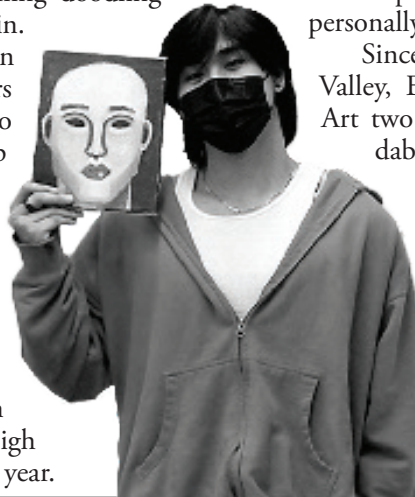
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Spotlight Artist: *Ethan Sansolis*

BY LIZ KAMEEN
Editor in Chief

Senior Ethan Sansolis has been interested in art since elementary school, fondly recalling doodling on every assignment he would turn in. His first memory of being involved in art was drawing cartoon characters on a test before being scolded by two teachers about how it could mess up the Scantron.

During his freshman and sophomore years, Ethan took classes such as Design Foundation, Drawing, Computer Art and Art History. In his free time, he learned the concept of perspective and color theory using online courses and YouTube videos. In addition, he attended an art-focused high school in New York City his freshmen year.



“This art high school specifically specialized in teaching students how to hone in as a visual artist, and I was able to learn a lot from my peers and being in a creative environment, which helped me as I grew as an artist personally,” he said.

Since his move to Delaware Valley, Ethan has taken AP Studio Art two years in a row, along with dabbling in painting, as well.

Despite his wide variety of mediums, Ethan prefers digital art because of his ability to be dynamic with brushes, colors and various canvas sizes. Ethan became interested in art due to his disinterest in traditional academics.

“I was more



Contributed photo

Ethan completed this self-portrait of himself in charcoal for his AP Studio Art class.

interested in visualizing what I felt and perceived on paper, which carried on to studying different techniques and skills of an artist,” Ethan said.

A wide range of artists inspire Ethan, but ultimately, his inspiration comes from his own art.

“I strive to be better than who I was yesterday...At the end of the day, my art is my art. [It is] a pure reflection of what I cannot articulate through my words alone,” he said.

Ethan plans on attending an art-focused college to eventually pursue an academic art career.

Spotlight Writer: *Andre Phillips*

BY REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI
Arts & Literature Editor

Senior Andre Phillips has always loved writing, but after reading a friend’s essay in tenth grade, he made a goal to improve his writing.

The class that improved and inspired Andre’s writing the most was AP Seminar with social studies teacher Mr. Laurence Marcial and English teacher Mr. Andrew Crawford. He

took the course his junior year, and it taught him that writing is like a conversation at the dinner

table. There may be many perspectives, but they can all connect. Andre’s biggest inspiration is Mr. Marcial.

“His [Mr. Marcial] ability to connect seemingly dissimilar subjects is amazing. His philosophies will be with me for the rest of my life, as I have developed a habit of thinking about topics the way he does,”

Andre said.

With the time that Andre dedicates to school and other activities, he says that he finds it difficult to write anything outside of school essays. While he has grown to love writing research papers, he wishes to explore creative writing in the future as it is less restrictive and more enjoyable than structured writing.

Andre has taken both AP Seminar and AP English Language and Composition

but has not participated in any literary clubs in high school. He was awarded with the Brown Book Award which

recognizes juniors for his or her excellence in written expression.

“As last year’s Brown Book Award winner, Andre has proven himself astute, thorough and insightful with nearly every piece he submits,” English teacher Mr. Bryan Pol said.

“His philosophies will be with me for the rest of my life, as I have developed a habit of thinking about topics the way he does,”

- Senior Andre Phillips

Spotlight Musician: *John Michael Zirpoli*

BY SHAUN RYAN
Entertainment Editor

Senior John Michael Zirpoli, referred to by friends as John Michael, has been a musician since he was five. His first instrument was piano, which he still plays avidly to this day.

“I was obsessed with music when I was younger, and I really wanted to play the drums. My parents thought piano would be a better place to start with music,” John Michael said.

Although he did not start out with the drum kit, he has been playing percussion in concert band since elementary school.

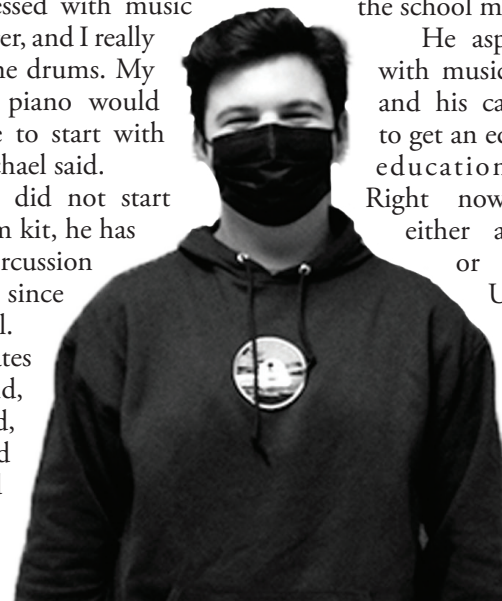
He participates in jazz band, concert band, marching band and pit band as well. John Michael plays multiple other

instruments, including saxophone, trombone and cello.

John Michael has been an active member of the community through music. For the past three years, he has organized a small ensemble to perform during the annual Veterans Day dinner. He also plays the piano for the school musical each year.

He aspires to continue with music through college and his career. He intends to get an education in music education/performance. Right now he plans to either attend Kutztown University or Millersville University.

“I just like music, I’ve always had it in my life - the one constant I’ve always had was music,” John Michael said.



Entertainment

'SQUID GAME' SHATTERS VIEWERSHIP RECORD

By **SHAUN RYAN**
Entertainment Editor

"Squid Game" is a Korean-made Netflix series that has surged in popularity in recent months. The show has been viewed by 132 million people within three weeks of its initial release.

Films and TV shows filmed in foreign countries rarely gain much recognition in the U.S. Foreign-made television receives the least amount of attention compared to other shows, according to Netflix viewership data.

The series has an interesting premise: classic children's games with a violent twist. The 'games' themselves proved to be a huge drawing factor to American audiences.

"Squid Game" has received extremely positive reviews overall, but this did not come without hard work. The process of filming the show was apparently extremely arduous.

Hwang Dong-hyuk, the writer and director of the show, spent a decade writing the script. Dong-hyuk said the process of filming was so stressful that he lost

six teeth during its production.

"Squid Game" is now worth almost one billion dollars and is one of the most popular shows of 2021. Despite the show only having a budget of about 20 million dollars, Netflix has made quite a profit in terms of new subscribers.

Dong-hyuk has not made much of a profit. According to him, he's only made enough money to "put food on the table."

"It was physically, mentally and emotionally draining. I kept having new ideas and revising the episodes as we were filming so the amount of work multiplied," Dong-hyuk said.

"Squid Game" has become Netflix's most-watched series ever upon its initial release. It has sparked

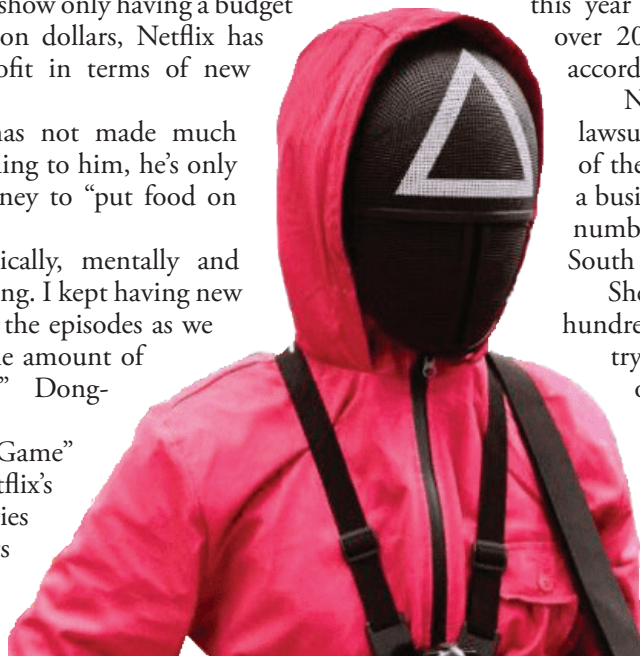
countless trends and even a cryptocurrency based on the show.

One of the most popular Halloween costumes this year was from the show as well, with over 20 million orders for this costume, according to Amazon.

Netflix was recently involved in a lawsuit as a result of the mass popularity of the show. A phone number shown on a business card in the show was a dialable number, owned by a businesswoman in South Korea.

She claims that she was receiving hundreds of calls every day from people trying to use the phone number shown on the screen. Since this incident, Netflix has edited scenes to no longer show the phone number.

Although "Squid Game" is no longer trending as much as in previous months, viewers across the globe are held in anticipation for a second season.



Disappearance of D.B. Cooper stumps FBI

1971 true crime story still baffles individuals decades after the mysterious event took place.

By **NICOLE STEINBERG**
Entertainment Co-Editor

On Nov. 24, 1971, a man going by the name of Dan Cooper bought a plane ticket for Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305 going from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. He boarded the plane and asked for a bourbon and soda. Around 3 p.m. he gave a flight attendant a ransom note stating he had a bomb on him. He then proceeded to open up his briefcase showing numerous wires and a battery. The ransom note contained his requests: four parachutes and \$200,000 specifically in \$20 bills (worth about \$1.2 million today).

When the plane landed in Seattle, the 36 passengers on board were exchanged for two parachutes and the money

that was requested with only four crew members staying on board. Cooper told the pilots to drive to Mexico City with no given route; his only requests were to fly only under 10,000 feet at a speed lower than 230 mph. Around 8 p.m. Cooper jumped out of the plane with the money and parachutes, never to be seen again.

Cooper can be described as a six-foot-tall man in his mid 40's wearing a business suit with a black tie and a white shirt. It was said that he put on a pair of wrap-around sunglasses



before he jumped off the plane. Within the first five years of his disappearance, over 800 suspects were interviewed but most were removed due to lack of evidence or no DNA match to the clip-on-tie left behind by Cooper. There was only one suspect who was a favorite of the FBI, Richard Floyd McCoy. He was eventually ruled out because none of the pilots or flight attendants could identify him.

There was a break in the case in 1980 when a little boy found a brown bag containing \$5,800, in \$20 bills with the serial numbers matching the ones given as ransom. This lead never materialized and the case was officially closed in 2016.

The name D.B. was not his real name or the name given on the ticket he purchased. Someone misheard him when he said his name and as a result his well known name became D.B. Cooper. No one has seen or heard from Cooper to this day.

Entertainment

10 people dead after Travis Scott concert

BY AIDAN McBRIDE
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On Nov. 5, hip-hop artist Travis Scott held a concert called the Astroworld Festival. The festival was scheduled to be at NRG Park in Houston, Texas, on Nov. 5 and Nov. 6, but the second day of the festival was canceled after eight crowd members died on the first day.

Over 50,000 people attended the concert. As seen in videos, the crowd was hectic, and many people were being pushed into others and into the ground.

Many people in the crowd were fainting and collapsing. Bodies were falling at a rapid rate, and many of the audience members attempted to help the others around them by throwing them to security and some tried to get attention from the concert workers



and even Scott.

Houston police also confirmed that there was an individual who was injecting audience members with some sort of drug. Houston Police chief Troy Finer stated that a security guard working at the event lost consciousness after feeling a prick in his neck, which was later found out to be from a needle by medical staff.

10 people ended up dying, including a 9-year-old boy. Hundreds of people were injured, some from the “raging” of the crowd and some from the drug injection.

Scott is facing backlash for not stopping the show earlier than he did. As audience members were receiving medical attention, he continued on with the performance. There is a lawsuit seeking \$750 million from rapper Drake, Scott and Live Nation over the event.

‘The Harder They Fall’ premieres on Netflix

BY LUCAS PAULEY
Opinions Editor

On Oct. 22, the movie “The Harder They Fall” premiered on Netflix. The movie features big names such as Idris Elba, Regina King and LaKeith Stanfield as well as familiar faces including Jonathan Majors, Zazie Beetz and RJ Cyler.

The film is centered around a blood feud between two gangs in the Wild West. Although it consists of all the clichés of classic westerns, such as action heroes with pinpoint accuracy and endless one liners, the movie remains fresh due to director Jeymes Samuel’s creativity.

The movie is sold by its incredible cast, with almost every actor showing charisma throughout the movie. Standouts include Majors as the protagonist Nat Love and Lakeith Stanfield as the gunslinger Cherokee Bill.

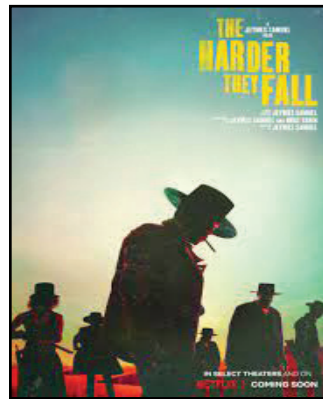
The movie’s incredible action scenes also help the movie stand out from both modern and classic westerns. Samuel was able to create buttery smooth action scenes that help the

movie get through its two hour and 20 minute run time.

One of the film’s faults is its use of Reggae, Hip-hop and Pop music. Even though the music helps the movie stand out, I found that it could not find a place in the movie’s western setting.

Another fault of the movie was Idris Elba’s performance as the villain Rufus Buck. Personally I felt the character to be needlessly dry and would slow the movie down whenever he had a scene.

Check out “The Harder They Fall” on Netflix for its grizzly violence and its entertaining cast.



source: imdb

Foo Fighters release 10th studio album

BY SOPHIA PERRIN
Science & Technology Editor

Released in February of 2021, the Foo Fighters’s tenth album, *Medicine at Midnight*, is uniquely upbeat compared to their typical 90s alternative rock sound. The nine songs that composed the album presents a mix of modern vocals and their classic alternative guitar solos. I found that the poetic nature of the lyrics in “Chasing Birds” brought about a feeling of peace and calmness. Other songs such as “Making a Fire” and “No Son of Mine” are full of energy, because of the powerful instrumentals.

The lyrics of all of the songs present a powerful message about society and its fallacies. This album exceeded my expectations, making me appreciate the Foo Fighters even more because they show great versatility in composing modern music but staying true to their alternative rock roots. Rating: 5/5.



source: spotify

‘Spider-Man: No Way Home’

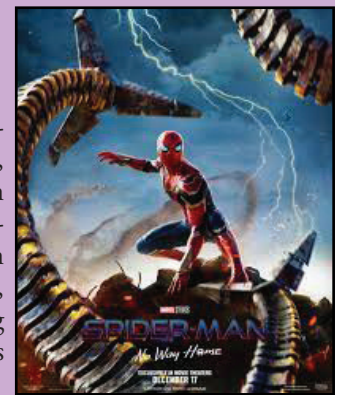
BY ALEX KRAKOWSKI
Managing Editor

Since the release of “Spider-Man: Far From Home” in 2019, the third movie of the Spider-Man Homecoming trilogy has been long-awaited. Marvel fans have been theorizing for the upcoming movie, “Spider-Man: No Way Home,” being released exclusively in movie theaters on Dec. 17.

The film stars Tom Holland as the Homecoming trilogy’s Spider-Man. After the first two movies of the trilogy, Peter Parker, while still learning, is filling his role as the friendly neighborhood spider. His identity as Spider-Man has remained a secret to the public until now, and he can no longer separate his superhero life and normal high school life.

Previous actors and their characters from the other two Spider-Man trilogies are confirmed to make an appearance. These include Doc Ock, Electro and Green Goblin.

Along with the returning actors, characters like Doctor Strange, played by Benedict Cumberbatch, and Eddie Brock/Venom, played by Tom Hardy, will be in the movie as well.



source: imdb

Science & Technology

COVID-19 cases drastically increase in Europe

By **SHAUN RYAN**
Entertainment Editor

Europe has become the epicenter of coronavirus once again with over 2 million cases last week. Infection rates have skyrocketed even in European countries with higher vaccination rates.

Many countries, such as Germany and the Netherlands, have prompted a mask mandate. In Germany, vaccination passes must be shown to get into clubs and restaurants.

Potential lockdowns are being discussed throughout Europe due to the heavy increase in coronavirus cases. The Netherlands are currently observing a lockdown after COVID-19 cases increased by 33% within the last few weeks.

Many European countries are experiencing the highest infection rates since the pandemic began two years ago. Italy began enforcing a vaccine mandate for many of their workers last month.

Countries with lower vaccination rates, especially in Russia, are accumulating the most cases. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), less than a third of the Russian population is vaccinated.

According to WHO, there are not enough vaccines to get the majority of these people vaccinated. Many countries are lacking in regards to convincing their population to go out and get vaccinated, according to recent consensus data.

WHO's coronavirus report last week showed that

Europe was the only region in the world that increased in deaths due to the virus.



Rising coronavirus infection rates cause Europe to increase safety measures.

“[Europe] is back at the epicenter of the pandemic—where we were one year ago,” Dr. Hans Kluge, WHO's director for Europe said.

Precautions similar to the ones seen in the U.S. are now being taken all throughout Europe in attempts to dampen the spread of the virus.

What's in your food?: Doritos

By **JAMES ZAYATZ**
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If someone were to ask strangers what their favorite chip is, there is a strong chance that many responses would be “Doritos.” Although their signature taste and shape are cherished, many of the chips' ingredients have been proven to be harmful to the human body.

The ingredient list on the back of every bag of Doritos says that the chips' main ingredient is corn. This is problematic because it fails to mention that the corn is not natural, as it is actually genetically modified.

Genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, are genetically changed in laboratories to best suit whatever they are being used for. The issue with GMOs is

the fact that they have not been around long enough to have accurate research on whether they are or are not safe to consume. The GMOs specifically used for Doritos have been classified as carcinogens and have been linked to ailments such as diabetes and breast cancer.

Next on the ingredient list is vegetable oil. The vegetable oils used to fry Doritos are processed to the highest degree, increasing levels of unhealthy fats and stripping away valuable nutrients.

The iconic orange color of the Nacho Cheese Doritos is, as one can assume by now, not real. There are various oils and

dyes used to produce the vibrant orange color consumers have come to know. Because of their unnatural composition, to make a single, roughly 1.5 inch-long Dorito chip, 26 different ingredients are required.



First pig to human kidney transplant successful

By **LIZ KAMEEN**
Editor in Chief

On Oct. 21, scientists announced in a news conference that the first pig to human kidney transplant was considered a success, as the kidney functioned normally for 54 hours.

According to Dr. Robert Montgomery, a surgeon at NYU Langone Health in New York City who led the surgical team, the surgery was performed on a brain-dead woman whose family consented to the procedure in September.

“I want to [acknowledge] how grateful we are to the family of the decedent, who in a time of profound grief, found a way to help their loved one realize her desire to give a gift to

humanity at the time of her death,” Montgomery said.

Under the guidance of ethical advisers, kidney monitoring stopped 54 hours after it was last seen producing regular amounts of urine.

Xenotransplantation, the process of transplanting animal organs into humans, has become increasingly

popular due to the demand surge of organs. The pig kidney used in this procedure was genetically modified and was kept outside of the body to monitor its status and

ensure it was not rejected. Pigs' organs are commonly used in xenotransplantation due to their anatomical similarities to humans, in addition to their ability to be bred quickly and efficiently.

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-Dr. Robert Montgomery

Science & Technology

Cashierless shopping becomes more popular

By **MARISA DAMBACH**
News Editor

Cashierless shopping has been on the rise all around the country. New stores allow a customer to go shopping and leave without having to check out at a register.

On Jan. 22, 2018, Amazon released the first cashierless store called Amazon Go located in Seattle. Eight other stores followed that year including three more in Seattle, two in San Francisco, four in Chicago and one in New York.

When arriving at the store, employees encourage customers to download the Amazon Go app and scan the QR code in the app. At each aisle visited, the app registers what was put in the cart and shows a receipt. Each aisle has its own receipt so the customer can see what was purchased.

Customers have raised concern over whether or

not they would be charged for an item they picked up to look at and put away. Employees assured that the shelves have sensors as well so the customer would not be charged for any item taken off the shelf.

Amazon said they spent several years developing the technology for Amazon Go. The technology includes computer vision, sensor fusion and deep machine learning. Some of the technology is also used in self-driving cars.

Amazon Go has also shown to have some limits. Some customers

complained that the stores did not have what they wanted or many items were not in stock.

Along with Amazon Go, American Express launched their own cashierless store. Their first store is located in the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Before entering the store, customers will tap their American Express card on the reader and walk through the gate. Once the customers finish shopping, they can walk out of the store and their card will automatically be charged. A spokeswoman from American Express says the company does not plan on expanding to other locations anytime soon.

Cashierless shopping gives customers the opportunity to have a quick and easy shopping trip with the use of an app or tap.



Source: flickr

Customers at the Amazon Go store in New York shop after scanning their QR code at the entrance.

Trump's new social media app hacked after development

By **SHAUN RYAN**
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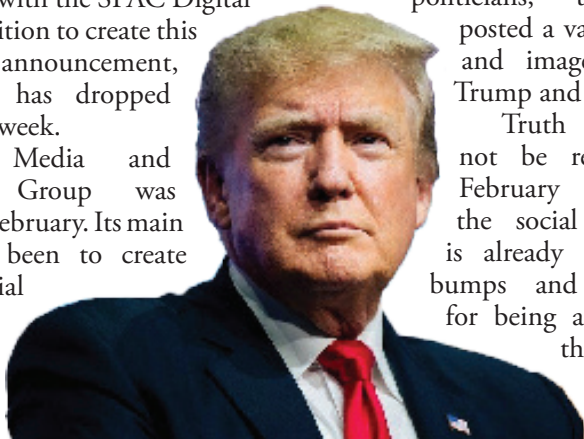
Former President Donald Trump announced the release of his new social media app during a conference Oct. 20.

The app, named Truth Social, is described to be somewhat similar to Twitter. Many critics believe Trump's reason for making this app is related to his recent ban from various social media platforms.

Trump's media startup is collaborating with the SPAC Digital World Acquisition to create this app. Since the announcement, SPAC stock has dropped 11% within a week.

Trump Media and Technology Group was founded last February. Its main purpose has been to create this new social platform.

"I created Truth



Social to stand up to the tyranny of Big Tech," Trump said in a statement. "We live in a world where the Taliban has a huge presence on Twitter, yet your favorite American President has been silenced. This is unacceptable."

Only a few hours after the announcement of Truth Social, hackers have already infiltrated the private version of the app, according to Trump's media development company.

Under various fake accounts using the names of many conservative politicians, the hackers posted a variety of rants and images criticizing Trump and his app.

Truth Social will not be released until February 2022, but the social media app is already facing speed bumps and controversy for being affiliated with the former president.

Apple releases new AirPods, MacBook Pro

By **MEAGHAN HUNT**
Community News Editor

Apple released the new third generation AirPods and the new MacBook Pro in late October. The AirPods have an incredible sense of detection to the user's ears, and the MacBook Pro has 21 hours of battery life.

The AirPods "remastered," have spatial audio, which places the sound around the user. The new AirPods can span up to six hours of listening from a single charge in comparison to the AirPods Pro, which only has 4.5 hours of listening time from a single charge.

The Find My app has been enhanced, so now a user can track down their AirPods with the proximity view in order

to see the precise location of the AirPods.

The new pinch control works by the user pinching the sides of the AirPods causing it to play, pause and skip through songs and to answer and end calls. On a call, the AirPods minimize wind noise by an inset microphone in each earbud so that the user's voice is always heard directly and loudly.



Source: theguardian

The third generation AirPods and the new MacBook Pro were both released in late October.

The MacBook Pro comes in 14 and 16 inch options and has 13 times faster graphics performance. The M1 Pro can hold 32 GB, compared to the extremely fast M1 Max Chip, that can hold 64 GB of unified memory.

Both chips have 10 core CPU (central processing unit)

and the M1 Pro Chip holds 200 GBs of memory bandwidth, whereas the M1 Max Chip holds 400 GBs of memory bandwidth.

Sports

Tennis ends season with promising results

BY MARISA DAMBACH
News Editor

The tennis team ended its season on Oct. 23 with a 6-9 record. The team competed in Districts on Oct. 18 and Oct. 23.

Freshman Noelle Holderith advanced to the second round of Districts. In the first round, she lost the first set 1-6 and won her last two sets 6-4 and 6-1 against Scranton. In the second round, Holderith won the first set 6-3 before losing 0-6 and 2-6 to Abington Heights.

Senior Sierra Hartmann competed in the first round of singles and lost to Wallenpaupack 1-6



Senior Sierra Hartmann

and 4-6 respectively. Hartmann and Holderith competed together in No. 1 doubles. They lost to North Pocono 1-6 and 4-6.

Juniata Elena Cirello and freshman Jessica Willson competed in No. 2 doubles. In the first round, they won against Wyoming Valley West 6-0 and 6-1 respectively. In the second round, they played West Scranton and lost 0-6 and 1-6 respectively.

"We are very excited to build off of these results for next year," head coach Kevin Quinn said.

The team will be losing seniors Isaak Courtright and Hartmann next season. Hartmann participated in No. 1 singles all

"We are very excited to build off of these results for next year."
- Head coach Kevin Quinn

year and Courtright participated in No. 3 singles.

"It was a bittersweet close to my season after Districts, but I'm super excited to see the team grow and develop in the coming years," Hartmann said.

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Sierra Hartmann, SENIOR

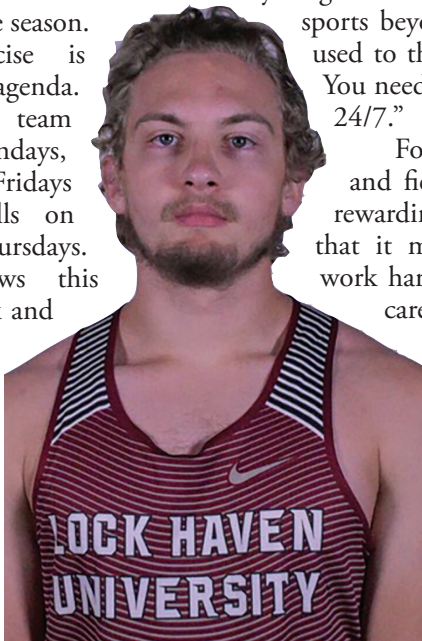
"She always leads by example by working hard and improving every day,"
-Head coach Kevin Quinn

Collegiate Update: Cole Yankalunas

BY JEONGHO KOH
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2021 graduate Cole Yankalunas is currently an active member of the Division II track and field team at Lock Haven University. He began participating at the start of preseason in early September and continues to perform into the season.

Intense exercise is always on Cole's agenda. He and his team workout on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and practice skills on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The team follows this routine every week and hopes to perform well in their upcoming meets. Even on recovery weekends, Cole also occasionally does light exercise by himself to stay in shape.



"Practices are a lot different than in high school; it gets tougher in certain areas of the sport: the workouts we do, the times to run and the surface to run on," Cole said.

Cole credits his family and high school coaches as the inspirations to continue his athletics. He advises younger athletes looking to continue sports beyond high school to "get used to the grind that will come.

You need to be on your A+ game 24/7."

For Cole, college track and field is a challenging but rewarding experience. He said that it made him eat healthier, work harder and just take better care of himself in general.

Cole encourages students to give college sports a try, "I believe in you [student-athletes] 100% and can't wait to see you run, Armand [Ruest]. Kick some butt."

Irving denied new contract after vaccination decision

BY NICK GELARDI
News Co-Editor

Brooklyn Nets guard Kyrie Irving will reportedly not be offered a new contract at the end of this season. This news comes after he decided to remain unvaccinated despite the mandate that is currently active in New York City.

Nets General Manager Sean Marks said that previous contract negotiations with Irving were going smoothly, describing them as "positive conversations." That has since changed after a team decision to not include the player after he refused to get the vaccine.

In an interview with the Nets Daily, Nets owner Joe Tsai responded to being questioned over his cooperativeness with Irving's decision by saying "I have all the patience!" However in this interview Tsai stated that "it would be

too disruptive for him to come in and out of games, play only away games. So that was never going to fly. It's that simple."

The Nets owner would be willing to play Irving again if he reversed his decision. Irving stated that his decision was bigger than basketball, and that it was an important life choice, but Tsai thinks that the Nets will be just fine.

"The way I look at it is, we have Kevin Durant, we have James Harden, we have Joe Harris. This is an amazing team! So I'm very confident that we're going to be a contending team with this roster that we have," Tsai said.



Sports

XC runners excel at state championships

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI
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On Oct. 28, the varsity cross country teams competed in the District 2 Cross Country Championships at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds with three runners earning themselves medals.

Those three runners are junior Maggie Holderith and sophomores Kaya Meler and Nixon Kameen.

The boys team ran first for the day and placed 3rd overall. Kameen placed 10th with a time of 18:07.

The girls team ran second and also

placed 3rd. Meler placed 5th with a time of 20:26, and Holderith placed 8th with a time of 20:59. From Districts, both Meler and Holderith qualified to run in the PIAA Cross Country State Championships.

“We had a strong season with our times as

well as improvements as the season went on,” head coach Audrey Dennis said.

The PIAA Cross Country State Championships were held in Hershey on

Nov. 6.

Meler placed 108th with a time of 20:55.10, and Holderith placed 184th with a time of 21:57.90.

They both ran their new personal records at this competition.

Since the cross country

season has come to an end coach Dennis hopes “to grow and develop our team’s standard since every season is unique.”

“We had a strong season with our times as well as improvements as the season went on.”

- Head coach Audrey Dennis

Field hockey loses close game to Honesdale

By KYLA STEAD
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On Oct. 27, the field hockey team played their final game against Honesdale in the District 2 AAA Field Hockey Semi-Finals.

The first goal was scored by Honesdale during the first quarter, but the second and third quarters were scoreless. The second goal was made in the last quarter to result in a 2-0 loss. The team finished the season 5-13.

Senior Mackenzie Olsommer and freshman Mackenzie Koger played a solid game according to head coach Miss Marielle

Cavallaro, and both recorded a few shots as well. Defensively, seniors Shannon Croll and Gabbi Courtright played well, while senior Jo Llauro made 13 saves as goalie.

Coach Cavallaro said that each player has been an asset to the team, and they have vastly improved this year.

“The girls really bought into our idea of working on the basics every single day, and they were able to make huge strides,” coach Cavallaro said.

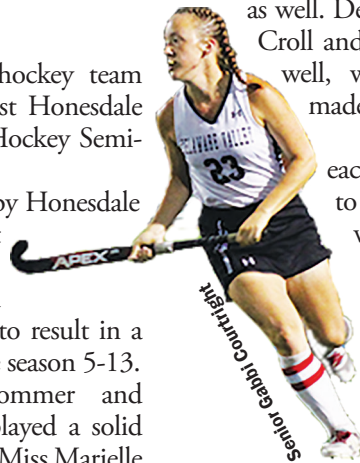
She also said the

team’s attitude was a great strength of theirs. They went into games as the underdog and were able to win some, and when they lost, they still remained competitive.

The team would also not be anything if it was not for the incredible coaching staff according to coach Cavallaro.

“They [the coaching staff] has 100% bought into the program, and they go above and beyond,” she said.

Happy to see the team get so close this year, she said the players act like a family and have excelled at working hard throughout the season.



Senior Gabbi Courtright

Boys soccer ends season with loss to Hazleton

By SOPHIA PERRIN
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The Warriors ended their season with a record of 7-10-3.

“Record aside, we got better as the season went on, and the boys did well in many different positions until they found the right fit,” head coach Aaron Stark said.

The team won the first round of the District Championship against Wyoming Valley West with a score of 2-0. The first goal was

scored by sophomore Bryce Carney and the second by junior Chad Fallen, assisted by senior Nolan Sukovich. However, they lost 3-0 against Hazleton in the second round, ending their postseason.

“I am extremely happy with our performance this season,” coach Stark said. “I am going to miss our five seniors but I am excited for our returning players.”

The team loses five seniors this year including Travis Kelly, Nate Smyser, Seth Williams, Patrick Moran and Sukovich.

“I want to thank my teammates for a great year on and off the field with

them,” Williams said.

This season, team captains Kelly and Sukovich were said, by their teammates, to lead by example and keep the team on task while always giving 100%.

“About midway through the season, we found that we could be a really talented team at possession and constantly keeping the ball moving,” Kelly said.

Sukovich expressed his appreciation for the coaches and his teammates in making his four years of soccer a great experience and wished them the best.



Sophomore Bryce Carney



Senior Nolan Sukovich

Spotlight Athletes

Cross Country



Maggie Holderith, JUNIOR

“She has been consistent all season, and it is great that she will be running in States two years in a row now.”

- Head coach Audrey Dennis

Field Hockey



Mackenzie Olsommer, SENIOR

“She controls most of the game, and she’s our major distributor of the ball.”

- Head coach Marielle Cavallaro

Boys Soccer



Chad Fallen, JUNIOR

“Once he realized that he was one of the best players on the team and gained confidence, his game exploded.”

- Head coach Aaron Stark

Sports

Volleyball team loses in first round of States

By LUCAS PAULEY
Opinions Editor

Delaware Valley - 3, Hazleton - 0

On Nov. 3, the Warriors swept Hazleton 3-0 on their way to their 12th straight district championship. Their district championship win topped off an undefeated season in the Wyoming Valley Conference where they were league champions.

Outside hitter junior Emily Henn led the team in kills with nine. She also totaled three aces, five service points and nine digs.

"I think we played well. We limited our errors and played aggressive," Henn said.

The team leader in service points was outside hitter junior Jazmyne Bates who completed 16 service points. Libero junior Leah Weinreb had the most digs with 12, and setter junior Olivia Conza completed 20 assists.

Delaware Valley - 0, Cumberland Valley - 3

DV fell short to Cumberland Valley 0-3 at home in the first round of States. The scores of the sets were 23-25, 20-25 and 14-25.

Sophomore middle hitter Katherine Quinn led the team in kills, and posted 10 aces in the game.

Their loss to Cumberland Valley put an end to their incredible season, where they went undefeated in District 2 play.

Henn led the team in kills with 225. Both Bates and Weinreb amassed 67 aces from the service line. Conza racked up 426 assists throughout the season.



Junior Emily Henn

Warriors win Districts defeating Hazleton 35-20

By MACKENZIE OLSOMMER
Sports Editor

The Warriors defeated Hazleton Area on Nov. 12 35-20 in the District Championship game.

"I thought we played well and took advantage of opportunities," said head coach Keith Olsommer. "We executed on both sides of the ball."

Senior Joey Sciascia and junior Paulie Weinrich each had two touchdowns. Sophomore Ryder Machado also contributed with a touchdown off of an interception.

The team had 123 rushing yards and 149 passing yards with a total of 272 yards.

Sophomores Justin Kalitsnik, Jayden Ramirez and Aiden Black and seniors Sciascia, Harlem Cook and Tim Kizis all had receptions from senior quarterback CJ Ross.

"CJ had a great game. He made some great decisions throwing the

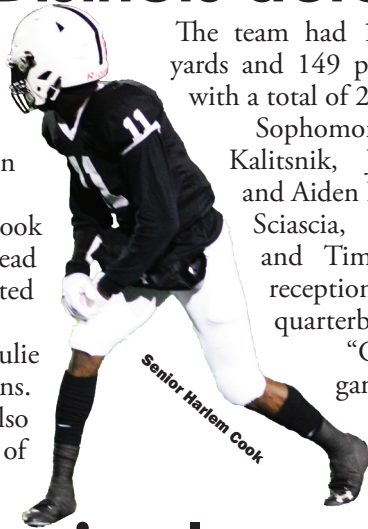
ball and had some big moments for us," coach Olsommer said

Defensively, Cook, junior Landon Machado and Ryder Machado each had an interception. Kizis contributed to the defense with a sack.

"Harlem [Cook] played a great game defensively," coach Olsommer said

The Warriors play tonight at 7 p.m. in the first round of states against State College at the Hazleton Area stadium.

They [State College] are going to be a very good football team," coach Olsommer said.



Senior Harlem Cook

Girls soccer wins league title, Districts

By NICK GELARDI
News Co-Editor

The girls soccer team ended its season after winning the league and the PIAA District 2 AAAA sub-regional championship. They also made the first round of state playoffs but ultimately lost 1-0 to Nazareth.

The team finished the regular season with a record of 15-2-1, earning them a first-round bye in the district playoffs. Senior Sydney Bolles was the first All-State selection for the DV girls soccer team since 1994.

The Warriors carried their momentum

straight into the district semi-final where they defeated Williamsport Area in a convincing 4-1 win. Sophomore Liz Butler assisted junior Celi Denhalter's goal in the 15th minute before scoring herself in the 24th minute. Two minutes after the second goal was scored, junior Sage Henry scored and was assisted by senior Theresa Ficken to give the team a 3-0 advantage.

Williamsport pulled one back before halftime courtesy of a goal in the 34th minute, but the game was ultimately put away when Henry scored again in the 72nd minute. The final score fairly represented the game as Delaware Valley had nine shots taken throughout the game compared to

Williamsport's two.

In the district final, a tight game against Wyoming Valley West was decided by senior Kaitlyn Tants' goal which was assisted by Henry. Senior goalkeeper Brianna Matteson also contributed to the victory with four saves.



Junior Sage Henry

Spotlight Athletes Volleyball



Leah Weinreb, JUNIOR

"She never failed to put a solid string of points together every game. She is a hard worker and holds her and her teammates to a high standard."

-Head coach Karley May

Football



Gabe Tidridge, SENIOR

"He is a tremendous leader for us on and off the field. His play has been at an elite level on both sides of the ball, allowing for the team to have success."

-Head coach Keith Olsommer

Girls Soccer



Sydney Bolles, SENIOR

"Sydney's dominant play in the midfield served as our first line of defense and kept us on the attack throughout the season."

- Head coach Jeff Rainear