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Delaware Valley High School - Milford, Pa.

## DV hosts 10th annual Area P Special Olympics

BY SERA SHAFER  
Staff Writer

Students from across the region gathered on May 11 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Delaware Valley Area P Invitational Special Olympics. Music, laughter and the smell of barbecuing food filled the air. The day was greeted with warm sunny weather, setting the tone for yet another successful Special Olympics.

Over 90 student volunteers from the high school came out to help with the event which served around 368 participants from five counties in the region. Area P Special Olympics includes Pike, Wayne, Susquehanna, Lackawanna and Wyoming counties. In that five county region, there are over 2,000 special needs athletes who are given the opportunity to participate in various events. Area P hosts events year round that are made possible with fundraising throughout the local community and donations from sponsors.

Eileen Nikles, a student volunteer said, "I think the Special Olympics is a really great event for everyone that is involved whether you are a participant, a volunteer or a teacher. Everybody gets a lot out of this event because we're here helping kids with special needs have a good time and feel good about themselves."



Special Olympics participants begin the day with the national anthem.

Photo contributed by Kayla Carrero

Throughout the day, the athletes participated in a wide variety of competitions that included swimming, sprinting and jumping events. The turf was cleared and games were set up for the athletes to enjoy in between their competitive events. Bubbles, obstacle courses and bean bag toss games were open to everyone throughout the course of the day. Face painting done by student volunteers was available to the athletes over the course of the day.



Ms. Donna Donegan, a special needs teacher from the high school said, "Every year gets better and better."

Many people were involved with the extensive preparation the event required. Those heavily involved with planning the event all expressed how well they thought the day went.

"Everyone had a very enjoyable time getting to see the smiles on the kids faces. You can't put a price on it," said Mr. Eric Kudrich.

## Remembering Leanna Walker

*Her kindness and generosity will be missed.*

BY OLIVIA TENNEY  
Arts & Literature Editor

The Delaware Valley community has lost one of its own. Sophomore Leanna Walker was a girl with a big heart who will be missed dearly by those who knew her.

"Leanna had a huge heart, she always took other people's feelings into consideration," said sophomore Halley Deskin, who was one of Leanna's Walkers best friend.

Leanna was a student at Delaware Valley, who was described as a social, caring and fun-loving girl. She was a part of the Early Childhood program. She loved being with kids, and she was an aunt to several nieces and nephews.

"She was kind and so good with my kids. She was my daughter's best friend. She was a loving person, so loving that it made her extremely gullible," said Leanna's sister, Mrs. Rodriguez.

Deskin described a girl who would do anything to help someone. She had been friends with her since the fifth grade.

"She helped me find myself because I have bad anxiety, and she would help me know what to do and know what to say for certain things. She would go talk to bullies. She would tell them to stop. They did stop. She stood up for everybody," said Deskin.

Leanna left her home on April 18 with her boyfriend, Sky McDonough. He was wanted on criminal charges of burglary and fleeing apprehension. He was arrested on April 26, and then brought police to where he and Leanna were staying, the llama farm, later that day. He escaped

custody while he was with them, and the next day he was found. Her remains were found on May 15. The Pike County District Attorney, Ray Tonkin said that her case is being treated as a homicide.

"I feel like I lost my child, my best friend and my sister all at the same time," said her sister Diane Bostedo. "I was always holding her. We had an unexplainable bond together."

On Tuesday, May 31 there was a balloon releasing and a candle lighting ceremony held at the Sunrise Lakes community ball field.

Her friends are devastated at the loss of their friend, who was someone who cared so much for other people.

"Leanna was always there for people; she was always goofy and tried to make the best

any situation," said sophomore Rebecca DeMaio.

Sophomore Brooke Dingman had known Leanna since they were little.

"My favorite memory of Leanna was when we were five years old. We would fight over which doll we wanted to play with; she would leave but then come right back. She wouldn't even make it up her front steps without turning around," Brooke said.

Leanna had touched many people's lives. She was known to stand up for people who could not and give them a voice.

"She stood up for other people who wouldn't or couldn't defend themselves. It takes a lot of courage for students to stand up to their peers, and she did that on several occasions," said Mr. Jayson Pope.

A gofundme account has been set up to donate to her funeral costs; if you would like to donate just search "Bring Leanna Home."

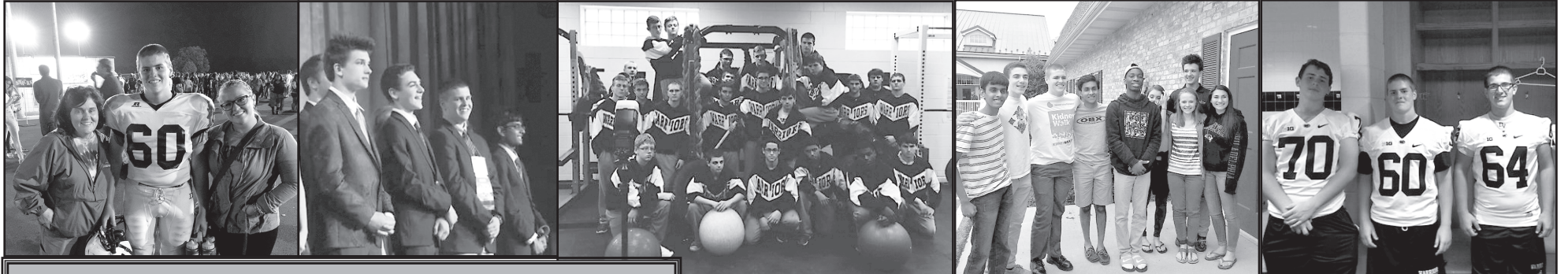


Leanna joking around with her family. She was very close with her nieces and nephews.

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# ?? FEATURE NEWS ??

## Shane Fagan



Shane Fagan is quickly becoming one of the most well known faces of the sophomore class. With his involvement in a multitude of activities and his hard-working personality, Shane has begun to stand out, not only in our own school, but also in the state of Pennsylvania. With less than half of his high school career behind him, Shane has the potential to leave his mark on the school for years to come.

-Vanessa Paoella

VP: Vanessa Paoella (Interviewer)

SF: Shane Fagan (Interviewee)

VP: What activities are you involved in in and out of school?

SF: I do wrestling, football, FBLA, Relay for Life, and jazz band. I'm also a class officer, a member of Student Council, and I help with Special Olympics and the OCS series, which is an obstacle course series that I volunteer for.

VP: How do you make time for your different activities?

SF: I've done a lot of stuff, but over the years of doing all of it I've just developed time management skills. I want to be involved in as much as I can so it doesn't seem like a burden or anything to me; it's more like "What can I do next, what more is there to do?"

VP: What kind of activities do you enjoy doing?

SF: I like doing community service because it's nice to give back, since I've already gotten so much from other people. Wrestling and football are really fun. They're both physical sports and totally team dependant; those are some of the best friendships you're going to get. FBLA is probably my favorite extracurricular because of all the opportunities that it gives with all the conferences and networking opportunities.

VP: What have you gotten out of FBLA this year?

SF: I started FBLA as a freshman and I didn't really know much about it. I did it because my older siblings did it and I just wanted to get involved. After going to States, I just realized all the opportunities that I have, so I really just kind of went with it. I applied and I got selected as local chapter parliamentarian. Being a part of the officer team was a big experience for me because of all the work we have to do together. DV FBLA's sending almost 20 people to Nationals, I believe. It's a huge increase from

last year, so it's very rewarding to be such an intricate part of all this and now that I'm a state officer, next year I'll be representing the students of PA FBLA.

VP: How did your state officer campaign stand out from the other candidates?

SF: I had a lot of help in my campaign throughout the way. The speech is probably the biggest thing because that's when people get the first impression of you, and if you don't have a good first impression you can't beat that. It's what's going to make or break you...I feel like I'm still confident after realizing all that I've done...The speech I have, it was a football theme and depended on teamwork and working hard, stuff like that. I think that was probably one of the most nerve-wracking moments my heart was pounding, like I could hear it, I can hear my heart pounding, but going up there and being confident about what you are and what you can do, I thought that separated me from the other people. I thought that my speech was very genuine, to the heart.

VP: What does playing in the band mean to you?

SF: Band is awesome...I love trumpet I've been playing it since I was in 4th grade but I never really took it as seriously until this year when I was lead trumpet for jazz band. I've practiced at home, and it's just so much fun, the music you listen to, it's just like...sometimes it's just indescribable. Sometimes the way you play, the music, it just moves you. It's like when you get your hand raised on the mat, or you get that final touchdown in a game; it's like that when you play music. It's like you can just let free, literally you talk through your trumpet, you just express yourself.

VP: Would you tell me about your involvement with Relay for Life?

SF: I'm one of the three captains of my relay for life team. Last year, I was the only captain, we had about 15 kids, all freshmen and we were the number one fundraising team, we got about \$3,600...They've helped me when some of my family members were diagnosed with cancer; it's so prevalent...This year our team is about 54 kids and there's three captains and we're all working together to set up fund raisers. We sit outside supermarkets and collect money. A big thing is transferring the money back and forth to the regional director. It is a lot of work, you can't

just walk up and say you want to raise money, you have to schedule the stuff early and get your volunteers. It is a lot of work, but it's worth it at the end of the day. Relay for Life, that 24 hours, it's some of the most fun that you're going to remember.

VP: As of now, where do you see yourself in the future?

SF: For college, I want to go to one of the service academies, so like

the Naval Academy, West Point, ect. You can get a top education in the country and it's all DI sports, not that sports are the main goal. I like to learn and obviously I do want to serve my country, so that'll be a five year service commitment, and then after that, I don't know whether I want to do business management or natural sciences, or something like that. One of those two, I'm in a toss up right now. Maybe I might want to get involved with government when I'm older, but I would like to do something first, do something outside of politics, then go on to it later.

*Favorites:*

*Color - Yellow*

*Food - Thanksgiving Dinner*

*Movie - "Remember the Titans"*

*Band - Zac Brown Band*

**FBLA**



# School News



## DV construction on gym and school comes to a close

By GWEN NATHAN AND LEXI FEAN  
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With both the construction of the high school gym and the elementary school coming running smoothly, Delaware Valley is almost ready to welcome next year's students into these facilities.

### NEW GYM

After a full school year of construction, the new gym is scheduled to be completed by the start of next school year. The structure includes features such a new wrestling room, locker rooms, an additional basketball gym and additional seating for the pool. The gym will be available for students grades 9-12, as well as to community sports teams.

Before the new gymnasium, DV lacked adequate gym space and some of the sports teams had to be sent to off campus locations to practice. The new gym space fulfills their need for more space, in addition to space for DV's multiple trophies, and a new state of the art concession stand.

The 9 million dollar project covered much more than

just the gyms though, paying for additional features such as new parking lots, LED lights, new paving and a new outdoor athletic field. The parking lot and the field will be put on the site of the old elementary school once it is knocked down.

"[This project] was an easy one to do," said project manager Mr. Bob Cheechi. "We had a good winter without much snow and cold weather so this project has moved smoothly."

### NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Years of planning have led to the almost-completed elementary school.

This 16 million dollar, 80,000 square foot building features vibrant color schemes, energy efficient lighting and spacious classrooms for grades kindergarten through fifth. Despite a recent setback, the school is scheduled to be ready for a grand opening to the public

the week of August 22, a week before the start of the 2016-2017 school year. The current elementary school is scheduled to be torn down June 20 and turned into more parking and athletic field space.

At this point, most of the construction work includes moving equipment into classrooms, painting and other finishing touches. The school features red and orange hues, and each wing is color-coded by grade. The building is in the process of being LEEDS certified, meaning it receives government benefits for being an energy efficient school. The lighting in most rooms of the school is considered



The new gymnasium will be used at the end of June for a basketball camp.

Photo by Lexi Fean

solar sensitive.

"We're in the home stretch now," said director of support services Mr. Marvin Eversdyke.

## Inquiring Photographer

"If DV ADOPTED A NEW MASCOT, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE?"

By AMANDA BROWN



"A lion with a gladiator helmet"  
Riley Herman  
Class of 2018



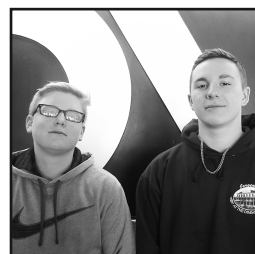
"A dolphin"  
Morgan Johns  
Class of 2018



"A grizzly bear"  
Joe Actisdano  
Class of 2018



"A bellgrammite, look it up"  
Mckenna Quinn  
Class of 2017



"A knight"  
Sean Moran & Matt Kenney  
Class of 2017



"A fish"  
Gabby Schettino  
Class of 2016

## Sophomores experience career day

By SHAINA KLEIN  
News Co-Editor

On May 13, sophomores had the opportunity to learn about various professions during career day. During their sixth and seventh periods, students visited guest speakers ranging from medical professionals to blue collar workers to learn more about their own career options.

Over 20 guest speakers spoke about various aspects of their jobs, including the education required, income, job availability and other necessary skill sets. Speakers presented this information in a variety of ways, ranging from demonstrations to PowerPoints to even simple question and answer sessions.

Some of the most popular speakers included federal agent Frank McCarthy, psychotherapist Aggie Raeven, restaurant owner/chef Colin Smith and cosmetologist Jeanie Hornack.

According to guidance counselor Ms. Samantha Morgan, the goal of career day is for students to gain awareness about the different careers available to them and hopefully gain an appreciation for the education they are receiving today.

"I think that it is really interesting to have people explain their education and careers," said sophomore Liliana Hendrix. "It helps to hear about jobs from someone with experience who can give advice about their career choice. I think that their advice will continue to help me as I decide what to do in the future."



Attorneys educate students on a career path in law.

Photo contributed by Loan Pham



## Musicians to attend Disney festival

By SHAINA KLEIN  
News Co-Editor

Students and directors of the band, orchestra and chorus attending Disney Magic Music Days left for the event June 2 and are to return to school June 7. This year marks the fourth time DV has been accepted to and participated in the program since 2004.

Every four years, students have to opportunity to go to Disney World for the trip. According to band director Mr. Lance Rauh, the program acts as an incentive for students who are truly dedicated to and stick with music during their high school careers.

This year, a total of 201 people—chaperones, students and directors—are heading down to Orlando.

June 3 is the first full day students will be in Disney, and they will get to spend the entirety of that day in the Magic Kingdom.

On June 4, band and orchestra students will attend musical workshops provided by Disney, while chorus students are to attend a workshop run by a local college professor.

June 5 is the day of performances. Band, chorus and orchestra members will be playing at Disney Springs, the shopping district and one of the busiest parts of Disney.

June 6, their last day in Florida, students will visit the Animal Kingdom and leave for home on around 3 p.m. Everyone should be back around midnight and will attend school on June 7.

According to Mr. Rauh, a tremendous amount of logistical work was put into making the trip possible.

“As far as the music part, that is easy because we are good at that,” said Mr. Rauh.

## Band, orchestra students play final concerts

By MOLLY SCOLLO  
Staff Writer

On May 20, the 11/12 and 9/10 orchestra performed their final school concert before heading off to Disney at the beginning of June.

Directed by Mr. David Swinehart, the orchestra began the concert with the chamber string orchestra, a select ensemble. Their set included a variety of songs from the popular “Dust in the Wind” to Vivaldi’s “Concerto for 2 Celli.”

Following the Chamber orchestra, the electric string quartet, a student run group, performed “Light’ Em Up,” which was arranged by senior Deanna Puglisi.

The 9/10 and 11/12 orchestra then performed an intriguing set which included an “Egyptian Legacy” and an arrangement

of Imagine Dragons “Radioactive.”

To finish up the concert, symphony orchestra played the last set, which featured songs from James Bond’s 007, “Star Wars” and “Pirates of the Caribbean.”

“They were excellent leaders. For me, it’s interesting to have the connection that they and I will be leaving the same year. We worked really hard and tried to put a really wonderful spring concert together for that reason,” said Mr. Swinehart regarding the seniors and his retirement.

The 9/10 and 11/12 band joined on May 24 for their spring concert in preparation for Disney.

The program began with four songs, one of which featured senior Quinton Horacek as a guest conductor.

Mr. Lance Rauh, band director, then took a moment to recognize the seniors for

their dedication and diligence to band and music.

The band returned to perform their set that will be performed at Disney World for critique at the beginning of June.

Finally to end the repertoire, the band performed a Disney melody to “end all melodys,” in order to get in the Disney mind set.

“I’m proud of them. It was very rewarding after four years, and I look forward to seeing what they accomplish next year,” said senior band president Erika Torres.

Because of his devotion and success as a band teacher, Mr. Rauh is a quarterfinalist for the 2017 Music Educator Award, given by the Grammy Foundation. In September, the semifinalist list will be published based on the 290 quarterfinalists.

## Color run proves to be huge success

By ALLISON WULFHORST  
Managing Editor

The Color Me Rad 5K is an annual run hosted by the Color Me Rad non-profit organization located in the United States and Canada.

This year the event in Scranton, PA occurred on May 15 and is the third year that many Delaware Valley students were involved.

Participants run three miles with eight different stops where volunteers throw colored powders and liquids on them.

Many students from DV were involved, both as runners and volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for everything: setting up, assisting with registration, controlling traffic, throwing the powder and cleaning up.

In return, volunteers earn donations from the Color Me Rad organization for their efforts.

“I am proud of our student volunteers here at DV. Over the years there has been an outpouring of support for

our special needs athletes. We have a wonderful student body here, one who helps spread the message of acceptance and inclusion for all,”

said Mr. Eric Kudrich, Co-Manager of Area P Special Olympics.

All the proceeds from the race go to the Area P Special Olympics. This year’s participants, including a variety of DV students, earned \$7,500.

“It was a lot of fun. It was great to give back to the Special Olympics while having a good time,” said sophomore Shane Fagan.



Photo contributed by Gabby DiBiasi.

## Senior citizen dinner hosted, has big turnout

By CAITLIN FLORIO  
World News Editor

On May 26 the Delaware Valley Junior Historians hosted its annual senior citizens dinner. During the dinner, entertainment was provided by the DVHS chamber choir. 180 senior citizens

showed to enjoy a three-course meal consisting of salad, eggplant parmesan, pasta and cake served by the junior historians.

“It was a huge success. The Junior Historians and faculty contributed a great deal. I am happy to be a part of this ongoing DV tradition,” said Mr. Michael Guzenski, advisor of the Junior Historians.

The members of junior historians were eager to serve and wait the tables. The wait

and kitchen staff worked hard to ensure the senior citizens were served on time.

“We put together a nice dinner for the senior citizens this year and I think they really enjoyed it,” said sophomore and Junior Historian Katie Cooney.

“It was a lot of work in the weeks before the event but everyone was so enthusiastic which made the event run pretty smoothly,” said senior co-president Ashley Vecchio.

Overall, the Junior Historian’s annual senior citizen’s dinner had a huge turnout and both the junior historians and the senior citizens enjoyed the dinner.

“It was a pleasure being able to put a smile on the senior citizen’s faces,” said junior co-president Jess Ramos.



Junior Historian Nick Rivera serves senior citizens.

Photo by Caitlin Florio



# School News



## Relay for Life shines despite rainy weather

By ASPEN NARVARTE  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Despite the gloomy weather, Relay for Life was in full swing on May 21 and 22. With 26 teams and 225 participants, the event raised \$27,993.64 for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life, held annually, brings people together to honor cancer survivors, remember those who have died and support those who are still battling the destructive disease.

It also a day of fun field activities, and the student participants did not let the weather get them down. The annual water balloon toss was as competitive as ever with around 20 teams of two taking part. The tossing was light and clean until inevitably a water balloon fight broke out ending the toss and soaking

everyone involved.

Later in the day a celebratory dinner was held in the 11/ 12 cafeteria to honor the cancer survivors in attendance. Student participants from relay helped to serve the food and run the dinner.

A speaker from Voice of Hope spoke to the group about her inspiring battle with cancer and about opportunities to help others in the same fight.

Afterward the group moved out to the track, despite a light drizzle which turned into a steady rain, for the the survivor and caregiver lap. All of the men and women cancer survivors young and old and their caregivers took their lap around the track under a consistent rain displaying their determined spirits in the face of

cancer. Nothing, not even rain, could hold these men and women back from showing proving their strength



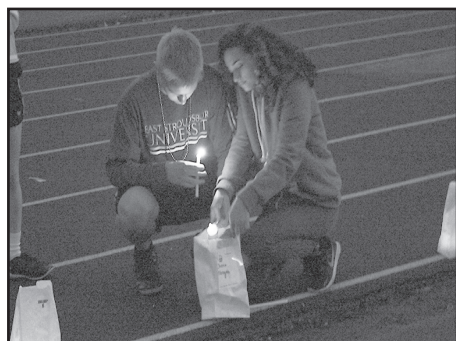
**Survivors take a lap around the track with their caretakers.**  
Photos by Aspen Narvarte

and taking their lap.

The rain let up just in time for the Luminary Ceremony later in the night. Every participant took a lap around the track with a lit candle lighting the various luminaries around the track in honor of all those are fighting or have died of cancer. Each luminary is dedicated to a loved one of the participants and each one is decorated with the person's name on it. It was an emotional

walk through the dark lit only by candle light with many stopping at a loved one's luminary to sit and remember.

Overall the event was a success despite the nasty weather, the rain and gloom could not touch the spirit of the participants and survivors.



**Kris Tjornhom and Tara Vecchio light a candle during Luminary Ceremony.**

## Puzzle Fun

Directions: Search through the word search and find the hidden words listed below. The first person to solve this edition's puzzle and bring his or her answer to room D4 will receive a prize.

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Puzzle created by Courtney Kelly

## Community races for T1D

On May 21, the 4th annual Taking Our Shot at Inspiring Hope 5K took place at the Camp Speers YMCA in Dingmans Ferry. With a goal of raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Mrs. Leslie and Mr. Chris Lordi's expectations were blown away this year. "Everything ran so smoothly," Mrs. Lordi said. "The volunteers were the best we've ever had. We had a great turnout despite the possibility of rain... It was a great day."



There were over 35 volunteers and approximately 120 participants. Mike Bell was the overall male runner with a time of 18 minutes and 30 seconds, winning the entire race. Vanessa Paoella was the overall female winner with a time of 22 minutes and 14 seconds.

"Everyone there was competitive but friendly," Vanessa said. "The people at the water stands were awesome. When we got to the finish line, their cheers gave us that last push we needed to end strong."

Josie Lordi, Mr. and Mrs. Lordi's seven-year-old daughter, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 2012, inspiring the Lordis to coordinate the race in the spring of 2013.

"The event provides a positive outlet for us while dealing with Josie's disease," said Mrs. Lordi.

Photo by Lindsey Toomer/ Caption by Alyssa Mancuso

# Faculty Farewells 2016



**“What are we going to do without them? They’re seasoned and wonderful. They all contribute their own distinct, unique traits. We’re going to miss them.”**

**- 11/ 12 secretary Sue Mandzy**

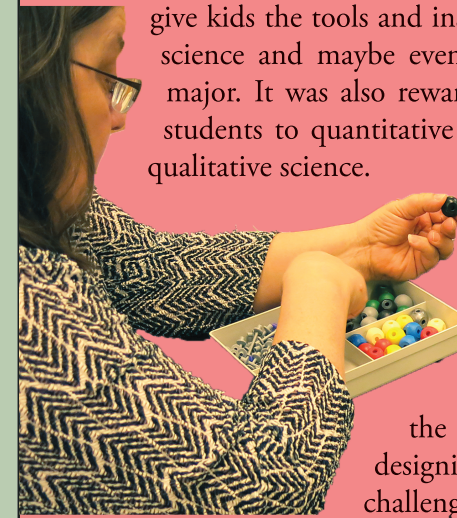
**“I don’t know how to compensate 150 years experience into one group of people. When you look at who is retiring, they are all people who really reach students. It’s a shame that we have to replace any of them.”**

**-High school principal Brian Blaum**

## Mrs. Jane Martin

Q: What do you feel you got out of your experience at Delaware Valley?

A: It was a very rewarding experience to give kids the tools and insight to succeed in science and maybe even pursue a science major. It was also rewarding to introduce students to quantitative science instead of qualitative science.



Q: What was your favorite part of working at DV?  
A: I like the creativity of designing projects that challenge interested

students. When I design a lesson and the kids explore it, and they finally have that aha moment. That’s my favorite part.

Q: What is your favorite memory from your years at DV?

A: The looks on students’ faces when they get the right color for titrations, the whispering pink.

-Sera Shafer



## Mr. Tom Price

Q: How long have you worked at DV?

A: Fourteen years at DV, it [becoming a teacher] was a midlife career change.

Q: What is your favorite memory of working here?

A: Seeing kids grow up and go off to college or wherever and watching them to pursue their dreams.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a teacher?

A: Seeing the students finally understand something they have been struggling with, when that light bulb goes off.

Q: What will you miss the most about DV?

A: The friends that I have made.

Q: How will you continue to keep math in your life after you retire?

A: You always use math in your life somehow every day. Like bills, measuring and balancing checkbooks. Anyone who says they don’t use math each

day is either unaware or lying.



easy.

- Sabrina Stewart

Q: What are your retirement plans after?

A: I would like to spend the years I have left traveling and pursuing hobbies with my wife. I’m looking forward to taking it

## Mr. David Swinehart

Q: How long have you been teaching at DV?

A: 27 years. I started the string program two years after I started working here.

Q: What made you want to retire after 27 years?

A: A combination of the end of a Disney cycle, my father passing away, lack of energy and a desire of my own personal something new. It just seemed like the right time.

Q: What was your favorite part about working at DV?

A: DV has high expectations of all students and staff. The whole school district is about setting goals with the intention to grow.

Q: What would you want to say to the school district as you leave?

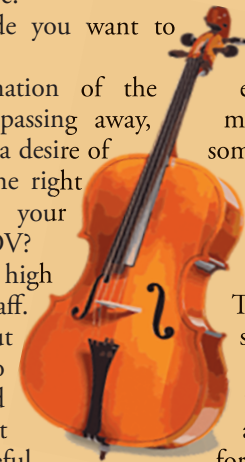
A: I am so grateful for their support.

Music is sometimes seen as a frill and I’ve never felt that here. I’ve never had to worry about losing my job because they were cutting the music program. Because we’ve been so successful, we breed success, and music is very successful at DV.

Q: What are you most excited for in your future?

A: Not having to get up at 5:30 every morning, Monday through Friday. And the prospect of moving to a warmer climate, and maybe a new adventure.

- Lexi Fean



## Mr. Angelo Matz



Q: When did you start teaching here?  
A: 1983  
Q: What are your plans after you retire?  
A: Mainly relax. I would like to find a hobby or part time job that interests me. I’ll get some things done around the house.

Q: What is your favorite memory from working at DV?  
A: Seeing my kids go through the school, having my two

daughters play softball for me and all the people I have met.

Q: Will you continue coaching softball?

A: Yes, it keeps me busy and in touch with the kids.

Q: What will you miss the most when you leave?

A: The kids. I enjoy being around them and being able to be with them everyday.

- Amanda Brown



Q: What has been your most memorable experience at DV?

A: My involvement with Teens Against Tobacco Use. I’ve had a lot of good memories, a lot of great kids that I’ve met through the years because of that club.

Q: When did you start at DV and how has it changed since then?

A: I started in 1993. The numbers have really increased. I also think the students are not so much “rule followers” like they used to be.

Q: What made you want to



- Lindsey Toomer

## Mrs. Ellen Orben

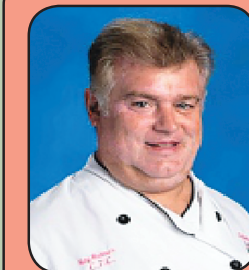
go into nursing?

A: I was always interested in the medical field, so I decided to go back to school to become a nurse. I started working at Bon Secours and I worked there for seven years.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: It will be nice to sleep a little later than six o’clock in the morning, I have to say. I would like to take up golf. My boyfriend and I have bicycles; he has a motorcycle, so we’ll have more time to do that. We would like to travel. Just to be able to relax and read a book and enjoy a cup of tea on the deck without having to rush.

## Mr. Ray Wehner



Q: When did you start working at DV?

A: December 1985

Q: What is your favorite memory of DV?

A: When I first started working here, there was another teacher in the job I have now and he was a little nervous to see what I could do. That year I took [the students] to States. Then they realized that this guy’s the real deal.

Q: What are your plans after retirement?

A: I’m going to teach college. I’ve been teaching college for five years at Sullivan Community College.

Q: What’s the difference between teaching high school and teaching college?

A: There’s more paperwork in high school for sure. In college, I give them there assignment and they do it. It’s simple.

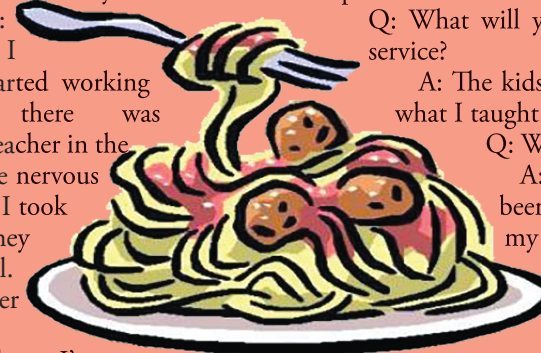
Q: What will you miss most about teaching food service?

A: The kids. I’ve seen the kids succeed through what I taught.

Q: What is your favorite part of your job?

A: The fact that my passion has always been cooking and baking, so I get to do my passion every day.

- Molly Scollo



## Mr. Eric Kudrich

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 34 years and all of them here at Delaware valley. I started next door at the building that is getting ripped down that was the middle school. I started teaching 6th grade. I might have spent 10 years of my careers in the middle school and then I moved over to the high school.

Q: Who or what inspired you to pursue teaching?

A: I was moved by special needs individuals and wanted to help.

Q: Has your passion for teaching changed over the years?

A: Yes I have found it extremely rewarding working at Delaware Valley and I’ve loved it. The progress we’ve made in special

education. When I first came here none of the special needs students went out into the world after high school. I’m very pleased with the growth of special needs programs, I am instrumental into bring these programs to Delaware Valley.

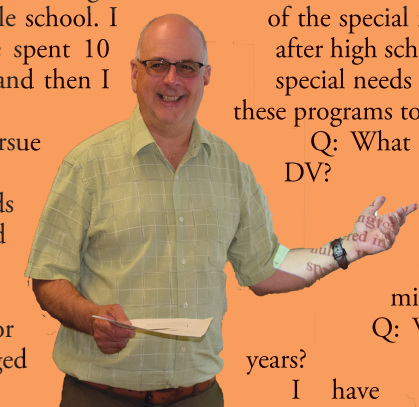
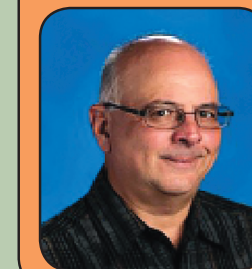
Q: What will you miss most about teaching at DV?

A: I will definitely miss the comradery with my peers and working with the classroom students. I will not miss all the paper work.

Q: What changes have you seen over the years?

I have seen tremendous growth, there used to be 35 teachers and now there are over 400.

- Courtney Kelly



# A look into the



# ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

# 2016

# World Finals

On May 25-28, seven Odyssey of the Mind (OM) teams competed against almost 830 teams at OM World Finals held at Iowa State University. While there, they presented their long term problems and competed in Spontaneous. Outside of competing, members also enjoyed the Creativity Festival, traded OM pins and watched other performances.

Introduction and captions by Vanessa Paoella. Photos contributed by Bryanna Rose.

Each of the DV OM teams gather together after arriving at Iowa State University. Teams pictured: the DVES and DVHS technical teams, the DVES, DDES and DVHS vehicle teams, and the DDMS and DVHS theatrical teams.



Senior Avery Larson waves the flag followed by other representatives on their way to represent Pennsylvania OM at the opening ceremony.

Noah Narducci plays guitar for OM pins.



Abrar Shamim acts as "Mr. Resistor" in the technical team's skit. He tries to save Electricity from "Prof. Electrode."



Jacob Ahlstrand, Gabby Quagliosi, and Colin Kawan-Hemler of the theatrical team prepare to take the stage for their long term performance.

Seniors Avery Larson and Jacob Ahlstrand trade pins in their last year as members of the DV OM teams at the OM World Finals.



Pictured from left to right: OM coach Michele Buccine, Sam Platt, Shannon DeVuyst, Dana Stroup, Sam Ferguson, and Bryanna Rose at Pennsylvania's booth at the Creativity Festival.



Juliann Winkler and Julia Steele operate the hydraulic arm on one of their vehicles to pick up a required item from Noah Narducci during their long term skit.

The Technical team placed fourth at the OM World Finals out of 39 teams and received recognition at the closing ceremony.





# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## SPOTLIGHT MUSICIAN Randi LaCagnina

BY SARAH MCDUGALL  
*Science & Technology Co-Editor*

From a young age, junior Randi LaCagnina has proved the power of music through her numerous performances and notable achievements on both the flute and piano.

It was not until the fifth grade that Randi would begin playing the flute. She knew that she wanted to play after attending an assembly in which younger students are taught how to hold and produce sound for various band instruments. Even though she claims she was behind everyone else, for she started playing a year after them, she has greatly improved and has become a strong musician. She is currently a member of the concert band and the symphony orchestra, and she has won the instrumental award for band the past two years.

Randi first got involved in music years earlier when she began playing piano.

"My mom started me on piano when I was really little because we both really like the instrument," she said.

Her mother remains her biggest influence today with piano.

Randi is still playing piano outside

of the high school, accompanying the Dingman-Delaware children's choir.

"I've found that I'm really excelling at accompanying. I don't like having all the attention on me; I like backing up the singers instead," she said.

Randi has accompanied the children's choir the past two years at the Music in the Parks festival, held annually at Dorney Park. She has been awarded Outstanding Accompanist twice, and she will be accompanying the choir again on June 4.

Whether she is playing piano or flute, she enjoys all types of music.

"Every piece of music has its own special part. Slow music can express true emotion, whereas fast music is just so much fun to play," she said.

Although she does not plan on majoring in music, Randi wants to keep music in her life and give music lessons in the future.



## SPOTLIGHT ARTIST Reiley Weems

BY NATE HAYES  
*Science & Technology Editor*

An outstanding artist here at DV junior, Reiley Weems is the quintessential example of a young artist who enjoys and appreciates art, simply for the sake of art.

Reiley has taken a wide array of art classes including General Art, Computer Art, Photography, Graphic Design, Drawing 1 and 2, Painting 1, AP Art History and AP Studio Art. When Reiley is not working on art pieces, she enjoys participating in Ski and Snowboard Club.

Reiley is skilled in painting, inspired by her great-grandmother who painted beautiful water color landscapes. Reiley says her favorite medium is acrylic paint and describes her style as a slightly abstracted version of reality.

"I would say that her style is fundamentally realistic, but she takes liberties in her color choice," said art teacher Mrs. Christine Sweeney.

Reiley chose to use this style so that she can have more freedom to manipulate

her artwork while keeping the integrity of the original scene.

Reiley says she has always had a great appeal towards art.

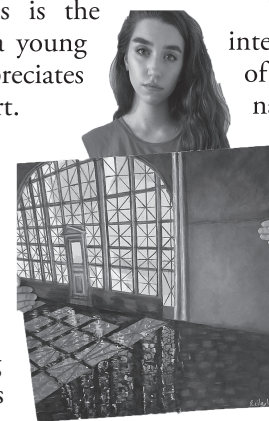
"I feel like I've always been interested in art, but taking a variety of different electives has helped narrow it down," said Reiley. "Next year I plan on taking Architecture and Housing Design because I really don't know that much about it, and I hope to do something along those lines in the future."

Reiley claims her parents to be her best support system but also finds the artist community to be extremely supportive.

"Being an artist is so rewarding because it's such a great community. Other artists are always supportive and there's always something new to learn," explained Reiley.

She has a great appreciation for art and supporting fine arts saying

"I hope people never lose appreciation for art because now days people don't see the beauty and importance of art, and they often discredit art and underestimate how much work goes into it."



Reiley's depiction of a window at the Ellis Island Museum.

## SPOTLIGHT WRITER Kiera Leyden

BY SABRINA SCHLENKER  
*News Co-Editor*

Junior Kiera Leyden is a standout writer at DV. Not only is she is passionate about the craft, but she is also a devoted member of the Creative Writing Club. With a modest demeanor and a kind personality, Kiera is an all-around talented writer.

She began her writing career by reading a variety of books. Her favorite authors include Edgar Allan Poe and Mary Shelley, and she seeks inspiration from them often. In addition, Kiera finds inspiration to write from avidly listening to music.

"[I write] the first thing that comes to my head and stick with it," she said.

One of her favorite novels is "Frankenstein," written by Shelley. It was this book that introduced her to science fiction, created a love for the genre and made her want to

try sci fi writing herself.

Since Kiera enjoys all types of writing, her writing style varies. She writes anything and everything, ranging from science fiction to romance. Her most favorite aspect of writing is the writing process itself in addition to reading what she wrote.

She said writing has greatly influenced her life as well.

"[Writing] allows me to process through emotions as a whole," she said.

Additionally, she has been a member of the Creative Writing Club for three years.

"[Creative Writing Club] helps dealing with other stuff in life. I'm thankful to Mr. [Evan] Bates for that," she said.

Her favorite part of the club is, of course, writing stories, and reading other member's work, too.

Proceeding high school, Kiera plans on becoming a math or science teacher. Although writing will not be her main focus, she knows it will always be a part of her life.

### Writer's Sample

*I could see nothing. This was what I was thinking as I closed my eyes. Hoping to see light when all these is around me is darkness. I could see the past float around me as I inhaled the last breath I would take. Darkness surrounds me in the grave I'm being lowered into. Shovels put into the dirt next to the hole made for my soon-to-be-rotten corpse. As more piles of dirt landed on my casket, my sight grew dimmer and then I again could see nothing.*



## SPORTS

## Track and field teams show promising future

BY MATT CAVALLARO  
Staff Editor

The Warriors finished a hard fought season with the boys and the girls ending with a record of 3-4.

At the Lackawanna League Championships, junior Shane Acovenno won the high jump, junior Nick Haydu came in second in the shotput, senior Mike Bell finished fourth in the 3200 and the boys 4x100 team of junior Kyle Dillon, sophomore Dylan Kelly, sophomore Erik Hernandez and freshman Darryn Ouk placed third. For the girls, senior Joanna Kutchma finished first in the javelin, senior Karlee May came in second for the shotput, sophomore Kara Gearhart finished third in the 100 hurdles



**Sophomore Kara Gearhart trains for her state championship meet.**

*Contributed photo by Loan Pham*

and second in the 300 hurdles and junior Vanessa Paoellella placed fourth in the 1600 and sixth in the 3200.

At the District 2 Championships, Haydu finished fourth place in the shotput, Acovenno finished third in the high jump, Bell finished fourth in the 1600 and fifth in the 3200. Gearhart came in first for the 300 hurdles and second place for the 100m hurdles, Paoellella finished fourth in the 1600 and fourth in the 3200, Kutchma finished sixth in the discus. Also the girls 4x400 team composed of Jillian Reich, Denali Hutzelmann, Brittany Brockman and Gearhart finished fourth.

Kara Gearhart, Joanna Kutchma, Nick Haydu and Shane Acovenno were all selected as Lackawanna League All-Stars.

Kara Gearhart also qualified for the state championship meet. She competed in the 300 meter hurdles where she finished 11th out of 25 with a time of 45.47, a new personal best and school record.

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## Boys' Track and Field



Nick Haydu, JUNIOR

**"Nick made great progress in his first year as a thrower. He was a district medal winner and will be one of the top throwers in District 2 next year."**

*-Head coach Nick Quaglia*

## Girls' Track and Field



Vanessa Paoellella, JUNIOR

**"Vanessa had a great finish to the year earning district medals in the 1600 and 3200. She will be someone who we will count on to lead us next year."**

*-Head coach Nick Quaglia*

## Boys' Volleyball



Tyler Smith, JUNIOR

**"Tyler has played some of his best volleyball this year against some of our best competition. His ability to put the ball away has allowed us to sustain games with a lot of strong teams."**

*-Head coach Adam Holdredge*

## Warriors successful season comes to an end

BY MEGHAN KIEDERER  
Circulation Co-Manager

On May 11, the boys' varsity volleyball team beat Dallas 3-0 to secure their second straight District II Championship. The boys' season ended in the first round of States, the sub-regional quarter finals, against the Whitehall Zephyrs. The team ended with a 10-3 record.

**DV - 0, Whitehall - 3**

In the first set against Whitehall, the Warriors started off strong. Blocks by junior Tyler Smith and senior Rafael Alexandre got the Zephyrs off balance to start. The Warriors were up 5-0 making the game look promising for the boys. Half way through the set, Whitehall found their rhythm and exhibited their strong offense. The teams appeared evenly matched and the scores got closer. The Warriors kept the lead until a kill by the Zephyrs tied the score 18-18. The audience anxiously watched long rallies, and the boys reached a three point lead, 21-18. Whitehall called a timeout to refocus. The game resumed and the scores increased point for point. The game was tied at 23-23, but an overpass by the Warriors was returned with a kill down the line by Whitehall, making the score 23-24. The ball was served over and was hit out of bounds, ending the set 23-25.

The second set began with a tight score and the teams going back and forth. At 4-5, Whitehall's offense became a large threat. The outside hitter was slamming the ball, trapping DV in a rotation. A tip



**Liam Naturale serves against Whitehall.**

*Photo by Meghan Kiederer*

by senior Daniel Plaxe got the Warriors out of the rotation, making the score 5-9. Whitehall kept a four to five point lead on the Warriors, but the boys kept fighting

for each point. The score reached 15-21. Whitehall kept slamming the ball deep into zone five, and the Warriors struggled to get a touch on the ball. The Warriors offense enabled them to gain a few points; a block by Alexandre made the score 18-22. The set ended 19-25.

The Warriors were not ending their season without a fight. The third set consisted of long rallies and extremely close scores. Whitehall started off in the lead but kills by Alexandre and junior Joshua Croll tied the game at 7-7. The Warriors offense gained confidence. A few kills and blocks by Plaxe and Smith made the score 13-10. Whitehall responded with their powerful offense and the score was tied again at 14-14. The audience was left on the edge of their seats as the next few rallies went back and forth. Both teams fought hard for each point and Coach Adam Holdredge called a timeout at 21-23. A kill by Smith brought the score to 23-24. The audience held their breath on the last point as the ball was served over the net by the Warriors. Whitehall returned the ball with a kill, ending the set 23-25.

"It's truly amazing that with hard work and dedication from all of the teammates we were able to go from a 1-11 record in 2014 to one of the most successful records of the program," said senior captain Colin Naturale.

# SPORTS

## Warriors fall short in quarterfinals

By AMANDA BROWN  
Sports Editor

### DV – 1, Scranton – 3

On May 24, the Warriors battled the Scranton High School Knights.

In the top of the first inning, junior McKenna Quinn got a ground ball and threw it to first baseman freshman Amber Recksiek for the first out of the game. The next two outs came from freshman Mia Machado, who caught a ball in right field, and a line drive to Recksiek.

In the top of the second, the Knights scored a run to take the lead 1-0. O'Grady led the defense with a tag play at second base.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Knights had a double to score another run, increasing their lead to 2-0. Later in the inning, the Knights had a runner on second base who stole third. The following batter brought in the runner from third to bring their lead to 3-0.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, Quinn was determined to give the Warriors a chance by



**Powell winds up for a pitch against the Knights.**

Photo by Amanda Brown

getting on first. Senior captain MacKenna Powell got on base with an error to the second baseman, moving the runners over to first and second. Junior Amanda Floystad hit a single to bring Quinn home to make the game 3-1. Although the Warriors got a run on the board, they weren't able to have a comeback to win the game.

"Looking back on the season, I'm proud of how far we went. We left our hearts out on the field, but it just wasn't enough. I wouldn't want to play with another team," said O'Grady.

## Paulison, Oszczepinski win district title

By SHAINA KLEIN  
News Co-Editor

### DV – 2, Abington Heights – 3

On May 10, the Warriors put up a good fight against Abington Heights for the District II Boys Tennis Team AAA Championship.

Senior Devin Paulison came away with a win against his singles opponent Sahas Chandagiri, and doubles pair junior Troy Tepedino and sophomore Chris



**The team poses with their medals at Districts.**

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Vibert won their match against Timmy Christman and Eric Mahoney.

Senior Kevin Oszczepinski, sophomore Thomas Reese and doubles partners sophomore Ivan Vorobyev and senior Pete Genovas all put up valiant efforts in their matches, but were ultimately defeated.

### 2016 District II Tennis Boys' Doubles AAA

On May 30, doubles pair Paulison and Oszczepinski won the title of Doubles Districts Champions. Paulison-Oszczepinski beat doubles

opponents from Wyoming Valley West and Abington Heights to secure the prestigious title that has not been held by DV since 2013.

### 2016 PIAA Boys' Doubles Tennis Championships

On May 27, Paulison and Oszczepinski fought hard at the Hershey Racket Club against their Shady Side Academy doubles opponents Naman Dua and Tanay Kumta.

Dua and Kumta ended up winning the match 6-2, 6-2 so Paulison and Oszczepinski did not advance to the quarterfinals.

"It was definitely a lot of fun, and something I've been waiting to do for four long years," said Paulison.

## Girls' lacrosse attacks playoffs

By LINDSEY TOOMER  
Staff Writer

### DV – 16, Dallas – 1

On May 19, the Warriors won their district quarterfinal game against Dallas Area High School.

Junior captain Maecy Chlebowski, sophomore Kirsten Dunn and freshman Bailey Fedun led the team with three goals each. Junior captain Emily Gelormino and freshman Lauren Matarazzo also contributed two goals.

"It was a great team win," said Gelormino. "Our powerful defense in combination with our sharp offensive play made the team successfully click as one unit and caused for a great team win."

### DV – 6, Wyoming Seminary – 13

The Warriors' season concluded after a hard-fought game against Wyoming Seminary on May 24.

"It was a tough loss, but it gave us the motivation to come in next year with a new mindset," said junior Sera Shafer. "So Sem better watch out next year."

The Warriors held a strong defense, with junior Leah Yost leading the way. She also scored her first varsity goal. Sophomore Mandy Xu had a



**Maecy Chlebowski sets up for the draw.**

Contributed photo by Samantha Ehlers

successful game with 11 saves.

Chlebowski scored two goals, with sophomores Eileen Nickles and Morgan Gifford, junior Alexa Butaitis and Yost each adding one goal.

"I'm really proud of the work we put in this season," said Butaitis. "We were definitely the underdogs this year, and we pulled it together towards the end of the season. I'm looking forward to playing and doing even better next year."

"[It was a] great season with wonderful student athletes. We have unfinished business for next year," said head coach Bernadine Salak.

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

### Softball



**Stef O'Grady, JUNIOR**

"Stef has developed into a proven team leader; she led the league in fielding percentage for shortstops. The team will look to her next year to lead them to a league championship."

-Head coach Angelo Matz

## Boys' Tennis



**Troy Tepedino, JUNIOR**

"Troy has played with great hustle and focus in the semi-final match against Williamsport."

-Head coach Larry Hudson

## Girls' Lacrosse



**Kayla Newsome, SOPHOMORE**

"Kayla has been doing all the little things during games to ensure her teammates' success - creating space, having assists and redefining."

-Head coach Bernadine Salak

# SPORTS

## SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

### Baseball



Zach Klapak, SOPHOMORE

*"Zach is a five-tool player who I'm ecstatic to have in the program for two more years. With Zach's arm behind the plate, he simply shuts down the opposition's running game."*

*-Head coach Dave Peters*

### Boys' Lacrosse



Tim Cohen, SENIOR

*"Tim prepared by working extremely hard in the off season. He's been phenomenal in doing all the little things that mean so much to the team."*

*-Head coach Jeff Krasulski*

## Warriors have undefeated season but lose championship

BY KIRSTEN PETERS  
Sports Co-Editor

Although the Warriors didn't come away with the District II title, the scoreboard didn't reflect the team comradery built throughout an undefeated season.

### DV – 6, West Scranton – 5

On May 25, the Warriors took on the Invaders in a PIAA District II Semifinal game. With senior Trevor Bertsch pitching, the Invaders were unable to tack on any runs in the top of the first inning.

In the bottom of the first, Bertsch led off the inning with a line-drive single up the middle. Junior Zak Kain followed in suit with a single of his own, putting two men on base. Sophomore Zach Klapak crushed the ball for a triple into the right-center gap, scoring both Bertsch and Kain to take the 2-0 lead.

In the top of the second, Bertsch pitched a 1-2-3 inning, maintaining the lead.

In the bottom of the inning, junior Christian Jorgenson led off with a walk. Sophomore Ryan Simpson followed Jorgenson's walk with a single into centerfield. Junior Trevor Smith did his part by laying down a sac-bunt to move both runners over into scoring position. With senior Lawrence Cicileo up to bat, Jorgenson was able to score on a passed ball. Cicileo singled to left, leaving Simpson on third

and Bertsch to come up to bat. Bertsch hit a sac-fly to right field, scoring Simpson and bringing the Warriors' lead to 4-0.

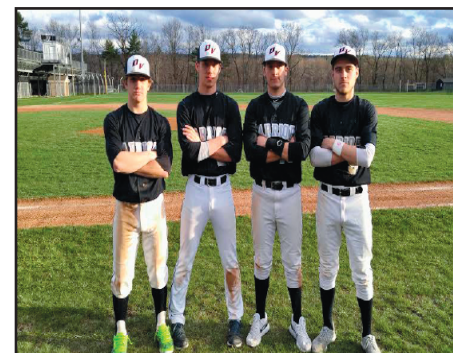
In the top of the fourth, the Invaders offense broke open, allowing them to close the gap on the Warriors, making the score 4-3.

In the top of the fifth, the Warriors made a pitching change, bringing in junior Matt Cavallaro from his position at second base, who kept the score at 4-3 for another inning.

In the top of the sixth, the Invaders invaded on the Warriors lead to tie the game up 4-4, keeping the game tied until the top of the eighth inning, in which the Invaders tacked on a run to take their first lead of the game 5-4.

In the bottom of the eighth, Jorgenson led off with another walk. Simpson moved Jorgenson into scoring position with a sac-bunt. Smith knew he had a job to do and hit a double into centerfield, allowing Jorgenson to score to tie the game up 5-5. With the winning run in scoring position, Cicileo toughed it out for a seven pitch at bat through the pain of muscle cramps

to hit the walk-off single into centerfield, scoring Smith to win the game 6-5.



**The four seniors, Trevor Bertsch, Jesse O'Grady, Lawrence Cicileo and Zach Cerberville, stand proudly to represent the Warriors.**

*Contributed photo*

DV – 0,  
Wyoming Valley  
West – 10

On May 30, the Warriors went up against the Wyoming Valley West Spartans for the District II Championship at PNC Field. Although the Warriors had the drive to win the game, with senior Jesse O'Grady even taking a pitch off the face, they were unable to beat the

solid defense of the Spartans.

Falling short of winning the championship, Cicileo proudly reflects on his time as a Warrior, "It was an amazing season. We worked hard March through May and we became a family. Unfortunately, we didn't win the district championship, but we went undefeated in our division and we were able to get the number one seed for the district tournament. At the end of the day, I'm graduating with a smile on my face and I'm sure Jesse, Zach and Trevor are as well. This was a season I'll never forget."

## Lacrosse wins fifth district title but loses at States

BY MADELEINE YOST  
Sports Co-Editor

### DV – 14, Dallas – 1

The Warriors dominated Dallas in the first playoff game to send them to the district final.

Senior Tim Cohen scored the first goal of the game and senior Nick Pampalone scored the second goal, which was assisted by junior Parker Hamill.

Starting the second quarter, junior Trevor Martin scored to put the team ahead 3-0. Senior PJ Matarazzo scored with an assist from Cohen, allowing the team to dominate most of the second quarter. Sophomore Dan Matarazzo then scored with an assist from PJ.

Pampalone scored three more for the Warriors and had one assist. PJ and sophomore Anton

Mackey each scored two more and PJ added an assist. Cohen added another goal for the team, Martin and senior Aaron Castillo each added an assist.

"The win meant a lot to us because we lost last year in that round, so this year we won and gained the title back," said PJ.

### DV – 4, Scranton Prep – 3

As they moved into the district championship, the Warriors started off strong with junior Rhett Padgett scoring within the first five minutes of the game with an assist from Cohen. In the beginning of the second quarter, however, Prep scored to tie the game 1-1.

At the start of the second half, Pagett scored again to put the Warriors in the lead 2-1. The team's defense, led by Castillo and

senior Neil Roche, worked hard to keep the team in the game. With 10 minutes left in the game, Prep scored twice to put them in the lead 3-2. Cohen was able to score to tie up the game 3-3. With three minutes left in the game, Pagett scored the winning goal to make the Warriors district champions.

"It was a great defensive effort and it's nice to leave as a senior with another district title," said Roche.

### DV – 5, Springfield High School – 10

On June 1, the Warriors took on the Sea Cougars in the first game of the state playoff.

Padgett had his second hat trick in a row with Pampalone adding the other two Warrior goals.

D. Matarazzo had three assists, Cohen added one assist and Roche led the defense with nine saves.

Even with their best effort, the Warriors were unable to move to the quarterfinals.