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## Remembering Riley Krick 2007-2024

BY BOBBY RUSSO

Science & Technology Editor

Riley Krick, a junior at Delaware Valley, was a beloved son, brother to Danielle and Jared, teammate, student and friend. On Jan. 22, Riley passed away, but his legacy will never be forgotten.

Riley was a part of various activities and clubs both in school and outside of school, such as Cub Scouts, orchestra, Mock Trial, Scholastic Bowl, cross country, track and field and National Honor Society. He was a lifelong member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Youth Fellowship group. Riley volunteered for the Vacation Bible Camp every summer.

"He could connect to people of all ages and backgrounds. He was kind-hearted. He loved listening to music and was a talented violinist," Mrs. Julie Krick and Mr. Brian Krick, Riley's parents, said. "He was adventurous and loved roller coasters and thrill rides. He had an astonishing ability to absorb information, and he could answer

trivia questions that amazed us."

One of Riley's friends junior Owen Carso will always remember the special way Riley affected those around him.

"Riley was someone who lightened the mood of any room he was in with his brilliant sense of humor," Carso said. "He never hesitated to make a witty, unexpected comment that had everyone laughing."

Riley had a positive attitude and a smile on his face no matter what day it was, making others change their moods to match his. He had a sense of humor and personality that was unlike anyone else.

Riley's friend junior Chris Fleming reflects on one of his favorite things to do with Riley.

"We would play a fictitious game of empires where Owen would draw a map of two nations on a piece of notebook paper, and Riley and I would try to conquer the other nation. This game would last for days," Fleming said.

Even though there was a 10-year gap between Riley and his sister Danielle, she has fond memories that she shared with Riley that she will never forget.

"One of my favorite memories is

how he used to say goodnight to me every night when I lived at home," she said. "It didn't matter what I was doing. He'd knock on my door every night and hug me before bed. It's probably one of those things I miss the most - those goodnight hugs," she said.

The coaches and members of both the cross country and track teams will deeply miss Riley. Teammate and longtime friend junior Michael Donlon recalls his time spent with Riley.

"When I joined track in 9th grade, I became much closer with Riley," he said. "He did super well sophomore year in track and decided to do cross country during his junior year. One of my favorite memories with Riley is when Ben [Bailor] and I went to cross country states [with him] this year."

On Jan. 27, there was a memorial service held for Riley where family and friends joined to remember his beautiful life. Rest in peace, Riley, and thank you for all the moments and cherished memories. You will always be remembered.

### Memories that will last a lifetime:

**"For almost 10 years, I walked with him after school. I would just walk with him about everything: school, music and movies. I didn't realize how close I was with him."**

**-Junior Noelle Holderith**

**"We were hanging out at my best friend's house over the summer, and it was his first time on a trampoline. I've never seen him so happy before, just running around in a circle like a five year old, so happy."**

**-Sophomore Addison Yadanza**

**"We went on this river trip with our youth group, and all Riley wanted to do was ride the bull. It was hysterical!"**

**-Junior Bennett Nielsen**

**"After one of the Wallenpaupack meets I had a really bad race. I did not feel good after the race at all, but the first person to check on me was Riley, and he made me feel good about myself. He was always there for me and everyone on the team."**

**-Junior Anna Vogel**



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# School News

## Helpful tips for getting ready for Prom

By MADDIE GIFFORD  
*Community News Editor*

As the spring approaches, so does prom season. Here are some ways to get ready and some new trends to be aware of.

This year, more chic dresses are trending including ones with sequins, glitter or rhinestones along with multitudes of colors ranging from darker colors like black and navy blue to lighter colors like lilac and pink. Dresses with ruffles, corset tops and slits are also popular this year.

Some nearby places to start looking for prom dresses are David's Bridal, Windsor, Dolly's Boutique and Chic Boutique NY. Looking online is an option as well. Some popular websites are PromGirl.com, Lulus.com and Sherrihill.com. Some accessories that girls may want to look for could be a corsage, jewelry, shoes, hair accessories and a clutch.

For boys, tuxedos are usually the go to, especially the classic black and white suit and tie. Other popular color options for suits could be navy blue, gray, white,

gold or beige. For guys with dates, an easy way to match their date's dress is to wear a matching suit color or just a matching tie, undershirt or even matching shoes. Local places to shop for a tuxedo are Sossi Formals, Men's Wearhouse, First Class Formal Wear and Tuxedo By Sarno Menswear & Suits. Accessories guys may want to look for are shoes, rings, chains/necklaces, watch, tie/bow tie and a boutonniere.

Some hair tips and styles for girls with longer hair are a long loose wave look, a low slicked back ponytail or

half up half down styles. For shorter hair you could style an updo bun, flowy beach waves or a twisted braid crown. Some nearby salons to book hair appointments with are Second Street Salon, Shear Beauty, TLC Salon and Spa and Legacy of Milford. A good place to look for hair inspo is Pinterest.

Some things to think about doing before prom gets too close is booking appointments and getting suit/dress alterations. Some appointments to make can be hair and nail appointments, tanning appointments with any nearby tanning place like Crown & Coat and ordering a corsage from any flower shop.

**Check out the Del.Aware's promposal contest and send in your best promposals to @Del.Aware\_news on Instagram. The deadline for submissions will be April 22, and winners will be announced on April 26.**

**First place winners receive two free prom tickets. Second place winners receive a \$25 gift card for the school store, and third place winners receive a \$15 gift card for Naked Bagel.**

## Senior class officers award senior superlatives

By KAYLA SYKES  
*Sports Co-Editor*

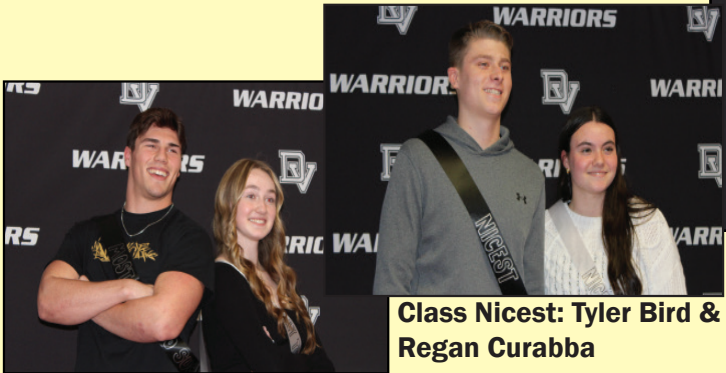
Within each graduating class there are students who stick out for various reasons: their humor, brain or even their looks. For the yearly senior superlative voting, seniors were able to vote for whom they believed was the best candidate for each of the 29 categories with a limit of two category wins per student. Students will be able to see all of the winners when the yearbook comes out this spring.



Most Artistic:  
Brandon Maros-Moran & Scarlett Weir



Jack of All Trades: Dom Moyer & Eunice Choi



Class Nicest: Tyler Bird & Regan Curabba



Class Brain: Nixon Kameen & Olivia Choi



Class Couple: Kolton Handy & Baylee Lock



Most Dramatic: Jayden Ramirez & Lily Cosentino

Most Likely to Succeed:  
Aiden Black & Mackenzie Donald



# School News

## Faculty /celebrity look-alikes

As many teachers and faculty wander the halls at DV, these few stand out with distinct celebrity doppelgangers.



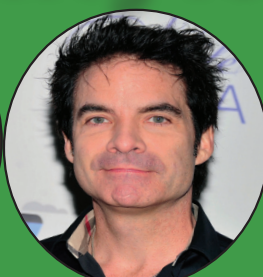
Dr. Brian Blaum as Ben Affleck



Mr. Justin Roselli as Pat Monahan



Mrs. Chelsea Sweeney as Natalie Portman



Dr. Nicole Cosentino as Amy Winehouse



Mrs. Amanda Pope as Sarah Levy



Compiled by Kayla Sykes

## DV participates in annual wing, chili cook off

BY SHANNON EBY  
School News Co-Editor

DV's culinary CTE participated in the second annual wing and chili cook off competition held at Silver Birches Resort on March 3.

The competition consisted of 21 vendors who made wings and chili for judges and people to taste test.

Every person who walked in was given a sheet with all the vendors and what they were serving. After the taste testing, they voted on their favorite wings and chili. DV made sweet heat razzle dazzle chicken wings.

The chili judge's winners were first place- Key Foods, second place- The Lodge At Woodloch and third place-

Paupack Watering Hole.

The wing judge's winners were: first place- John's Italian Restaurant, second place- Cove Haven Pocono Resorts and third place- Crazy Country Club.

Next were the people's choice Chili winners: first place- The Lodge at Woodloch, second place- Wallenpaupack Brewing Company and third place- Gresham's Chop House.

The wing's people's choice winners include, first place- John's Italian restaurant, second place- Crazy Country Club and third place- Gresham's Chop House. These winners all received trophies for their great food.

The competition was a great opportunity to promote their restaurants and what they offer.



Shannon Eby/Del.Aware

**Vendors served their wing and chili creations at the second annual cook off at Silver Birches Resort.**

## Inquiring Photographer

"If you were a superhero, who would you be?"

COMPILED BY BOBBY RUSSO



"Spider-Man"  
Gia Ciardullo  
Class of 2024



"Batman"  
Chris Freeman  
Class of 2025



"Flash"  
Owen Kelly  
Class of 2024



"MODOK"  
Jessie Dijan and  
Brooke Cronen  
Class of 2024



"Dr. Strange"  
Phillip Fitzpatrick  
Class of 2026



"Batwoman"  
Noah Berrios  
Class of 2026

# Opinions

## Consumers see no limits

By SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH  
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People love possessions. They love the satisfaction of buying something and owning it for themselves, just because they wanted it and had the means to get it. But when is it too much?

Overconsumption is, in my opinion, a problem that I don't often see talked about. I think it's partly due to the fact that so many people don't know when consumption reaches the point where it is too much.

Some common examples of overconsumption are people ordering a ton of unnecessary things from sites like Amazon or Temu. A lot of the time I see gadgets for cleaning or making chores more convenient. A more recent trend is buying accessories for Stanley water bottle tumblers. People with a Stanley cup will buy keychains, snack holders, straw toppers, felt patches, cross-body chains, straps and several other accessories to dress up their tumbler. Out of these add-ons, the only one I see as worthwhile is the straw topper, as it keeps the straw closed off and more sanitary.

Another example of overconsumption is people buying the same book in different formats. They will buy books in several different languages, special editions from different book production companies, digital editions and any other form of a book just to say that they have it in a different format. I get it, I myself have special editions of some of my favorite books, but the problem is when people have upwards of 10 or 15 different copies of the same content with a different cover or color.

Social media definitely plays a role in overconsumption, especially TikTok and Instagram. People influence others to try out different products or accessories and show off all of the possessions that they have. It makes people want more and leads them to not know when enough is enough.

Overconsumption causes more demand, and ultimately will lead to a decline in product quality. I think people should be mindful of what they already have and be more thoughtful when making purchases to avoid overconsumption.

## Alabama legislators have taken women's bodily autonomy laws too far

By EMMA CIANCIO  
*Opinions Editor*

Every year, 6.7 million individuals struggle conceiving a child. In vitro fertilization, or IVF, is a safe way for women struggling to get pregnant to still conceive. IVF was readily available in all 50 states until the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that frozen embryos are living children. This ruling implicates more binding regulations when it comes to IVF. Women's bodily autonomy laws are now pushed so far back, and it is not something that should be taken lightly.

Roe v. Wade was first put into the Supreme Court in 1973. The ruling of the 1973 case was that abortion was legal in all 50 states. This law goes back 51 years. In 2022, the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization was brought to the Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned 50 years of precedent, which ended up overruling decisions made during Roe v. Wade. In this overturning, nothing was ever said about alternative ways of conception and the legality surrounding doctors performing these alternative measures.

Alabama lawmakers are not completely getting rid of IVF. They are just putting harsh, more restrictive regulations on how doctors can perform this treatment. The day this regulation was put into place, four Alabama clinics stopped offering IVF to patients.

Seven out of the nine Alabama Supreme Court members are men. It is absolutely ridiculous that in today's day and age, men can place restrictive laws on a woman's body. Why do we need to place bans on how women can conceive? Why does Alabama continue to rule

over the rights of women?

Alabama lawmakers are now claiming that a frozen embryo has signs of life, which is simply impossible due to the science behind IVF. In order for a child to be successfully conceived, a sperm must fertilize the embryo, so this sparks the question on how a frozen embryo is looked at as a child.

The next steps for families in Alabama looking to conceive on a different path is to either move their frozen embryos to another state where they can be used, or women can go through another treatment called IUI, intrauterine insemination. IUI has an overall success rate of 11.7% and does nothing to benefit the overall conception of a child. Not only are the success rates of IUI low, the side effects can be detrimental for a mother. IUI can create infections, heart problems and ruin a woman's chances of ever becoming pregnant. Doctors will almost always recommend the safer, more effective treatment, which is clearly IVF.

Why should a struggling mother put herself through a more tolling, detrimental process all because her state won't let her reproduce safely? The answer is simple, she shouldn't.

Women are now going to have to pay even more money to travel, receive treatment and store their embryos elsewhere. When a woman makes the choice to start any type of artificial insemination, it will be demanding due to the fact that nothing for the next year will be done the easy way.

Why make a struggling woman jump through more hoops just because a group of law-making men say so?

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# Opinions

## Can we separate the art from an artist?

BY TOPHER DELLA BELLA  
*Sports Co-Editor*

Separating what an artist creates from the artist themselves is a debate that has taken over the world of music.

Artists have been exposed for their controversial views or actions, but we still should be able to acknowledge the art that they have put out. We don't have to agree with what a certain artist has done or said, but art and the artists who create it should be treated as separate. I am not saying that art excuses an artist's misconduct, but it is the artist who should stand trial not the art itself.

There are artists who have very problematic points of view and are still criticized for the things that they have said. For example, Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, has raised controversy for posting anti-Semitic remarks on social

media. West has also gone on podcasts to target Jewish people. However, listeners who enjoy the song "Runaway" should not feel obligated to stop listening to that song or any other songs that West puts out that they enjoy.

There are also artists who have gotten in trouble with the law for controversial reasons that are still talked about. Michael Jackson was facing child sexual abuse allegations in 1993 and 2003. Again, he is an artist that millions of people enjoy listening to and people should not feel they have to stop listening to the music for the artist's actions. Good art is good art because of its quality - not the quality of the artist, but the quality of the music that that artist shows the world in an attempt to make supporters happy to hear more.

## High school years should be prioritized

BY KAT QUINN  
*Sports Editor*

So much of our time in high school and our teenage years are lost to devoting our time, effort and emotion to the wrong things.

Everyone looks to be well-known, likable and accepted in their high school years, but the worst thing a person can do is to peak in high school, which means when a person reaches their maximum potential in their high school years.

In contrast to peaking in these years, students should still be looking to actually live their life in high school and in their teenage years. Fake friends, toxic relationships, trying to fit in and critiquing others are all such a waste of time and will cause you to regret the things you did or did not do in high school.

Instead of judging other peoples'

actions, start caring about what you want to do, realizing how you feel and who you want to surround yourself with. You will become much happier and content with yourself. If someone else has something to say about you, yolo. These teenage years go by way too fast to put your energy into caring about someone else's opinions or actions. Take advice and compliments as they come. If an accusation or rumor hurts you, be honest with yourself; Sometimes it hurts because it may be true.

If you want to go out every weekend, do it; If you don't want to, don't. No one cares that much. Bottom line, no one can tell you how to fulfill your teenage years, but you can start by letting things go and living life for yourself.

## OUR OPINION

## Fast fashion is becoming increasingly problematic

When most people think of fast fashion, their minds immediately go to brands like Shein or H & M. While these two companies are some of the most obvious examples, the majority of brands that you buy your clothes from promote overconsumption and are considered fast fashion.

Fast fashion is the most common business model in the fashion industry, as it produces high profit margins. To the company, it is the perfect model - they can cheaply produce clothes, sell it for a significantly higher price and keep their customers buying as their cheap clothes get worn out and new trends emerge.

This is not a win-lose situation either; the consumer also benefits from the prominence of fast fashion. New trends don't break the bank, and the bad quality of the clothing makes it easy for the consumer to throw away their pieces after the trend passes.

Despite the benefits to both the producers and the consumers, fast fashion is a detrimental and growing issue for the environment. According to statistics from the United Nations Environment Programme, 10% of global emissions are produced by the fashion industry. Additionally, the amount of clothing produced since 2000 has doubled, with people buying 60% more clothes and wearing them for a significantly shorter period.

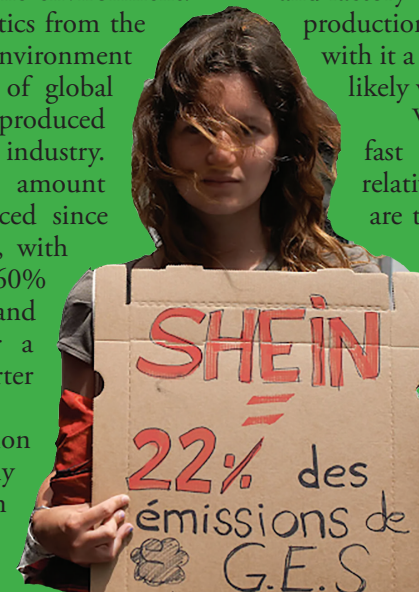
Fast fashion doesn't just heavily produce carbon emissions, it also uses cheap labor

and dangerous materials. The majority of fast fashion pieces are made out of polyester, which is a material derived from petroleum, a nonrenewable fuel. Polyester is expected to take 200 years to decompose. With the increase of micro trends and promotions of overconsumption, people are constantly throwing away their clothes to make room for what's new and trendy. Massive amounts of cheap clothes now lie in landfills, oceans and the land of third world countries.

Cheap labor is also an aspect of fast fashion that is highly controversial. Out of the 75 million factory workers around the world, approximately 2% of them make a livable wage, according to George Washington University. Pakistan, Bangladesh and India are the most common places for fast fashion production. The labor in these countries can involve extremely unfair wages, dangerous conditions and the exploitation of children.

The ease that fast fashion gives companies and consumers is not worth the risks it poses for the environment and factory workers. The fast designs, production and retailing brings with it a huge ethical concern that likely won't be resolved.

Whether one supports fast fashion or not, it is relatively unavoidable if you are the average person. More expensive clothes are commonly still mass produced and small sustainable brands are difficult to come by and are usually not affordable. The issue of fast fashion ultimately falls on the backs of the producers.



# ADVICE FOR SCHEDULING

## New social studies elective offers modern

BY GIA SCIMECA  
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

The new social studies elective called Modern American Studies is a half year course offered to juniors and seniors. The class is set to be a more in-depth study of modern American history spanning from the Vietnam War Era to present day. The curriculum for the class is being written by social studies teacher Mr. Tom Bailer.

"I'm really looking forward [to the new class next year]," Mr. Bailer said.

The elective takes the place of the current elective American Military History due to social studies teacher Mr. George Gelderman's upcoming retirement, who primarily taught and wrote the course.

## Tips about scheduling for 24-25 school year

After discussing with 11/12 guidance counselor Mrs. Jessica Favorito, here are some of her best tips for planning your schedule for the upcoming year.

- Don't be afraid to start conversations with your teachers and counselor about recommendations.
- Get to know your counselor.
- Be thoughtful and mindful about your elective choices.
- Align course selections with your future career path- look at the big picture.
- Think about how choosing academic courses will help you attain your life goals.
- Don't underestimate the significance of your choices.
- Use your course selection as a way to explore and challenge yourself.

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## Inquiring Photographer

"LOOKING BACK AT YOUR FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH CLASSES DO YOU WISH YOU TOOK?"

COMPILED BY HAILEY KELLY



"Engineering"  
Talon Giaccone  
Class of 2024



"Music Theory"  
Ethan Ford  
Class of 2024



"Anatomy and Physiology"  
Eli Coke  
Class of 2024



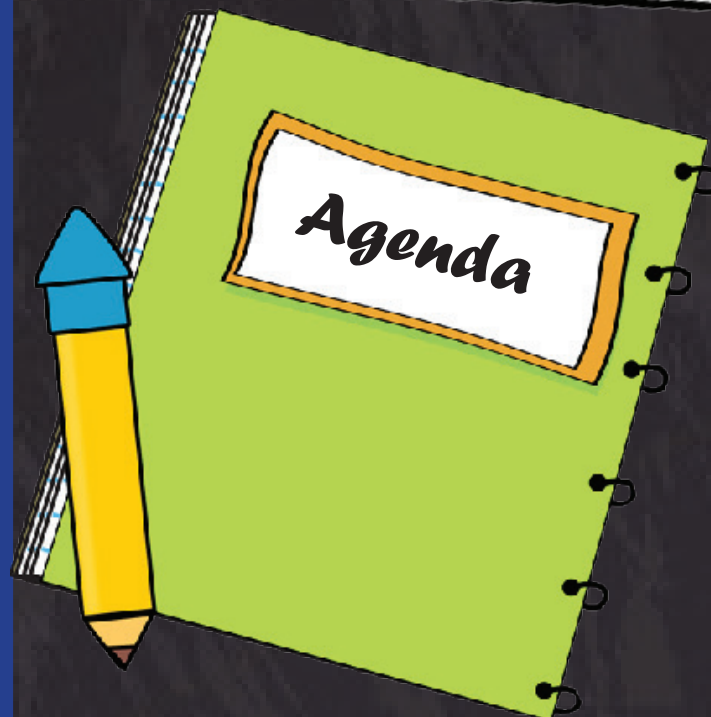
"Digital Photography"  
Nour Alhanoun  
Class of 2024



"Foods classes"  
Shaeleigh O'Leary  
Class of 2024



"Forensics and Foods"  
Kendra Blades  
Class of 2024





Support the Drama Club by coming to the show on April 12-14.

# School News

## 'Big Fish' Cast List

**Kyle Czekaj**  
as Edward Bloom



**Roxy Cauchi**  
as Sandra Bloom



**Everett Zellmer**  
as Will Bloom



**Josephine Perez**  
as Josephine Bloom



**Ethan Ford**  
as Karl



**Ashantia Dicette**  
as The Witch



Featuring: Abby Chudoba, PJ Barcia, Christina Devine, Caden McGoey, Logan Woodward, Emma Jacobs, Lila Capecci, Samantha Walzer, Olivia Rowehl, Lilian Seibert, Addie Del Mauro, Mia Thompson, Alyssa Donatone, Sydney Schroeder, Queenie Yang, Jasmine Lucente, Julianna Hopper, Decklan Handley, Sam Carlozzi, Maddie Curchoe, Heidi Hodany, Hailey Kelly, Ruby Bailor, Kate Yablonski, Scarlett Weir, Derrick Harris, AJ Mahoney

Compiled by Michael Helt

## OM teams sweep regional competition

By ROXY CAUCHI  
*School News Co-Editor*

All four high school Odyssey of the Mind teams placed at the regional competition, qualifying for the state level. The regional competition took place on Feb. 24 at Pocono Mountain West High School.

Coached by Karen Wagenhoffer, the vehicle team consisted of seniors Jeruan Patton and Logan Degli-Angeli, sophomores Maddox Rhodes, Robert Feaster and freshmen Mitchell Kellstrom and Decklan Handley. They won first place with a long-term score of 134.66/200, a style score of 39.33/50 and a spontaneous score of 97.

Coached by Mr. Stephen Rhule and Ms. Victoria Bednar, the technical team consisted of seniors Owen Ruzanski and Olivia Choi, junior Gryphon Fernald, sophomore Ella Dong and freshmen Nova Weyant and Madelyn DeJoseph. They won second place with a long-term score of 177.39/200, a style score of 46.32/50 and a spontaneous score of

84.16.

Coached by Terry Balton, the structure team consisted of seniors Emma Allen, Abby Zimmerman, Karter Peereboom, Benjamin Bailor and Christa Cirello and sophomores Angelica Barcia and Connor Giblin. They won first place with a long-term score of 87.34/100, a style score of 46.33/50 and a spontaneous score of 91.00. Their structure held a total of 730 lbs.

Coached by Joseph Ziolkowski, the performance team consisted of seniors Olivia Rowehl, Nicholas Colavito and Roxann Cauchi, juniors Addison Domanico, Brooke Natter and Matthew Schweitzer and sophomore Bailey Ryan. They won first place with a long-term score of 178.67/200, a style score of 47.67/50 and a spontaneous score of 106.

The Karl R. Schneck scholarship, which is a scholarship given in memory of the late co-regional director, was awarded to Rowehl and Peereboom for their dedication to OM.

## Puzzle Fun

This issue is a St. Patrick's-themed sentence scramble. Unscramble the message and be the first person to come to Mrs. Lordi in C13 with the secret message to win a prize. Sophomore Andrea DelFreo was the winner of last edition's puzzle.

1. uchaeernlp
2. binowar
3. ae fl voerlc oruf
4. efeb oerncd  
nda gaebcab
5. cmroshka
6. iimclekr



Compiled by Hazel Buro

# School News

## Mock Trial loses to Palmerton in Districts

By CASSANDRA JOYCE  
Editor in Chief

Mock Trial was defeated by Palmerton Area High School in a 6-1 decision on Feb. 27.

The case dealt with a murder by a hit man on a pizza shop owner. Freshman Nat Carso, junior Owen Carso and senior Jessie Dijan served as lawyers, and seniors Michael Helt, Sam Walzer and Samara Garcia served as witnesses. Walzer was named as best witness, and Owen Carso was named best lawyer.

“Owen did a spectacular job with his final argument,” Mock Trial adviser Mr. Tom Bailer said. “He was very passionate and always does a great job.”

Although they lost, Mr. Bailer is extremely proud of the team’s performance all around.

“We had a really good case and did a really good

job,” Mr. Bailer said. “It’s just sad that we lost.”

With eight seniors in the club leaving, Mr. Bailer feels that their performance and leadership will be missed, but he has trust in the underclassmen who have grown throughout the year, especially noting Nat Carso, freshman Savannah Murdock and sophomore Grace Myers.

“We discovered a few young, bright shining stars that are going to be great for us,” Mr. Bailer said. “These are kids [who] are going to be with the program for a while, and they’re really good.”

For next season, Mr. Bailer is hopeful about what the team can accomplish.

“I’m hoping that in the fall, we win first in the invitational tournament, and in the spring, we win our district, move onto Regionals and see what we can do there,” Mr. Bailer said.



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**Mock Trial suffered a loss against Palmerton during Districts. Junior Owen Carso won best lawyer, and senior Sam Walzer won best witness.**

**The Once Upon a Book book drive is currently going on. The donated books will be collected on March 15. Students are encouraged to donate s from their childhood that are no longer needed, and the winning homeroom will be awarded a cupcake party.**

## Environmental Club works to reduce food waste

By FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA  
Entertainment Editor

Since the Environmental Club already has a small land composter in the media center courtyard, in efforts of trying to reduce the food waste from the Warrior Cafe, members of the club have started worm composting in containers.

The process of their composting is four layers, starting with the shredded wet newspaper, the red wiggler worms, the food waste including egg shells and coffee ground and then more newspaper. Then in the ventilated container, the worms will eat the food waste and their castings will make a soil additive. The liquid left at the bottom of the container can be mixed in and make a fertilizer tea, also known as worm tea.

The Warrior Cafe composting created by the Environmental Club was so successful from all their scraps that they built a larger one.

This worm composting is not only good to discontinue the waste from the food, but it is an expandable idea that a future plan is to use the worm casting and the worm tea and add it to the school garden.



Francesca Antonecchia/Del.Aware

**A ventilated container is being utilized to compost the Warrior Cafe’s food waste in a more eco-friendly way.**

## Ukrainian student describes transition to U.S.

By BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ  
World News Editor

Sophomore Lina Hrytsenko recently moved to the United States as a result of being displaced by the Ukrainian-war.

Her family did not originally have plans on moving to the United States, and the whole transition was a spontaneous decision as she described.

Many of the people she knows are currently fighting in the war or are hospitalized as a result of the war, and her father, who remains in Ukraine, is among those who are

hospitalized. Lina moved to the U.S. with her mother and brother. They live in Brooklyn, New York while she lives with her aunt.

Lina plans on going back to Ukraine to see her father once the war is over, but she does intend on continuing to live here.

She has gotten more used to living in the U.S. since she moved here, but she notes that she initially had some trouble getting used to some things such as the change in time zones and change in the food she eats now.

“It was very unusual for me that everyone here smiles all the time,” Lina said. “Everyone asks to help you.”





# School News

## Spring sport season brings new eligibility requirements

BY SHANNON EBY

School News Co-Editor

With the up and coming spring sports season just starting, changes have been made to the student athlete eligibility process and requirements. These changes were previously mentioned in the mid-year class meetings.

This new policy was discussed with multiple administrators and coaches to make the policy more accessible and easier for coaches, staff and players.

Many of the elements of the old policy will still be in place, but modifications were made. For example the process is strictly online. The ineligibility list will be made through PowerSchool; and sent out to all the teachers every Friday. Coaches will then be notified of which of their players are ineligible. The players who are ineligible will not be able to play from the Sunday to Saturday of that week. This gives the students extra time to bring up their failing grades.

"This was discussed with Mr. DeLauro and other coaches to make the policy easier for everyone," athletic director Mr. Sean Giblin said.

This new policy was discussed with multiple administrators and coaches to make the policy more accessible and easier for coaches, staff and players.

According to Mr. Giblin, these changes keep athletes accountable.

"The emphasis is on academic rigor and high athletic performance. Every player is pulling their own weight," Mr. Giblin said.

According to Mr. Giblin, this policy will promote students to be responsible and challenge themselves to maintain good grades.

To become ineligible, students must have two or more classes in which they are failing. In order to be

taken off of the ineligibility list, students must boost their failing grade to a passing one. If the student is still failing two or more classes by the next Friday, they will not be able to play for another week.

There are exceptions to this policy. If a student has demonstrated high effort in trying to bring their grades to passing and are still not scoring well, that student could possibly be pulled from the ineligible list with an email from their teacher verifying that the student can play with their failing grade.

For the most part, the old policy will remain as it was, but the new process and policy is a faster and easier way for students, staff and coaches to be able to access the information they need and for student-athletes to be held accountable for their academic performances.

*"The emphasis is on academic rigor and high athletic performance. Every player is pulling their own weight."*

- Mr. Sean Giblin

After a successful season one, gaining a following from students and teachers alike, the business CTE students are coming out with a second season of their podcast. They plan to add visual aspects, new types of content and a whole new "Warrior Experience."

## Student Council provides VIP experience at red carpet semi-formal



Michael Elaro/Del.Aware

The 2024 semi-formal dance, organized by Student Council, was spiced up from a typical school dance. The theme was red carpet. Students were provided specialized beverages and offered a nacho bar. The dance was exclusive to upperclassmen, but students were allowed to bring guests varying from underclassmen to out-of-school guests.

Compiled by Michael Elaro

## Senior class holds sneaker fundraiser

BY FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA

Entertainment Editor

The senior class is holding a fundraiser where students donate pre-owned sneakers in good condition. The fundraiser will provide money for prom and other events for the senior class.

"Got Sneakers" is a sneaker recycling company that keeps sneakers out of landfills and reduces toxic chemicals from being released in the air and soil. The reusable sneakers in good condition are given to second-hand markets so that people can access pre-owned footwear at affordable prices.

"It's a win-win organization because it allows us to raise money for our class while also donating

to a good cause," senior class president Dom Moyer said.

The drive ends on March 15 and to get involved in the fundraiser, the shoe bins are located in the freshman gym and all cafeterias.



Francesca Antonecchia/Del.Aware

**"Got Sneakers" will exchange the used shoes for money to go toward fundraisers for the senior class.**

# Community News

## Unique Boutique offers customers welcoming environment

By KAT QUINN

Sports Editor

A new boutique has made its debut in Matamoras, located on Pennsylvania Ave. This new shop offers a wide range of items, accessories and decor.

The founder of Kindness Creates opened this boutique to give people a friendly, light-hearted environment to shop, chat or relax. The main priority of spreading kindness and joy is what makes this place to shop unique.

The variety of inventory is impressive, but the featured items include their candles, jewelry, cups and many products to expand one's self-care routine. The rest of the shop is overflowing with car magnets

and fresheners, tote bags, stationary, stickers and accessories. If you enjoy pink, feminine and trendy items, this place is perfect for you. There are many options to choose from for a gift to your sister, friend, mother or girlfriend.

Items that are displayed are well organized. The boutique space is fairly small, but there are dedicated

areas for candles, car decor, clothing items, stationary and featured items.

As soon as I entered, I was greeted with a welcoming smile. There is a little space to relax and pick up a book in this comfortable and cozy environment. Taking a quick stop by this boutique might just open your mind to a new favorite place to shop for yourself or for gifts, and at the same time, you will be supporting a local small business.

If interested, this boutique and its products are updated on instagram, @kindnesscreatesboutique, or on their website, kindnesscreates.com. They are open 11-6 on Thursdays and Fridays and 10-5 on weekends.



Kat Quinn/Del.Aware

The cups and mugs are decorated with many patterns and quotes.

**MILFORD'S FIRST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 17 AT 1 P.M. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT ANN ST. MEMORIAL PARK AND END AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.**



## Swing by Ben's Fresh to satiate your appetite

By BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ

World News Editor

When you think of food in Port Jervis, your initial thought might be the various pizza places scattered around the town. Within the town lies a different restaurant that provides a refreshing array of excellent food and outstanding service: Ben's Fresh.

Ben's Fresh offers a variety of different options to choose from. They are most known for their wide selection of desserts, offering a variety of ice creams, milkshakes and other desserts.

When I went in to order, the staff was extremely welcoming and patient while I took my time to order. I ordered a large brownie batter milkshake, a crispy chicken BLT with fries and a chicken caesar wrap, coming out to a total of \$29.

The price is reflective of what

you would expect of the food in terms of taste and quality. Overall, I'd recommend going to check out what they have to offer.



Brian Rodriguez-Hernandez/Del.Aware

**Ben's Fresh is located at 33 E Main St, Port Jervis, NY and is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.**

## New coffee, donut shop set to open in Matamoras

By ROXY CAUCHI

School News Co-Editor

A new cafe is set to open in Matamoras at 1004 Pennsylvania Ave around the middle of April. Owned by Tiffany Homer, Tiffany's Coffee & Specialty Donuts is in the process of being renovated.

They have been working with many local businesses such as Black and Brass Coffee Co. to create exclusive coffee blends for the cafe. The cafe has been active on their Facebook account, Tiffany's Coffee Shop, and their Instagram account, @tiffanys.coffee. shop, sharing the renovation process with future customers.

"I wanted to open something like this back when I attended DVHS and was a member in the Food Service Program," Homer said.

They will be selling drinks such

as coffee, lattes and teas, and specialty donuts with different toppings.

They plan to be open by 5 a.m. on weekdays to make sure that commuters have a place to get coffee and food on their way to work.

Homer states that while they are not currently hiring, some positions will open towards the end of summer.



Contributed Photo

**Owner Tiffany Homer shares the business' renovation process on social media.**



# Community News

## Seeking employment: the basics

By **KAYLEE KURCON**  
*Managing Editor*

Whether looking for a summer job or just a job in general, many teenagers are finding it difficult to find employment. The hunt for a job is never easy, but it can be especially challenging for teens with limited availability due to school, sports and clubs.

The first step in the job search process is creating a resume. While many jobs available to high school students will not require a resume, creating a document that demonstrates educational achievements and community involvement will help make a positive first impression.

One of the most crucial steps in obtaining a job is having the necessary documentation. This documentation includes social security number, a form of identification and working papers which can be provided by the high school's office. A passport or photo ID works as identification if one does not have a driver's license.

In today's technologically advanced world, many places take online applications and in-person applications, but it may be more beneficial to apply in-person so that one can introduce themselves and make a lasting first impression.

When applying to a job, it is important to dress professionally to show care and effort. Wearing sweatpants and a sweatshirt may give the wrong impression and cause an employer to think twice.

During interviews, make availability known. High schoolers have limited time available for work, so making boundaries is important.

Many high school students aren't sure where to apply, which makes it hard to start this process. Restaurants and coffee shops are typically places where teens can find the most opportunities.

In Milford, many restaurants owned by Milford Hospitality Group are seeking new employees. These restaurants include Hotel Fauchère, Tom Quick Inn, Apple Valley, 403 Broad and La Posada. Available positions include bussers, dishwashers and servers of age 18 and up.

Chain stores are also an option for many high school students. Local stores hiring a variety of positions include T.J.Maxx, Walmart, Shoprite and Walgreens.

Even if a place of interest is not advertising that they are hiring, there is no harm in asking. In most cases, an extra pair of helping hands will not be turned away.

**Scan the QR code  
to read about a self  
defense training event  
hosted by The Girl  
Behind the Gun on**

**March 9.**



**Article written by  
Opinions Editor Emma Ciano**

**DOOKIE, A GREEN DAY TRIBUTE BAND, WILL PERFORM AT THE MILFORD THEATRE  
ON MARCH 16 AT 8 P.M. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON TICKETMASTER.**

## Community members come together to discuss environmental issues

By **SHANNON EBY**  
*School News Co-Editor*

The Delaware Valley Action organization held a community meeting on Feb. 24 at the DVA Community Engagement Center in Milford. This meeting was held to educate and discuss with members of the community on environmental issues in Pike County.

The DVA stands for values such as, 100% renewable energy, safe infrastructure and community building to bring people together. DVA's goal in hosting this discussion was to bring change about environmental issues.

Conservation Voters of PA, DVA, Sustainable Energy Education and Development support (SEEDS) and PennFutures are environmental organizations that came together to hold the meeting, and they sent

representatives from their organizations to speak on different topics and ways the community members can help to make a safer environment for Pike County Residents.

The event was coordinated by Conservation Voters of PA member, Anna Solberg. The purpose of this discussion was to provide environmental advocacy and become political activists for the environment. Pike County residents discussed how they want pro-environmental legislation passed by focusing on members and volunteer advocates.

The organizations are based on getting the community involved in advocacy by holding events, discussions and hosting webinars.

Community members shared what they were going to do to help and why. There was an open discussion between members where they were allowed to state their views on the warehouse being built, the

Delaware water gap turning into a national park and the cell tower supposedly being installed. There were many ideas covered such as protecting the waters, food, housing and landfill waste.

Any members who choose not to participate in the discussion were allowed to write their ideas down to cover during the meeting.

Community members shared ideas they are passionate about and the importance of recruiting as many people as possible to help them in their advocacy journey. The importance of educating younger generations to help make a positive and passionate change in the community was also discussed.

The community members who attended this meeting saw it very important to preserve what we have and not let big businesses destroy the small town we so dearly live in.





# ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Midnights by Taylor Swift: 23.8%  
 The Record by BoyGenious: 4.8%  
 GUTS by Olivia Rodrigo: 4.8%  
 Zach Bryan by Zach Bryan: 14.3%  
 For All The Dogs by Drake: 9.5 %  
 Endless Summer Vacation by Miley Cyrus: 14.3%  
 Winner: Utopia by Travis Scott: 42.9%



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# ANIMATED FILM OF THE YEAR



Source: IMDb

“The Super Mario Bros. Movie”: 23.8%  
 “Elemental”: 9.5%  
 “Trolls Band Together”: 19%  
 Winner:  
 “Spider Man: Across the Spider Verse”  
 46.6%



# ARTIST OF THE YEAR

SZA: 14.3%  
 Zach Bryan: 14.3%  
 Noah Kahan: 14.3%  
 Travis Scott: 9.5%  
 Lana Del Ray: 9.5%  
 Winner: Taylor Swift: 23.8%





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## TV SHOW OF THE YEAR



Source: TV Guide

"Jury Duty": 4.8%  
"The Bear" Season 2: 4.8%  
"Succession, Season 4": 4.8%  
"The Night Agent": 9.5%  
"The Last of Us": 19%  
"Loki" Season 2: 23.8%  
Winner: "Ginny & Georgia", Season 2  
33.3%



## SONG OF THE YEAR

"Paint the Town Red" by Doja Cat: 4.8%  
"Kill Bill" by SZA: 9.5%  
"Vampire" by Olivia Rodrigo: 9.5%  
"Not Strong Enough" by Boy Genius: 9.5%  
"I Remember Everything" by  
Zach Bryan ft. Kacey Musgraves: 19%  
"Search and Rescue" by Drake: 19%  
Winner: "I Know ?" By Travis Scott: 28.6%



## MOVIE OF THE YEAR



Source: New York Post

"Oppenheimer": 4.8%  
"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3": 4.8 %  
"Anyone but You": 28.6%  
"The Hunger Games: The Ballads of Songbirds  
& Snakes": 9.5%  
Winner: "Barbie": 52.4%





# World News

## Australian police finds bodies of missing couple

By Hailey Kelly  
Arts & Lit Editor

Jesse Baird and Luke Davies' bodies were found on Feb. 27 at a property near Bungonia, a town 124 miles southwest of Sydney, Australia. The murderer of the couple is suspected to be Senior Constable Beaumont Lamarre-Condon, the former boyfriend of victim Baird.

The remains of former television reporter Baird, 26, and his flight attendant partner Luke Davies, 29, were found in the same surfboard bags that police allege the killer used to carry the bodies from Baird's Sydney home last week. The couple was found hidden under rocks and debris on a rural property hours after the peace officer allegedly shot them dead in a "crime of passion."

Investigators believe the two men were killed in Baird's home, but they do not yet know the exact cause of death, detective superintendent Daniel Doherty said. He declined to comment on a possible motive but said police would investigate whether it

was a "domestic-style incident."

Davies and Baird were last seen at Baird's home in the eastern Sydney suburb of Paddington on Feb. 19. Fears for their safety rose after their bloodied belongings were found in a skip container in Cronulla, approximately 18 miles away.

Lamarre-Condon was arrested Friday and charged with murdering the couple, although previously he had refused to answer police questions. Police theorized Lamarre-Condon killed the couple because he was angry Baird ended their relationship late last year. The breakthrough came on Tuesday when he told detectives where to look for their bodies.

Police suspected Lamarre-Condon first dumped the bodies



the previous week at a property that officers later searched. Fearing that a traveling companion might reveal where they went, Lamarre-Condon returned alone on Feb. 22 to move the bodies. Police say the acquaintance, who has not been named, was unaware they were transporting bodies and was not an accomplice.

The allegation that a peace officer committed murder using his service pistol has shocked the nation. Handgun ownership is highly restricted in Australia, and police are reviewing the gun handling procedures that enabled Lamarre-Condon to sign out his pistol to allegedly use in a violent crime while off duty.

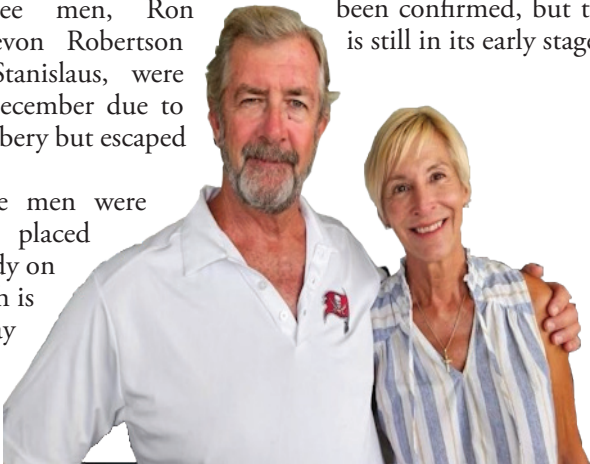
## American couple missing in the Caribbean

By Kaylee Kurcon  
Managing Editor

Virginia couple Kathy Brandel and Ralph Hendry were last seen on Feb. 18 near a beach in the Caribbean. The two were planning to spend their winter on their yacht, but their plans came to an abrupt end after three criminals escaped from a prison in Grenada.

The three men, Ron Mitchell, Trevon Robertson and Abita Stanislaus, were arrested in December due to an alleged robbery but escaped Feb. 19.

The three men were found and placed back in custody on Feb. 21, which is the same day the couple's boat was found.



Police suspect the escapees hijacked the boat and traveled to St. Vincent.

Evidence has been found that alarms police of murder.

"Several items were strewn on the deck and in the cabin, and a red substance that resembled blood was seen on board," police spokesman Junior Simmons said.

The Americans' deaths have not been confirmed, but the investigation is still in its early stages.

## Saudi Arabia continues progress on 1 trillion dollar city

By Bobby Russo  
Science & Technology Editor

The Line is a futuristic city being constructed in Saudi Arabia as a part of the Kingdom's Vision 2030 initiative. It is being led by Prince Mohammad bin Salman. This city is projected to be 33 times the size of New York City, as it will expand upwards to approximately 105 miles long in a straight line and the buildings will be about 1,600 feet tall.

This city aims to be a pillar of cities to improve sustainability, become technology advanced and enhance quality of life for its residents.

The Line will have no cars or roads and will be populated by one million residents from around the world, which was announced by bin Salman two years ago.

The kingdom's leader said that it would be possible to travel from one end of The Line to the other in 20 minutes and also implied that a high-speed rail

service would be built into the city.

The city is expected to cost around 100 to 200 billion USD to build, but it could soar up to 1 trillion USD by completion. It is expected to be complete sometime in 2030 and is being specifically constructed by the Saudi Arabian government in collaboration with global partners. The first phase of The Line is supposed to be completed sometime in 2025.

As the city continues its success, it has some of its gray areas too, as the Saudi government has been accused of displacing members of the Howeitat tribe who have lived for centuries in the Tabuk province in northwest Saudi Arabia in order to make room for the project.

At least 47 members of the tribe have been arrested or detained for resisting eviction, including five who have been sentenced to death.



# Arts & Literature

## Spotlight Artist: Brandon Maros-Moran

By MICHAEL HELT

Online Editor

Senior Brandon Maros-Moran has taken an interest in art since he was four years old. His focus is on drawing, often taking a comic-strip style with his works. He also tries his hand with realism from time to time.

Brandon began his drawing career by taking inspiration from various other artists while attending primary school, though he cannot recall specific examples. Since then, he has focused more on expanding his own talent and skill.

Brandon enjoys drawing as a hobby during his free time. Though he has enjoyed drawing for a significant portion of his life, he doesn't have a favorite piece of work and values them all the same.

Currently, Brandon is enrolled in Mrs. Tricia

Kaylor's AP Studio Art class. In his previous high school years, he was also enrolled in Ceramics 1 and 2, Computer Art 1 and 2, General Art and Foundations of Art.

Attending different art classes throughout high school has helped Brandon broaden his horizons.

"With certain classes, like Ceramics and Computer Art, they helped me because they were new things I didn't know about before," he said.

After graduation, Brandon plans to pick back up with freelancing through commissioned artwork and eventually transition to developing graphic novels. He doesn't currently have plans to attend a college or

university.

He previously commissioned works but stepped back due to school work and a slowing demand. Brandon still has to give some thought as to the style and layout he will use for his graphic novels in the future, though he has a general idea of what plots he will build off of.

"I've made pieces that relate to me and the experiences that I'm feeling," Brandon said.

Brandon advises aspiring artists to take a more individualistic approach.

"If you're starting now, follow what you like and focus on interpreting your own vision. Take classes to expand and work on your ability," he said.



Michael Helt/Del.Aware

**Brandon enjoys incorporating a personal element with his artwork.**

## Spotlight Writer: Jacob Malave

By GIA SCIMECA

Arts & Lit Co-Editor

When it comes to writing, people may think of it as something that you keep on paper, but for Jacob Malave, he prefers to share it through his own music.

Jacob not only writes for fun, but he also writes his own rap/hip hop music, with his Spotify name being "Jakey". He has been releasing music since late 2022.

He likes to describe writing as "100% expression" to the point of making him feel almost godlike sometimes for creating narratives and storylines that never existed before. He also thinks of writing as a strive for human greatness.

Jacob praises his brother for sparking his interest in writing music, which has influenced his career.

"[He introduced me to artists] such as Nas, Tyler the Creator, Earl Sweatshirt, who are some of my biggest influences,"

Jacob said.

Jacob credits music for his introduction to writing and finds that rap/hip hop has crafted the way for him. He also finds inspiration from traditional writers/philosophers such as Claude McKay, W.E.B. DuBois, Socrates and Confucius.

Not only does he make music, but

Jacob also shared that recently he has been branching out to storytelling,

book writing, writing poems and finds joy in reading and journaling as well.

"I always tend to push myself and stay consistent in writing since it's the lens I use to view my world," Jacob said.

English teacher Mr. Evan Bates praised Jacob's style of writing.

"He's very poetic in his writing," Mr. Bates said.

*"I always tend to push myself and stay consistent in writing since it's the lens I use to view my world."*

- Jacob Malave

## Spotlight Musician: Kyle Czekaj

By SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH

Entertainment Co-Editor

Though he is now known as a prominent student in the orchestra and drama program, senior Kyle Czekaj didn't always have music in mind.

He was partially influenced by his mom, who had played the flute for several years and was part of her school productions. He started playing violin in third grade and first got into drama in middle school.

"I remember walking into school and seeing a poster for the musical. I brought it home to my parents, and they said to go for it, so I did," Kyle said.

This spring, he will play the lead in the school's

production of the musical "Big Fish."

"It's a lot of work. Staying after school almost every day until 6p.m. is definitely taxing," Kyle said.

His favorite part of the music program is being able to work with the staff. Particularly orchestra director Ms. Lauren Flack, Drama Club director Ms. Sarah Fitzkee and Drama Club assistant director Mr. David Torres.

Kyle is known among the music teachers as someone who is always willing to help out.

"When we went to the recent string festival, Kyle was very helpful. He helped us set up the equipment and get everything settled," Ms. Flack said.

Kyle hopes to continue being involved in any available drama clubs or programs in college and will major in technical theater.



# Arts & Literature

## Fashion Aware: Brandy Melville

BY OLIVIA VAN TASSELL  
*Community News Co-Editor*

Brandy Melville, also known as Brandy, is an Italian clothing and fashion accessories brand that markets their products to teenage girls.

The peak of their business was in 2017-2019 because of celebrities like Emma Chamberlain and Hailey Bieber being constantly photographed in their clothes. During 2020 they were ridiculed by consumers for controversially selling only one size fits all clothing. After that they lost the majority of their popularity, their connection to customers and their clothing felt outdated.

The company was established in Italy by Silvio Marsan and has brought



more attention to simple style clothing to America.

Recently, that style of clothing was brought back with the Scandinavian girl and cottage core trends, which is wearing small shirts with large, often low-waisted pants, which is now Brandy's specialty. Even though they only sell one size, they can still make their clothes of all different varieties.

Their sizing is confusing to say the least, the majority of their tops are either a size small or extra small. Their sweatpants are a size medium, but their jeans are closer to a size small.

Most of their clothes are 100% cotton, which can make them more stretchy. Their pricing ranges from \$15-\$30 for one item. Their accessories are poorer quality than their clothes but their prices match them equally most range from \$5-\$10.

Their most popular items are their sweatpants by far. They have many styles ranging from Anastasia Sweatpants, Rosa Sweatpants, Priscilla Pants and in all styles they have numerous colors. They are also well known for their pajama sets which include Emery Heart Sweatshorts and Amara Lace Hearts Tank.

Brandy Melville has stores all over the world, including New York City, France and Italy. In total there are 133 stores worldwide.

Most people can move past their exclusive sizing because of their cute, trendy and affordable clothing.

## NAHS winner spreads awareness through art

BY MADDIE GIFFORD  
*Community News Editor*

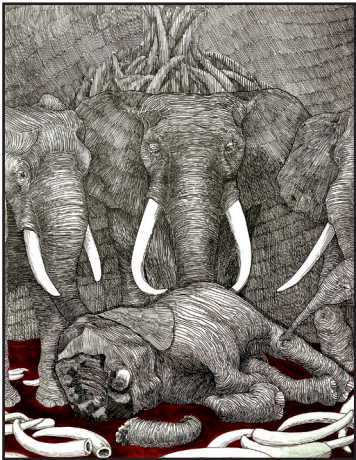
This year, the National Art Honor Society's exhibition had 2,782 student art submissions and only 125 students' art pieces were chosen in the nation. Senior Eunice Choi was one of the students chosen out of the 125 winners. Eunice's artwork will be displayed at the virtual art show opening on March 14.

NAHS's programs provide national recognition and opportunities for students who exhibit outstanding scholarship in visual arts and for their teachers.

Eunice's

submitted piece was one of her portfolio pieces made in AP Studio Art.

"I wanted to accentuate the problem of excessive ivory poaching," Eunice said.



**Eunice's artwork is portraying the sorrow of the elephants and hopes to bring awareness to poaching.**

Elephants are currently an endangered species and are mainly killed for their ivories. Some of the elephant bodies are even left dead on the site after having their ivory taken. Eunice wanted her artwork to show this as a major concern in the animal world.

"I am personally very interested in nature: animals, plants and living organisms. To me, the unnecessary excessive hunting is immoral," Eunice said.

## Two students win at Peter's Valley

BY HAZEL BURO  
*School News Editor*

On Feb. 25, the Peter's Valley's Art Competition held their closing award ceremony where two Delaware Valley students won awards.

Senior Jewelry student Maddie Oyer won a one-year membership from SNAG Metalsmiths and a few of their recent magazines for her piece "Blue Spring". Junior Ceramics student Hailey Hemsworth submitted her sculpture "Straw Berries" and was awarded a scholarship at a local artist's studio, Craft Into Art, to take a ceramics course.

Peter's Valley School of Craft is located in New Jersey and is meant to bring together local artists. The competition is



**Junior Hailey Hemsworth wins a scholarship with her ceramic sculpture.**

for 3-D/craft art. Art teacher Dr. Irene Lantz organized the event for these art students. Five Jewelry students, seniors Samantha Huerta, Oyer, Emmaleigh Maurer and Elizabeth Groudin were chosen to submit their pieces.

"All of their pieces showed that the students developed skills beyond average," Dr. Lantz said. "The designs and techniques were exceptional."

Three ceramics pieces were submitted by art teacher Mrs. Maria Tusinean from senior Caroline Cutin, Hemsworth and sophomore Angela Olsen. Art teacher Mrs. Tricia Kaylor chose seniors Marisol Mojica and Abigail Yates to submit fiber.

"We came together as a department to choose our strongest 3-D artwork," Mrs. Kaylor said.



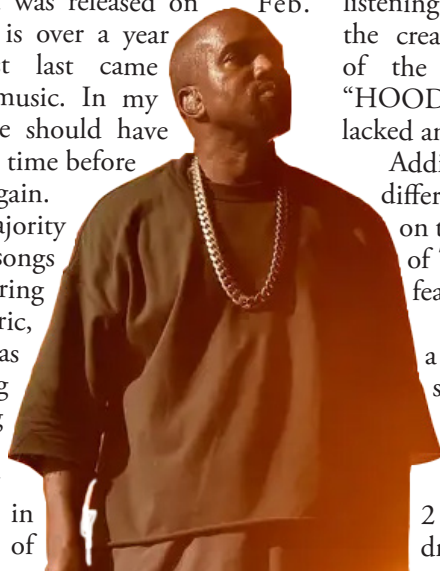
# Entertainment

## VULTURES 1 album falls short

By HAZEL BURO  
School News Editor

Considering the standard that some of Kanye West's older albums set, his new album VULTURES 1 with Ty Dolla \$ign was pretty underwhelming. The album was released on Feb. 10, which is over a year since West last came out with music. In my opinion, he should have taken more time before dropping again.

The majority of the songs were boring and generic, which was surprising considering the creativity found in much of



West's music. His lyrics are definitely lacking in quality, probably partly due to his mental state, as they were uninspiring but clearly personal with the several mentions of anti-Semitism.

"VULTURES," "CARNIVAL" and "DO IT" are definitely worth listening to. These three songs have the creativity element that the rest of the album can't compare to. "HOODRAT" for example, seriously lacked any uniqueness.

Additionally, I wish West chose a different artist to collaborate with on the album. There is a reason all of Ty Dolla \$ign's top songs are features on other artists' songs.

Overall, VULTURES 1 has a couple notable songs, but they should have been singles, and the rest of the album could have stayed unreleased. The sequel albums VULTURES 2 and VULTURES 3 are set to drop March 8 and April 8.

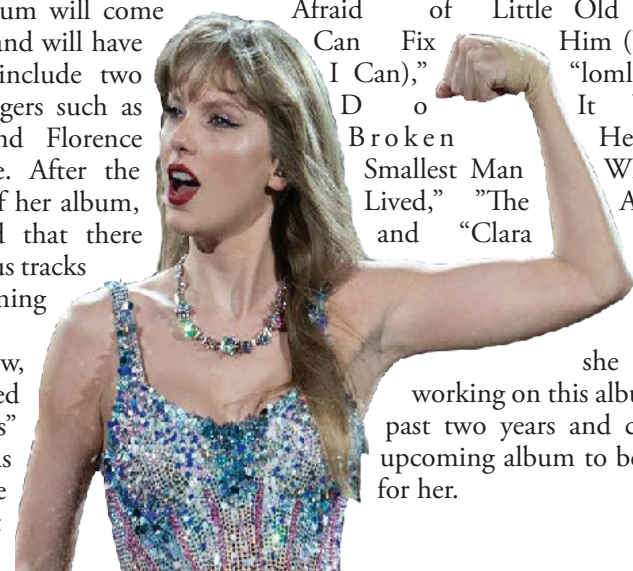
## Taylor Swift enters new era with 11th album

By EMMA CIANCIO  
Opinions Editor

During her acceptance of best pop vocal artist at the 2024 Grammy Awards, artist Taylor Swift announced her 11th album, The Tortured Poets Department.

The new album will come out on April 19 and will have 17 tracks that include two features with singers such as Post Malone and Florence & The Machine. After the announcement of her album, Swift announced that there will be three bonus tracks on the upcoming album.

As of right now, she has dropped two more "files" she include bonus tracks whose names have yet to be announced.



The Tortured Poets Department includes tracks titled, "Fortnight," "The Tortured Poets Department," "My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys," "Down Bad," "So Long, London," "But Daddy I Love Him," "Fresh Out the Slammer," "Florida!!!," "Guilty as Sin?," "Who's Afraid of Little Old Me?," "I Can Fix Him (No Really I Can)," "D o Broken Smallest Man Ever Lived," and "Clara Bow".

Swift states that she has been working on this album for the past two years and credits the upcoming album to be a lifeline for her.

## 'Bob Marley: One Love' is No. 1 movie in America

By TOPHER DELLA BELLA  
Sports Co-Editor

"Bob Marley: One Love," a biographical American drama film based on the life and career of the reggae singer and songwriter Bob Marley, was released on Feb. 14 and is already the most popular movie in the United States. After only 10 days in theaters, the movie has already generated more than \$100 million.

The film walks viewers through the journey of how Marley wanted to spread peace, hope and justice around the world.

This is the best movie of the year so far mostly because of the phenomenal acting and amazing storytelling. The film stars Kingsley Ben-Adir who plays Marley and Lashana Lynch who plays his wife, Rita Marley. Ben-Adir gave an outstanding performance as the reggae legend, and many people felt as if they were watching the actual Bob Marley.

Marley's family was heavily involved in the making of the movie. The Jamaican musician's son,

Ziggy Marley, opened the movie with a statement about how happy he was to be a part of this movie and how the movie is authentic to his story. "My father's story, it carries a message," Ziggy said. "I think now is the time for this message of one love to be put in the global view."

The movie is about Marley's challenging journey to find inner peace and the making of his album Exodus. Marley faced the challenge to create a



Source: IMDb

free peace concert for peace and unity in Jamaica in 1978. This was around the time that Jamaica was in a bad political conflict and was on the brink of a civil war. As a result of all the violence and terror that was in Jamaica, Marley decided to make a change through his music. He and his band would travel the world to perform and spread positivity doing it.

Marley had an extensive list of hits such as "I Shot the Sheriff," "Everythings Gonna Be Alright," "One Love," "No Woman, No Cry" and more that were played in the film. It was explained by the producers of the movie that it was extremely hard to narrow the list of songs down because every one of his songs tell a different story about a different point in his life.

# Entertainment

## Elton John earns EGOT status

By ROXY CAUCHI

*School News Co-Editor*

Elton John has become the 19th celebrity to receive the EGOT status after winning his first Emmy at the 2023 awards.

He won his Emmy for Best Variety Special for the Disney+ show "Elton John Live: Farewell From Dodger Stadium," on Monday night. This performance was one stop on what he has advertised as the final tour of his career.

So far, his tour included locations such as Milan, Paris, Liverpool, London, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington D.C., Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

The tour, beginning in 2018, was supposed to end in 2021 but like many other tours, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused it to end two years later.

He previously won two Oscars for Best Original Song for both "Rocketman" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" He has also won six Grammys and one

Tony Award for Best Original Score for "Aida."

John was not able to attend the awards ceremony following a knee replacement after suffering a minor fall. John's husband David Furnish and his producer Ben Winston accepted the award on his behalf saying that they later facetimes him with the award, waking him up in the middle of the night.

EGOT is an acronym that stands for Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony. The way to qualify for this title is to earn all four awards. "Miami Vice" actor Phillip Michael Thomas first created the acronym after sharing his goal to receive all four awards, although at this time Thomas has not received EGOT status.

This honor is one of the

most highly-regarded awards in Hollywood. Notable recipients of this award include Audrey Hepburn, Whoopi Goldberg, Andrew Lloyd Webber, John Legend and Viola Davis.

"I am incredibly humbled to be joining the unbelievably talented group of EGOT winners tonight," John said. "The journey to this moment has been filled with passion, dedication and the unwavering support of my fans all around the world."

Along with achieving this honor, John is also one of the highest-selling solo artists of all time and holds the record for highest-selling single of all time due to the 33 million copies sold for "Candle in the Wind."



Source: Wikimedia Commons

Elton John performed at the last stop on his world-wide tour, Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, which later earned him an Emmy.

## Bethel Woods Center for the Arts provides affordable outdoor concerts

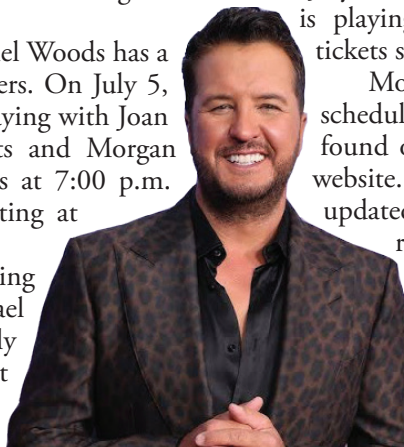
By KAYLEE KURCON

*Managing Editor*

Located approximately an hour from Milford, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is the entertainment hotspot for summer concerts. All seating is outdoors, with options ranging from lawn seating to bench seating to premium seating.

This summer, Bethel Woods has a popular lineup of singers. On July 5, Alanis Morissette is playing with Joan Jett & the Blackhearts and Morgan Wade. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. with ticket prices starting at \$51.

Luke Bryan is playing with Dillon Carmichael and Larry Fleet on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$58 and range up to \$634



for premium seats. On July 12, Jason Mraz will be playing at 7:30 p.m., with ticket prices starting at \$43.

Diverging from the musical route, the Impractical Jokers will be performing a live show on July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices start as low as \$35.

On July 27, at 7:00 p.m. Hozier is playing with the cheapest tickets starting at \$47.

More up-to-date schedules and events can be found on the Bethel Woods website. The website is updated whenever events are rescheduled or a new event is added.

All tickets can be purchased through the Bethel Woods website.

## TikTok falls silent after major music takedown

By SIASIA BEAN

*Science & Technology Co-Editor*

After a sweeping decision by Universal Music Group to revoke TikTok's access to their artists' music, a whopping one-third of all currently trending TikTok audios have been suddenly shifted from vibrant musical melodies to the arguably much less intriguing sound of total and complete silence.

The change stemmed from both parties' failures to close a deal that would both adequately compensate for artists' needs and allow for the social media platform to offer its users the ability to use songs generated by the artists associated with UMG. Both platforms have issued public statements regarding the issue, each calling out the other for issues which ultimately resulted in the failure to come to an agreeable plan.

"It is sad and disappointing that Universal Music Group has put their own greed above the interests of their

artists and songwriters," TikTok said in their public statement in response to UMG.

In the release, which presents an apparent negative bias towards UMG, TikTok puts forth bold claims, asserting that UMG's messaging contains a 'false narrative and rhetoric' against the social media platform. TikTok reasons that UMG is the only music group in which TikTok has failed to secure or renew a recent deal, which is touted as an indicator of UMG's perceived greed.

UMG has taken a different stance, claiming that it was TikTok who failed to keep up their side of the bargain. In an open letter addressed to songwriters and artists, the music group cites issues such as artificial intelligence (AI) technology, rampant intellectual property violations and an unwillingness to pay sufficient compensation for artists' works.

"TikTok is trying to build a music-based business without paying fair value for the music," UMG said in their open letter to songwriters regarding the issue.



# Science & Technology

## Apple releases new Vision Pro headset in U.S.

By **MICHAEL HELT**  
*Online Editor*

On Feb. 2, Apple released its Vision Pro for purchase only in the United States. The product is advertised as a spatial computer headset with both augmented and virtual reality features.

The Apple Vision Pro offers several of the standard applications found on iPhone devices, including Safari, Maps and Photos, among others. Apps are laid out in a three-dimensional interface that allows users to interact via their hands, eyes and voice.

The headset also provides a new App Store app where users can download over 1 million different applications. Since release, Apple has included 12 games specifically designed for an enhanced experience on the Vision Pro's visionOS operating system, with some notable titles being "Bloons TD 6+," "Jetpack Joyride 2" and "Super Fruit Ninja."

Apple offers multiple purchase options for their

new product. Customers can purchase the Vision Pro either by making one payment of \$3,499 or by paying \$291.58 per month over 12 months.

The headset's screen contains more pixels for each eye than a 4K TV. The screen contains a total of 23 million pixels, and it can be AirPlayed to any compatible device at 720p.

The Vision Pro can be purchased with storage capacities of 256 gigabytes (GB), 512GB or 1 terabyte. Customers can spend an additional \$299 to purchase Apple's Developer Strap dongle, which provides a USB-C connection with a MacBook computer.

The system has a battery life of up to two hours while in use and a life of up to 2.5 hours while video watching. Apple confirmed that the headset can be used while it is being charged.

Apple's Vision Pro supports an ultra-low-latency connection with 2nd generation AirPods Pros. The system can be charged via connection with a USB cable.

The Vision Pro offers several sports features while viewing games. According to Apple, the headset offers the ability for basketball fans to view up to five games simultaneously through the NBA app. The system also provides access to team and player stats while viewing multiple contests.

Users also have access to exclusive features with PGA Tour Vision, Red Bull TV, MLS Season Pass and other sports viewing apps. The MLB app "immerses users in a ballpark with a view from home plate and states from each pitch," according to Apple's newsroom.

The system also provides users with access to several cable services and sports broadcasting stations. There are also available entertainment services, including Disney+, IMAX and Paramount+.

"Apple Vision Pro is unlocking the imaginations of our worldwide developer community," Susan Prescott, Apple's Worldwide Developer Relations vice president, said.

## NBA unveils LED court at All-Star Game

By **TOPHER DELLABELLA**  
*Sports Co-Editor*

The NBA revealed their state-of-the-art LED basketball court that was used for the Ruffles NBA All-Star Celebrity Game on Feb. 16 and the State Farm All-Star Saturday Night on Feb. 17. These events took place in Indianapolis, Indiana at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The court was developed by the company ASB Glassfloor. This

court included design changes, player tracking animations and much more. It was also designed to give fans a better experience whether they were in the arena or watching at home.

The court was used for events like the Kia Skills Challenge, the Starry 3-Point Contest, the Stephen vs. Sabrina 3-Point Challenge and the AT&T Slam Dunk Contest. The court would change corresponding to each

event. During events like the skills challenge and the dunk contest, the court would show an animation tracking the player's every movement. When a player would perform their dunk, an animation like a brick wall and the player's team's logo would appear on the court.

Something that the fans seemed to enjoy was when NBA superstar Jaylen Brown dedicated one of his dunks to the late Terrence Clark who was on his way to be drafted to the NBA. Clark's picture appeared on the court by the free throw line as Brown performed his final dunk.

In events like the Celebrity All-Star Game, the court showed a 4-point area which was added to the game.

Overall, fans seemed to enjoy the unique look of the court. They were fascinated with how quickly the world of professional sports is evolving.



## Century old discovery found to be fake

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

A shocking revelation has emerged within the scientific community after a discovery more than a century old was found to be falsified.

The specimen, named Tridontinosaurus, was a reptilian found in the Italian Alps in 1931. But over 100 years later, a bigger discovery was revealed—the reptile never existed at all. Rather, it was an artistic rendition painted over an existing rock formation.

This was discovered after scientist Valentina Rossi examined the fossil, which suspiciously lacked microscopic layers typical of a fossil rock. This irregularity prompted her to take samples for deeper analysis, which revealed that the majority of the fossil had been painted using a pigment. Rossi

bought a pigment from a local art shop and compared the chemical structure to that of the fossil which provided a close match.

Prior to the realization that the fossil was fake, it was relatively famous, touted as a unique example of early reptilian life. Despite the specimen having been noted for its oddities, this change is not likely to cause significant waves. Paleontologists point to the fact that there are no hypotheses resting on the specimen, with some claiming a name shouldn't have been given at all due to its lack of skeletal parts. Some believe the fact that it was named despite its lack of vital features may indicate a bigger picture of fraudulent activity, the likes of which may never be fully revealed.

# Science & Technology

## What's in your drink?: Poppi

By KAYLEE KURCON  
Managing Editor

Poppi is a prebiotic soda that has recently gained popularity, namely on social media.

Prebiotics are dietary fibers found in plant-based foods and can be added to any food or drink. These fibers are not digested, instead, once they reach the gut, they promote the growth of the good bacteria in the human digestive system.

Poppi can help fill the gap of fiber deficiencies. Research has shown that about 95% of Americans do not meet their daily fiber goals. Benefits of fiber intake include improving digestive health, lowering disease risk, boosting moods and strengthening immune systems.

One can of Poppi has 25 calories, four to five grams of sugar and two grams of fiber.

The ingredients include agave inulin, sparkling

water, organic cane sugar, organic apple cider vinegar, lemon juice concentrate, natural flavors and Stevia.

Apple cider vinegar has many health benefits such as treating heartburn, lowering blood sugar levels and helping weight loss. There is approximately one tablespoon of apple cider vinegar in each can of Poppi. The taste is masked by the natural sweetness that is derived from lemon,



lime, orange and other citrus oils.

Poppi keeps skin healthy because of the unfiltered apple cider vinegar, compared to traditional sodas that create inflammatory responses in the body, which causes acne.

One thing that sets Poppi apart from other sodas is the omission of high fructose corn syrup, which has been linked to diabetes.

Poppi is organic, gluten-free, vegan, non-GMO and Kosher. Because of the healthy alternative ingredients used in Poppi, it is safe for pregnant women and young children to consume.

There is a flavor for everyone including grape, strawberry lemon, orange, cherry limeade, ginger lime, raspberry rose, watermelon, classic cola, doc pop and root beer.

## Record breaking quasar seen in solar system

By MADDIE GIFFORD  
Community News Editor

A quasar is highly active and powered by luminous supermassive black holes that are found in the center of galaxies. J0529-4351 is the name of the record breaking quasar that is considered the brightest object ever seen.

This black hole grows in mass equivalent to one sun per day making it the fastest-growing black hole known to date.

"This black hole has a mass of 17 billion suns and eats just over a sun per day. This makes it the most luminous object in the known universe," team leader and astronomer at the Australian National University, Christian Wolf said.

J0529-4351 is over 500 trillion times more luminous than the sun, and it was "in plain sight." Last year, researchers and



Source: Earth.com

**This is an illustration of what J0529-4351 may look like with its supermassive black hole**

astronomers found this quasar using a 2.3-meter telescope, however, they needed a larger telescope and needed more precise measurements to see this quasar. It was so bright that when it was first seen, it was mistaken as a star close to Earth.

"It is a surprise that it has remained unknown until today when we already know about a million less impressive quasars. It has literally been staring us in the face until now," team member Christopher Oken said.

Astronomers discovered that this object is so far from the solar system that its light has traveled more than 12 billion years to reach Earth and be seen from the instruments used. J0529-4351 will soon be investigated more by the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT), which is currently under construction.

## New GMO tomatoes available for purchase

By MICHAEL ELARO  
World News Co-Editor

Worldwide, over 50% of human deaths are caused from inflammatory diseases, and now, with the help of science, there may be a new way to help with inflammation.

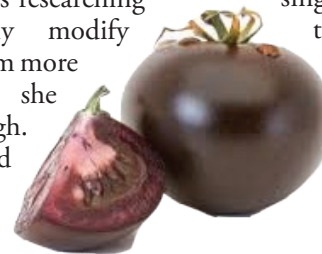
Cathie Martin, a biochemist, has spent the last 20 years researching how to genetically modify tomatoes to make them more nutritious, in 2023 she made her breakthrough.

Martin discovered that if a tomato is given DNA from a snapdragon plant, antioxidant properties that are typically more prevalent in tomato plant leaves are added to the fruit itself.

While this process does turn the tomatoes purple, it is still not the most resounding results from Martin's research. Per weight, one of these tomatoes contains the same

amount of antioxidants as blueberries and eggplants.

Tomatoes weren't just picked for their compatibility, they are consumed in high quantities by Americans. The average American consumes about 12 mg anthocyanins, while they should be consuming over 100 mg. While 100 mg of anthocyanins is about a single serving of blueberries, they aren't often consumed.



Americans eat about 20 times the amount of tomatoes than they do blueberries which is why tomatoes were an obvious choice.

"The purple pigments, which are called anthocyanins, have a number of unique health benefits associated with them," Nathan Pumplin, CEO of Norfolk Healthy Produce said. "Anti-inflammatory activity, anti-cancer properties, they're good for heart health, lung health and most of us just don't eat enough of them."





# SENIORS Sign OFF - WINTER

## Boys Basketball



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

- Tyler Bird  
Daniel Rizzo  
Anthony LaRocco  
Tommy Parker  
Jackson Corrie

## Girls Basketball



Lily Cosentino

Shannon Eby/Del.Aware

## Girls Swim

Anya Fitzgerald



Sadie Fuchs



JoAnn Jagger



Anaya Ruiz



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

## Girls Wrestling



Sammy Monroe

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

Compiled by Kayla Sykes

## Boys Swim



Brody Smith



Christian Perunsky

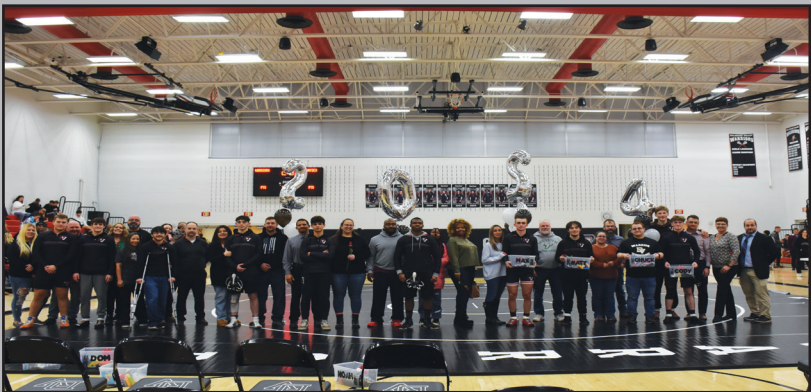


Matthew O'Connell



Alex Corcoran

## Boys Wrestling



- Dom Moyer  
Noah Polhill  
Cody Koloski  
Mathew McGrath

- Max Fulford  
Ty Bates  
Sean Finan  
Tristan Gannon

Dan Alvarado (Not Pictured)

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Liam Leonawicz



Erik Fass



Logan Lee



Doug Jacobs

Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware



# Sports

## Boys, girls swim and dive end season at Districts

BY ETAIN STARR AND TOPHER DELLA BELLA

*Opinions Co-Editor and Sports Co-Editor*

On March 1 and 2, the girls and boys swim and dive teams competed in the district championship at Wilkes-Barre Area High School. The boys remained undefeated with a record of 10-0 and the girls finished their season with an 8-2 record.

### Boys Swim/Dive

The boys swim and dive team were ranked first at the PIAA District 2 AAA swim and dive championships and placed first in their league. During the district championship meet, the Warriors competed against seven other teams and scored a total of 281 points.

According to head coach Chelsea Shatt, all swimmers who swam in a relay played a huge role in winning the district title.

Juniors Liam Fass, Shane Naturale and Joseph Kessler and senior Doug Jacobs placed second in the 200 yard medley relay.

The relay team consisting of Fass, freshman Ryan O'Connell, junior Dean Finelli and senior Alex Corcoran placed second in the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Junior Tyler Ingraham placed second in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.42, while Fass got a close third with his time of 5:09.49.

Coach Shatt is very pleased with how the boys ended their season.

"I'm really happy with how they progressed, as they ended on a high note by winning Districts," coach Shatt said.

### Girls Swim/Dive

Girls swim and dive placed second in the district and third in the league.

The district championship meet started with the 200 yard medley relay which consisted of seniors Anaya Ruiz and JoAnn Jagger and juniors Olivia Cruz and Maya Sussman. They finished second in the race with a time of 2:00.63.

Ruiz took second in the 200 yard IM with a time of 2:26.58 and third in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:51.59. Jagger took second in the 100 yard butterfly with her time of 1:04.79 and took fifth in the 100 yard freestyle with her time of 1:00.21. Jagger and Ruiz were also a part of the 200 yard freestyle relay with Cruz and junior Payton Yakupcin. They finished the relay in third place.

Head coach Chelsea Shatt believes that even though the end was disappointing, she was still very proud of how the girls performed as a group.

"I think it was a result that not everybody was happy with, but I was happy with how we swam and how prepared we were going in," coach Shatt said.

## Boys wrestling ends season, Moyer to States

BY CASSANDRA JOYCE

*Editor in Chief*

The boys wrestling team wrapped up their season this past weekend at Regionals.

Senior Dom Moyer qualified for States by placing third in his weight class, and junior Brady Colville placed in the top eight of his weight class.

At Districts, freshman Zion Colon and senior Noah Polhill placed third, juniors Brady Colville, Topher DellaBella and Travis Walton placed second, and Moyer was named district champion.

Head coach Lou DeLauro credits Moyer, Colville and DellaBella

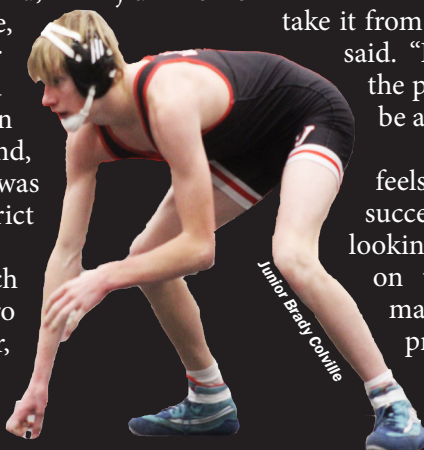
for being standout wrestlers throughout the year.

"Dom and Brady have been our two leaders on and off the mat. They are great role models for everyone and had excellent seasons," coach DeLauro said. "DellaBella also had a very good season. He was our second highest match winner."

As Moyer competes at States this weekend, coach DeLauro is hoping for him to achieve success.

"We have to take it one match at a time- win the first match and take it from there," coach DeLauro said. "It's definitely a goal of the program and of Dom to be a state medalist."

Coach DeLauro feels that this year was a successful season and is looking forward to building on the growth the team made as the season progressed.



Junior Brady Colville

## Girls wrestling continues to triumph in postseason

BY KAT QUINN

*Sports Editor*

The girls wrestling team placed second in the regional competition on March 2. Senior Sammy Monroe and juniors Emily Smith and Juliet Fitzpatrick will advance to the state competition this weekend.

Reflecting on this season, head coach Evan Bates is proud and content with the accomplishments and milestones that the girls had throughout the year. At the district competition, 10 girls finished in the top six, bringing the team as a whole up to second place. Fitzpatrick holds the very first PIAA District 2 championship title for her weight class.

At the district tournament competition, an additional three girls finished in the top six. Freshman

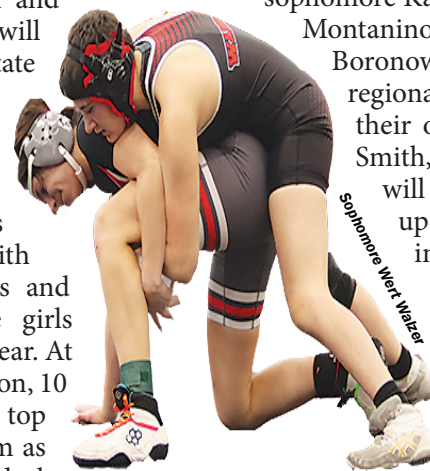
Taylor Yablonski placed fourth, and juniors Ayesha Sameeuddin and Danielle Eisloeff placed fifth and sixth respectively.

Because of their top four place finishes at districts, Monroe, Smith, Fitzpatrick, sophomore Kate Prior and juniors Olivia Montanino, Tori Depew and Andy Boronow all progressed to the regional competition. Because of their outstanding performances, Smith, Monroe and Fitzpatrick will represent DV at the upcoming state competition in Hershey on Mar 7-9.

As the season comes to the final competitions, coach Bates reflects on what the girls accomplished and how they continue to excel above the expectations.

He admires their determination and ability to work well together, in and out of wrestling.

This year's team has demonstrated all of the principles of what DV wrestling is all about.



Sophomore Vert Water



# Sports

## Basketball ends seasons in first round of Districts

By KAYLA SYKES AND CASSANDRA JOYCE  
Sports Co-Editor and Editor in Chief

The boys and girls basketball teams wrapped up their season with losses against Williamsport and Wilkes-Barre respectively on Feb. 20.

### Boys Basketball

The Warriors finished their season on Feb. 20. with a close game against Williamsport 51-50. The matchup ended with a three pointer from Williamsport with three seconds left. The Warriors had previously been in the lead by two points.

Head coach Kris Holtzer believes the team did really well, but lost some coverage at the end of the game.

He believes the team grew during the season. He

believes the culture is coming back and offensively the team started to click. He is excited for next season.

However, coach Holtzer plans to build on the team's defense in hopes of more consistency. In the off season, he believes the team has to work in the weight room.

Coach Holtzer said the seniors had a great impact on their season. He shouted out senior Tommy Parker for a well played season and senior Jackson Corrie for his strong defense. He also credited the seniors who showed up everyday, worked hard and had a great attitude even if they weren't playing a lot.

### Girls Basketball

In their loss to the Wolfpack, junior Keira Lazzaro had one of the best games of her career on both sides

of the court. She led the team with 14 points and played stellar defense.

According to head coach Mikaela Smith, the team made great improvements. Compared to last year, one of the biggest improvements was in shooting from the foul line with a significantly better free throw percentage that continued to improve throughout the season. The team also improved in rebounding and shot selection.

For next season, the team is looking to improve upon the progress they made and be more competitive in each game.

"This team is like a family to me," sophomore Jordan Dickerson said. "Next year, I'm hoping we keep progressing and can connect earlier in the season rather than towards the end."

## Cheerleaders perform in national competition at Disney

By EMMA CIANCIO  
Opinions Editor

Both the traditional and game day varsity cheer teams competed in Disney World for the national UCA competition Feb. 8- Feb. 12. Nationals were different this year due to the fact that it is the first year the game day squad received a bid.

Head coach Jen Marchetti credits both teams for performing strongly at the national competition.

"Both teams did really well," coach Marchetti said. "We were



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**Senior cheerleaders visited the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex on their trip to Disney for the UCA national competition.**

overall very happy with their performances. The routines were not perfect, but they were very good," coach Marchetti said.

Coach Marchetti commends senior Baylee Lock for her ability to always take on the mat with a positive attitude and her determination to learn more advanced skills.

Coach Marchetti also credits this year's seniors

for being experienced with knowledge, skill and high levels of expertise which will be greatly missed next year.

"These seniors were such great leaders that I did not pick captains, they alternated often," coach Marchetti said.

Coach Marchetti explains that the team's trip to Nationals is always a great way to end the season off and to see some other amazing teams which they do not compete against locally.

By next season, coach Marchetti wants to advance on the white squad's traditional score sheet by adding additional tumbling on the mat. She also wants to advance the black squad's score sheet by adding more difficult stunts.

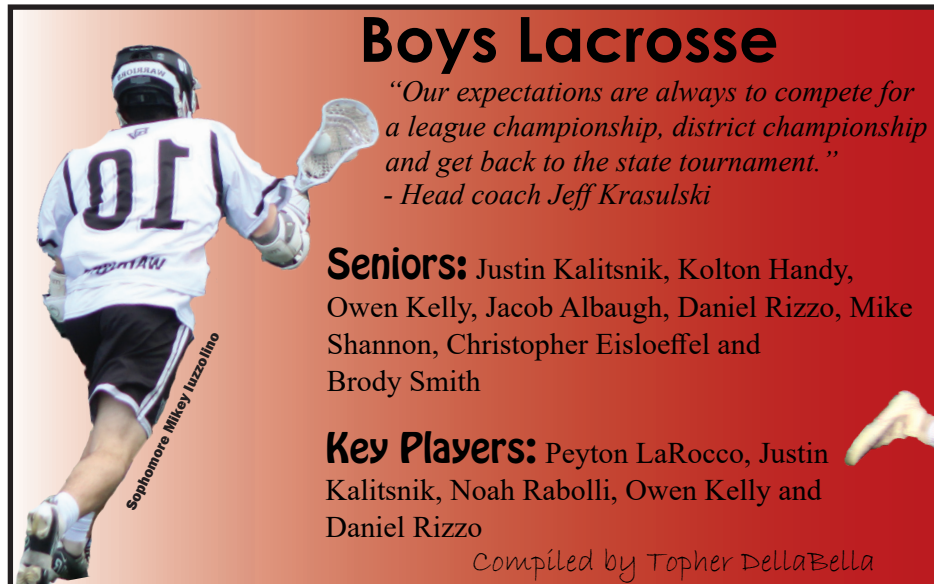
## Boys Lacrosse

"Our expectations are always to compete for a league championship, district championship and get back to the state tournament."  
- Head coach Jeff Krasulski

**Seniors:** Justin Kalitsnik, Kolton Handy, Owen Kelly, Jacob Albaugh, Daniel Rizzo, Mike Shannon, Christopher Eisloeffel and Brody Smith

**Key Players:** Peyton LaRocco, Justin Kalitsnik, Noah Rabolli, Owen Kelly and Daniel Rizzo

Compiled by Topher DellaBella



Sophomore Mikay Iuzzolino

## Girls Lacrosse

"We have a great group of nine seniors returning to the field this year. We hope to challenge the top teams in the league and contend for another District 2 title."  
- Head coach Bernadine Salak

**Seniors:** Maddie Gifford, Emmy Gagnon, Mia Jean-Francois, Maya Jean-Francois, Corinne Larca, Mickie Shallo, Grace Kloetzer, Haleigh Sibilis and Adrianna Buchanan

**Key Players:** Ava Kraszewski, Carrigan McCormack, Jaida Palacios and all seniors

Compiled by Kayla Sykes



Junior Ava Kraszewski

# Sports



Junior Michael Donlon

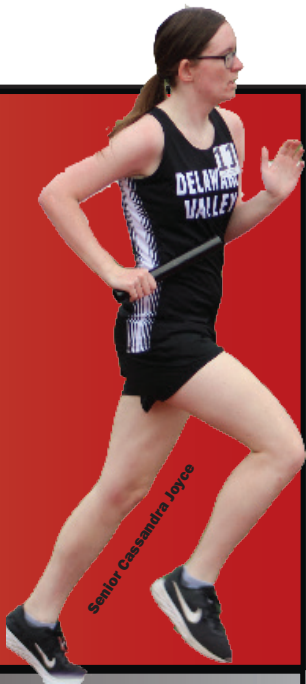
## Boys Track & Field

*“We have a nice group of returning athletes combined with several new additions. We hope to be competitive throughout the season.” - Head coach Nick Quaglia*

**Seniors:** Tyler Bird, Aiden Black, Ryder Machado, Jayden Ramirez, Charlie McClain, Jack Goginsky, Nixon Kameen, Ben Bailor, Dan O’Keefe, Bobby Russo, Owen Ruzanski and Logan Lee  
**Key Players:** Logan Olsommer, Pasquale Venetucci, Michael Donlon, David Choi and all seniors

## Girls Track & Field

**Seniors:** Regan Curabba, Nicole Musselwhite, Ryan O’Connor, Fiona Ring, Sophia Thoman, Hannah Lowe, Lily Cosentino, Grace Bogardus, Cassandra Joyce, Mackenzie Donald, Anaya Ruiz, Emma Allen, Jana Caball and Ashely Ganley  
**Key Players:** Liliana Coe, Kayla Sykes, Alivia Weider, Teizu Jones, Anna Vogel, Ava O’Grady, Mackenzie Koger, Rainna Carr, Emma Simmons, Frannie Russo and all seniors



Senior Cassandra Joyce

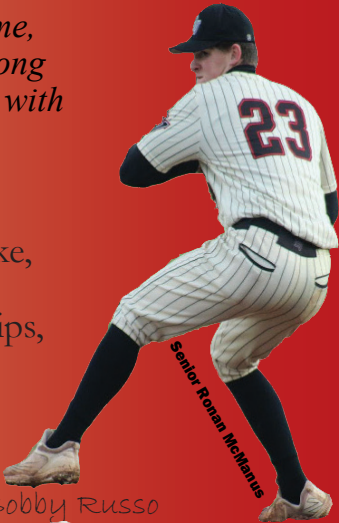
Compiled by Etain Starr

## Baseball

*“We want to be competitive in every game, and I enjoy working with this team. As long as we compete and work hard, I’m okay with that.”  
- Head coach Mike Murray*

**Seniors:** Lucas Innella, Lawson Hawke, Jackson Corrie, Travis Kowal, Luke Kraszewski, Everett Bell, Keaton Phillips, Ronan McManus and Kyle Chabak

**Key Players:** Luke Kraszewski, Everett Bell and Keaton Phillips



Senior Ronan McManus

Compiled by Bobby Russo

## Softball

*“We expect to work extremely hard and make improvements every day. Our goals will be to get better as the year progresses and learn how to compete against a really challenging schedule.”  
- Head coach Frank Jordan*

**Seniors:** Avery Calvario and Trista Kuddar

**Key Players:** Avery Calvario, Shannon Eby, Dakota Jordan, Ashlynn McCardle and Lauren Donnelly



Junior Shannon Eby

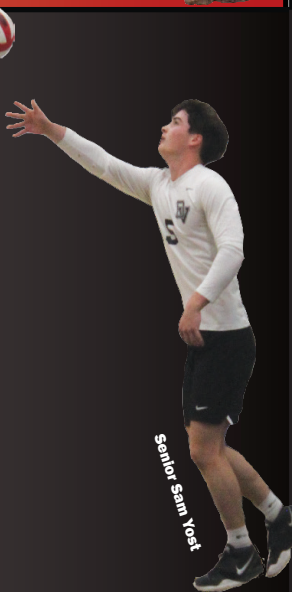
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## Volleyball

*“I am looking forward to seeing if this group of seniors can break through on the state level. I’m also looking forward to seeing our large group of new players continue to improve and excel throughout the season,”  
- Head coach Heather Holdredge*

**Seniors:** Sam Yost, Ritesh Patel, Tommy Parker, Aidan Papula, Karter Peereboom and Chris U’Glay

**Key Players:** Gino Gualandi, Demetri Anc and all seniors



Senior Sam Yost

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Senior Michael Richards

## Tennis

*“We want to compete in every match and put ourselves in the position to win every match and have the chance to win a district title.”  
- Head coach Kevin Quinn*

**Seniors:** Ty Bates, Alex Corcoran, Michael Richards and Christian Perunsky

**Key Players:** Alex Corcoran, Michael Richards and Christian Perunsky

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