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## Senior class scheduled to attend trip to Hershey Park

By DANNY ZHIVKOVICH  
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As many students have heard, the senior prom that was originally scheduled for April 30 has been cancelled. However, the administrative team along with the senior class advisor Mrs. Jen Marchetti has worked diligently to arrange for the senior class to attend Hershey Park for a day trip.

According to high school principal Dr. Nicole Cosentino, the cancellation of prom was a cohesive decision made by the school administration based on the current state of the pandemic. The administrators waited as long as they could and had to review the current guidelines and how they would apply to activities at prom. With safety concerns over social distancing, taking masks off to eat and the ability

to contact trace, the administration came to the conclusion that having a prom was not feasible.

"We don't want kids to think we replaced prom with Hershey," said Dr. Cosentino. "We thought about what we could do that would be safe, and we can do groups of 15-20 and keep track of them [students]."

Hershey Park is currently operating at 50 percent capacity, so in order to make sure that the senior class would be able to go, the high school reserved tickets ahead of time. Temperatures will be taken before students get onto their respective coach buses and they will be taken again at the park.

For students wanting to attend the trip, the high school needed a minimum of 150 confirmed students with a \$25 deposit to purchase tickets and schedule the transportation. As of March 26, the minimum of 150 students had been met. There is no exact cost for the trip yet, but it will not exceed \$70. The overall cost per student includes transportation, a ticket into Hershey Park and one meal.

For more information regarding the senior trip, students can contact Dr. Cosentino, ninth grade assistant principal Mrs. Heather Santarelli or Mrs. Marchetti.



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Senior Luke Ruggiero (left) buys a ticket for the Hershey Park senior trip.

## School wide Jeopardy to take place on April 30

By ADRIENNE GORDON  
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For the first time, on April 30, the high school will be hosting a virtual Jeopardy tournament to bring the school community together safely.

The table that is used for athletic signing events will have a buzzer system and will sit four contestants,

each representing a grade. The questions will be projected on the Smartboard in the media center, and contestants will be answering the questions live which will be broadcasted to classrooms. As of March 28, the platform to broadcast the game live is unknown.

If someone buzzes in and does not

know the answer, they have the chance to pass the question to a panel of other students in their grade.

To keep everyone involved, once a board is cleared, there will be an intermission where the student body will play Kahoot. The points won from the Kahoot will be added to the competing classmates' point totals.

Some categories that will be used include DV trivia, movies and TV and popular culture.

Class officers have been divided into different committees such as marketing, logistic, art and tech in order to thoroughly plan the event.

"I'm super excited, and I cannot wait to see it happen," said Dr. Nicole Cosentino.

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- Dr. Nicole Cosentino

## Keystones to be held in May

By KAILA DUNN  
Managing Editor

With the global shutdown last spring, students enrolled in Algebra I, Biology and English 10 were unable to take the Keystone exams. As this year has progressed, students previously and currently enrolled in these courses were left wondering what would happen with the tests.

Keystone Exams are standardized tests issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and are a requirement for current freshmen and sophomores. There are three different exams, Algebra I, Literature and Biology, where students either score below basic, basic, proficient or advanced. Exam scores go onto the official transcript sent by the guidance department.

With many new guidelines

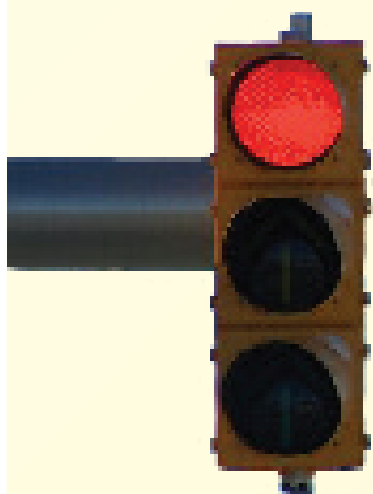
implemented, Keystone Exams will still be taking place this spring with no online version available. The tests will be administered between May 18- 27, with Biology taking place on May 17- 18, Algebra I taking place May 24- 25 and Literature taking place on May 26- 27.

All students, in-person, on Zoom or attending cyber school, currently enrolled in any of the three classes must take the exam, and students who were enrolled in the classes last year have the option to take them this year. These students though automatically score proficient and are exempt from the exam as long as they passed the course in the 2019-2020 school year.

If students have additional questions, they can reach out to their guidance counselor or assistant principal Mr. Nathan Kryptovich.



Inspired by those he watched as a child, Mr. Mike Chlebowski has been employed in the Law Enforcement/Public Safety field for most of his working life. He was hired in 2005 by the Delaware Valley School District as a Traffic/Safety Officer. While on duty at the school, Mr. Chlebowski provides a safe flow of traffic for those entering and exiting the school grounds.



KP: Kenzie Panetta (interviewer)

MC: Mike Chlebowski (interviewee)

KP: What is your official job title?

MC: Traffic/Safety Officer

KP: How did you get into this career field?

MC: I've been in the Law Enforcement/Public Safety field most of my life. I was hired by the school district in 2005.

KP: Did you always know you wanted a career in Law Enforcement/Public Safety, or did someone introduce you to the idea/field?

MC: Yes, I feel like since I was a child, I have looked up to people in the public safety field -- police,

firemen, etc.

KP: What does your job entail/what are your responsibilities?

MC: My job duties are to provide a safe movement of the busses, staff, students and parents entering and leaving the school daily.

KP: With the introduction of COVID-19, have these responsibilities changed at all?

MC: No, not really. There is an increase in traffic because many of the parents are driving their students to school. Overall, though, no changes.

KP: Are there any new rules you must follow?

MC: I must follow the new COVID-19 guidelines, just like all of the school employees.

KP: In the event of an accident while you're working, what is your role in the situation?

MC: Report the incident, render first aid if needed, maintain the traffic flow and allow emergency personnel to safely perform their duties.

KP: What is your daily schedule?

MC: From 7a.m. to 9a.m. and then from 2p.m. to 4p.m.

KP: When you're not at the high school in the morning and the afternoon, what do you do?

MC: I do contracted public safety work in other locations.

KP: Could you provide some examples of this work?

MC: I'm sorry, it's confidential.

KP: In your profession, do you have to deal with a lot of difficult people?

MC: I do deal with lots of people on a daily basis -- some good, some not so good. Any time you deal with the public, it can be challenging.

KP: When you aren't there, who is qualified to do your job?

MC: All of the school resource officers are qualified to do the traffic detail within the district.

KP: What are some of these qualifications?

MC: Law enforcement training is a plus, and quick reflexes are a must!

KP: What is your opinion on your job? Is it difficult, enjoyable, boring, etc?

MC: I would say that the traffic officer job is very challenging. You never know what to expect on a daily basis.

KP: What are some of your favorite things about your job? Least favorite?

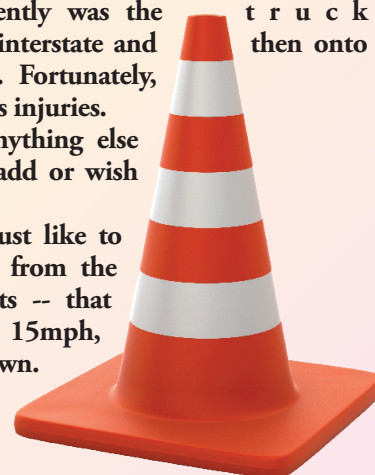
MC: I enjoy working for the school district. The hours are flexible and allow me time for other business ventures. My least favorite thing is the ever changing weather.

KP: What is one of the most eventful/strange things that has happened to you while on duty?

MC: Most recently was the truck crashing off of the interstate and the school campus. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries.

KP: Is there anything else you would like to add or wish for people to know?

MC: I would just like to remind everyone -- from the staff to the students -- that the school zone is 15mph, so please slow down. Drive safely and be courteous.





# School News

## Where are they now: Stephen Demmo

By VICTORIA HOFFMANN  
Editor in Chief

From singing a Minecraft parody at a talent show to shaving his head during school, Class of 2020's Stephen Demmo was a humorous and memorable person at DV. Almost a year after graduation, Stephen is now enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Stephen's rank is petty officer 3rd class and he specializes as a machinist mate in nuclear power. This position entails maintaining and operating naval nuclear propulsion plants and other associated equipment. It also includes supervising and administering nuclear operations and understanding various components of the reactor, mechanical and electrical theory involved



in the operation of a nuclear reactor.

Stephen, at the present moment, is in school learning about nuclear power.

"In short, I am training to operate the nuclear reactors that power submarines and aircraft carriers," Stephen said.

His naval career has opened various opportunities for him. He has been fortunate enough to travel to states such as Illinois, Wisconsin and he currently resides in Charleston, South Carolina.

Post-graduate life for Stephen has been enjoyable. The Navy was not what Stephen expected it to be as he has more freedom than he imagined. However, he

does not have as much time as he used to have, but he can still "have fun from time to time."

Stephen has faced some challenges due to the ongoing pandemic. Due to COVID-19, Stephen has been unable to return home and see family and friends. He has been away since he left for basic training last summer. However, Stephen and his family have made the most of apps like Skype and FaceTime to connect while he is away from home.

"I have not been able to come home since I left, but I will be able to see everyone eventually," Stephen said.

Stephen's future, in terms of a long-time career in the Navy, is still up in the air, as his exposure to the military has been brief.

"I have not gotten to the meat and potatoes of the military quite yet, but it is definitely a future possibility," Stephen said.

Congratulations to senior Jennifer Yulfo for making this year's PMEA All-State Concert Band Ensemble and to senior Danielle Dierksen for making the PMEA All-State Wind Ensemble. The event began on April 13 and will end on April 17.

## Department of Health provides public with new updates

By MADDY FEDUN  
Science & Technology Editor

The Department of Health (DOH) consistently provides new updates related to COVID-19. The DOH encourages people much as crowds face out in public.

The DOH advises that all individuals who were close to someone get tested immediately regardless of the presence of symptoms. Close contacts are people who have been within six feet of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes. Close contacts must quarantine for 10 days after their last exposure to an

infected person or complete a seven-day quarantine with a negative test result on or after day 5.

Those who test positive can return after their quarantine period if they are fever free and reducing a 24-hour period prior to their return. The DOH asks that people monitor their symptoms and seek medical attention if they worsen, notify people who may have been close contacts and keep a phone close to answer questions regarding contact tracing.

As of now, Pennsylvania is in Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine rollouts. Individuals can check their eligibility status by going to <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

### KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



encourages people to stay home as possible, avoid and wear cloth coverings when

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free and reducing a 24-hour period prior to their return.



## Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO WITH THE WARM WEATHER?"  
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"Going to the lake with friends"

Alayna Conklin and  
Meaghan Hunt  
Class of 2023



"Doing things outside like sports, swimming and hiking"

Gabbi Courtright  
Class of 2022



"Going swimming with friends"

Chris U'Glav  
Class of 2024



"Going outside"

Nathan Darcy  
Class of 2021



"Going fishing"

Katelyn Mapes  
Class of 2021



"Getting outside and doing some outdoor activities"

Kevin Kearns  
Staff

Opinions

Dear Dela

Dear Dela, How do you deal with a friend who is openly intense about her political views?  
-Plagued by Politics

Dear Plagued by Politics,  
With the new president in office, many people have been vocal with their political views. If your friend has differing views from you, it may be more beneficial to keep quiet than debate your views with her which could lead to a fight. Try steering the conversation in a different direction and if she brings it back to politics, you can politely express that you would rather not talk about politics.

Dear Dela, I know that I want to go to college after high school, but I am not sure what I should do right now. Where should I start looking at colleges?  
-Confused about College

Dear Confused about College,  
Starting your college search can be very nerve racking and you may become overwhelmed. Try to make a decision on if you would rather go to a college close to home or if you would rather be far away. Look for colleges in the area that seem ideal to you. Also check the school's website and make a date to visit the colleges you are interested in.



Traditional schooling system affects students' mental health

JOSE FLORES  
Class of 2022



Do you want to know why students end up cheating? It is because the schooling system values grades over actually learning and the experience in the classroom. The high value on grades has a multitude of negative impacts on the human brain.  
With the huge emphasis on grades, students tend to base their intelligence off of them, which can lead to a fixation and a lower sense of self worth if they are struggling. It was recorded in a 2002 study by the American Psychological Association that 80 percent of college freshmen base their worth on their academic ability over appearance, family and friends.  
According to a 2015 survey done by the American College Health Association, 33 percent of the participants experienced increased levels of stress, 22 percent experienced anxiety, 20 percent experienced sleeping difficulties and 14 percent experienced depression because of their grades. All this does is create a vicious cycle. Depression leads to less motivation and often anxiety. Anxiety leads to sleeping issues, which makes it harder to focus.  
Stress is not good for your long term health and can have serious effects on your well being. I believe students' worth should not be measured by their grades. Students should not base their self worth on their grades. Grades should not be the final say in anything. A student could be struggling due to dispassionate teaching or a disconnect with the teacher, but is then punished for that when they get low grades. How is that fair?  
Teachers should be engaged and hold students accountable; however, there should also be an effort to make their students feel more intrigued in the class by doing fun and engaging projects rather than taking dreary notes. It is better for all parties involved if the students are engaged. Teachers who are not passionate about their subject matter make it difficult for students to learn.  
Tests and quizzes should be weighted less and group presentations and projects should be weighted more. Group work allows for students to practice real life skills such as teamwork. Also, if you present information you have learned, you will better understand the subject matter.  
I think we should do bigger assignments piece by piece with constructive criticism along the way and no final grade until the end to feel less pressured. This learning process is just one of the many ways we can reform education as a whole and let students gain a more valuable experience.

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

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# School News

## AP Research students explore, investigate topics of choice

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AP Research is the second course of the AP Capstone experience designed to deeply explore an academic problem or topic of interest. Throughout the year, students design, plan and implement an investigation to address a research question, ending the course with an academic paper and a presentation with an oral defense.

Currently, the students are beginning the process of analyzing their data, drawing conclusions and finalizing their final papers and presentations.

The Del.Aware is featuring five of the 12 students enrolled in the class to highlight some of the talented students AP Research boasts.

### Kaleigh Kuddar

To see if there was a correlation between racial color blindness and the white savior trope, Kaleigh used the Color-Blind Racial Attitudes Scale (CoBRAS), which gauges a person's colorblindness. Afterward, Kaleigh asked her participants to read a synopsis of "Hidden Figures" and watch four scenes from the movie that depicted the white savior trope. Finally, they completed her questionnaire about their emotional response to the film, their inclination to complete prosocial actions and

their feelings of morality towards the white savior.

### Laura Marquez

Researching the impact of keeping female betta splendens in groups, Laura is exploring the controversy of the betta sorority (a group of female betta fish). She has set up three 20-gallon sorority tanks and three 20-gallon control group tanks with 31 fish total. Regularly she evaluates their activity levels, color potency and fin condition to see if keeping female betta fish in a communal setup is beneficial.

### Steven Schermerhorn

Steven is studying the relationship between after-school activity and GPA to see if students who were more active after school tend to receive higher grades. He separated participants into people involved in after-school activities and those who were not. From there, he took the students' GPA and created a bar graph with their averages and performed a T-test to see if there was a significant difference between the two groups.

### Eric Sutton

Eric wanted to find out the foundation of modern

military surgery, which he found to be Baron Larrey and his flying ambulances. He studied Larrey's book, "Memoirs on Military Surgery," to determine whether the flying ambulances allowed more experienced surgeons off the battlefield to treat more soldiers before they died. From there, he looked for whether the surgeons off the battlefield experienced empiricism, or learning experiences because they could operate on more soldiers before they died.

### Autumn Walzer

Due to COVID-19 and its impacts on the class of 2021's application process, such as test optional policies, Autumn began to look into new college admission methods. This led her to the subject of using personality traits as a

measure of potential student success. She used student results from an online personality test called 16Personalities and self reported class ranks to determine if personality traits were a predictor of higher academic achievement. She calculated this by using linear regressions and analyzed r-square values to determine the relationship.



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Senior Laura Marquez explores the effect of betta sororities.

## FCCLA competitors advance to Nationals

By SOPHIA PERRIN  
Science & Technology Co-Editor

Career tech students who competed in the FCCLA (Family, Career, Community Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference placed in either first or second place.

"Our Culinary competitors did a remarkable job," said adviser Mrs. Leslie Peters.

Senior Grace Gandolfo finished in second place in the Baking & Pastry National Star event. She has also achieved a spot on the National Star Events Team for her Baking & Pastry Arts Competition and earned the Power of One Award.

Senior Anna Bailor finished in first place in the Cake Decorating, a PA Star event. Juniors Jenna Moreno and Alyssa Purpura also finished in first place in the

Menu Planning, a PA Star event.

The Early Childhood competitors all have received a spot on the National Star Events Team. Junior Anna Romano finished in first place in Early Childhood Education, a National Star event. Junior Riley Mapes placed first in the Say Yes to FCS, a National Star event.

Bailor, who served as the

State Vice President of Membership & Elections, earned the Power of One Award and will be recognized at the National Leadership Conference for her accomplishment. She also received the Chapter Member of the Year Award at the State Leadership Conference.

Mrs. Peters received the Adviser of the Year Award for the Eastern Region at the State Leadership Conference.

*"Our Culinary competitors did a remarkable job."*

**- Mrs. Leslie Peters**

## Puzzle Fun

Use the list of Earth Day words and find them in the word search.

Be the first person to come to Mrs. Lordi in D4 with

the completed puzzle to win a prize.

Last issue's winner: Freshman Cameron Maino

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# School News

## Art Club provides students with creative outlet

By DANNY ZHIVKOVICH

World News Co-Editor

While walking through the halls of the high school, students, teachers and visitors alike can enjoy the artwork on the walls. Much of these paintings, drawings and photographs can be accredited to the Art Club.

Art teacher Dr. Irene Lantz has run the club since 2003, and this year, it currently has 20 members. Members of the club meet weekly on Thursdays in the afternoon until 4:30. Students can work on drawing, painting and even jewelry making while participating in the club.

In the past, the art club has done collective projects, photo transfers, photo paintings, mask making, collage work and ceramic work.

Dr. Lantz described the Art Club as an open

studio for students. Some of the most notable work done by members of the club are paintings done in the music rooms of the high school as well as the paintings above the lockers in the R-pod.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, the club has not been able to meet on a weekly basis.

"It's a hard year with COVID happening," said Dr. Lantz. "We haven't had a few meetings due to closings. It's been so sporadic."

Members of the club have also individually submitted their artwork into competitions. The majority of the submissions by students are jewelry that they have made while participating in the club



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**Art club members work together to enhance their artistic ability.**

Kathryn Johannessen and Kendall Mrozinski each individually won Gold Key Scholastic Awards and Johannessen also received an American Visions Award.

"The Art Club is a great place for kids to explore for students who don't have the room in their schedule," said Dr. Lantz. "It is a great opportunity for students to have a creative outlet."

If any students wish to join the club, they can visit Dr. Lantz M9 to sign up.

Congratulations to seniors Sebastian Adler, Kaleigh Kuddar and Olivia O'Grady and juniors Marisa Dambach and Lily Williams for placing in the top four of their Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competitive events, advancing to the National Leadership Conference.

## Combo 11 students collect PB&J for community

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI

Staff Writer

This year the Combo program students assisted the local daycare, Mountain View, to donate peanut butter and jelly to the local food pantries. In total, 248 containers were collected and given back to the community.

Every year Mountain View collects peanut butter and jelly, and usually, they receive around 50-60 containers. They were overwhelmed by the large number of donations this year.

The Combo 9 and 10 students

made announcements to the school throughout the school to get the word out about the drive. After two - three weeks of accepting donations, the Combo 11 students ran the collection process of the containers.

Affordable and accessible food is important to many families nowadays, and peanut butter and jelly is one of those food options.

"It's an easy way to give back to the community," Combo 11 English teacher Mrs. Leslie Lordi said.

Because of this year's success with the drive, the students and staff plan to have this drive again next year.



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**Combo 11 students count the PB&J containers donated for local food pantries.**

## OFF BEAT NEWS

On March 12, the Port Jervis Raiders played a home football game at Warrior Stadium. The Raiders were unable to play the game on their home field due to the snow melting and the muddy field. The Raiders beat defending Class A state champs Cornwall Central in a close game, 7-6.



Photo and caption by Aidan Fean



Photo and caption by Emily Herold

Because of social distancing, students are supposed to walk one way in the white hallway. One way administration chose to enforce this change is by putting posters in the hallway stating "one way only," but if you look closely you will see that the arrows are actually pointed upwards.



# COLLEGE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

## In-Person Visits

BY AIDAN FEAN  
Sports Co-Editor

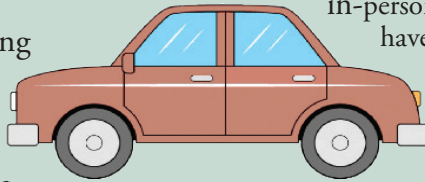
Some colleges are still doing in-person visits. The majority of schools that are offering in-person visits are mostly outdoors, except for a presentation at the beginning of the tour. After a presentation, most tours are led by either a current student or an admissions counselor.

The outdoor walking part of the tours still have many of the same rules that people have to

follow when inside. Tourists must keep their mask up and maintain as close to six feet of social distancing as possible.

Tours make some stops indoors at places such as dorm rooms, cafeterias and libraries.

Not all schools are able to have in-person tours, so they have to resort to virtual tours.



## Virtual Visits

As for those schools that can't offer in-person tours, they utilize sites such as Zoom to offer a virtual tour.

Virtual tours typically begin by the school sending the student a link to a Zoom meeting. The link brings students to a Zoom meeting where there will be admissions counselors and current, as well as former students.

Some schools have different types of meetings that cover different topics. Some meetings are on financial aid, while some are on dorm life.



A variety of schools also offer a 360-degree tour that you can do on your own. It is captured by a camera that takes a picture from every angle and students can control the tour themselves.



## Essay writing for college

BY STELLA TANNENBAUM  
Arts & Literature Editor

The largest written component of most college applications is the 250-650 word Common Application personal essay. While not all colleges require the essay, it is beneficial because it shows the applicant's personality and provides a chance to stand out from others.

Applicants have several prompt options, including "Share an essay on any topic of your choice." This leaves room for creativity and individuality. If students have overcome obstacles or have a unique story, this is the place to show it. Almost any topic can become an outstanding essay. Asking friends, family or teachers to proofread the essay is a good way to revise, but students should be sure that their writing remains authentic.

Some colleges require or

recommend their own writing supplements. These are often shorter and can be found on the college's website and in the college-specific questions on the Common Application.

One common supplemental prompt is "Why do you want to attend this college?" For this prompt, applicants should use the college's website to become familiar with the benefits of that college specifically to demonstrate a genuine interest in attending.

For more general prompts like "Describe an activity that is important to you." or "How have you given back to your community?," it is typically acceptable to reuse essays for multiple applications in order to lessen the workload.

## Apprenticeship

Being involved in an apprenticeship is a beneficial way to gain real work experience and allows students to earn a paycheck while learning on the job about their desired career.

BY LUKE RUGGIERO  
Sports Co-Editor

## Trade School

Trade schools offer a cheaper and faster path for students who want to start their career right away. Students get hands-on training and job opportunities while attending a trade school.

## Full Time Job

Getting a job right out of high school is beneficial for saving money and learning how to live independently. It also provides students a break from academics between high school and college.

### Junior Year

- Make sure your schedule will allow you to meet all of the high school requirements.
- Volunteer and get involved in the community.
- Research college majors and take the career tests that match up with your interests.
- Go to college fairs and meet with college representatives.
- Take the PSAT.

### Before Senior Year

- Build your resume, take part in activities in the community and write down activities you have participated in.
- Visit the schools you are interested in and begin narrowing down your list.
- Keep a calendar of admissions deadlines for the schools on your list.
- Register for the fall SAT.

### Senior Year

- Wrap up your college essays and ask your English teacher to read them.
- Send SAT scores to any of the colleges you applied to directly from College Board.

### Senior Year

- Review the admissions decisions and financial aid rewards you have received.
- If you are on the waiting list for a college, contact them and let them know you are still interested.
- Make your final decision and fill out the enrollment form and send in the deposit to secure your spot before May 1.
- Complete the Senior Survey on Naviance.

Fall

Spring

Summer

September, October, November

September, October, November

December, January, February, March

April, May

June

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### Junior Year

- Take your SAT and/or the ACT
- Research scholarships you may be eligible for.
- Begin asking teachers for letters of recommendation.

### Senior Year

- Get started on applications right away if you plan on applying through early decision or early action.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to talk about your college plans.
- Begin working on college essays
- Update your resume and/or your Naviance Senior Brag Packet.
- Fill out the FAFSA.

### Senior Year

- Try and finish up all applications before winter break.
- Contact colleges to make sure they have received all the necessary materials.

### Senior Year

- If you participated in Dual Enrollment through Lackawanna, Luzerne or Keystone College, submit a transcript request directly to them to be sent to the college you are attending.

# Community News

## Pike County administers vaccinations

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI

Community News Co-Editor

Pike County is currently in phase 1C of its vaccination plan. This means all adults in Pennsylvania are eligible to get their COVID-19 vaccines. On April 19 all residents ages 16 and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine.

On March 19, the Wayne Memorial Community Health Center received 2,500 doses of the Moderna vaccine. The health center immediately opened clinics in Honesdale and Lords Valley.

All first dose vaccination appointments can be made on the Wayne Memorial Community Health Center website. Appointments can be made for Saturday, April 17, Saturday, April 24 and Friday, April 30 in Honesdale and Wednesday, April 21 or Wednesday, April 28 in Lords Valley.

Appointments are made in one hour sessions, but recipients are only required to stay 15 minutes after their shot. Second dose appointments are made at the clinics after receiving the first shot. Insurance cards are required for an administrative fee, and uninsured recipients are covered by the federal government.



## Restaurant Review: Trackside Grill & Bar

By SOPHIA PERRIN

Science & Technology Co-Editor

Trackside Grill & Bar, located in East Stroudsburg, offers a wide variety of delectable sandwiches, burgers and more. The restaurant's atmosphere promotes a conversation between high school and college students while they eat and an enjoyable experience for families.

COVID-19 guidelines have affected how my family and I ate at the restaurant. They offer both dine-in or order pick-up. However, pick-up was the best option for my family at the time. Also picking up our food allowed us to enjoy our meal while being surrounded by nature near the river and train tracks at the Delaware Water Gap.

Overall the food was excellent, I

ordered a crispy chicken sandwich and cheese fries, which was delicious. The chicken was juicy and every bite was packed with flavor from the pickles and mayo on a brioche bun. The cheese fries were loaded with at least three different kinds of cheese including their famous "track cheese."

My mother ordered the Caprese sandwich which included grilled chicken with fresh tomatoes and mozzarella, as well as pesto on sourdough bread. The sandwich

was well balanced and flavorful. Her side, as well as my father's, was homemade

potato chips lightly seasoned and had a good crunch.

My father and sister both chose cheesesteak sandwiches, one with sauteed mushrooms, the other with onions. The beef was good quality and the sandwich was filled with their "track cheese." As for my sister's side dish, she chose the sweet potato fries. They could have been more crispy, however they were lightly salted and delicious.

Trackside is a wonderful restaurant with reasonable prices and a short 45 minute drive.



Sophia Perrin/Del.Aware

**Trackside offers pub classics in a family-friendly atmosphere.**

## Animal of the Month

By KYLA STEAD

Staff Writer

If you are looking for a sweet and playful dog to adopt, Murray might just be who you are looking for.

Murray is a young black and tan coonhound and shepherd mix. He is about five years old and 60 pounds. He is neutered, and his shots are up to date.

Although playing with toys is an activity Murray loves, he loves attention from people even more. Murray's trainer said that he is one of the nicest dogs he has ever met and seemed like an overall great dog.

He can be picky with who he calls a friend, but he does get along with some other dogs. He does not get along with cats, and

a home where he is the only dog and no young children are present would be the best fit.

The One Step Closer Animal Rescue also added that Murray was tested slightly positive for Lyme disease. He completed the course of antibiotics and is feeling fine.

Murray is at the rescue and cannot be shipped, so adoptive families must travel to meet him.

The rescue asks for people interested to submit an application through their website. The link is <http://www.oscaranimalrescue.org/oscar-1-application.html>. You can also reach them through their email via OSCARRescue@yahoo.com.



## Myer the Florist offers variety of flowers

By MADDIE MALLON

News Co-Editor

Myer the Florist is a family-owned business located at 590 Route 6 & 209 in Milford that offers various types of flowers, gardening tools, floral arrangements and much more. Bob Stewart says their products are high quality for an affordable price.

Myer the Florist has a large selection of bedding plants and perennials. They are also growing a selection of vegetables including, zucchinis,

beans, tomatoes, lettuce and kale. Stewart said they grow their plants to make creative combinations that other stores can not provide.

Dori Stewart's family has been running the business for over 70 years. Her husband joined the team in 1982, and with his help, they

added eight greenhouses and expanded on what they grow.

They also offer an online ordering system and deliver to local funeral homes and hospitals daily.



Maddie Mallon/Del.Aware

**Myer the Florist offers a large selection of hanging plants.**



# World News

## Britain, European Union tensions spark instability

By **KENZIE PANETTA**  
*Community News Editor*

On June 23, 2016, the British Referendum on EU Membership took place, and the people of the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union.

This withdrawal of Britain from the Union is commonly referred to as "Brexit." Some factors that resulted in this decision include views of sovereignty, immigration, the economy and anti-establishment politics, views or beliefs which stand in opposition to the conventional social, political and economic principles of a society.

In the 2019 British election, conservatives, led by Boris Johnson, campaigned in support of a revised withdrawal agreement. At this election, the British Parliament ratified the edited agreement, and the United Kingdom officially left the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community at the end of January 2020.

Following this decision, the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement stated that the United Kingdom is no

longer a member of the European Union but remained a member of the single market and the customs union.

In order to protect the peace process after Brexit, the United Kingdom and the European Union agreed to keep the frontier open but conduct some border checks at the ports in Northern Ireland before goods are shipped to the republic.

Britain left the European single market on Jan. 1, 2021, and a grace period allowed some of these checks to be delayed until April 1. However in early March, the United Kingdom extended the grace period to Oct. 1 for "operational reasons" and the disruption of the pandemic.

On March 12, 2021, the European Union initiated legal action against the United Kingdom, arguing that Britain does not respect the conditions of the Brexit withdrawal agreement and is violating Northern Ireland Protocol.

The United Kingdom's exit from the Union and the rising tensions over post-Brexit trade rules have shaken an uneasy political balance between the Catholics and the Protestants of the area. As a result, the opposing youths have resorted to violence, starting fires and hurling bricks, gasoline bombs and fireworks at police and each other.



Source: euronews

**The youths in Northern Ireland riot as political tensions rise after Britain's exit from the European Union.**

Meanwhile, with its departure from the bloc, widespread COVID-19 restrictions magnified the plunge of trade between the United Kingdom and the European Union in January

2021.

According to the Office for National Statistics, good exports from Britain to the European Union fell 40.7 percent and imports dropped 28.8 percent in a month.

## Vaccine passports created for travel

By **SOPHIA PERRIN**  
*Science & Technology Co-Editor*

Although vaccines are not yet required to travel, scientists have begun to encourage them as a qualification to going abroad.

Now that the United States and the CDC have issued thousands of vaccines, they are also beginning to roll out new apps that aim to verify traveler's immunizations.

These apps will allow governments and airlines access to information regarding their COVID-19 status and vaccination status before traveling outside of the country.

Along with various technology companies, the International Chamber of Commerce and the World Economic Forum created similar apps, ICC AOKpass and CommonPass, which allow travelers to access electronic medical records as proof of vaccination and negative COVID-19 testing.

Most of the apps created are known as vaccine passports. However, these passports are still in the experimental stage. It is not clear whether they will be accepted worldwide.

Travel companies have virtually collapsed from the travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to USA Today. Therefore, vaccine passports will provide the government with some form of security that travelers are taking the necessary precautions before traveling outside of the country.

"The significance of this to restarting international aviation cannot be overstated," said Alexandre de Juniac, CEO of the airline trade group.

Vaccine passports will also provide a faster and more efficient process for airlines around the world to check the necessary information before passengers enter a different country.

## Chauvin murder trial underway

By **REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI**  
*Community News Co-Editor*

The murder trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin began on March 29 and is predicted to last up to four weeks.

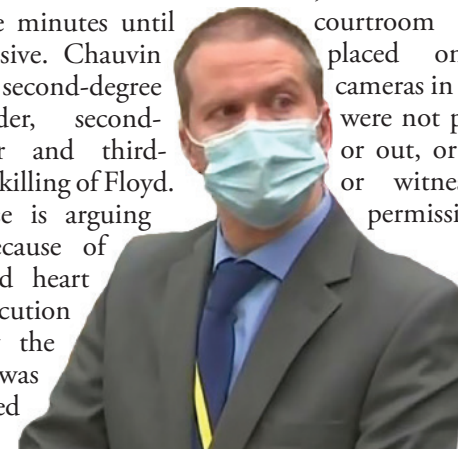
On May 25 of last year, Chauvin arrested George Floyd for the usage of a counterfeit 20 dollar bill. In the course of the arrest, Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for nine minutes until he became unresponsive. Chauvin is being charged with second-degree unintentional murder, second-degree manslaughter and third-degree murder for the killing of Floyd.

Chauvin's defense is arguing that Floyd died because of a drug overdose and heart condition. Prosecution is focusing on how the force Chauvin used was excessive and "betrayed his badge."

Thirty-six witnesses have been called to the stand, including bystanders who witnessed Floyd's death, first responders, medical professionals and numerous branches of the Minneapolis police department.

This is also the first time in history that a Minnesota trial has been televised. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the international attention of this trial, the media was allowed to cover courtroom events. Guidelines placed only allowed three cameras in the courtroom which were not permitted to zoom in or out, or show Floyd's family or witnesses without their permission.

Due to the attention this trial is getting, Minneapolis police also came out with a public safety plan to keep the courthouse secure.



# World News

## Anti-Asian hate crimes increase in America

By EMILY HEROLD  
News Editor

After the world entered the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in anti-Asian hate crimes, specifically in the United States.

On March 29, Brandon Elliot launched a brutal attack on a 65-year-old Asian American woman who was on her way to church in Midtown Manhattan.

The attack was caught on camera, and Elliot was taken into custody on March 30. He is being charged with assault and attempted assault as a hate crime.

Authorities state that the victim was kicked, and she fell to the ground as the suspect made anti-Asian statements toward her, such as, "You don't belong here."

Elliot fled the scene and was chased down by a man who tried to confront him, but Elliot pulled out a knife and managed to get away. The victim was then taken to the hospital. She suffered a fractured pelvis and a contusion to the head.



Source: timemagazine  
**Protestors stand in support of ending hate crimes against Asian Americans.**

"This last attack was very disturbing," said NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea on Tuesday. "It's really disgusting when you see the video. You try to make sense of it, and you can't. I don't know who attacks a 65-year-old woman and leaves her on the street like that."

Shea also noted that the police department is increasing patrols and putting undercover officers

in predominantly Asian American communities to address the rise of anti-Asian hate crimes.

The NYPD Asian Hate Crime Task Force said a security guard was captured on video during the attack who was seen closing the door and failed to render aid. He has now been suspended pending further investigation.

"Too many Asian Americans have been walking up and down the streets and worrying, waking up each morning the past year feeling their safety and the safety of their loved ones are at stake. They've been attacked, blamed, scapegoated and harassed," said President Joe Biden. "We have to speak out. We have to act."

President Biden also made an announcement that the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, with an initial focus on anti-Asian bias and violence, will be reinstated and expanded to promote inclusion, belonging and opportunity for all Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

## Tropical cyclone hits Indonesia, East Timor

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI  
Staff Writer

On April 5, a slow-moving storm strengthened into Tropical Cyclone Seroja.

As of April 8, around 165 people have been pronounced dead, and there are still more people who are unaccounted for. On several islands in Indonesia, there were at least 86 people found dead and over 100 people reported missing. In East Timor, at least 27 were killed, and over 20,000 people do not have homes as of now.

When the storm first hit, many people were taken to shelters, and relief efforts were put in place.

Flash flooding, landslides and falling trees were major issues during the storm. Most of the flooding occurred while people were sleeping. In some spots, floodwaters reached as deep as 12 feet.

The currents continued to flow

through the villages days after the storm. Many authorities feared that some bodies had been washed away and would be hard to find once the storm was over.

Thirty-eight bodies were recovered by rescuers after a landslide tumbled down onto a village on Andora Island. On Lembata Island, solidified lava had fallen onto villages and killed 11 people. At least one ship had sunk due to the high waves.

Dwikorita Karnawati, the Director of the Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics, said the cyclone would weaken after a few days.

While the damages of the cyclone are still being uncovered, thousands of people, homes and facilities have already been affected by Seroja.

## French senate votes to ban hijabs for minors

By STELLA TANNENBAUM  
Arts & Literature Editor

On March 30, the French senate voted to prohibit women under 18 years of age from wearing a hijab in public places.

In addition to the hijab ban, women who wear hijabs will not be allowed to accompany school trips, and burkinis—a type of swimsuit for women that covers the hair and whole body aside from the hands, feet and face—will be banned at public swimming pools.



These bans are parts of a controversial separatism bill for the "prohibition in the public space of any

conspicuous religious sign by minors and of any clothing which would signify an inferiorization of women over men."

This will not go into effect until and unless it is confirmed by the National Assembly, the lower house of the French Parliament.

French President Emmanuel Macron stated this bill aims to "free Islam in France from foreign influences" and take control of religious funding to strengthen France's secularism.

The bill has sparked controversy within and outside of France, with several Muslim countries boycotting French products.

"Time and again we have seen the French authorities use the vague and ill-defined concept of 'radicalisation' or 'radical Islam' to justify the imposition of measures without valid grounds, which risks leading to discrimination in its application against Muslims and other minority groups," said Amnesty International researcher Marco Perolini.



# Sexual Assault

By VICTORIA HOFFMANN  
Editor in Chief

**CAUTION. THIS INSERT CONTAINS SENSITIVE MATERIAL.**

Sexual assault has become a grave issue internationally. The term sexual assault refers to any unwanted sexual action, contact or behavior without consent from the victim. Sexual assault has been deemed an umbrella term, as there are various forms of violation such as verbal, physical and even digital.

Sexual violence has become prevalent within the media and society. Awareness about the topic has become a norm, as many movements and mass protests have amplified victims' voices.

In this issue of the Del.Aware, the staff covers various topics about sexual assault. The staff has conducted extensive research, compiled resources and researched victims' stories, all with the intent to raise awareness of sexual assault.

**To get involved and show your support for sexual assault victims, wear jeans on April 28 or visit [www.denimdayinfo.org](http://www.denimdayinfo.org) to get more information on how to get involved.**

## Bringing awareness to sexual assault, hazing, grooming

By LIZ KAMEEN  
News Co-Editor

As more victims come forward regarding cases of sexual assault and harassment, many Americans are becoming increasingly aware of the severity of this issue. Sexual assault can occur in a variety of settings including churches, children groups such as the Boy Scouts of America and school settings.

Hazing is an initiation process of accepting someone into a new group of friends, sports teams and other clubs, most often occurring in a college setting.

The process of

hazing varies in each situation, but it most commonly involves consuming excessive amounts of alcohol and can lead to sexual assault. While many college students desire to feel accepted, they are advised to be wary of these situations.

Grooming is a method of sexual assault that predatory adults use to build relationships with minors. They use this method in an attempt to build a romantic relationship with the individual once they turn 18, or the predator may kidnap the minor for sex trafficking. This is a dangerous and common form of sexual assault that often is overlooked.

Watching out for friends and family members who seem to be getting involved with an older individual may save their life.

According to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, warning signs of grooming are underage drinking or drug use, spending more or less time online than usual, using newly found money or being more secretive than usual.

Sexual assault of minors often occurs in settings where children should feel the safest, where predatory figures exploit their power in order to groom and abuse minors. Being aware of these common forms of sexual harassment and assault is becoming increasingly crucial.

By EMILY HEROLD  
News Editor

People v. Turner is the case of Brock Turner sexually assaulting Chanel Miller in 2015. Turner was discovered on top of Miller behind a dumpster on the Stanford University campus by two students who tackled and held him down.

He was sentenced to six months in jail and three years probation. His official charges were assault with intent to commit rape, sexual penetration of an intoxicated person and sexual penetration of an unconscious person.

There was extreme outrage after the sentencing as, according to New York Daily News columnist Shaun King, many people felt it was too lenient and sighted privilege as his reason for getting off so easily.

By KENZIE PANETTA  
Community News Editor

In 2015, the Supreme Court heard the Ohio v. Clark case. A 3-year-old boy reported to his teacher that he was being abused by his mother's boyfriend. The boy was deemed too young to testify. As a result, the defendant argued that the statements made by the child should not be admissible at trial because it would violate his constitutional right to confront witnesses testifying against him.

However, the Supreme Court unanimously decided that the boy's statements were admissible against the defendant. This decision increased the likelihood that young children's statements of abuse can be admitted in court as evidence against their abuser, even if the child is unable to testify.

**Significant sexual assault cases, movements**

By VICTORIA HOFFMANN  
Editor in Chief

On March 3, Sarah Everard, a resident of London, was abducted, sexually assaulted and murdered. Police officer Wayne Couzens was charged and his trial will start later in the year. Everard's case struck the hearts of many women due to the nature of her tragedy.

Everard was walking home from her friend's flat when she was abducted. She was declared a missing person until March 10 when her body was found. The same day, Couzens was arrested for Everard's disappearance.

Internationally, many have held vigils, memorials and even protests that would expand women's rights and laws that involve sexual assault.

By STELLA TANNENBAUM  
Arts & Literature Editor

The #MeToo movement is a global movement against sexual abuse, assault and harassment, and it aims to empower survivors of sexual violence. Founded in 2006 by Tarana Burke, an activist and sexual harassment survivor, the movement became viral on social media in 2017 after sexual abuse allegations against film producer Harvey Weinstein were brought to light.

Actress Alyssa Milano suggested that those who have experienced sexual violence should use the hashtag to demonstrate the scope of the issue and show solidarity. Since then, many celebrities and public figures have used #MeToo to share their stories, including Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Lawrence, Gabrielle Union and many more.





# Types of sexual assault

- If you are interested in learning more about the types of sexual assaults listed below, scan the QR code for more information and websites to look at.
- Child Sexual Abuse** - This is a form of child abuse that includes sexual activity with a minor. A child cannot consent to any form of sexual activity (more info on QR code).
- Stranger rape** - Rape or sexual assault by someone unknown to the survivor.
- Blitz sexual assault** - When the perpetrator rapidly and brutally assaults the survivor with no prior contact usually occurs at night.
- Contact sexual assault** - When the perpetrator makes contact and gains the trust and confidence of the victim before assaulting them.
- Home invasion sexual assault** - When the perpetrator assaults the survivor after they break into the home.
- Acquaintance rape** - Umbrella term used to describe sexual assaults in which the survivor and the perpetrator are known to each other, whether by an acquaintance or someone the survivor knows intimately. This is the most common form of rape.
- Date rape** - When the perpetrator went on a date with the victim and sexually assaults. This is a specific type of acquaintance rape.
- Statutory rape** - Unlawful intercourse with a minor.
- Spousal/Partner rape** - This is the performance of a sexual act with their partner without their consent. A perpetrator can have any relationship with a victim, and that includes the role of an intimate partner.
- Incest** - Sexual contact and abuse by a relative and/or family members
- Serial rape** - When the same perpetrator commits a series of rapes on multiple victims. This is the most frequently covered in the media form of rape.
- Substance facilitated rape** - This occurs when the victim's ability to consent is compromised by alcohol or drugs. These substances make it easier for a perpetrator to commit sexual assault because they inhibit a person's ability to resist and can prevent them from remembering the assault.
- Multiple perpetrator/gang rape** - When the same victim is sexually assaulted by two or more perpetrators at once.
- Sexual harassment** - This is when unwanted or unwelcome verbal or nonverbal sexual behavior interferes with life, work or education (more info on QR code).
- Forcible sodomy, forcible object penetration and stealthing** (scan QR code for definitions of these three assaults).

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## RAISING AWARENESS ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

### Resources for victims

#### Local

Victims' Intervention Program (VIP)  
570-253-4401  
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services (DASI)  
973-875-1211  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR)  
1-888-772-7227  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV)  
717-545-6400

#### National

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) 1-800-656-4673  
Department of Defense (DOD) 1-877-995-5247  
National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888  
Childhelp 1-800-422-4453

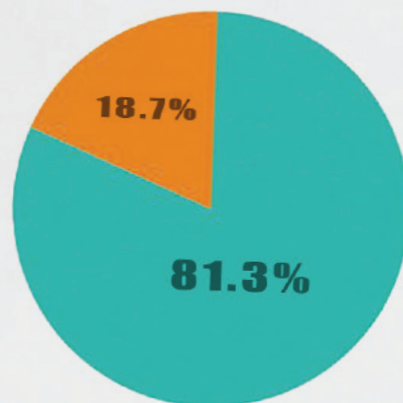
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### Statistics & Demographics

Sources: The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) and RAINN.org

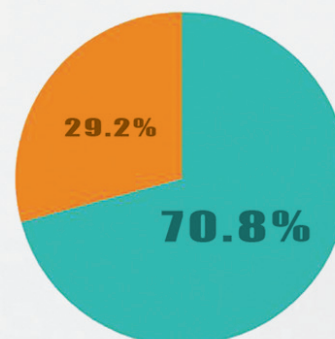
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Age that female victims first experienced victimization



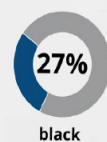
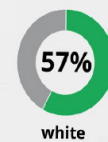
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Age that male victims first experienced victimization



Before the age of 25 After the age of 25

#### RACE OF PERPETRATOR



RAINN

National Sexual Assault Hotline  
Please visit [rainn.org/statistics/perpetrators](http://rainn.org/statistics/perpetrators)



# WARENESS L ASSAULT

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## The New Daily Times

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

### Laws that aid sexual assault victims

- **Capacity to Consent:** This law determines a person's ability to give legal/sexual consent such as age, sobriety, etc.
- **Termination of rapists' parental rights:** This law gives the state the right to allow/disallow one to be a parent.
- **Lawfully Owned DNA:** This is a law that is determined state by state whether or not an individual has to give a DNA sample.
- **SAFER Act:** This is an act that supports efforts to audit, test and reduce traffic when trying to retrieve DNA samples to use as evidence in a case.
- **Victims of Crime Act:** This act helps victims of sexual assault afford the tangible costs such as medical bills and counseling services.
- **Clery Act:** This is an act that was put into place to try and prevent colleges and universities from covering up any sexual assault cases that occur on campus.

### Steps to take if you are sexually assaulted

The first step victims should take after being sexually assaulted is getting to a safe place.

If injured or in immediate danger, victims should get to the nearest medical facility or call 911.

When in a safe environment, victims should not change clothing; showering or changing clothes can tarnish any evidence left behind.

Think about calling the police or contacting programs such as Victims' Intervention Program (VIP) or Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). The staff from these programs will talk victims through their choices.

Consider getting a sexual assault forensic exam.

-This procedure will vary by state.

If victims do opt to get a sexual assault forensic exam, it is likely they will receive a box with examiner instructions, forms for documenting the exam and tubes and containers for gathering and protecting evidence.

and support.

-This could be anyone, from a trusted friend or family member to a trained counselor.

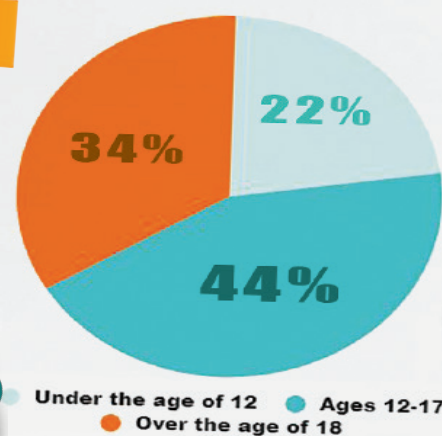
Ultimately, victims need to remember that what happened is not their fault and that they are not alone.

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**1 in 5 women**  
in the U.S. reported completed or attempted rape at some point in their lifetime.



**Age that the victim was assaulted**



**1 in 38 men**

have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime







# Stigmas sexual assault victims are confronted with

By SOPHIA MILLER

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

Like all controversial topics, sexual assault and its victims will have to face stigmas, either on a public or personal level. Stigmas, as defined by social scientists, are “the disapproval of a person because they do not fit the required social norms that are given in society.” Stigmas can be broken up into three topics: stigmas regarding mental illness, stigmas regarding physical deformities and stigmas regarding a person’s identity (examples include race, gender identity, sexuality, etc.).

Under the umbrella term of sexual assault, some of the most common stigmas are that children and men aren’t assaulted, that only men are rapists, that if one is wearing provocative clothing they are “asking for it” or that if they are inebriated it is “their fault.”

Perhaps one of the most detrimental stigmas victims have to face is that people deem certain groups unable to be sexually assaulted. The two most common groups that fall into this category are men and children. It has been said time and time again that “only women get raped” or “only women get sexually assaulted.”

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), an organization dedicated to helping victims and collecting statistics, reports that “about 3 percent of American men—or 1 in 38—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.”

RAINN also reveals that about 15 percent of all sexual assault victims are children and that 3 percent are ages 65 and over. From this data it can be deduced that neither age nor gender stands in the way of sexual assault or rape.

There is also a stigma or misconception that only men are rapists. Though women do make up a small percentage of rapists, about 1 percent according to [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov), this does not invalidate the people who have been assaulted or taken advantage of by women.

Another stigma is that rape or sexual assault is excusable or can be blamed on that fact that the victim is drunk or wearing provocative clothing. The Washington Post reports “Studies show that women with passive personalities, who tend to dress in layers, long pants and sleeves and high necklines, are actually more likely to be raped.”

According to Harvard Law School Halt, stigmas and victim blaming often fall hand in hand and are extremely detrimental to victims of sexual assault. They add that it is incredibly important to support anyone who has gone through a harmful experience such as sexual assault or rape.



**“When I was eight, my Mother told me I was the reason she divorced my Father, and we never saw him again. I didn’t understand, and she wouldn’t say any more about it. It was when I was married and had my own little girl that I remembered. He would come in and touch me, hurt me and then he cried with me. He cried. The pillow was still damp in the morning. I would have been wearing a long night dress.”**

source: dove



**“A sun dress. Months later, my mom would stand in front of my closet and complain about how I never wore any of my dresses anymore. I was six years old.”**

source: tiftongazette



**“A swimsuit. We had been canoeing at the river all day. It had been a really fun time. Then they came into my tent when I was changing clothes.”**

source: huffpost



## ‘What Were You Wearing’ exhibit challenges stereotypes

By MIKAYLA KRISANDA

World News Editor

“What Were You Wearing?” is an art exhibit based on student-survivor descriptions of the clothes that students who experienced sexual assault were wearing during their assault. These stories were collected from survivors by Jen Brockman and Dr. Mary Wyandt-Hiebert at the University of Arkansas in 2013.

The idea for the exhibit was based on Dr. Mary Simmerling’s poem “What I Was Wearing.” Many exhibits, similar to the one made by Brockman and Wyandt-Hiebert, have been opened throughout the country and displayed in museums and universities.

Brockman and Wyandt-Hiebert utilized Simmerling’s poem and survivors at the University of Arkansas voluntarily shared brief descriptions of what they were wearing when they were sexually assaulted. These descriptions were used to recreate the outfits worn during the assaults.

The exhibit was not only created to tell the stories

of the survivors but to challenge the stereotypes that come with victim blaming. Victim blaming is when a victim is held at fault for the harm that they experienced. Oftentimes when reporting violent attacks such as sexual assaults, a stigma is associated with it.

According to Jessica Huynh of Ryerson University, victims are often asked questions that contribute to sexual assault stigmas, such as why they did not report the assault, why they did not fight back or say no, what they were wearing or if they had been drinking. These exhibits are used to discredit the stereotype that what someone is wearing affects whether or not they are assaulted.

“To be able to create that moment in this space where they say, ‘Wow I have this outfit hanging in my closet,’ or ‘I wore this this week.’ By doing this we could hopefully reveal the myth that if we just avoid that outfit then we’ll never be harmed or that somehow we can eliminate sexual violence by simply changing our clothes,” Brockman said.

In these exhibits, victims share their experiences with sexual assault, ranging from childhood to adulthood. Some of the outfits seen in the exhibit include a children’s sundress, a swimsuit, a sari or a garment consisting of a length of cotton or silk elaborately draped around the body, an army combat uniform, a onesie and even a diaper.

According to the Kansas University “What Were You Wearing?” Curation guide, the exhibit asks viewers of the exhibit to understand that it was never about the clothing and that the act of shedding those clothes is never enough to bring peace or comfort to survivors. The violation is not simply woven into the fabric of the material- it is a part of the survivor’s new narrative.

“It’s not the clothing that causes sexual violence, it’s the person who causes harm. Being able to find that peace for survivors and that moment of awareness for communities is the real motivation behind the project,” Brockman said.



# Arts & Literature

## Spotlight Artist: Anton Scheuermann

By JOCLYN IRONS  
Entertainment Editor

Whether it is drawing and painting or metalwork and woodwork, senior Anton Scheuermann strives to create impressive works in all media available to him.

During high school, Anton took a variety of art classes including Intro to Drawing I, 3D Design, General Art and Jewelry Design.

In these classes, Anton's talent and work ethic are obvious to his teachers.

"His enthusiasm to go above and beyond



on project criteria and his craftsmanship are amazing. He devotes many hours outside of class time to develop his ideas and to ensure that his work is meticulous and highly detailed and accurate," said art teacher Mrs. Christine Sweeney.

It was Anton's sister, Kathryn Scheuermann's artistic ability, that motivated him to create art.

"From the first time she could pick up a pencil you could see her talent. I wanted the same attention she received, so I began creating art," said Anton. "I got the attention and that was okay, but the best thing I received was a love for art."



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**Anton created this piece to illustrate his pro-life ideals and his belief in sharing his opinion with the world.**

He didn't realize his full love for art until the pandemic provided him with more free time. Previously, he created small pieces, but he began painting and drawing until he could create beautiful artwork in many styles.

What inspires Anton the most to continue to create is his hopes for the future.

"I can see myself in 40 to 50 years and how amazing my work can be," said Anton. "I am working to get to that level,"

Anton's first memory of art was creating pieces that mimicked stained glass out of paper at his private middle school in New Jersey. The teacher complimented his work and the small boost in confidence it sparked remained with him.

Anton's efforts have paid off, and he hopes that his skills will grow as he ages.

## Spotlight Writer: Janice Healey

By REILLY ZIOLKOWSKI  
Community News Co-Editor

Senior Janice Healey's interest in writing began in her eleventh grade AP Language and Composition class. The class was given an assignment to write about a personal photo, and this is when she first became inspired.

"I really made sure I made that piece personal to me," Janice said. "It's not a topic I'm always up to speaking about, but I felt the need to share family situations."

Janice's mother tried teaching her Indonesian before she began attending school. She believes this impaired her reading abilities for the first few years of school. By seventh grade, she felt her reading abilities were finally at their best and credits her teacher at the time, Mrs.

Bara for that.

"She opened me up to enjoying how to write fiction and narratives," said Janice.

Janice's preferred writing style is conversational writing. This is her go to style because she wants her writings to be easy for readers to understand, almost as if they are listening to someone talk.

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-Mr. Bryan Pol

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Janice has taken AP Literature and AP Language and Composition but has not participated in any literature clubs. Janice doesn't see herself as a true writer but believes that essay writing and book analysis has helped her improve her writing skills.

"Janice regularly participates in class, offering up insights on texts in AP Lit of varying degrees of rigor and difficulty," said English teacher Mr. Bryan Pol.

## Spotlight Musician: Kenzi Neighbors

By KAILA DUNN  
Managing Editor

Senior Kenzi Neighbors is a well known and gifted musician who is a member of concert and chamber orchestra where she puts in approximately eight hours of practice each week. In orchestra, Kenzi plays violin and also plays guitar outside of school.

She first began playing violin when her grandfather bought her one for Christmas when she was in second grade. Since then, Kenzi and her grandfather play all the time together and it has become

one of the main ways they bond.

"When I first went to high school, I wanted to try other passions besides orchestra, but my grandpa really inspired me to stay in it," said Kenzi.

Along with her grandfather, Kenzi credits former orchestra teachers Mr. Dave Swinehart and Mr. Nathan Kroptavich as well as orchestra teacher Miss Lauren Flack for helping to inspire her too.

"When I first got to middle school I was not really interested in orchestra, but Mr. Swinehart was one of the main reasons why I blossomed and pushed myself to try harder," said Kenzi.

Kenzi has played a variety of different pieces and styles but her favorites are "Handel's Messiah" and classical.

Although Kenzi will not be majoring in music, she plans to audition for symphony orchestra at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



# Arts & Literature

## Fashion Aware: Short Shorts

BY DANNY ZHIVKOVICH  
World News Co-Editor

In the summer of 2020, short shorts re-entered the American fashion scene.

Dating back to the 1960s and 1970s, several famous actors were seen donning the currently trending short shorts. While short shorts remained popular for women and most Europeans, American men faded out the style over time.

The resurgence of short shorts can be traced back to several social-media influencers such as TikTokers Bryce Hall and Noah Beck. In addition, there have been several male Instagram fashion influencers such as Adam Gallagher, Rowan Row and Jose Zuniga.

In 2018, Justin Berkowitz, a men's fashion expert, told Business of Fashion that "quads feel like the new biceps in a lot of ways."

Having defined a r m muscles has long been a part of the ideal male physique in the fashion realm, and with the newfound popularity in short shorts, men are beginning to feel more confident in showing more skin.



## Students display talent at Wallkill Art Show

BY LUKE RUGGIERO  
Sports Co-Editor

On March 26, Wallkill Valley Regional High School hosted their 10th annual invitational art show virtually on YouTube; this was the first year that the ceremony was held virtually. The art show displayed students' artwork from a multitude of schools, with a total of nine students competing from DV.

"Despite many obstacles this school year, one thing that hasn't changed is the talent, hard work and passion to create put forth by our students," said Art Department Chairperson Mrs. Tricia Kaylor.

Senior Anna Bailor won third place in the Pottery category for her flower vase. Junior Rachel Richter also won second place in the Drawing Illustration Color category with her piece "Duplicity."

"I'm proud of our students' accomplishments, and I'm thankful they have the opportunity to showcase their talents to outside venues," said Mrs. Kaylor.



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Senior Anna Bailor's flower vase won third place in the Pottery category.



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Junior Rachel Richter's piece "Duplicity" won second place in the Drawing Illustration Color category.

## Art students participate in Peters Valley High School Student Exhibition

BY MADDIE MALLON  
News Co-Editor

The Peters Valley School of Craft held its annual high school student exhibition on April 11.

Delaware Valley students submitted five pieces to the competition. Seniors Kendall Mrozinski and Milada Burovova created jewelry pieces titled "Contained Sapphire" and "Encased in Quarantine" respectively. Noelani Felix submitted a ceramics piece named "Crystal Vase." Senior Anton Scheuermann created a three-dimensional piece resembling a lantern and junior Mirabella Demmo created a three-dimensional piece of two figures made of foil, wire and various other materials.

The exhibition was streamed online this year due to COVID-19. Awards were presented at this exhibition, including a tuition scholarship for Best in Show.



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Junior Mirabella Demmo submitted her work of two bronze painted figures.



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Senior Milada Burovova made a jewelry piece with a stone and wrapped wire.



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Senior Anton Scheuermann made a creative design for a glowing lantern.



# Entertainment

## Movies bring awareness to Women's History Month

By SOPHIA MILLER

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

Though Women's History Month has already passed, supporting female creators and educating oneself is still important. One of the easiest ways to do this is by watching movies, whether it has a female cast/director or is informative on the issues all women face.

"Misbehaviour" is a film simultaneously centered around the Women's Liberation Movement and 1970s Miss World beauty competition. The movie follows Sally Alexander, a woman working hard to get her degree by day, and the leader of a group of liberationists by night. In proximity to Sally are the women competing in the Miss World competition. Jennifer Hosten, or Miss Grenada, hopes to bring honor to her country

and to women of color by winning. Jennifer and Sally meet when the liberationists stage a disruption during the Miss World ceremony. Overall, the film shows the complexities and importance of intersectionality within feminism.

"A League of Their Own" revolves around the Rockford Peaches, a team part of the Women's Baseball League. The league was created after the large majority of men in the Major Baseball League left to serve in World War II. Main characters Dottie and Kit Heller run away from home to join the league and immediately make the team a success. Jimmy Dugan

serves as their coach who teaches them important life lessons such as courage, strength and determination. The movie displays strong themes of sisterhood and finding family.

"Whale Rider" is a film that follows Pai, the daughter of the chief of New Zealand's Maori tribe. She longs to become the leader of the tribe but is unable as she is a female heir, and women aren't allowed to become chief.

Pai ignores this tradition and asks her grandmother and uncle to help train her into becoming a successful candidate for the net chieftain. Pai's resilience throughout the film shows women's determination in the face of adversity.



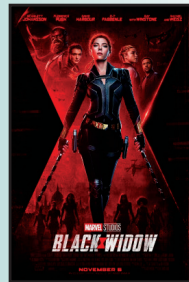
## "Black Widow"

By EMILY HEROLD  
News Editor

"Black Widow" is set to follow the backstory of the hero by the same name. At birth, Natasha Romanoff (the Black Widow) is given to the KGB where she is ultimately groomed to be an elite spy.

After the U.S.S.R. is disbanded, the KGB attempts to kill her and the fight follows her to present day New York where she now works as a freelance operative. The Black Widow is pushed to face this force from her past that will stop at nothing to bring her down.

After the release date was pushed back many times due to COVID-19, "Black Widow" is set to premiere on July 9.



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## "Queen of the South"

By EMILY HEROLD  
News Editor

"Queen of the South" follows Teresa Mendoza as she navigates her new life after everything changes, and she is required to fight to stay alive. Mendoza has to make quick and tough decisions in order to make herself useful to her new boss in the drug business that she was abruptly thrown into.

As the show goes on, it causes you to feel a whirlwind of emotions as you witness Mendoza fight through terrible circumstances. Watchers will continuously fall in and out of love with many of the characters as one second they seem to be good people and the next they are not. Some of the best characters include George and Pote as they show nothing but loyalty and love to Mendoza.



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## "A Quiet Place Part II"

By AIDAN FEAN  
Sports Co-Editor

"A Quiet Place Part II," the sequel to "A Quiet Place," is scheduled to hit theatres on May 28 after being pushed multiple times back due to COVID-19.

The film picks up right where the first movie left off. Mom, Evelyn Abbott, played by Emily Blunt, and kids, Marcus, portrayed by Noah Jupe, and Regan, portrayed by Millicent Simmonds, Abbott, are left in their burning house after just losing their husband and father, respectively.

While trying to escape, the Abbotts accidentally set off a tripwire that was ironically set up to help warn them of monsters approaching. To the family's surprise, they are kidnapped by strangers. Evelyn tries to convince the strangers to help her search for any other survivors.

Check out the film in theatres and find out if the Abbott family survives.



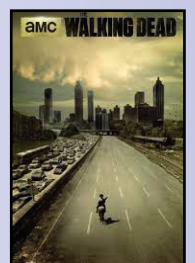
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## "The Walking Dead"

By KENZIE PANETTA  
Community News Editor

On Oct. 31, 2010, 'The Walking Dead' premiered on television. Based on the comic book series written by Robert Kirkman, Tony Moore and Charlie Adlard, 'The Walking Dead' portrays life in a post-apocalyptic world. It follows a group of survivors of the zombie apocalypse as they fight to stay alive and make a permanent home despite the hordes of zombies and human cruelty.

'The Walking Dead' has extraordinary characters and an exciting plot. The series tells a suspenseful story of tragedy, hope and growth amid the death and destruction of the new world. From the beginning, the show is filled with action and drama that draws you in and keeps you interested. Its final season will be aired on television in the summer of 2021.



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# Entertainment



## Winners shatter records at the 63rd annual Grammys

By MIKAYLA KRISANDA  
World News Editor

The 63rd annual Grammy Awards Show was held on March 14. This year's show, hosted by comedian Trevor Noah, was much different than previous ones. There was a limited live audience and all those in attendance wore masks.

During this year's Grammys, multiple records were broken throughout the night. After her four wins, Beyoncé became the female artist with the most Grammy awards ever. She took home the award for Best R&B Performance, shared the award for Best Rap Performance and Best Rap Song with Megan Thee Stallion and also received the award for Best Music Video. Over her career, she has won 28 Grammys.

Megan Thee Stallion was also a record breaker at the awards show. She won best new artist and is the first female rapper to win the award since Lauryn Hill in 1999.

Billie Eilish was another trailblazer who broke Grammy history as the youngest solo artist to win the Best Pop Vocal Album and Album of the Year at the Grammys last year. This year, she won two additional Grammy awards. She has won a total of seven Grammys before the age of 20.

Taylor Swift won Album of the Year for the third time in her career. She is the first female to have won three Album of the Year awards. She is joined by Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon.



## Prince Harry, Meghan reveal why they stepped down

By JOLIE FRAGGETTA  
Opinions Editor

Prince Harry and Meghan of Sussex were recently interviewed by Oprah Winfrey on March 12, revealing stories about their time as members of the royal family and their decision to step down. Harry and Meghan were senior royals of the family, meaning full-time working members of the royal family, who are closely related to the queen. Throughout the interview, Oprah asked many pressing questions as to why they left.

Meghan revealed the institution, which refers to the royal family and the people who run it, did not treat her as she believed she deserved to be treated. Meghan struggled with the press and how she was constantly criticized. She also revealed many of the stories the press shared were unimportant, but she got unnecessary backlash for many things she was not responsible for doing.

Meghan's struggles multiplied when she revealed news of her first pregnancy. Members of the institution were reportedly concerned about how dark the baby's skin would be. They also revealed to Meghan and Harry that their baby would not receive a royal title or the protection his cousins receive.

Harry also revealed that with his child not having this security, he and Meghan felt more comfortable leaving. He expressed he did not want history to repeat itself, alluding to his mother, Princess Diana, who was killed in a car accident. Many theorists believe her death was orchestrated and not an accident.

With the mistreatment of Meghan and the fear surrounding the history of Diana's death, Prince Harry and Meghan decided to step down as senior royals of the royal family and are now living in California with their growing family.

Ever

since its

opening in

1995, the Denver

International Airport

(DIA) has been a hub

for conspiracy theorists

due to infamous construction

issues leading to numerous delays

and bold public art located in and

around the airport.

Another object of speculation is the capstone which was laid over a time capsule at the airport's opening ceremony, and has "New World Airport Commission" etched into it. People have noticed that the commission does not exist and believe that it sounds eerily similar to the New World Order, a conspiracy in which global elite will disarm Americans so that the New World Order can enslave them.

Located directly outside of the airport stands Blue Mustang, a 32-foot-tall bronco statue with gleaming red-eyes. Initially commissioned in 1993, the sculptor, Luis Jiménez died before finishing after a piece of the sculpture fell off and severed an artery in his leg. Before his death, Jiménez stated that the red eyes represent the wild spirit of the American West, but many theorists see the intimidating glare as a representation of death and destruction-- one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

## Denver International Airport spurs new world order theories

By ADRIENNE GORDON  
Entertainment Co-Editor





# Science & Technology

## What's in your food: *Funyuns*

By JOLIE FRAGGETTA  
*Opinions Editor*

Funyuns have been a staple snack in America since they were introduced in 1969. They are a cornmeal snack that is flavored with onion powder and shaped to look like onion rings. They have been produced by the Frito-Lay company in many flavors such as Steakhouse Onion and Flamin' Hot.

Funyuns are not only eaten as chips, but they have also been integrated into many recipes that can be found all over the internet. They have been used as breading for chicken strips or for a boost of flavor as a topping on cheeseburgers.



Funyuns are gluten free, however they can be dangerous for a multitude of reasons. They are loaded with sodium with 270mg in each snack-sized bag. This amount of sodium can cause short term headaches, dehydration and nausea. Funyuns are also high in calories, having 140 calories per ounce of them.

The caramel coloring used in Funyuns has been linked to cancer in lab animals. The coloring used is Mel-4, which the FDA has required the state of California to put a warning label on foods that contain this coloring.

Though Funyuns are a popular snack many enjoy, they can be bad for your health. For those who love Funyuns, there

are healthier alternatives to the sought-after snack. PeaTos Crunchy Classic Onion Rings are an organic snack that is made of peas and lentils. They have a similar taste to Funyuns, with the slogan "Junk Food Taste Made From Peas."

Funyuns can also be made into a healthy, keto-friendly recipe with only 3 egg whites, 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/2 cup freshly shredded onion-flavored cheese and 2 teaspoons onion powder. They can be made by whipping the egg whites until they form stiff peaks, then folding in each other ingredient. The mixture should then be placed into a ziplock bag and piped in circles onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. They should be baked for about 30 minutes at 300 degrees.

Though Funyuns are a snack loved by many they can have lasting effects and it may be better to buy a healthier option or make your own.

## Heidelberg introduces new 'bicycle superhighways' for pedestrians

By SOPHIA MILLER  
*Arts & Literature Co-Editor*

In several cities around the world, most notably Heidelberg, Germany, new "bicycle superhighways" have been introduced. Eckart Würzner, the mayor of Heidelberg, has implemented this idea, as he plans to make his city as environmentally friendly as possible.

These superhighways are more than the name suggests. They will allow for people living and visiting the area to travel by foot, skateboard, bicycle or electric-cars. Würzner's newest addition and solution for carbon-neutral public transportation is a fleet of hydrogen powered busses.

Würzner even has a way for those trying to visit the new area in an energy-efficient manner.

"If you need a car, use car sharing," said Würzner. "If you can't use car sharing

because you're living too far outside and there is no mass transportation, then use the car, but just to the train station and not to downtown."

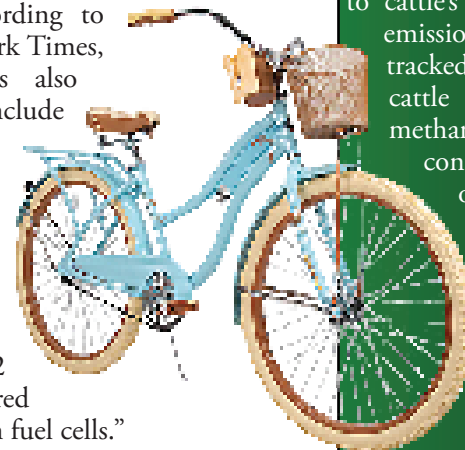
However, issues have already started to arise. Würzner and the others working on the project had concerns regarding space for pedestrians considering the traffic that will be brought to the area.

"Commuters are the main problem we haven't solved yet," Würzner said.

Bikes require space to be stored, as well as any skateboards and scooters that are being used. Electric cars need constant charging, so charging stations have been set up around the new city, including in parking garages. Both the bike storage and charging stations take up ample amounts of space on sidewalks and road sides where people are traveling. As a result of this, on-foot pedestrians and cyclists have complained about lack of space on the road and sidewalks.

Mr. Baur, a Heidelberg resident, went so far as to say that "You can decide if you want to die by tram [train or bus] or car door."

Though the Bahnstadt and bicycle highway has issues that need to be resolved, both have helped the city take steps toward its goal of becoming carbon neutral by the year 2030. According to the New York Times, the city is also looking to include "wind and solar power and is installing a hydrogen filling station for a fleet of 42 buses powered by hydrogen fuel cells."



## Seaweed reduces gas emissions in cattle

By MADDY FEDUN  
*Science & Technology Editor*

Greenhouse gases are a large-scale cause for climate change and agriculture is liable for ten percent of those emissions, with five percent of it coming from cattle alone. Cows digest hay and grass throughout the day, emitting methane and other gases. To reduce these emissions, experts suggest that people should decrease their daily intake of meat, but experts may have found an alternative.

Instead, new findings at the University of California could possibly present a more sustainable production of livestock.

"We now have sound evidence that seaweed in cattle diets is effective at reducing greenhouse gases and that the efficacy does not diminish over time," said professor and director of the World Food Center Ermias Kebreab.

In the past few months, Ph.D. graduate student Breanna Roque worked alongside Kereab to investigate if seaweed added to cattle's diet would reduce gas emissions. Roque and Kereab tracked the weight of 21 beef cattle and examined their methane emissions. The cattle consumed near 80 grams of seaweed while gaining as much weight as the cattle without seaweed diets, but emitted 82 percent less methane emissions.

# EARTH DAY

## Environmentally conscious ways to shop

By LIZ KAMEEN

*News Co-Editor*

As Earth Day quickly approaches, many Americans are looking for products to replace single-use plastic or other non-biodegradable products.

Over 1 billion toothbrushes are thrown away in the United States every year, creating 50 million pounds of waste annually. Toothbrushes cannot be recycled and are not biodegradable, so a quick solution is buying a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic one. Bamboo toothbrushes are inexpensive and come in a variety of different colors and options.

Other quick replacements for single-use products are reusable cotton pads and reusable makeup wipes, that can be put in a washing machine to clean.

Another way to shop for environmentally friendly products is to check the ingredients and where the product comes from to ensure it uses ethically sourced ingredients. Ethically sourced ingredients help prevent overharvesting of materials, which could cause deforestation and loss of habitat for flora and fauna.

By JOLIE FRAGGETTA

*Opinions Editor*

Earth Day has been an internationally recognized holiday since 1970. As Earth Day approaches on April 22, many might be wondering what they can do for the environment. There are a variety of ways individuals can help the world that they may not be aware of. This page shows steps that can be taken to save the Earth not only on Earth Day but every day as well.

## How to educate others on environmental issues

By VICTORIA HOFFMANN

*Editor in Chief*

Concern over the environment's current state has been something seen on various forms of media such as the news, social media and even apps. As the state of the environment worsens, awareness and education are needed to prevent further damage to various ecosystems.

There are many ways to promote education on environmental topics. A key way are schools including topics about the environment within their curriculum can promote awareness among younger generations. Other forms of education include having conversations with people about environmental issues and promoting individual research, such as reading articles and watching videos or documentaries.

"Education is the most powerful tool. Finding a balanced news source, focusing on smaller changes, and being informed and connected raises [environmental] awareness," science teacher Mrs. Amanda Pope said.

## Habits for everyday life that benefit the environment

- Save water by taking shorter showers, checking for leaks in toilets or faucets and turning off the water when it is not needed while doing things such as brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Turn off and unplug appliances or devices you are not using.
- Look for sustainable ways to purchase clothes, food and other items. Eating and shopping locally is a great option.
- Second-hand shopping can lead to reduction in your carbon footprint.
- Begin recycling at school or work when you are able to or use recycling drop-off centers.
- Try to use reusable items instead of single-use plastics such as straws, bags and bottles.

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## Simple volunteer work for the environment

By ALEX KRAKOWSKI

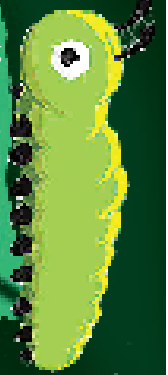
*Staff Writer*

Volunteering is an easy way to help the environment and community everywhere.

This can include small tasks such as picking up trash or helping an animal in need.

Volunteering with DoSomething.org, cleaning up cigarette butts is a simple task anyone can do while just walking around. You can earn volunteer credits, and if you send in a picture of the cigarette butts, you have the chance to earn a \$1,000 scholarship. The next deadline for this can be found on their website.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also welcomes volunteers to join their Earth Team to make sure private lands are protected and conserved. They have a variety of different work that can be done, so anyone over the age of 14 can join.





# Sports

## Deshaun Watson accused of sexual misconduct

By MIKAYLA KRISANDA

World News Editor

Deshaun Watson, the Texans quarterback, has recently been accused of 22 cases of sexual assault and harassment.

According to the NFL network, all 22 women accused Watson of exposing himself, touching them inappropriately or kissing them against their will while receiving a massage. At least one woman has said that Watson forced her to perform a sexual act during a session.

All of the women who have sued Watson are either licensed massage therapists or worked in a spa. Nearly all of the stories from the 22 victims share similar details.

In a news conference, a letter from one of Watson's victims was

read. In this letter, Lauren Baxley stated, "There is trauma associated with unwanted sexual contact and assault in a place that's meant to bring peace and therapy, but there are even deeper terrors that you have brought into my life."

One of the first women to file a lawsuit against Watson, Ashley Solis, said that after her alleged assault in March 2020, she suffers from panic attacks, anxiety, depression and is no longer comfortable working as a massage therapist.

"I got into massage therapy to heal people, to heal their minds and bodies, to bring peace to their souls. Deshaun Watson has robbed me of that," Solis said.

As a result of the accusations against him, Watson has had various endorsements from brands such as Nike and Apple's Beats by Dre suspended.

"We are deeply concerned by the disturbing allegations and have suspended Deshaun Watson. We will continue to closely monitor the situation," a spokesperson from Nike said.

The civil cases had their first hearings on April 9, and only two out of 22 victims have revealed their identities so far. The other 20 women have chosen to keep their anonymity.

Though the cases will proceed, 18 other massage therapists voiced their support

for Watson. All 18 of the women attached their names to their statements given to Watson's lawyer, Rusty Hardin.

One woman who testified in Watson's defense, Kaleigh Galindo, described her experience with him.

"I worked on Deshaun Watson several times from August to December in 2020. He was respectful in every session. I never had any issues with him being inappropriate," said Galindo.



## NFL prepares for first in-person draft since COVID-19

By KAILA DUNN

Managing Editor

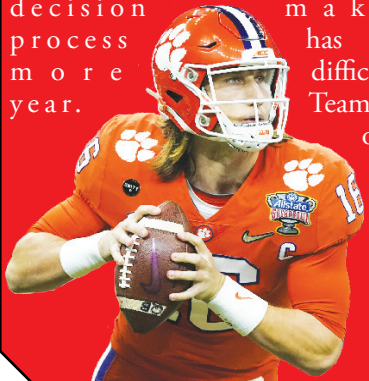
This year's NFL draft is scheduled to take place in Cleveland from April 29- May 1 with the Jacksonville Jaguars selecting first. The draft will be held outside and prospects and limited fans are allowed to attend unlike last year's virtual draft.

According to ESPN, the decision making process has been more difficult this year. Teams were only able to

prospects in person on their pro day which is hard because interactions in interviews can significantly impact the evaluation process in many ways. There was also no NFL Combine workout this year, which makes scouting the top prospects more difficult.

The projected number one overall pick this year is Trevor Lawrence, who was the starting quarterback for Clemson University this past season. Lawrence is considered by many NFL insiders to be one of the best prospects coming out of college since Peyton Manning and Andrew Luck.

Although he is projected number one, Lawrence declined the invite to attend the draft in person. Instead, he will be watching the draft from Clemson University with friends and family. However, other top prospects, such as Micah Parsons and Kyle Pitts, have accepted their invites.



## Baylor, Stanford take national titles

By KYLA STEAD

Staff Writer

The championship for the NCAA men's basketball tournament, also known as March Madness, concluded on April 5 with the Baylor Bears defeating the Gonzaga Bulldogs 86-70.

Gonzaga went into the game with an undefeated record, and Baylor had a record of 27-2. This was a highly anticipated matchup for many basketball fans.

Before this

championship game the final four teams consisted of Houston, Baylor, UCLA and Gonzaga.

On April 4, the women's tournament title went to the Stanford Cardinals, as they defeated the Arizona Wildcats 54-53.

This marks Stanford's third championship title; their final record came to 31-2, and Arizona's record was 21-6.

The final four for the women's tournament was USC, Stanford, UCONN and Arizona.



# Sports

## Girls wrestling team achieves success at States

BY STELLA TANNENBAUM

Arts & Literature Editor

The girls wrestling team achieved success at their state competition, with three athletes placing: senior Lily Sherer placed first, junior Kaelyn Balbirer placed fourth and sophomore Sarah Seltzer placed fifth. Specialist coach Evan Bates expected the team to bring home medals and is proud of his team's perseverance through obstacles, as well as their dedication to training and competing.

"The grittiness and passion they display in training and competition have led to their success," said coach Bates.

But the girls wrestling team's success reaches far beyond placing at the competitions they attend; the program has grown tremendously in recent years, and it offers many opportunities that

have not been available to girls before.

"In a way that no other activity could, girls wrestling offers girls a chance to make their mark where only boys had opportunities. This gives girls the confidence to overcome all obstacles in any area of life," said coach Bates.

For Sherer, three-time state champion, the growth of the girls wrestling program is one of the most meaningful aspects of the sport.

"Growing up I was the only girl, and now I have more people to share my sport with. One

of my biggest goals in this sport isn't to win gold medals, but to give other girls the opportunity to get on the mat and become the best version of themselves," said Sherer.

Sherer has committed to wrestle

at Lock Haven University and hopes to own and run a nationally successful girls wrestling club in the future.

Balbirer is also thrilled with the growth of the program and achieving fourth in the state, especially since she has only been wrestling seriously for approximately four months.

She appreciates wrestling for many reasons, including how it improves athleticism by working out the entire body and how it has built strong bonds with her teammates and coach.

"My favorite thing is seeing my teammates win matches

because we all practice hard together and watching them work hard for the win they deserve is an amazing thing," said Balbirer.

Balbirer is proud of herself and her team's success this year and plans on continuing her hard work to be an even stronger competitor next year.



Sophomore Alia Narvaez-Weiner



Senior Danah Downer

State competing swimmers in 16th place for the relays include seniors Sierra Gillan and Julia Weinreb, juniors Victoria Corcoran, Sierra Hartmann and Kaitlyn O'Connell, sophomore Madison Gillan and freshman Anaya Ruiz.

Individual race scores include Hartmann in 16th, Corcoran in 16th, Sierra in 13th and 14th and senior Lucas Santiago in 15th.

## Warriors end season in the top 8 at state quarterfinals

BY MADISON KELLY

Sports Editor

On March 24, the wrestling team's season came to a close at the state quarterfinals with a record of 10-1. The Warriors lost 37-17 to the Spring-Ford Rams. The team finished in the top eight in the state.

Seniors Jason Henderson, Cooper Kidd and Dan Privatt and sophomore Zac Jacaruso and freshman Dom Moyer beat their opponents to gain points for the Warriors.

Senior Sebastian Adler, sophomore AJ Dierksen and freshman Aiden Black were pinned by their opponents. Seniors

Connor Crescimanno and Preston Machado and sophomores Landon Machado and CJ Walton and freshman Ryder Machado were beaten by their opponents.

"We stood positive and kept to the course as the kids continued to work hard even without knowing what to expect from one day to the next," head coach Lou DeLauro said.

The Times-Tribune announced the 2021 Lackawanna League Wrestling Coaches All-Stars with the first team consisting of Adler, Henderson, Jacaruso and Preston. The second team consists of Black, Crescimanno, Kidd, Moyer, Ryder and Walton.



Sophomore AJ Dierksen

## Collegiate update: Bailey Fedun

BY MADISON KELLY

Sports Editor

DV alumna Bailey Fedun is a sophomore at Alderson Broaddus University entering her second season on the women's division II lacrosse team.

Fedun was named a captain as a sophomore and is a starting midfielder for the Battlers.

"It was an honor to have been named a captain as a sophomore. I think that it shows that when you expose yourself to an environment surrounded by

people who want to help you succeed, it motivates you to be your best self and to work harder," said Fedun.

In four games, Fedun scored a total of 20 points, 20 goals and four assists. She was named freshman female athlete of the year at Alderson Broaddus and is ranked number two nationally in the NCAA (DII) for goals per game for the 2019-2020 season.

Fedun is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry and plans to apply to schools in Pennsylvania for her masters after she graduates.

Fedun advises upcoming student athletes to work hard and not be afraid to get out of their comfort zone.

"As a student, strive for great grades and as an athlete, strive to be the best, but also be willing to learn from those around them," Fedun said.





# Sports

## Warriors drop first two games of season

BY AIDAN FEAN  
Sports Co-Editor



Senior Julien Bogach-Natiello

The baseball team lost their first two games of the season against Lake Lehman and Wyoming Valley West.

### DV- 10, Wyoming Valley West-13

The Warriors dropped their first game of the season to Wyoming Valley West by a final score of 13-10.

The team got strong hitting from seniors Julien Bogach-Natiello and Lukas

Schutz. Bogach finished 3-4 with one run and also drew a walk. Schutz finished 2-3 with an RBI of his own and drew one walk.

also scored three

Senior Damien

Estenes started the pitching. He finished 1 2/3 innings and eight runs (five on six hits. Juniors Galimi and Noah

along with sophomore

Natiello two RBIs run and Schutz



Senior Damien Estenes

He runs.

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Newton,

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finished the game, combining for 5 1/3

innings giving up five runs (two earned).

### DV- 3, Lake Lehman-13

The Warriors also lost their second game of the season to Lake Lehman, 13-3.

Senior Aiden Oliver had a strong hitting performance. He finished 1-3 with a two run scoring triple. Oliver also scored a run. Sophomore Tyee Irving had a strong performance, finishing 1-3 with one hit and one RBI.

Oliver was also the starting pitcher. He finished after 2 1/3 innings and allowed seven runs (three earned) and four hits. Junior pitchers Alex Pedone, Pete Smith and Ronny Jason finished the game. They combined for three innings and allowed six runs (five earned) and five hits.

## Spotlight Athletes Baseball



Lukas Schutz, SENIOR

*"Lukas has been a very difficult out and a big part of our offense early on."*

-Head coach Sean Giblin

## Softball



Abby Kemp, JUNIOR

*"She was a transfer student, so it was the luck that we actually got her because she stepped into a big role as pitcher. I'm excited to see what else she's going to bring for us for the rest of the season."*

-Head coach Chelsea Sweeney

## Tennis



Griffen Kowal, JUNIOR

*"Griffen has stepped up into the No. 2 singles role. He has accepted the challenge and stepped up his game in the process."*

-Head coach Kevin Quinn

## Softball starts season 1-1, Kemp shows promise

BY MADDIE MALLON  
News Co-Editor

The softball team had their first two games of the season, and their record is currently 1-1.

Their first game, against Holy Redeemer High School, ended in a loss of 5-0. Junior Abby Kemp pitched a five-hitter. Freshman Avery Calvario and sophomore Emily



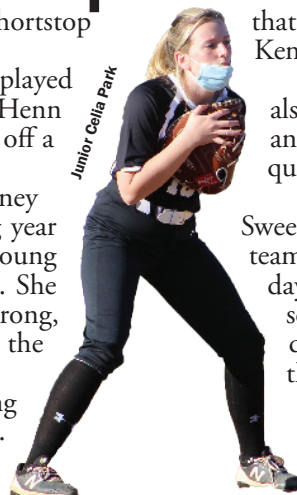
Junior Abby Kemp

Henn played solid defense at shortstop and catcher respectively.

On April 13 they played Wallenpaupack and won 5-3. Henn added a home run and picked off a girl at third base.

Head coach Chelsea Sweeney said this year was a rebuilding year because the team has many young players who are inexperienced. She said the team's defense is strong, but she is looking to improve the team's offense.

"I have a really good feeling about the team this season. Our defense is really solid and as a pitcher, I feel confident



Junior Cella Park

that my team has my back," said Kemp.

Coach Sweeney said it has also been difficult because at any point a key player could be quarantined.

According to Coach Sweeney, it is important that the team puts their best effort every day at practice. If the high school has virtual learning days because of COVID-19, the team is not able to practice.

## Tennis team emerges victorious

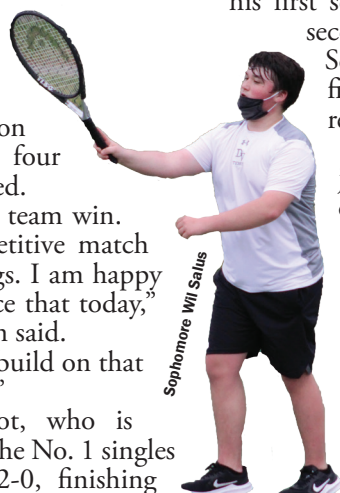
BY LIZ KAMEEN  
News Co-Editor

On April 14, the tennis team faced Scranton High School, winning four out of five matches played.

"All around, a great team win. Winning a close competitive match is one of the best feelings. I am happy that we got to experience that today," head coach Kevin Quinn said.

"Hopefully, we can build on that feeling moving forward."

Senior Jack Moniot, who is currently competing in the No. 1 singles spot, won his match 2-0, finishing



Sophomore Wil Salus

his first set with a score of 6-2 and his second set with a score of 6-1. Senior Maxwell Plotkin won his first and second set, 7-5 and 6-1, respectively.

Senior Scott Sussman and junior Gavin Buckley, who competed together in the first doubles match, won 2-1. They lost their first set 7-5, but won their second set 6-1 and their third set 6-3.

"The only obstacle between achieving all of your goals is yourself," Sussman said.

Sophomore Wil Salus and freshman Michael Richards

also won their doubles match, finishing with a total score of 2-1.

"You decide whether you will win or lose the match before you even step on the courts. You have to be confident in yourself and your abilities in order to play well," Buckley said.

The tennis team's next match will be against Holy Cross High School today, April 16, in Dunmore.



Freshman Michael Richards



# Sports

## COVID-19 affects start of boys lacrosse season

BY MADDY FEDUN

Science & Technology Editor

Due to recent circumstances regarding COVID-19, the boys lacrosse team experienced a delay to the start of their season. Although the team has not been able to play any games yet, the boys have continued to improve their skills during practice.



Senior Alex Mucjinovic

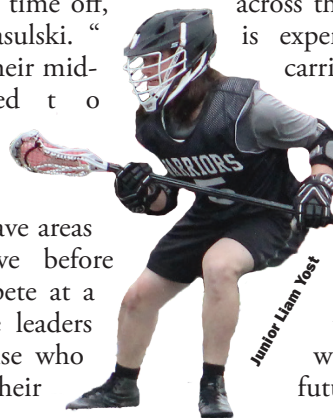
"Right now, we are basically at the beginning of our season after having so much time off," said head coach Jeff Krasulski. "Our opponents are in their mid-season form, and we need to develop chemistry fast."

According to coach Krasulski, the boys still have areas which they can improve before they are prepared to compete at a competitive level. There are leaders on both offense and defense who will continue to mentor their

younger teammates on the field.

"As a team we will perform well across the board. Our faceoff crew is experienced, and the offense carries the same experience with creativity that gets us the goals we need," said senior Finnegan McCormack.

Though it has been challenging for them, the team is confident that their hard work in practice will reflect positively in their future games.



Junior Liam Vest

## Girls lacrosse begins season with 1-2 record

BY MADISON KELLY

Sports Editor

The girls lacrosse team began their season with an away game against Crestwood. The team's record is now 1-2 after games against Abington Heights and Wyoming Seminary.

**DV- 5, Abington- 4**

The girls lacrosse team beat Abington Heights during the away conference game in overtime on April 9.



Sophomore Leah Weinreb

Seniors Maddy Fedun and Bella Fasulo and junior Emily Cruz and sophomore Leah Weinreb scored goals for the team. Cruz scored two of the five goals. Senior Julia Weinreb, Fedun and junior Shannon Croll had assists to help gain points.

Senior Erin Hartey and Croll were able to gain control of the ball after contact with the ball or player to give DV a chance to score.

**DV- 7, Wyoming Seminary- 16**

On April 13, the girls lacrosse team hosted their first home game against Wyoming Seminary where they lost 16-7.

Points were earned from Cruz, Fasulo, Julia, Leah and junior Daisey Carney. Leah scored three of the seven goals.

Junior Sophia Perrin is one of the goalies for DV, and she saved seven out of 23 goals attempted on her.

The girls will have an away game tomorrow at Lake-Lehman at 11 a.m.



Senior Bella Fasulo

## Volleyball team sweeps Wilkes-Barre Area

BY LUKE RUGGIERO

Sports Co-Editor

On April 12 the volleyball team swept Wilkes-Barre Area 3-0. Senior Steven Schermerhorn led the team with 21 assists, six digs and three aces, and senior Danny Zhivkovich also recorded eight kills. Senior Aidan U'Glay tallied 10 aces and seven kills, and senior Yoshi Sumitomo had three digs.

"Aidan put a hard serve on them, which got us rolling in the first game, and our libero Yoshi was solid on defense,"

said head coach Adam Holdredge.

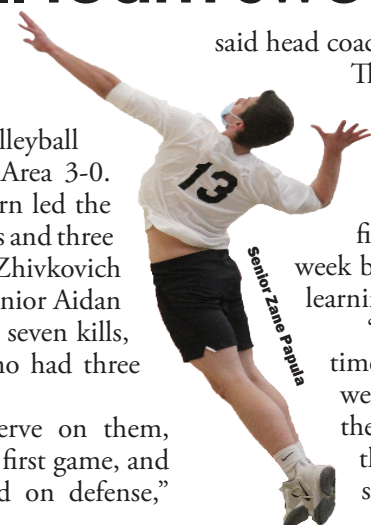
The team was down 7-3 in the first set, then went on a 22-6 run to win the set 25-13.

This was the team's first game back after a two-week break because of the virtual learning days at the high school.

"We only practiced six times in the last 24 days, so we were rusty, but the fact that they are playing as well as they are is very impressive," said coach Holdredge.

Coach Holdredge's goal for the season is to play as many games as possible.

"I would love to put some winning expectation out there, but unfortunately, we do not control that," said coach Holdredge.



Senior Zane Papua



Senior Steven Schermerhorn

## Spotlight Athletes Boys Lacrosse



Finnegan McCormack, SENIOR

"Finnegan has been a mentor to our younger players and has been a coach on the field calling our offensive sets. I'm excited to see him compete this season."

-Head coach Jeff Krasulski

## Girls Lacrosse



Bella Fasulo, SENIOR

"Bella's speed and competitive nature sets her teammates up for success. She is tireless on both defense and attack."

-Head coach Bernadine Salak

## Volleyball



Yoshi Sumitomo, SENIOR

"Yoshi has been playing great defense for us keeping a lot of plays alive with his hustle and determination to keep the ball off the floor."

-Head coach Adam Holdredge