

# DELTAWARE AWARE

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## DV addresses national issues in high schools

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Arts & Literature Editor

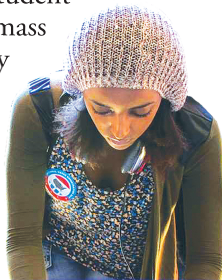
On March 14 a number of DV students and other students, teachers, administrators and parents across the nation planned to walkout of school for 17 minutes. Each minute was intended to represent a student casualty from the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that took place on Feb. 14.

According to these students, this walkout was their way of advocating for stricter gun laws and for more mental health resources in schools to help their troubled peers.

Although this walkout may have been successful at schools across the nation, administration at DV worked with students to come up with an alternative event that is intended to be more impactful and safer for the student body.

There will be a voter registration drive on Thursday, April 12 taking place periods one through three. If a student will be 18 years or older before election day on May 15, he or she is welcome to register. Every voter will be required to have a form of ID and the last 4-digits of their social security number in order to participate.

This community-based voter registration drive will increase the number of eligible Americans registered



to vote.

“The walkout turn out would have been low and ineffective due to the lack of publicity at our school. Students walking out of school for 17 minutes would not have as much of an impact as voting to make the changes you stand for,” said senior Nick Brown.

However, there are students who want more action taken to stand up for the students who died.

“I wish the school was doing more to spread awareness,” said sophomore Abby Reno.

At many schools there are not enough, if any, resources for improving mental health.

With two full time social workers, individual counseling, support groups, peer mediation and an organized suicide prevention campaign, DV is ahead of most schools in the state, since only one social worker is required per district.

This is only scratching the surface of what the school has available for students.

The counselors and social workers often work with families and outside sources to help students overcome barriers to education.

“A mental health problem is just as significant as a physical injury. If not taken care of, it will only get worse,” social worker Ms. Amy Letwinsky said.

In addition, Rachel’s Challenge has been in action working towards creating a chain reaction of kindness throughout the halls of DV.

## OM teams advance to States

BY CARLY NAUNDORFF  
Science & Technology Editor

On March 17, all four of the Delaware Valley High School teams performed at the regional competition at Pocono Mountain West High School. The technical and structure team won first place and the vehicle and theatrical team were awarded second place, thus all four teams will move on to the state competition held at Pocono Mountain East High School on April 7.

The structure team was required to turn their balsa wood structure into an animal that needs to be “fed” while changing the structure’s appearance. During the performance, the structure held the team created food while it supported as much weight as possible. In addition, the technical team created a performance where three-dimensional emojis grew, turned into a team member and changed into a different emoji. Their performance also included a choreographed dance, a technical

representation of texting and sounds to enhance their silent performance. The structure team ended with a score of 328.31 points while the technical team finished with a perfect 350.00.

The vehicle team was to design, build and operate an original vehicle that could “curl,” “joust” and “run track” by navigating a course in two directions. The team was also required to entertain the audience and change the appearance of the vehicle. Furthermore, the theatrical team created a humorous performance centered in a science fiction hang out that includes original characters, foods, a futuristic map, entertainment and a quest for space treasure. The vehicle team received a score of 269.71 and the theatrical team received a score of 336.02.

“The feeling of pride in my team’s abilities after coming off the stage is what motivates me to perform with passion in hopes of returning to the stage at world finals,” stated junior Miriam Denhalter of the theatrical team.

## DV police increase security measures to prepare students

BY BRENNA CAVALLARO  
Sports Co-Editor

It has only been 12 weeks since the start of 2018 and there have already been 17 school shootings that resulted in injuries or casualties. School shootings have recently increased which has caused many schools in the U.S. to increase and improve their security.

Delaware Valley School District is taking action to prepare students and staff for an unfortunate event. DV has six school police officers (SPOs) - two at the high school and middle

school campus, two at the Dingman’s campus, one at Shohola and one at DVES.

For the past two years, DV school police chief Mark Moglia has held trainings for teachers and staff members in the district, teaching ALICE, which is the number one active shooter response training for all U.S. organizations. ALICE is an acronym for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate.

*“We hope that this never happens here, but it’s better to be ready than to not be prepared at all.”*

- Officer Paul Cavallaro

“Knowing that our school is taking initiative and preparing students and staff for an incident makes me feel more comfortable,” said junior Bree Tonnesen.

# ?? FEATURE NEWS ??

## Nicole Cosentino

Mrs. Nicole Cosentino is known around the high school for her leadership and her big hair-do. Mrs. Cosentino's passion resides in helping children grow to become more aware of what is happening around the world. For those who are not aware, Mrs. Cosentino won the Assistant Principal of the Year Award in 2016.

-Kaiya DeStefano



**KD:** Kaiya DeStefano (Interviewer)  
**NC:** Nicole Cosentino (Interviewee)

**KD:** What college did you attend? What did you go to college for?

**NC:** I began at East Stroudsburg University where I worked for my undergraduate degree in secondary education social studies, and I then went on to receive my masters degree in special education at ESU. From there, I received my masters degree in educational leadership, also at ESU. I moved onto Marywood University where I worked for my superintendent letter of eligibility. Now I am currently enrolled at Wilkes University.

**KD:** What is your favorite memory from college?

**NC:** I had fantastic professors through my undergraduate degree that even after all these years, stood out as individuals who were willing to go above and beyond for students. For example, when I took my job here as Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs, my college professor from 1999 drove here, met with me and worked with me to try and make this position, considering it was new. I emailed the same professor from ESU over this summer, and I had a response within hours with ideas on a project I was working on. My professors were always so available, accommodating and willing to bend over backwards for their students. I can only aspire to be that helpful to my students.

**KD:** Did anyone inspire you to further your academics in education?

**NC:** I grew up in a family of educators where both of my parents were teachers and coaches.

**KD:** What are some accomplishments that you have made after you received your various degrees?

**NC:** When I think about accomplishments, I think about how I am a part of a team, consisting of Dr. Brian Blaum, Mr. Lou Delauro, Mr. Jayson Pope, Mr. Aaron Weston and Dr. Jim Purcell. The administrative team at Delaware Valley works as a unit and we focus on academic success for all of our students. It is definitely a team effort. I am very blessed to work on a fantastic administrative team.

**KD:** What is your favorite part of working at DV?

**NC:** My favorite part is working with all of the children.

**KD:** Do you have any advice for students who are passionate about continuing their education after high school to become a teacher or to work in the education field?

**NC:** There is no better job than being a teacher. You get to influence the lives of the future generation of America. It is important that students follow their passion.

**KD:** What were your previous jobs like?

**NC:** I worked as a special education



teacher for four years. I then became a social studies teacher for six years. For the last seven years I have been lucky enough to continue teaching the junior combo class how to work together with other individuals, as well as gain self confidence in themselves with Mrs. Leslie Lordi. Combo teaches leadership, which is what the future generation needs to inherit. Along with this, I am able to continue my job as the assistant principal of academic affairs.

**KD:** Where did you go to high school? And how is it different than DV?

**NC:** I am from Hazleton Area. At the time I attended school, Hazleton was a super small community even though it was a big high school. Hazleton was not nearly close to having the same academic focus as Delaware Valley and as of today, the schools are very different.

**KD:** What is most important to you?

**NC:** My family. My children are my world.

**KD:** What is your favorite memory as a teacher?

**NC:** When Mrs. Lordi and I brought the 9/11 flag back to

Delaware Valley in 2010 through the New York Says Thank You Organization as well as combo debates each year. Overall, making a difference in the life of any kid is the highlight of my job.

**KD:** What is your favorite part of your daily routine?

**NC:** The class I am still lucky enough to teach is a stand out part of my day, along with any time that I am working with students.

**KD:** What are you most looking forward to in the future?

**NC:** I have been at DV for 17 years, so I have seen a lot of positive change through the hard work of everyone working as a team, and I look forward to see what the future holds in terms of taking our academic program even further. There is always room for improvement. I think we have a great group

of staff and students here at DV who work together.

## Favorites

**Sport:** Football

**Season:** Fall

**Subject:** Social studies

**Hairspray:** Aussie  
**Crunch Spray**



# School News



## FCCLA students excel at State Leadership Competition

BY SARA SERRANO  
Circulation Co-Manager

From March 14-16, FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) competed at the State Leadership Competition at Kalahari Resorts.

Seniors Sara Duffy, Annberly Duke and Alyssa Tassos received the gold medal in their group event, and seniors Katie Mauro, Sylvan Ortiz and Autumn Vallis were awarded gold medals for their individual events. Freshmen Kaitlyn Aschoff and Katelyn Mapes immediately advanced to the level two competition at Nationals for their FCCLA chapter website. These eight competitors will be attending Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia over the summer.

“FCCLA has given me the opportunity to practice my future profession and receive feedback from professionals at the state and national level. I’ve been able to give back to my community the best way I know by

being involved in the most important time in a child’s life as an elementary school student teacher,” said Mauro.

In addition to eight members advancing to Nationals, 10 more members were awarded medals at States. Juniors Andrew Contreras and Griffin Smith placed first in their menu planning competition and seniors Katie Brophy and Haley Wehnert placed second in their baking and cake decorating events. Seniors Katelyn Casella and Maddy Lawlor, juniors Emerald Hardy, Jeanna McDonagh and Faith Woegens and sophomore Ashley Duke placed third in their events. This group of students’ events consisted of knife skills, entrepreneurship, early childhood education and nutrition and wellness competitions.

Advisers Mrs. Jill Farr and Mrs. Leslie Peters said being in FCCLA requires dedication and commitment.

It takes months to prepare for their events, and students came in on snow days to ready themselves. Mrs. Farr and Mrs. Peters were proud of how their students performed at States and both agreed that their hard work paid off.

“I believe our students did a fabulous job in their competition and in their behavior,” said Mrs. Farr.

This extra-curricular activity is available for students who take an interest in family and consumer science, such as the Early Childhood Education and Warrior Café Career-Tech programs.



**FCCLA seniors show their excitement to be attending Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia.**  
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## Cinderella’s Closet

Cinderella’s Closet is open to all students who would like to borrow a dress or suit for the upcoming prom. See Mrs. Lordi in room D4 for more information.



## SECURITY: school takes action in preventing shootings

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Officer Moglia presented an ALICE training and DV active shooter response presentation on March 20, 22 and 23 to all grades in the high school.

In the assembly, students were taught the basics of the different ways to react to an active shooter. Each situation is different, but the presentation prepared students to be mentally ready in the rare event of a school shooting.

All students in the district are being taught the ALICE training by a school officer, and all staff members will be undergoing a training for active shooters and intruders put on by the school police officers.

The school district will also be sending Officer Paul Cavallaro to a training the first week of April. The training is another piece of the ALICE training called the RAIDER Training Program, which exposes first-on-scene responders to the tactical skills necessary to stop an active shooter. Officer Cavallaro has been training

school districts with the Pennsylvania State Police since 2005 but after he completes the training, he will be a certified instructor of the program and of the ALICE program.

Aside from the presentations conducted in school, Chief Moglia also plans to have students and teachers practice barricading their classroom door. The Director of Administrative Services, Mr. Chris Lordi, as well as the school police officers, are working to implement a safe active shooter training similar to fire and weather drills, however, this type of drill is difficult to execute in a safe way with every student in the school involved.

“We hope that this never happens here, but it’s better to be ready than to not be prepared at all,” said Officer Cavallaro.

Chief Moglia also emphasized that a shooting incident could happen anywhere, even at our school, so all students, staff members and responders need to be prepared to react.

## Inquiring Photographer

“WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST THIS SPRING?”

BY ARIANA COMO



“Lacrosse”  
**David Bell and Griffen Rhodes**  
Class of 2018



“Hiking with no snow on the ground”  
**Ashley Thalassinos**  
Class of 2020



“Playing basketball at the courts with my buds”  
**Patrick McNeely**  
Class of 2018



“Easter”  
**Ethan Gallo**  
Class of 2021



“The snow melting and the flowers blooming”  
**Mrs. Donna Stuchlak**  
Staff



“The weather”  
**Sean Brittain**  
Class of 2019



# Opinions



## Keeping an open mind

In the world today, there are many sides to a political issue that are used. It is important to use unbiased resources and evidence that support your belief.

The beauty of an opinions piece is that people are able to share their opinions freely even if they may not be opinions that everyone agrees with. An opinion is not based on fake news. It's based on personal views, morals, etc.

In addition, using black unemployment ratings as evidence of Trump not being a racist was insulting because there is no correlation. Just because he created jobs that happen to help another race doesn't mean racism no longer exists. And also there is no such thing as the "empowerment of women" when the man who is our president has had numerous sexual misconduct allegations against him and said demeaning things about his own daughter and other women. Having gender diversity in his cabinet does not mean he is suddenly a women's rights activist and a supporter of feminism.

Trump has had the lowest approval rating in 14 months out of any president. The average approval rating at 14 months is 58 percent, which is 15 percent higher than Trump's rating. Trump is unsuccessful and strongly disliked among the people. He has tried to remove numerous opportunities that have benefited millions of people including universal healthcare, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and the opportunity from transgender individuals who can no longer serve in the military. He has also ignored Nazis in the street, the largest controversy on gun control we've ever seen, and he has instigated fights with North Korea (endangering the lives of millions). Voting for Donald Trump was ignoring these issues and ignoring the issues that minorities struggle with daily.

I understand that students may not support my opinion, however, that does not mean the conversation should be simply shut down. When voting for someone, you should consider all sides and know the concrete evidence that supports a person.

EMILY FEIMAN  
Class of 2019

## #Whatsyour17

I know that by the time this article prints, the walkouts in support of stricter gun laws in memory of those lives lost in the shootings will probably already be of the past, but I just felt that this is something that still needs to be addressed. As mentioned in the previous opinions piece of the *Del.Aware*, there is a more common cycles to occur after every mass shooting. It all ends in forgetting about tragedies and having nothing really being accomplished.

As I'm writing this, it is currently March 13, and there is talk of the National Walkout tomorrow at 10 a.m. As a part of the Delaware Valley Parents and Students Facebook page, I was interested in a post that dealt with this subject matter and was not surprised by the countless comments from parents who disagreed with the walkout. Many did not understand the purpose of the walkout and what the result of it could be. A few were supportive because this is the first time in a while where so many students were this passionate about a relevant and real topic. Some stood out to me and made some excellent points.

While I agree with the intention of the walkout, I disagree with the approach. In the jumbled mess of arguing parents, there was an idea of #whatsyour17. "Smile at people you normally wouldn't smile at, open your heart to 17 people who might be hurting, offer friendship to 17 people who may have none."

I feel that these approaches can be more helpful and actually make some changes rather than just leaving class for 17 minutes. The NRA is a monster who will not change its laws, so why don't we do something to change the atmosphere of our school and make everybody feel important and part of this amazing community!

ANASTASIA GRIGORYEVA  
Class of 2019

## Change is needed

No matter who you are, where you come from, or what you believe, you know what is going on in America. You know that people are dying. You know that people are dying, no matter what you believe or support.

I don't want to believe that this is the America we live in today because I truly love my country, but I am not blind. I see quite blatantly that this type of tragedy is typical in our country and around the world.

I am a moderate. I guess I lean to what liberals may say more about gun control, but I don't believe some aspects they support. All I know is that change is needed and I hope you know that too.

As I write this, I am reading about how Great Mills High School in Maryland has been attacked where two people, including the shooter, were killed. A resource officer fired at him and later the shooter was pronounced dead. It's sad that this type of tragedy happens so often.

Two months ago, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was tragically attacked. Seventeen people were killed. I sat on my phone and read about those who lost their lives and I cried because these people had lives and families who loved them. It was honestly heartbreaking.

Maybe another national tragedy will happen and it will blow over like it has in the past and we will wait until the next tragedy strikes, but I want change now. I cannot wait anymore. I waited since Sandy Hook for a change and I'm still waiting. I think we have been ignorant as a nation. We have yet to learn from the previous tragedies. We need this and all the other tragedies to be our teacher. We need a solution.

CARLOS SERRANO  
Class of 2018

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# School News



## Where are they now? Anthony Gosch

By MAEVE DOWD  
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During his time at Delaware Valley, Anthony Gosch made a name for himself with his involvement in multiple extracurricular activities, academic acknowledgements and his charismatic character. The class of 2017 graduate now resides in the heart of Philadelphia at Temple University.

Gosch enjoys the new environment a big city provides. The academic opportunities, along with the city atmosphere, have been favorites of his. The subway system and many venues for socialization have helped Gosch create a strong network of friends and many entertainment outlets.

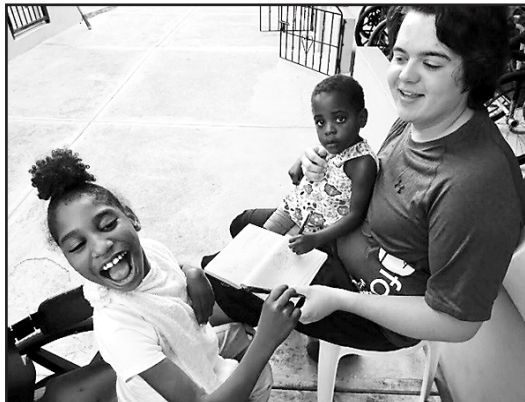
Gosch credits his academic success to Delaware Valley and how it helped get him ready for the large workload and challenging courses of a college student.

Gosch is majoring in international business with a minor in Spanish and hopes to pursue a career in tourism or hospitality and management.

Over his spring break, Gosch spent a week in the Dominican Republic on a mission trip. The trip began with a flight to Miami where he and students from other universities met up and completed trainings. The next day the group flew out to the Dominican Republic and

began their journey.

Gosch spent a week at the Mustard Seed Orphanage in the village of Pablo Puerto. Gosch and his group



**Gosch laughs and draws with two young girls from the Mustard Seed Orphanage.**

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interacted with disabled people aging from two to 28 years old.

When in the Dominican Republic, Gosch helped the children at the orphanage and the community that surrounds them. Whether it was landscaping and yard work, or playing with the

children in the town, Gosch was making the most of his experience.

At the orphanage Gosch met many children including Francesca, a young girl who uses a wheelchair and loves to color.

“When I was leaving, she pushed herself all the way across the room and pushed a chair behind me and I was confused so I looked back and she started tugging at my shirt to get me to sit down and then she starts tugging at my backpack. I open it up and take my journal out and she starts squealing because she was so excited to color,” said Gosch.

Gosch also explained the culture shock that ensued once the group landed in the Dominican Republic.

Gosch stated that the people there are so kind and joyous even though they don't have much. It really puts into perspective what is important in life and what we take for granted.

“For me the whole experience was extremely transformative. Going in with a group of people I didn't know, spending time with them in this unknown land with these unknown people keep sharing this common experience that was so wholesome was an awesome experience,” said Gosch.



## Gifford places first

Senior Morgan Gifford, news co-editor for the *Del.Aware*, has received first place in the state of Pennsylvania for the Division IV Keystone Press Awards for her sports photography skills. She received her award for her captured picture of a DV swimmer last winter.

“I was very proud to have earned the first place award for sports photography. I have taken sports photos for soccer, wrestling and swimming. Taking photos for swimming may be the most challenging, but is the most rewarding,” said Gifford.

Gifford has taken journalism since her sophomore year and became a member of the newspaper staff her junior year, continuing onto senior year.

“For two solid years, Morgan has been persistent in her efforts to become a better sports photographer. This award is a reminder of all her hard work,” said journalism teacher Mrs. Leslie Lordi.

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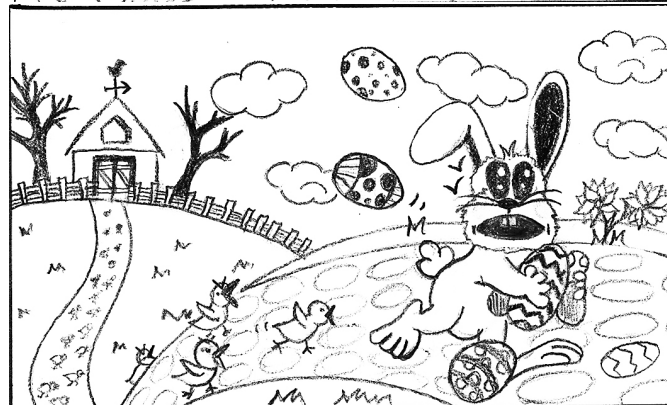
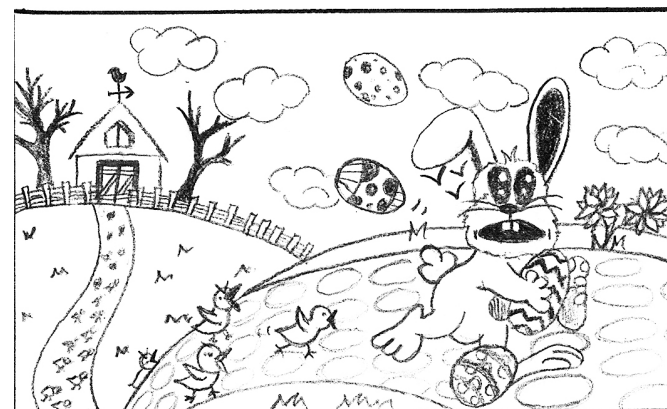


Gifford's award-winning photo that won her first place in the Keystone Press Awards competition.

## Puzzle Fun

Be the first to circle all seven differences between the two images to win a DV magnet. Take the completed puzzle to Mrs. Lordi in room D4.

Last issue's winner: sophomore Natalia Liszka



Artwork created by Juliann Winkler



# School News



## Band students perform in county band festival

By EMMA GARRERA

*Science & Technology Co-Editor*

On March 26, students from the DV concert band performed at the 2018 Tri-County Band Festival in Western Wayne.

The festival was held in Western Wayne High School's Veterans Memorial Auditorium where students from Pike, Wayne and Monroe Counties performed.

Band students played "America the Beautiful," "Chorale and Shaker Dance II," "Earth, Wind and Fire in Concert," "Each Time You Tell Their Story," "Flourish for Wind Band" and "The Legend of Danny Boy" all conducted by guest conductor Frank Torquato.

According to junior and french horn player Melissa Kelleher, the goal of the festival is not to compete and earn awards but for different schools to come together and do what they love, which is to make music.

"What I love most about these festivals is that they really test your abilities as a musician.

You need to work together to make music that is ready for a concert in one day with people you have never met before. The experience is something that is unique to music," said Kelleher.

To prepare for the festival, the band students would normally get their music ahead of time. Due to the nor'easter that hit the community, students received their music the day of the concert.

Junior Kelly Morris who played trumpet at the Tri-County Festival said, "I think the band did amazing. We learned all of the music in one day because of the snow storm, and I think it was amazing that we were able to do that."

According to band director Rick Bullock, DV will host the 2019 Tri-County Band Festival.



**DV concert band students pose for a group photo moments before performing in the festival.**

*Contributed Photos*



**Guest director Frank Torquato conducts music for the Tri-County band.**

## CAD uses 3D printer to make 'live builds'



Seniors Jimmy Quinn and Isabella Bucher are the only two students in the Advanced CAD Applications class taught by Mr. Tom Moran. They run the "parts factory," which is when teachers send Mr. Moran small broken pieces or parts of objects/items they want to be fixed.

Quinn first reverse engineered the back of a calculator to get the measurements, then he used the computer program "Inventor" to draw it. He then used the 3D printer to make a prototype to make sure the measurements were correct. In the end, he made 20 calculator backs for the math department.

Bucher was asked by the foods class to make cow cookie cutters. Similar to Quinn, she first made a model on "Inventor" and then used the 3D printer to make the prototype. In the end she made 20 cookie cutters. Usually the 3D printer is used to make prototypes but once the objects are made and are put to work, they are called "live builds".

*Photo and caption by Kirsten Dunn*

## Class sends letters to grieving students in Florida

By ALICIA HOUSBY

*Circulation Manager*

The shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida brought grief to students, teachers, families and communities within the school and across the country.

This event has also caused a letter-sending initiative in Delaware Valley.

English teacher Mr. Bryan Pol and his fifth period AP Literature class took part in this movement. During the week of Feb. 19, students wrote letters

to send to the students at Parkland.

The letter-sending program was started by a teacher in Parkland to help support affected students. It was a way to lift students' spirits as they came back to school after such a difficult event. The

purpose went further than to just let the students know they were thought of. It also showed them that nationally, people were willing to take time out of their day to show support in a more sensitive approach without using the media.

"Getting kind and encouraging words from students would mean more than tweeting 'thoughts and prayers.' Writing

a more personal letter made me feel like I could make a difference in helping at least one student grieve after such a traumatic experience," said senior Haley Korfmann.

Mr. Pol is impressed with how his students reacted to this opportunity.

"Without question, I am extremely proud of my students and their benevolence and compassion in their involvement in this program," Mr. Pol said.

Their letters were sent to the school on Tuesday of the same week.



**Mr. Pol's AP Literature class sent letters to the students at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where the tragic incident occurred.**

*Contributed Photo*



# School News



## ESL students share their transition to a new country

By **BRENNA CAVALLARO**  
*Sports Co-Editor*

Delaware Valley High school offers an English as a Second Language class taught by Mrs. Raycharlyn Krasulski. Three students from around the world share their culture and new life experiences.

### Rosemita Kielty- Haiti

Delaware Valley sophomore Rosemita Kielty moved from Haiti to the United States in 2014. Rosemita was adopted from an orphanage in Haiti by American parents and enrolled in DV when she moved to the U.S. In Haiti, life was different, especially life in the classroom. School was only four hours long because the heat grew too extensive as the day went on. In a lecture hall, more than 100 kids would be taught by two teachers with no technology. Teachers were much stricter and all students wore uniforms. Outside the classroom, children spent much of their time outdoors because most families and orphanages did not have technology or televisions.

According to Rosemita, Haitian food is completely different than American

food. Her favorite being rice and beans in a palm leaf which is popular in her home country.

Rosemita natively speaks Haitian Creole which is a French inspired language and is learning the English language in Mrs. Krasulski's English as a Second Language class.

### Ziyad Aziz- Yemen

Originally from Yemen, Ziyad Aziz is now a freshman ESL student at DV. Ziyad came to the district last year with hardly any knowledge of the English language but now can speak and understand everyday conversations and school lessons.

In Yemen, Ziyad recalls school being much different than in the U.S. With limited technology and small classrooms, Ziyad learned the core subjects, but, he was unable to take any elective classes such as art, music and others offered at DV. He was able to walk to school everyday unlike

now where he must take a school bus.

Outside of school, Ziyad also enjoyed the outdoors and spent very little time sitting inside. In Yemen, it is common to see lions outside of his home.

"Seeing a lion in Yemen is like seeing a bear in Pennsylvania," Ziyad commented.

Meals in Yemen are more traditional hardy meals than here in the U.S., Ziyad's favorite is a beef and rice dish.

### Janeylis Valentin Reyes- Puerto Rico

Janeylis Valentin Reyes moved to Pennsylvania in 2014 after growing up in Puerto Rico. According to Janeylis, school life was her most difficult transition. Meeting new friends and finding her way around a larger school was scary and nerve racking for her. Learning the language was not as difficult though because she was taught English in Puerto Rico.

Similarly to Rosemita and Ziyad, Janeylis enjoyed the outdoors in her home country. After school, she spent her time playing outside and walking around with her loved ones. Unlike her ESL peers, Janeylis grew up with technology that was similar to that in the U.S. Cell phones, televisions and computers were common in most schools and households.

Janeylis also enjoyed traditional meals such as rice and beans. In America, there are more food options than in Puerto Rico.



**Rosemita Kielty (left) and Ziyad Aziz- Yemen (right) are two students in Mrs. Raycharlyn Krasulski's ESL class. Not pictured: Janeylis Valentin Reyes**  
*Photo by Brenna Cavallaro*

## DeFreese animation advances to States

By **COLLIN KAWAN-HELMER**  
*World News Editor*

On March 16, senior David DeFreese won first place in the animation category at the Northeast Pennsylvania High School Computer Fair. The competition was hosted at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by computer art teacher Mrs. Stephanie Cavallaro and is advancing to the state-wide competition in May.

The Pennsylvania High School Computer Fair is an annual event that highlights high school students' application skills and computer knowledge. Students are able to unleash their creativity, learn how to convey information more dynamically and enhance the learning process.



**ScienBot loses his "Shock Cane" and must find out who stole it.**

*Contributed Photo*

"Winning this competition is important to me because it tells me that I am on the right track with the characters I am creating, and that there are people who love what I'm doing," David said.

David's animation, called "ScienBot's Cane," was based on a lot of his own life and experiences. He pulled inspirations from his friends to create the complex characters who must deal with the mysterious happenings of the fictional city of "ToonFord."

"ScienBot's Cane" was judged on its narrative content, aesthetic quality and demonstration of technical skill. David plans to add one more scene before the state competition in order to enhance the animation's storyline.



## Students donate coins to make a difference

**Pennies for Patients is an organization that works towards connecting schools with local blood cancer patients, providing tangible life skills to participants. DV has been taking part in this fundraising event for seven years by raising money in homerooms. Student Council members collected \$400 and plans to donate it to patients in need. The homeroom that raises the most money will win a breakfast.**

*Photo by Emily Jacobus / Caption by Ariana Como*

**Congratulations to juniors Esther Lee and Brian Lee for making All-State Orchestra.**

# Autism Acceptance

## DV shows their support during Autism Awareness Month

By KIRSTEN DUNN

Community News Co-editor

The 11th annual World Autism Awareness Day was April 2, but the whole month of April is Autism Awareness month.

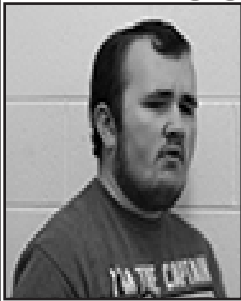
Students and staff can show their awareness and support by purchasing autism awareness shirts in room A6 from special education teacher Ms. Cathleen Kent. Shirt sizes ranging from small through extra large are \$10 and sizes double extra large and triple extra large are \$12.

Also anyone who purchases a shirt is asked to wear it every Thursday in April. There is also an assorted basket full of autism awareness objects for sale too. The money raised will be given to Pike Autism Support Service (PASS).

The bulletin board by the 9/10 office, features students and have autism facts.

"It is heartwarming to see the support from general education teachers and the amount of time they spend to make our kids successful," said Ms. Kent.

### Jagger Carroll



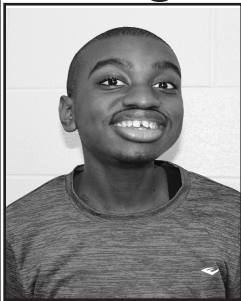
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Favorite Subject: Math  
Favorite Color: Blue  
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Fun Fact: "I enjoy doing the Special Olympics."

### Nico Forlenza



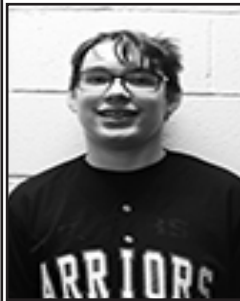
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Favorite Activity: Music  
Favorite Subject: Marketing and Business  
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Favorite Animal: Cat  
Favorite Music: Alternative Rock, Costal hip-hop and Yung Pinch  
Favorite Game: "Grand Theft Auto V"  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Fun Fact: "I play the electric guitar."

### Argenson Dicette



Age: 17  
Favorite Activity: Watching tv  
Favorite Subject: Gym  
Favorite Color: Green  
Favorite Animal: Cow  
Favorite Music: All music  
Favorite Game: Sports  
Favorite Season: Winter  
Fun Fact: "I love to play an air hockey video game."

### Ethan Gallo



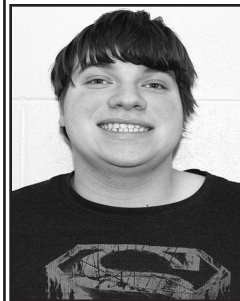
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Favorite Activity: Baseball  
Favorite Subject: Math  
Favorite Color: Gold  
Favorite Animal: Dolphin  
Favorite Music: Rihanna  
Favorite Game: "MLB the Show"  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Fun Fact: "I am smart."

### Billy Everson



Age: 16  
Favorite Activity: Going to the weight room after school.  
Favorite Subject: Ms. Kent's class  
Favorite Color: Blue  
Favorite Animal: Frog  
Favorite Music: Music on headphones  
Favorite Game: Tablet Games  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Fun Fact: "I like to tell jokes."

### Matthew Hoitsma



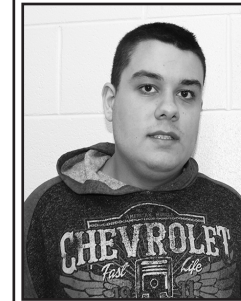
Age: 17  
Favorite Activity: Ceramics class  
Favorite Subject: Math  
Favorite Color: Red  
Favorite Animal: Dog  
Favorite Music: Hip hop  
Favorite Game: Legos  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Fun Fact: "My favorite place to eat is at Applebee's."

### Katie Leon



Age: 17  
Favorite Activity: Art/ Drawing  
Favorite Subject: Art  
Favorite Color: Purple  
Favorite Animal: Cats  
Favorite Music: Pop, hip hop and rap  
Favorite Game: Candy Land  
Favorite Season: Summer and fall  
Fun Fact: "I am funny."

### Joel Martin



Age: 20  
Favorite Activity: Biking  
Favorite Subject: Math  
Favorite Color: Purple  
Favorite Animal: Frog  
Favorite Music: Drums  
Favorite Game: UNO  
Favorite Season: Winter  
Fun Fact: "I enjoy biking and swimming."

### Scott Post



Age: 18  
Favorite Activity: Listening to music  
Favorite Subject: Physical education  
Favorite Color: Red  
Favorite Animal: Cow  
Favorite Music: Jazz  
Favorite Game: UNO  
Favorite Season: Winter  
Fun Fact: "I ski in the Special Olympics and I enjoy bowling."

### Kerreck Reisky



Age: 14  
Favorite Activity: Playing ping pong  
Favorite Subject: Gym  
Favorite Color: Yellow  
Favorite Animal: Dog  
Favorite Music: Hip hop  
Favorite Game: Ping pong  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Fun Fact: "I like to play ping pong, sports and attend after school activities."

### Samantha Whateley



Age: 14  
Favorite Subject: Gym  
Favorite Activity: Swimming  
Favorite Color: Any bright color  
Favorite Animal: Dog  
Favorite Music: Pink  
Favorite: Bowling Video Game  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Fun Fact: "I taught myself to swim at three years old."

**"In a world where you can be anything...be kind!"**





# Community News



## Business attracts people interested in outdoors

By ALICIA HOUSBY  
Circulation Manager

Seeing Milford as an up-and-coming destination town, Jay and Joan Manasco opened Sawkill Creek Outfitters to sell merchandise for people with an interest in the outdoors.

The store, named for the creek that it sits on, is located in the old mill near the Water Wheel Café in Milford.

The Manascos moved to the area and liked the town itself. They decided to open this business about a year ago to sell sporting goods that are not offered at other stores in Milford.

Jay, who lived in Alaska for 16 years, is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys activities such as camping and hiking. The couple figured the town could use a store that sells this type of equipment and more.

They cater to people with an interest in hiking, camping, climbing, skateboarding, backpacking and yoga. When choosing products to sell in their store, they pay the most attention to functionality and

style. They sell premium, durable products that are environmentally-friendly.

While they receive a lot of foot traffic in the warmer months, the winter months seem to be more quiet.

According to Jay, there are a lot of winter activities that people are unaware of. The couple encourages customers to come to the store to check out the equipment they offer.

The most rewarding part of owning this business is the ability to teach customers about the latest gear and about all of the options there are to be able to fully enjoy the outdoors.

Joan also likes the knowledgeable, small staff they have.

"It's truly awesome working at Sawkill Creek Outfitters. The customers are always well-traveled people who have loads of awesome experiences to talk about. Also knowing that my bosses are focused on



**Sawkill Creek Outfitters displays high quality outdoor merchandise.**

*Contributed Photo*

bringing attention to all of the great outdoor activities this area has to offer makes working there all the more rewarding," senior and Sawkill Creek employee Michael Duncan said.

In the future, Joan and Jay would like to see even more financial success. Joan, who also works a full-time job, would like to have this be their primary source

of income. They also hope to present more learning opportunities and workshops and possibly expand in some way.

As of April 1, the store will be open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and will be closed on Wednesdays.

## CDD event raises money for children in need

By SARA SERRANO  
Circulation Co-Manager

On March 21, World Down Syndrome Day, Center for Developmental Disabilities (CDD) hosted its 20th annual Chefs Do Dinner event at the Best Western Inn to raise money for children's therapy and education.

This year's Children's Champion Honoree was one of the directors for CDD, Joseph P. Biondo. Biondo explained how being a part of CDD helped him feel more connected to his mother who passed away when he was a child.

Ellie Bacus, a four-year-old girl who has Down Syndrome, was this year's Featured Child. Her coach and Vice President of CDD, Mandy Colville expressed her feelings about the children involved in this program.

"It's amazing to watch all they can accomplish and the fun they have doing it," said Colville.

Chefs Do Dinner night is CDD's biggest fundraiser, with 20 caterers who helped make the night successful. Seniors Katie Brophy and Autumn Vallis represented Warrior Café with their entrées and desserts. Once all the donations were taken, an anonymous donor matched the money raised from the night.

Executive Director Lisa Randazzo made this event possible through the many tasks she completed, and Secretary of CDD and photographer Thomas Duncan helped portray the purpose of CDD through a slideshow of pictures of the children in therapy.

"We have a very dedicated staff, and I think there's a lot of love, compassion and understanding in the community for these children who have developmental disabilities," said President of CDD Kelly Gaughan.

## Animal of the month

By MORGAN GIFFORD  
News Co-Editor

Looking for a pet to adopt who loves attention, car rides, creating bonds and playing with tennis balls? Jacks may be the perfect dog for you.

Jacks is a six-year-old Jack Russell Terrier mix who has been at the Pike County Humane Society for eight months. He is a very friendly dog and loves kids and behaves well around other dogs and cats.

Jacks requires a family who has someone home most of the time or who can bring him in the car when they go out. He has a tendency to climb fences, open doors and

windows when he is left home alone. Jacks is recommended to be kept in an "igloo" so he feels comfortable and will not attempt to sneak out when he is alone.

Although this may seem like Jacks is a troublesome dog, he just likes to be the center of attention of his owners and everyone else.

Jacks is very energetic and loves to run around and play outside, so he needs to be leash walked or let into a fenced in yard area.

Jacks is up to date with his vaccinations and he is neutered, for more information about Jacks and other pets, contact the Pike County Humane Society at (570)-296-7654.



## Open mic night welcomes performers

By KIKI RUGGIERO  
World News Co-Editor

Every second Saturday of every month at 7 p.m., the Frisky Goat Coffeehouse in Milford has been opening its doors for talented people of all ages, whether it be musicians, writers or even puppeteers.

Sign up for auditions in advance are not needed and anybody of any age and any talent is welcome to attend. The Frisky Goat welcomes all to join them and to participate or watch in this fun and interesting community gathering. Types of performers have included singers, writers, musicians and even puppeteers, but other types of unique talents are always welcome.

The crowds have been



**The Frisky Goat Coffeehouse hosts an open mic night every second Saturday of every month.**

*Photo by Kiki Ruggiero*

exceptionally impressive at this local event. Ever since January, seats have filled up quickly, even to the point where many have to stand, and it is recommended that participants, as well as guests, get there by 6:30 p.m. to secure their seats.

Veronica Fernandez, a barista at the Frisky Goat, is also a musician and participant of the show. Her CDs are even available in the shop and some other performers may be able to sell their CDs too as long as they are approved by the business.

"I play ukulele and sing," said Fernandez. "It's a wonderful way for the community to gather

# World News

## Students find connection between race, gun violence

By COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER  
World News Editor

The school shooting in Parkland, Florida which killed 17 people, has begun a national conversation about gun violence in the U.S. Students of all backgrounds have expressed their ideas in events like the National School Walkout and the March for our Lives. However, many black and Latino students wish to expand the dialogue to how gun violence affects communities of color.

Urban minority communities have faced terrible gun violence. According to the CDC, the majority of children who die from firearm homicide are African-American boys. Older children's deaths are likely related to gangs and drug involvement, while younger children are often caught in the crossfire of community or violence within a family.

"I know a couple of people who had mixed feelings towards the walkout, they felt if it was a black student being gunned down, it wouldn't have got so much coverage," Jaelah Jackson, a 15-year-old in Brooklyn, New York, said. "They felt like minorities and African-Americans are diminished... and their cases aren't presented as equally."

Civil rights activists call out what they see as disparities between how politicians and the media react to gun violence affecting minority youth versus majority white communities like Parkland.

"We understand that what happened in Florida was a tragedy. We stand in support of the Parkland students," said Nancy Ramirez, a Chicago student involved with a new collaborative effort working to end gun violence by addressing unemployment, mental health services and improved school resources. "But we also understand that this is not [an issue with] a one-approach solution."

## Russian diplomats expelled after poisoning

By ELIZABETH BOBO  
Staff Writer

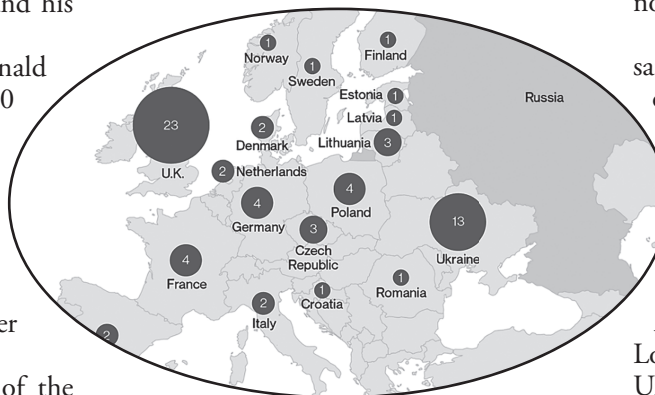
More than 20 countries took action in solidarity against Russia, because of the poisoning of a Russian spy on and his daughter on March 4.

On March 26, President Donald Trump ordered the expulsion of 60 Russian diplomats that the US identified as intelligence agents. President Trump decided to take action and joined the United Kingdom of accusing Russia of attempting to murder a former Russian double agent and his daughter using a nerve agent.

Tensions are still high because of the imposed sanctions (which were given on March 15) given to any individuals who were involved in the 2016 presidential election. The expulsions up to this point are the toughest actions taken against Russia by President Trump, who had once been criticized for not being firm enough with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The action was to remove any Russian spies who had the possibility to inflict harm on

citizens, and also showed that the United States would stand with NATO allies.

The United States and its allies are calling the poisoning a "clear violation" of international law, and expelling these



diplomats is a fair consequence. The loss of Russian personnel may inflict some short-term costs on Russian intelligence gathering, but it is far from anything that Russia is taking as a major offense, regarding their overseas intelligence. Along with the U.S., countries such as Canada, Ukraine, Germany, France, Poland, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Spain, Netherlands, and many

more stood with each other in solidarity. With the consequences given to Russia regarding the issue and the countries taking the same unified action, they now created a strong policy that other countries now take notice of.

"These actions make the United States safer by reducing Russia's ability to spy on Americans and to conduct covert operations that threaten America's national security" said a White House correspondent.

This situation lends itself to a similar one that happened in 2006. The poisoning of former Russian officer, Alexander Litvinenko, took place in London, but European countries and the United States never took matters into their own hands in order to respond. The sudden death of the officer led to serious diplomatic difficulties between the Russian and British government.

U.S. officials say there are more than 100 Russian spies undercover as diplomats in the United States and described the large number as unacceptable. They say that the U.S. will take further action in the near future to help alleviate the problem.

## Kim Jong Un makes surprise visit to China

By CARLY NAUNDORFF  
Science & Technology Editor

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made a surprise visit to China which may indicate Pyongyang's need for support from its closest ally in preparation for upcoming meetings with South Korea and the U.S.

Kim met with high ranking officials including Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing. Observers believed it would have been highly unusual for him to meet with U.S. President Donald Trump without seeing Xi first.

The Beijing trip was the first time since 2011 that Kim met a foreign leader since he took power. China is Pyongyang's only major military ally and is North Korea's number one trading and economic partner.

Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in are due to meet next month and a proposed meeting with Trump is due to take place by May.

Aidan Foster-Carter, an honorary senior research fellow at Leeds University, said it would have been almost unthinkable for Kim to meet with Moon and President Trump having never met Xi, given the importance of the Sino-Korean alliance.

"The United States remains in close contact with our allies South Korea and Japan. We see this development as further evidence that our campaign of maximum pressure is creating the appropriate atmosphere for dialogue with North Korea," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

## NBA takes stand after recent shooting

By SYDNEY COUTURIER  
News Editor

The NBA has introduced many new and different ways of honoring black lives since the recent shooting of 22-year-old Stephon Clark.

This year in particular, during Black History Month, various forms of merchandise, video campaigns and other promotions to bring attention to and show respect for black lives of the past were readily available.

NBA All-Star Carmelo Anthony posted a photo on Instagram, calling on not only his audience on social media, but also his fellow athletes to take charge and stand up for social injustice issues.

Following the post, Anthony along with teammates Chris Paul, Dwyane Wade and LeBron James gave an opening speech at the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Awards (ESPYs) urging people to take action, stand up for justice and respond to current issues the country is facing.

Since then, athletes from teams including the Sacramento Kings, Memphis Grizzlies and Milwaukee Bucks have joined in, hosting panels, 'Community Conversations', a 'Racial Residue Workshop' and taking other initiatives to help stand up for justice.



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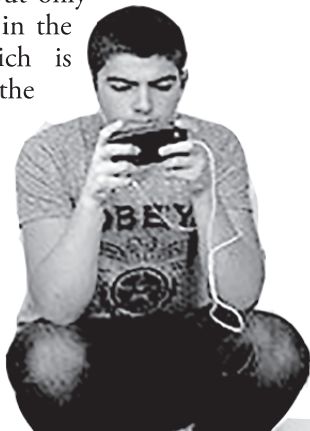
## Young adults continue to vote at low rates

BY EMILY JACOBUS  
News Co-Editor

Voter turnout in the United States is much lower than other established democracies. In every presidential election since 1964, young voters between the ages of 18 through 24 have continuously voted at lower rates than all other age groups, although young adult voting rates have fluctuated from one election to another.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau the young adult voting population (ages 18 to 29) in 2012 made up about 21 percent of the voting population but only 15 percent of them voted in the Presidential election, which is extremely low compared to the older generations turnout.

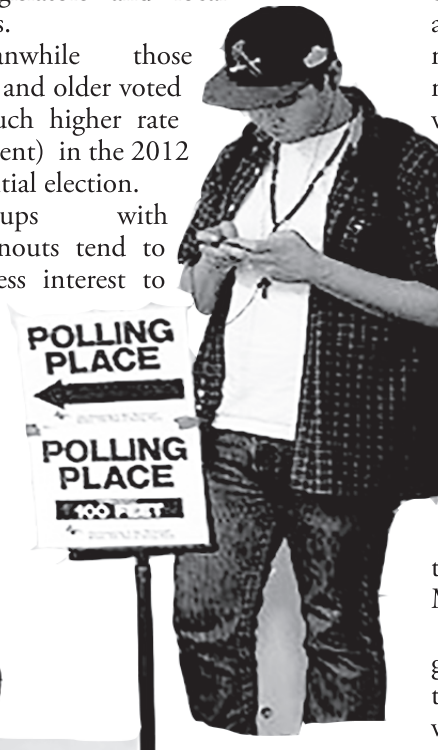
In a report from Tufts University Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, it was noted that voter turnout among young people fell to its lowest level ever on record in 2014.



Not only that but about only 40 percent of the eligible voter population votes during midterm elections. Turnout is lower in primary elections, off-year elections for state legislators and local elections.

Meanwhile those aged 65 and older voted at a much higher rate (72 percent) in the 2012 presidential election.

Groups with low turnouts tend to be of less interest to



politicians who want to be elected.

Often many young adults do not know how or where to register, or perhaps they miss the deadlines. Young adults, especially college students, are also new to the voting and registering process and are always on the move. Out-of-state students, in particular, may not have the identification necessary to vote.

Many lawmakers have proposed ideas such as lowering voting age, early registration, or others such as stricter voter ID laws to prevent fraud in elections. A study by the *American Educational Research Journal* linked volunteering in high school to increased voter turnout. Performing high school community service was found to be a significant predictor of future participation in local elections.

“Early pre-registration is one way of getting youth and teens more engaged in the civics process early on,” said state Senate Majority Leader Aaron Ford.

It is agreed across the country that the generational voting divide is a problem for the democratic process, but it’s not clear yet what is the right action to be taken.

## Four killed in hostage situation in France

BY KATIE COONEY  
Sports Editor

On March 23, an Islamic extremist gunman stormed into a grocery store in Trebes, France and held numerous people hostage.

ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack that killed four people and injured 15, and the culprit has been identified as Redouane Lakdim.

French police officer Arnaud Beltrame is being called a hero after he traded places with a worker in the supermarket, effectively saving her life. Beltrame died from bullet wounds a day later.

“Arnaud Beltrame died in the service of the nation to which he had already given so much,” French president Emmanuel Macron said. “In giving his life to end the deadly plan of a jihadi terrorist, he fell as a hero.”

Earlier in the day, Lakdim hijacked a car in Carcassonne, France and killed the passenger. Before traveling to Trebes, Lakdim shot at a group of officers jogging in a nearby park and injured one. He then arrived at the grocery store, yelled “Allahu akbar” and took the lives of another two



Source: npr

### Police and security officers respond to the Super U grocery store after the terrorist attack that left four dead.

people. Officer Beltrame was the fourth victim in the killing spree. Lakdim was killed when police officers responded to the attack and entered the supermarket.

U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted his condolences to the nation of France stating, “Our

thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the horrible attack in France yesterday, and we grieve the nation’s loss. We also

condemn the violent actions of the attacker and anyone who would provide him support.”

This has been the deadliest terror attack since Macron became president in May 2017, and more investigations are underway to determine how Lakdim obtained his weapons and became involved with ISIS.

An unidentified woman and a teenage male friend who were close to Lakdim have been taken into custody and questioned about the terrorist.

France has been targeted multiple times by ISIS, in 2015 and 2016 alone, 200 people have been killed by Islamic extremists.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the horrible attack in France yesterday, and we grieve the nation’s loss.”

- President Donald Trump

“They all looked death in the eye. There will be a before and an after,” the mayor of Trebes Eric Menassi said.

“I think nothing will ever be the same.”

## Bridge at Florida college collapses, takes 6 lives

BY MANDY XU  
Opinions Editor

Just days after being built, Florida International University’s (FIU) brand new pedestrian bridge came crashing down on March 17. An employee left a voice mail two days prior before the collapse and advised that there was “some cracking,” but it was ignored.

It took two consecutive days to remove the 950 tons of steel and concrete rubble that collapsed on traffic. It was on March 19, that six people were pronounced dead at the scene.

One of the victims was identified as Alexa Duran, a 19 year old student attending FIU. She was driving under the bridge and was stopped at a red light, but within seconds the bridge came crashing down on her car, as well as others beside her. Duran’s uncle Joe Smitha, who lives near the area, heard about the incident and called his niece only to find no answer.

“What are the odds that out of the thousands of people in Miami that she would be one of the six or eight people caught under the bridge at the red light?” Smitha said.

The bridge was built to connect the FIU campus to the Sweetwater neighborhood, where many of the students live. The intent of the bridge was to help FIU Commuters travel a safer way from their home to school.

According to the FIU website, the cost of the bridge was \$14.2 million dollars to build and was granted by the US Department of Transportation. The bridge was designed by FIGG Bridge Engineers, who designed the bridge to withhold category five hurricanes and last for more than 100 years.

# Winter storms cancel, delay competitions, sports

By COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER  
World News Editor

The loss of a week of school was extremely disruptive to athletes and students participating in extracurricular activities. Several events and competitions were postponed or even cancelled outright. With freezing temperatures and snowy fields, athletes questioned whether they were really playing a "spring sport."

Members of HOSA saw their state competition cancelled. The second nor'easter made travel to Lancaster, where the competition was to be hosted, unsafe. While some students have been able to participate in their written tests online, others who perform medical skills cannot compete.

"This was a really crazy and unprecedented disaster. I'm still processing it all. I, and everyone from HOSA, always look forward to going on the trip to the conference," said HOSA adviser Mrs. Barbara Coyle.

Science Olympiad faced disappointment too. The DV chapter was unable to attend, again due to road conditions.

Many members were still without power or staying out of state with family.

The school's OMers spent the snow week stressed about preparing for the regional competition that was scheduled for March 10. The four high school Odyssey of the Mind teams managed to meet and frantically tried to put the finishing touches on their skits. Therefore, the decision to postpone the competition to the following Saturday brought great relief to the students.

Spring athletes and coaches faced tough delays to their seasons. However, permission was granted by administration to practice on Tuesday March 6.

"I tried to get the guys together and we practiced about three days. It wasn't the most ideal situation, but I thought it was worth it," said boys' lacrosse coach Mr. Jeffry Krasulski.

# WINTER STORM DISASTER

By SYDNEY COUTURIER  
News Editor

The recent winter storms beginning on March 2 hit the Northeast with tremendous amounts of snowfall and caused substantial damage.

The storms wrecked towns, tore down trees and powerlines and caused road closures. Many were faced with days of power outage, cable loss, and up to almost three feet of snow in some of the higher elevations.

Trees and power lines blocked many roads preventing some families from leaving and being able to get to their houses. Most of the fallen trees have been removed from roads; however, the tree trunks and uprooted stumps are still laying on the ground.

Even though a huge number of power trucks came from all over to help get towns back in order, there is still lasting damage.

# DV provides important resources to aid winter storm victims

By SHELBY BRITTAIN  
Entertainment Editor

The tragic Winter Storm Riley and Winter Storm Quinn, that caused DV to shut down school for six days, brought hardships to many families, and it was a struggle to manage through it. With the help of superintendent Dr. John Bell and many other volunteers, the school was opened to people in need of showers, charging, etc.

When the school was opened up on March 4 and March 11, an average of 150 people showed up per day. When people began to get power back, the average amount of people dropped down to about 20. The ones who came made sure to take advantage of the locker room space and showers.

Many teachers volunteered their time to give a helping hand. The people who volunteered their time were most of the administrators, Mr. Jayson Pope, Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski, Mr. Nathan Kropitavich, Mrs. Julie Ewald, Ms. Rebecca Ewald and Mrs. Robin Adelfio. Mr. Justin Roselli, from the cafeteria, was a huge help during the time as well by coming in even though the school was closed.

Coffee, tea, bottled water and a plenty of baked goods were available. Food was supplied by the cafeteria and the baked goods were provided by local families with power who wanted to contribute food to those in need. People were able to fill up water jugs to bring back home. Televisions were set up in the 9/10 cafeteria along with free WiFi and power strips.

"The people who came in were very thankful," said Dr. Bell.

**Outside help uplifts Pike County during disaster**

By JULIANN WINKLER  
Managing Editor

While residents were trapped inside as the snow storm engulfed houses and streets, a multitude of first responders, Pennsylvania National Guard, electricians, line workers and many other individuals were outside for days on end trying to rescue people and fix the damage.

One of the main companies that took action by calling upon outside help was the state's Department of Transportation (PennDOT). PennDOT brought equipment and staff into Pike County from the Lehigh Valley area. They helped the local PennDOT employees clear debris and snow while making sure everyone was safe.

Another group of individuals who helped greatly during the storm were approximately 65 National Guard soldiers. They were sent to the parts of Pennsylvania that suffered the most damage, which included Pike County. The National Guard performed wellness checks, assisted police personnel and operated heavy duty vehicles to help clear roads of trapped vehicles.

State Police also took action by searching for stranded travelers in need of assistance. They checked on each stranded car to see if people had enough water and food, and they also tried to provide for any of their other needs. With the help of the National Guard, the state officers also checked on elderly residents and brought quite many to nearby warming centers which provided them with a warm shelter full of food and other essential supplies.

"It was a great team effort. Everyone involved, from the local fire departments to the county commissioners and the emergency management staff, did a great job and I am thankful for their help," stated Emergency Response Management Coordinator Tim Knapp.

Map of electric companies of Pike County. Milford and Westfall townships are mostly served by PPL, while Met-Ed serves Dingman and Delaware township.



Winter Storm Riley, the first storm, caused the most damage, dropping upwards of two feet of snow and producing blizzard-like winds that devastated the area.



Technology education teacher Mr. Eric Thiele was among the many who were greatly impacted by the storm. He and his family dealt with a power outage lasting six days. Two big trees came down, one crushed his car and did damage to his truck, and the other took down power lines and badly damaged their driveway.



Silver Lake Road, as seen here, had massive amounts of downed trees and utility poles. Many in the Dingmans area faced road closures and could not get out of their communities.

## How did the storms affect you and your family?

By SHELBY BRITTAIN



"I had no power for five days."  
Centa Quinn  
Class of 2019



"I had no power and no 'Fortnite' for four days."  
Cody Mann  
Class of 2021



"I lost power for four days and my grandparents had to stay at our house."  
Jackson Shafer  
Class of 2020



"A tree fell on my grandma's house while I was in the room."  
Jaden Jorgenson  
Class of 2018



"A tree almost crushed our car."  
MacKenzie Panetta  
Class of 2021



"I had no power for a full week, lost my cat, and had no contact with family members."  
Sophia Catalano  
Class of 2018



# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## Spotlight Preston Yates

BY BAILEY FEDUN  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Preston Yates has shown exceptional potential in his writing. Currently in Honors English 10 and Effective Writing, Preston is seen as an outstanding writer and has shown qualities of a potential author.

Preston's motivation to write is based off of the idea that if he does wish to become an author, he must learn to write like one too and do it effectively.

"He wants to be a writer on some level and right now he is one of two people whom I currently teach who can make it (becoming an author) a reality. Preston definitely shows potential and he is easy to teach. He is a student who has really dedicated himself to writing and it shows in the classroom," said English teacher Mr. Evan Bates.

Preston explained that his favorite form of writing is creative writing because it is very imaginative and innovative. According to Preston, using a creative style of writing gives the writer the ability to avoid the somewhat boring aspects of nonfiction.

Drawing and reading are two hobbies that Preston takes pride in. He has taken classes throughout his high school career that revolve around painting. He is currently taking Drawing 2, which is his favorite class because he loves drawing and he finds it very relaxing.

When it comes to reading, Stephen King is Preston's favorite author. Preston explained that he admires Stephen King because he writes his books fast and he writes them often.

"I really enjoy reading and writing, they've been a part of my life for so long and have had an impact on what I want to do in the future," Preston said.

## Spotlight Artist Abby Reno

BY TARA VECCHIO  
Arts & Literature Co-Editor

Dedicated, passionate and incredibly artistic are all qualities that describe sophomore, Abigail Reno. Abby has been creating pieces of art ever since she was six years old taking local art classes in Milford.

"I always loved how expressive you can be. Art can be powerful and meaningful to people which makes it really special," Abby said.

Art has been a major part of Abby's life growing up. Throughout high school, she has taken various art classes to enhance her talents such as Intro to Drawing 1 and 2, Computer Art 1 and Painting Media 1 and 2. Abby's favorite art class she has taken was Intro to Drawing 2 where she created a scribble drawing



that is now one of her favorite art pieces.

"In Intro to Drawing 1 you learn all the basics of art, but when you take Intro to Drawing 2 it's more free and you can be more expressive," Abby said.

In the future, Abby hopes to take AP Art History and AP Studio Art classes along with Mechanical Drawing and Architecture.

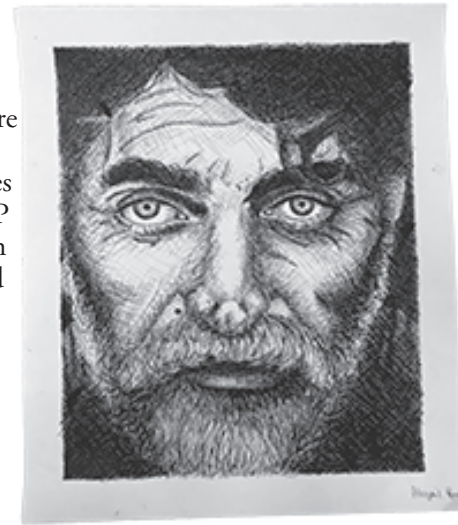
All of Abby's hard work in her art classes led her induction into the National Art Honor Society as one of the first inductees at DV.

Abby was also selected by art teachers to have two of her pieces, a scribble drawing and a still life, showcased in the annual ARTery show. It was an overall daunting experience for Abby, but seeing her artwork in

a professional setting was rewarding. She was one of the few students to have an art piece sell during the show.

Besides art, Abby is a huge fan of history and knowing fun facts. Her overall passion is to work in production design at her dream school, SUNY Purchase.

Abby is currently a part of the stage crew for drama productions at the high school and is excited to



continue it.

"I want to grow more as an artist and be able to showcase emotions that are outside of the box to relate to and reach more people than I am right now," Abby said.

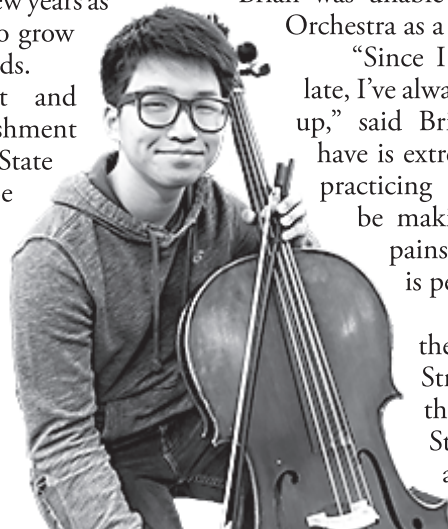
## Spotlight Musician Brian Lee

BY MELISSA KELLEHER  
Staff Writer

Even though he has only been playing cello for four years, junior Brian Lee has certainly proven himself to be an outstanding musician. He has accomplished a lot in his few years as musician and continues to grow with each festival he attends.

Brian's most recent and most notable accomplishment was earning a spot at All-State Orchestra. He will be attending the All-State Orchestra festival from April 18-21 and will be playing alongside other talented musicians whom Brian says he looks up to.

"It is so inspiring to see their motivation and focus for music," he said.



This is the first time Brian has ever made All-State Orchestra. As a freshman, sophomore and junior, he made District Orchestra, and he made Region Orchestra as a sophomore and a junior. Unfortunately, anyone in a grade level below sophomores cannot move beyond the district level, so Brian was unable to qualify for Region Orchestra as a freshman.

"Since I started [playing cello] late, I've always felt the need to catch up," said Brian. "To know that I have is extremely satisfying. When practicing [for all-state], I will be making sure I know every painstaking detail to know it is perfect."

Brian has also attended the Marywood Junior Strings Celebration and the Marywood Senior Strings Celebration as a freshman and junior respectively.

One of the most important parts of being a musician is practicing. For the solo audition piece for Districts, Brian begins practicing around the end of May until the audition in December. He spends about 30 minutes a day practicing and also attends private lessons on Monday evenings.

Not only does Brian have to practice for auditions and festivals, but he also has to practice the music for orchestra as well as the pit music for DV's upcoming drama production of "Peter Pan." He balances his practice time with his extracurricular activities and AP courses.

"I think it's prioritizing what's important to me that makes it work," said Brian.

Brian is not entirely sure what he wants to do in college yet, but he still wants to be involved in music whether he double majors in music and a humanitarian degree or only performs in his college's orchestra.



# ARTS AND LITERATURE



## DV bands demonstrate their musical talents

By **BRYANNA ROSE**  
*Community News Editor*

Delaware Valley is home to many bands consisting of current students, alumni and teachers all of whom demonstrate musical talent. Some bands have recorded some of their own songs and play at local establishments, one of which is the Frisky Goat during open mic nights (check out our community news section to read more about the event).



**Mr. Ernest Sandonato, Mr. Will Tidridge, Mr. John Zirpoli and sometimes alum Adam Sandonato perform in a classic rock band called The Poets Down Here. The band plays covers of songs and has played at local restaurants and various other events throughout the tri-state area.**



**Junior Daniel Bradley is a one-man band who uses a looping pedal to loop bass, piano, guitar and percussive tracks to create the sound of a full band, while he performs solo. Daniel has recorded a few of his own songs, which are mostly acoustic.**



**Solo artist junior Alex Antonecchia plays the ukulele and wrote an original song called "Feel the Rain." Alex has performed at local open mic nights at the Frisky Goat and Foundry 42.**

**Junior Olivia Zinn has been performing for many years. The name of her band is Olivia Zinn and the Coalition. Olivia recorded a CD which contains four of her songs that she recorded and mixed herself. Olivia is known in town as "the little girl with a big voice."**



**The band Consider Me a Stranger consists of juniors Aaron Becker who plays base guitar, Alex Maurer who plays guitar, and DV alum Tim Cohen, who plays drums. They have recorded multiple songs including "Running in Circles" and "Talking to a Wall."**

*Contributed photos*

## 'The Wild Party' shocks readers of the 20s, 2000s

By **KIKI RUGGIERO**  
*World News Co-Editor*

Even though it was originally published in 1928, Joseph Moncure March's "The Wild Party" proves to be more daring, shocking and frightening than most books published in today's raunchy age.

Centered around one mischievous party hosted in the roaring '20s, the dramatic story is told through an extended poem along with modern illustrations. Queenie, the gorgeous and promiscuous protagonist, is in an abusive relationship with her husband Burrs, who is a jealous alcoholic with a quick temper. One midnight, they call their gang of rather unsavory friends for a wild party filled with drinking and dancing. Kate, one of Queenie's cunning friends, brings Mr. Black as her date, who immediately catches Queenie's eye as he is handsome and flattering.

After one dance, Queenie falls head over heels in love with Mr. Black but feels no shame towards her husband since she knows he cheats on her. The guests eventually get drunk, allowing their dark sides to emerge and the party ultimately getting out of control. Fights spur between enemies, lovers are brought together and a murder ends the night with a bang. While spying on the chaos, a

neighbor threatens to call the police and end the party.

Although this lost classic was considered a magnificently written poetry drama, it was actually deemed 'too hot to publish' and was stalled until its publication date in 1929. The story contains many controversial topics such as lesbian lovers, incest, sex scandals, marital abuse and murder. Though the behaviors of some characters are revolting, readers are instantly drawn into the intricacies of the characters' minds and cannot help but experience a feeling of compassion for some.

I found this hidden gem in a dusty old nook of a second hand bookshop and instantly became intrigued. The prose of the poem is elegant yet blunt and the modern images, drawn by Art Spiegelman, are absolutely fascinating and add such a depth to the already intricate story. This book is definitely not for the faint of heart or for those who are young readers since the story is exceedingly sexual, violent and cruel, and the images could be considered pornographic at times.

Despite the controversy that lies within, March's "The Wild Party" is a spellbinding read that could capture even the most fickle of readers. Characters are hated yet adored, situations are romantic yet obscene and the straightforward narration of such a gruesome tale is beautifully enrapturing.

## Fashion Aware: Windbreakers

By **TESS BALTON**  
*Entertainment Co-Editor*

Even with the start of spring, the warm weather may still be missing. Windbreakers are the best option to stay warm and look fashionable. Windbreakers are popular '90s wear that are making a comeback in modern times. Whether they are bright, vivid colors or a simple black and white pattern, the stylish jacket can ensure warmth on those brisk spring days. The waterproof material is perfect for the rainy spring days and will add a stylish, vintage edge to any ordinary ensemble.

A popular look one can wear on colder days is to layer a sweatshirt underneath a windbreaker with black leggings and boots. On warmer days, pairing a windbreaker with cropped jeans, a short sleeve tee and strappy sandals is an easy outfit, perfect for spring. For a real '90s outfit, pair faded high waisted jeans, Adidas Superstar sneakers and a colorful windbreaker for a warm and fun outfit, appropriate for both 2018 and 1998.

Many celebrities have been spotted wearing windbreakers, from Kylie Jenner to Malia Obama. Whether you are in a colorful, "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" mood or a more subdued, monochromatic look, the windbreaker is a warm and trendy addition to any wardrobe. With popular clothing companies such as Nike, Adidas, Forever 21 and North Face all making the lightweight jacket, it is easy to find a windbreaker that can go with every outfit.





## Critics not happy with new 'Grinch'

By ELIZABETH BOBO  
Staff Writer

The cherished Christmas film, "The Grinch," once a cartoon and mastered by Jim Carey, has seen itself been remade once again, but critics are not thrilled.

The movie is set to come out in November of 2018 and features crowd favorite Sherlock Holmes actor Benedict Cumberbatch. Rather than receiving praise for the second adaption, critics are against the idea of yet another spinoff. Fans attack the fact that Hollywood would even think about making another movie after Jim Carey perfected the role in 2000.

While the film does offer a friendly spin on the classic, critics believe it has gotten away from the grumpy feeling of the original. When the trailer debuted during the Winter Olympics, fans were excited before realizing what was to come of the changed character. The Grinch's mean demeanor is in part due to his furry and dirty appearance seen when the song says, "he has termites in his smile." With the new cartoon, the Grinch seems to be clear cut and polished.

The movie was created by Illumination, the same company behind "Despicable Me" franchise. While it does have the traditional feel, the new film does not offer a fresh take on the green grump.



## 'Black Panther' impresses viewers

By BRYANNA ROSE  
Community News Editor

Marvel first debuted its newest superhero Black Panther in "Captain America: Civil War" in 2016. "The Black Panther" is now its own movie set in the African country of Wakanda after the main character T'Challa played by Chadwick Boseman returns home to become king following his father's death.

The Black Panther is welcomed home and becomes king after defeating an opponent for the throne. The movie brings back an antagonist from an earlier Marvel movie named "Klaue." T'Challa pursues Klaue to South Korea, but he gets away. During his getaway, the main antagonist "Killmonger" played by Michael B. Jordan reveals his identity unknowingly to T'Challa.

Boseman provides a wise and insightful look into the character of the Black Panther. He embodies the spirit of the Black Panther with poise and talent, creating a loveable protagonist.

In addition, Jordan demonstrates tremendous talent that leaves viewers admiring his acting skills by portraying

a character so evil and heinous that many despise.

The movie's excellence is improved with strong female lead roles by Danai Gurira, a high ranking general who puts her duty to her country above all else, including love.



Source: disneymovies

Lupita Nyong'o is a dedicated activist who gives up her own happiness to better the lives of others domestically and around the world.

The plot of the movie begins with an

upbeat and never before seen insight into Wakanda. Wakanda is an isolated third world country in the eyes of the rest of the world. While in actuality, Wakanda is a prosperous and self-sufficient nation. The stark contrast between the Wakandan peoples view and the outsiders view of the country instills a feeling of Wakanda being an underappreciated yet powerful country.

The movie, consisting almost entirely of an African American cast, highlights the talent that minority actors, directors and the entire black community have to offer.

"The Black Panther" created a buzz that is still ongoing today. The movie is the second fastest growing movie of all time and is the biggest solo superhero movie ever, surpassing "Iron Man 3."

"The Black Panther" sequel, while specific details have not been revealed as of yet, has been confirmed by Kevin Feige president of Marvel Studios.

"The Black Panther" is an incredible movie highlighting talented actors and directors. The success of the first movie creates high expectations that the cast and crew will need to surpass to make the next movie as good as and hopefully even better than the first.

## Shinedown releases new hit single 'Devil'

By MELLISA KELLEHER  
Staff Writer

On March 7, Shinedown announced the release date of their sixth album *Attention Attention* and premiered one of the album's new songs "Devil." *Attention Attention* quickly became the No. 1 pre ordered album in America and Australia, and the full album will be available on May 5.

According to Billboard, the album is going to be similar to a concept album but instead of focusing on a theme or idea, it will tell a story.

Lead singer Brent Smith says, "Devil" is about being afraid; 'Devil' is about being terrified of not only yourself, in some respects, but the world around you, and understanding that there are so many things and so many different situations and people and places and atmospheres and exposure that human beings are put in front of on a daily

basis, [and] the world can be a really difficult place to navigate. So that's where the story starts."

When the full album premieres, the story will begin with the listener in

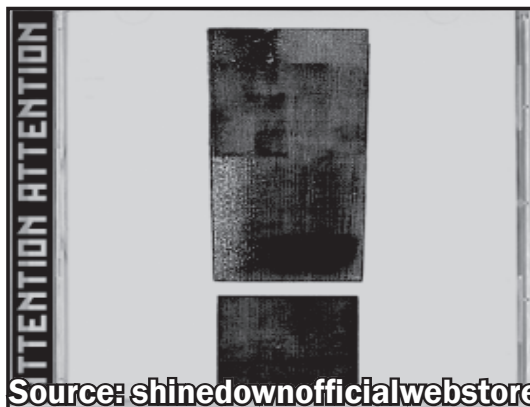
their older album *The Sound of Madness*.

The song certainly conveys the dark beginning that the band was trying to create with the lyrics "You said it yourself you're scared of being alone... What now? The whispers and the screams. The stereotypical profiling ritual; vicious and obscene."

With more songs having dark titles such as "Black Soul," "Kill Your Conscience," "Pyro" and "Monsters," it will be interesting to see how the story of the album continues.

The band also plans on creating a music video for every song on the album to help them tell their story even better. The music video for "Devil" confused me, so I hope the rest of these videos will continue to explain and clarify the story.

I also hope that the rest of the album showcases Smith's voice more. He has such a unique and beautiful voice that I feel may have been lost a little in the heaviness of "Devil."



Source: shinedownofficialwebstore

a dark place in their mind, and they will eventually evolve into a changed person with the final song "Brilliant."

If the rest of the album is anything like "Devil," I think it is safe to say this could be Shinedown's best album yet. "Devil" is heavier than some of Shinedown's more recent songs; its intensity reminds me of



Source: vevo



# ENTERTAINMENT



## Audiences obsess over 'The OA'

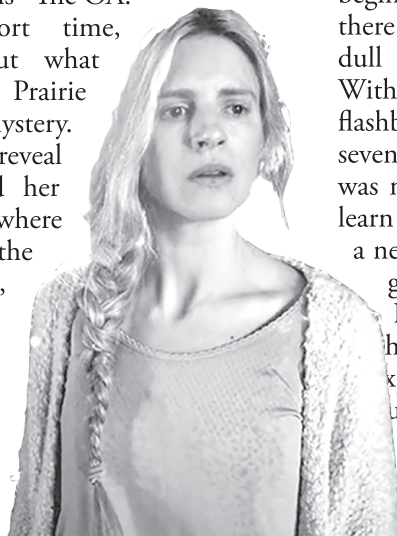
By TARA VECCHIO

Arts & Literature Co-Editor

If you enjoy watching mystery shows filled with science fiction, supernatural and fantasy elements, "The OA" is the show for you.

In eight episodes, Brit Marling stars as "Prairie Johnson," a blind woman who is found after going missing for seven years. When she returns, she is no longer blind and insists her name is "The OA."

For a short time, everything about what happened to Prairie (OA) is a mystery. She does not reveal how she gained her eyesight, nor where she has been for the last seven years, only subtle hints are given. I found this to be very intriguing and a reason to continue watching.



OA tells Steve, a neighborhood bully, that she will save him from being sent to boot camp if he meets her with four other people. That night, OA, Steve and the four others he brought to her gathered together and she began to tell her heart wrenching story.

As OA's story begins to unfold, there is rarely a dull moment. With constant flashbacks of the seven years OA was missing, you learn that she had

a near death experience as a child and was given the choice of returning to life.

Because of that experience, OA was held hostage by a scientist, Hap, as an experiment along with other human test subjects who also survived near death experiences.

The subjects are treated as animals, making some scenes hard

to watch, but as the story develops, the strength and perseverance of the characters is inspiring.

While OA and the other hostages died and came back to life, they believe they saw some sort of movements each time and tried to replicate them without Hap knowing.

OA believes that teaching Steve and the others the movements is the only way she can

return to the other hostages and set them free.

Overall, the series is incredibly intriguing with exceptional acting. During the final scene of the eighth episode, I was brought to tears by the actors passion and commitment to the story line. The series ends with a harsh cliffhanger, however Netflix renewed the series for a second season in February.



## Celebrities support march

By TESS BALTON

Entertainment Co-Editor

On March 24, the March for Our Lives demonstration took place to protest gun violence and honor the 17 students and teacher that were killed in the Parkland school shooting that occurred on Feb. 14. The student-led march took place in Washington, D.C. and also had over 800 sibling events around the world.

The march was attended by over 800,000 protesters in Washington, D.C. alone. Many celebrities even participated to show support for the anti-gun violence event.

Celebrities such as Kim Kardashian West, Paul McCartney, Will Smith and Lady Gaga were in attendance. Ariana Grande, Miley Cyrus, Jennifer Hudson, Demi Lovato, Andra Day, Common and Vic Mensa performed to honor the many lives lost due to gun violence.

The Broadway star of "Dear Evan Hansen", Ben Platt, and the Broadway star of "Hamilton", Lin-Manuel Miranda, created a mashup of the musicals' most popular songs "The Story of Tonight" and "You Will Be Found." A portion of the proceeds from the song, titled, "Found/Tonight" went to the March for Our Lives cause.

Some Parkland students spoke at the rally as well as the celebrities. In her speech, Emma Gonzalez, a Parkland student stated, "Fight for your lives before it's someone else's job."

## 'Love, Simon' deserves praise for representation

By MANDY XU

Opinions Editor

Based on the novel "Simon vs. the Homosapien Agenda" written by Becky Albertalli, the movie "Love, Simon" has created headlines and groundbreaking milestones in the entertainment industry.

The movie is the coming of age story of a closeted high school teenager named Simon Spier, who lives an ordinary life but has been hiding behind the huge secret, and that he is gay.

The movie is introduced with an anonymous blog, posted by a fellow student revealing that he is gay but he goes under the name Blue to protect his true identity. Blue uses the analogy of a Ferris wheel to

compare his life: "One minute I'm on top of the world, then the next I'm at rock-bottom." This inspires Simon to reach out to Blue and the two exchange emails of their confessions

to one another for quite some time, but neither is ready to come out and reveal it to the world. The plot thickens as one of Simon's classmates discovers his private emails and uses them to blackmail him.

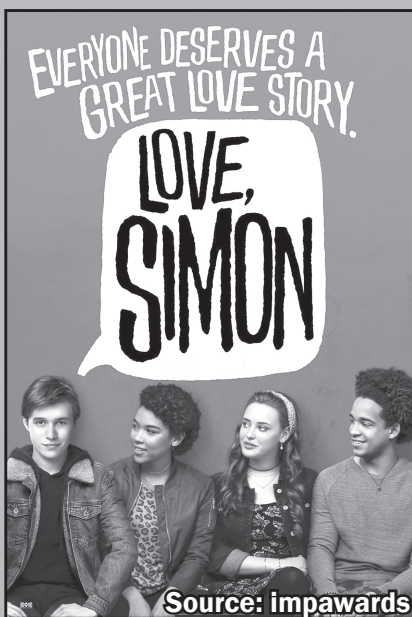
Simon is played by Nick Robinson, a popular face in Hollywood when it comes to teenage movies. Although Robinson is not gay, I felt he did a phenomenal job portraying a character that was outside his comfort zone. I believe there could not have

been a better actor to play the role of Simon.

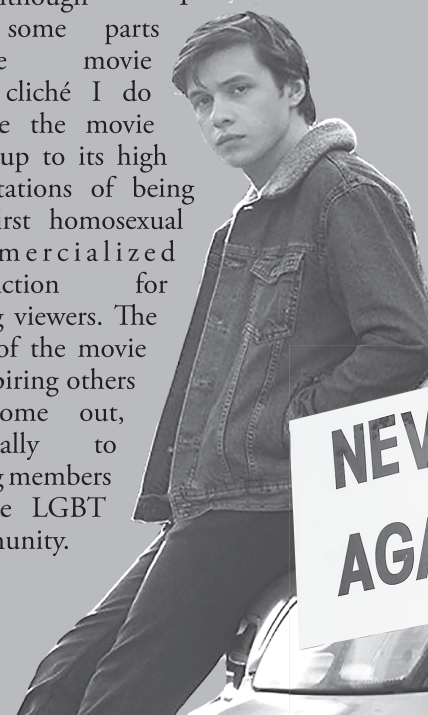
Most teenage romance films today are commonly known to have the dynamic

love story between a male and female role, but what makes "Love, Simon" so different among the other teenage films today is that this film has primarily focused the plot on the topic of the other side of the spectrum.

Although I felt some parts of the movie were cliché I do believe the movie lived up to its high expectations of being the first homosexual commercialized production for young viewers. The style of the movie is inspiring others to come out, especially to young members of the LGBT community.



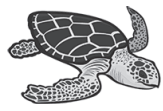
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# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## Last male northern white rhino on Earth dies

By EMMA GARRERA

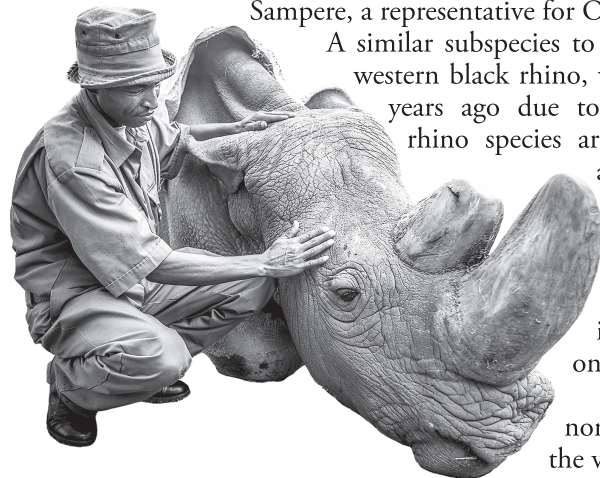
Science and Technology Co-Editor

On March 19, Sudan, the world's last male northern white rhinoceros died at the age of 45. There are now only two females of the subspecies remaining on the planet.

Sudan suffered from age-related issues and an infection on his right back leg. Due to his medical issues, he was not able to successfully procreate. The veterinary staff from the WildAid organization made the decision to euthanize him.

Sudan was taken care of at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya where he was monitored by guards to protect him from poachers. Many of these poachers believe that the rhino horn is able to cure multiple ailments.

"He was a gentle giant. His personality was just amazing and given his size, a lot of people were afraid of him. But there was nothing mean about him," said Elodie Sampere, a representative for Ol Pejeta.



A similar subspecies to the northern white rhino is the western black rhino, which was declared extinct seven years ago due to poaching. The five remaining rhino species around the world are threatened according to the 'Save the Rhino' conservation group.

According to Sampere, researchers were able to save some of Sudan's genetic material in hopes to artificially inseminate one of the two females left.

With Sudan's passing, the northern white rhino subspecies is on the verge of extinction.

## Island of floating garbage is now twice the size of Texas

By CARLY NAUNDORFF

Science and Technology Editor

A floating island of trash named the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) now stretches 600,000 square miles, according to a study published in Scientific Reports.

It is more than twice the size of Texas, three times the size of France and it is continuing to grow every day.

After a team of researchers from the Ocean Cleanup Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps remove pollution from the world's oceans, surveyed the vortex of trash piling up between California and Hawaii in October of 2016, environmentalists expressed concern.

"[It's a] ticking time bomb because the big stuff will crumble down to micro plastics over the next few decades if we don't act," Boyan Slat, founder of Ocean Cleanup told Newser at the time.

The size of the trash pile has doubled in size since then, containing at least 79,000 tons of plastic — "a figure four to 16 times higher than previously reported," Scientific Reports said.

Researchers gathered 1.2 million samples during a multi-vessel expedition in October 2017, exactly one year after their previous test.

Large items such as bottles, ropes, plastic bags and buoys were the most common objects spotted in the pile. Fishing nets had an overwhelming presence, accounting for nearly half of the weight of debris picked up by research vessels.

"We need a coordinated international effort to rethink and redesign the way we use plastics," Laurent Lebreton, an oceanographer and lead author of the study, told The Guardian. "The numbers speak for themselves. Things are getting worse and we need to act now."



Source: nbsnews

## Universe gains another star: discoveries celebrated

By MELISSA KELLEHER

Staff Writer

Early in the morning on March 14, famous theoretical physicist and cosmologist Stephen Hawking passed away at his home in Cambridge at the age of 76. Hawking had a rare form of early-onset Lou Gehrig's disease that eventually took his life.

Hawking was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) at the age of 21 and was given two years to live. Despite these odds, Hawking lived for another 55 years and dedicated his life to finding the answers to the universe.

"At the time, I thought my life was over, and that I would never realize the potential I felt I had," said Hawking in his 2013 novel "My Brief History." "But now, 50 years later, I can be quietly satisfied with my life."

ALS left Hawking in an electric wheelchair with limited muscle movement. He also lost his speech due to pneumonia, which led to him communicating through a computer program that relied on the muscle movements in his face.

But Hawking was able to overcome all of the obstacles he was faced with. He continued to leave a major impact in the science field despite the deterioration of his health and changed the way physicists look at the universe today.

Some of Hawking's most famous and important scientific work is his investigation of black holes, a region of space with an intense and inescapable gravitational pull. Before his research, black holes were just a prediction based off of Einstein's theory of general relativity. They were not even given a name.

Hawking's biggest breakthrough in black hole study was his discovery that black holes shrink when they shed particles and radiate energy. Originally, scientists thought that it was impossible for anything to escape the black hole's gravitational pull, but Hawking proved them wrong.

He also concluded that black holes eventually evaporate away which would cause an explosion of energy equal to a million 1-megaton hydrogen bombs, which



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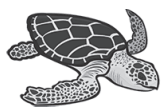
**Stephen Hawking participated in a zero-gravity flight to show that the only limitation in life is a disabled spirit, not a disabled body.**

single compressed point that was roughly the size of an atom. In other words, they confirmed the Big Bang theory.

While Stephen Hawking will be missed by scientists around the globe, his important discoveries will live on for generations.

is 6.25 million times stronger than North Korea's most powerful hydrogen bomb.

Hawking also worked with physicist Roger Penrose to discover that when a star collapses it creates an infinitely dense point, a singularity (the beginning of a black hole). Not only that, but the two scientists also confirmed that the universe emerged violently from a



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## What's In Your Food: Ramen Soup

By JULIANN WINKLER  
Managing Editor

Despite its popularity as one of the cheapest and most simplistic on-the-go meals for both college students drowning in debt and for families in need of a quick, cost-efficient meal, ramen soup has an array of ingredients that may overshadow its overall convenience.

In one package of ramen soup there are around 1,875 milligrams of sodium. This is a couple hundred milligrams over the recommended amount of sodium intake for an entire day. Eating that much sodium on a regular basis can lead to kidney disease, strokes, high blood pressure and even a heart attack. Although ramen soup is not the healthiest option to begin with, there are quite a few ingredients that have increasingly negative effects each time they are eaten.

Some of the ingredients include, Propylene Glycol, which is used to preserve the texture of the noodles, however, this is also an ingredient found in some tobacco products as well as antifreeze. Tertiary

butylhydroquinone (TBHQ) prevents ramen from expiring quickly and it is also found in perfumes, pesticides, resins and biodiesel. Another ingredient found only in Styrofoam ramen packages is Bisphenol A (BPA), a hormone disruptor. The BPA originates on the Styrofoam cup and when it is heated to cook the noodles, the BPA latches on to the noodles and eventually makes its way into the individual's digestive system. One of the major side effects of BPA is infertility. It affects hormone balance and causes reproductive dysfunction in both males and females. BPA has also been found to greatly impact fetuses by making the fetus more likely to develop defects within their reproductive organs.

With the desire to better understand the effects of ramen, Dr. Braden Kuo, a gastrointestinal specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital, conducted an experiment using a time-lapse video to show how the digestive system reacts to eating ramen soup. Two hours after eating the ramen noodles, the individual's digestive system was still struggling to break down the noodles. Since



the soup's main ingredients include an array of chemicals, it takes the body longer to digest and therefore makes the body have to tolerate the chemicals for a longer period of time. The longer the chemicals remain, the greater the risk of potential damage which could result in nausea, vomiting and other forms of gastrointestinal problems.

Despite ramen noodle's overall convenience, the fact that most of its components include potentially damaging chemicals may be a gut-wrenching fact to consumers around the world.

## Self-driving car kills pedestrian

By KAIYA DEStEFANO  
Sports Co-Editor



On March 18 in Tempe, Arizona, Elaine Herzberg was walking her bike across an intersection when she was hit and killed by a self-driving car operated by Uber.

Although there was a human safety driver behind the wheel of the car who could have taken control, the woman was not detected, and she was hit at roughly 40 miles per hour.

The New York Times reported that Herzberg's incident is the first known fatality to be caused by a self-driving car. Because of the accident, there is potential for safer car regulations and stricter oversight.

From car tragedy to care safety, many researchers still believe self-driving cars will be safer than having real humans behind the wheel of the car.

According to Peter Hancock, a professor of psychology and civil engineering at the University of Central Florida, more than 90 percent of car accidents in the United States are thought to involve some form of driving error.

"Eliminating this error, in two years, would save as many people as the country lost in the Vietnam War," said Hancock.

Although self-driving cars have higher crash rates than human-driven cars, no self-driving cars have been at fault for the crashes.

## Amazon addresses Alexa's laughing

By HANNAH LEE  
Staff Writer

Amazon's popular home device, Alexa, has been scaring customers by randomly laughing for apparently no reason. But this time, it looks like Alexa users will have the last laugh.

Alexa customers have been reporting these laughs since February 2018.

"We were having an office conversation about pretty confidential stuff and Alexa just laughed...It didn't chime as if we had accidentally triggered her to wake. She just simply laughed. It was really creepy," Twitter user David Sven wrote.

Many theories have surrounded these strange events. Some users believe it's completely unexplained, while others think the anticipated robot takeover has started. Rest assured, Amazon has found the reason for these abnormal outbursts and is planning to address them.

"In rare circumstances, Alexa can mistakenly hear the phrase 'Alexa, laugh,' when other words are spoken," Amazon explained "We are changing that phrase to 'Alexa, can you laugh?' which is less likely to have false positives, and we are disabling the short utterance 'Alexa, laugh.'"

There have been worries about similar problems with devices like Echo and Google Home, and it stirs up the security issue with these smart speakers.

So if you are one of the many individuals who own an Alexa, don't fret. Alexa's laugh was just a glitch, not a takeover.

## Video Game Review: 'Fortnite'

By RYAN BULKLEY  
Contributing Writer

Epic Games' "Fortnite Battle Royale" has been available to play for roughly the past eight months but has become extremely popular just recently.

The "Fortnite" craze has been insane from professional athletes mimicking "Fortnite" celebrations, to celebrities like Drake, Travis Scott, Witt Lowry and JuJu Smith Schuster playing together, to professional "Fortnite" player Ninja making over \$500,000 a month to stream himself play. With the game now on mobile, people can play "Fortnite" virtually anywhere.

Each game consists of 100 players battling each other on an island to be the last one standing. Once you drop off "the bus" there are weapons, resources, and shield potions located throughout the different towns and farms on the map. Be careful of the storm, however, as a circular storm closes every few minutes, forcing players safely into the eye and closer to each other. You can play as a solo, in a pair as a duo, or with three others in a squad.

Appealing to all ages, the game requires strategy, hand eye coordination, and pure dedication to catch a dub. I personally have never been this in love with a video game in my entire life. Countless nights have been dedicated to my recliner, a bottle of Mountain Dew, and "Fortnite." I do warn new gamers to be careful, however, as this game's frustration has been known to break a few controllers as well as jeopardize various relationships.

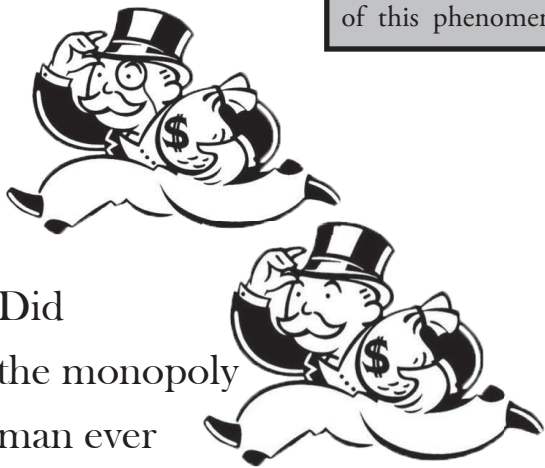
"My darkest secret is when I tell my parents I'm going to bed at ten but stay up 'till three playing 'Fortnite,'" said senior Clayton Chelak.

# THE MANDELA EFFECT

**BY TARA VECCHIO**  
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When the former president of South Africa Nelson Mandela, died in 2013, people were convinced he died in 1980, but they were wrong. This type of memory glitch resulted in a massive internet buzz. Fiona Broome believes she was the first person to become aware of this phenomenon and coined it as the Mandela

Effect. The Mandela Effect is an instance of collective misremembering. A leading psychological theory states that the reason for misremembering is because people's memories may become distorted overtime. However, one theory based on principles of quantum mechanics believes that people who experience the Mandela Effect may have "slid" between parallel realities, resulting in some people remembering things differently than others. What do you remember?



Did the monopoly man ever have a monocle?

**BY MAEVE DOWD**  
*Editor in Chief*

One of the most famous American movies ever created is the blockbuster "Forest Gump." With lead actor Tom Hanks being one of the most renowned actors of his time, the movie has become an American icon.



Some of the most referenced quotes in history such as "Run Forest run," people quote this movie every day.

The quote "Life was like a box of chocolates" is often misquoted as "Life is like a box of chocolates," and many people believe the Mandela Effect is to blame for the misconception.

Do you remember the famous quote how it is in the movie or how it is based upon the Mandela Effect?

Did Curious George ever have a tail?



**BY HANNAH LEE**  
*Staff Writer*

The most well-known example of the Mandela Effect is the famous Berenstain versus Berenstain argument. The famous book series and animated TV show "The Berenstain Bears" has been remembered by

people as "Berenstein" with an "ein" instead of an "ain". It has been said that the reason for this is to make the name sound "less Jewish". Do you remember the correct version of the popular book and television series or do you remember it being "Berenstein"?



**BY KAIYA DESTEFANO**  
*Sports Co-Editor*

As a child, do you remember how the cartoon "Looney Tunes" was spelled? Many people do not. The show title is often falsely remembered as "Looney Toons" instead of "Looney Tunes." Although it seems like a small difference, the

first spelling is incorrect. In fact, there were actual logos made that were spelled with "toons" instead of "tunes." The science behind the Mandela Effect comes from social misinformation and false memory. Do you remember how the cartoon is truly spelled or how it is spelled based off of the Mandela Effect?

**Sex in the City**  
**or**  
**Sex and the City?**

**BY SARA SERANO**  
*Staff Writer*

Most people know the famous phrase from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" as "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest of them all," but this is not what the Evil Queen said to her mirror. She actually says, "Magic mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest one of all?" This takes many people



by surprise, as studies have shown 90.7 percent of people remember the famous line as "Mirror, mirror."

The original story from Brothers Grimm says "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who in this land is fairest of them all?" This could be the reason why people remember this classic question as "Mirror, mirror."

Do you remember this popular scene how it was in the movie or based on the Mandela Effect?



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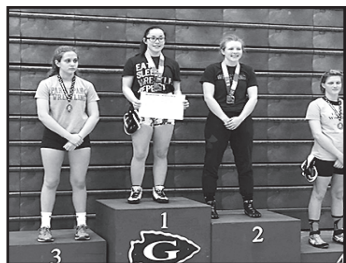
## DV freshman places first in state wrestling tournament

By **BRENNA CAVALLARO**  
*Sports Co-Editor*

DV freshman Lily Sherer won first place in her weight class at the Mid Atlantic Girl's State Wrestling Tournament. Sherer competed against three opponents, including a reigning national champion.

The tournament took place in Gettysburg in early March after her high school season ended. Sherer dominated three opponents, pinning two of them in the first period. Her third opponent was a 2017 national champion whom Sherer pinned in the second period to win the state title.

Sherer wrestles on the JV team where she practices and competes against male wrestlers. Very rarely during the regular season does she wrestle other females.



**Freshman Lily Sherer stands proudly at the awards podium with her competitors.**

*Contributed Photo*

Although she has been wrestling for years, Sherer knew that her male teammates were going to grow stronger in high school while she would have to work much harder to gain muscle.

"Working a lot harder was definitely worth it," said Sherer.

As a girl, going up against high school boys is a challenge, but she overcame the challenge and setbacks. According to Sherer, her setbacks were very minimal and almost nonexistent because her teammates have been nothing but supportive

and encouraging. Her teammates have challenged her to become a better wrestler.

"Lily is extremely hard working and shows up everyday with a mindset to get better and make a name for herself in wrestling, which she certainly has," said head wrestling coach Lou DeLauro.

## DV skier qualifies for Nationals

By **BAILEY FEDUN**  
*Staff Writer*

Senior Garret Hawkins is a force to be reckoned with when it comes to skiing. Ranked number one in the region and number seven nationally, Hawkins is proving to be unstoppable as he recently qualified for Nationals. In order to compete at Nationals, a payment of \$418 must be made, stopping Hawkins from competing.

Skiing since he was one and a half, Hawkins has experience under his belt. He began racing in third grade and gradually shifted to freestyle. Following in his family's footsteps, Hawkins started skiing because he was always around the sport. Between his mother and his grandfather, Hawkins saw skiing as a lifestyle more so than an activity.

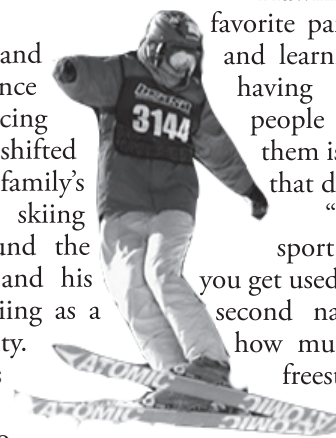
Preparing for competitions takes a lot of patience. Hawkins explained that to

prepare, he would constantly hike up the hill until he nailed the trick necessary to stun the judges and the crowd.

His goals for the future are to compete at nationals and gradually work his way up to the Olympics through different competitions and scoring points needed to impress the Olympic community. He also has a page on YouTube that potential sponsors can look at.

Hawkins explained that his favorite part about skiing is doing and learning new tricks and just having fun. Watching other people ski and learning from them is another aspect of skiing that draws him to the sport.

"I love snow. I love the sport, it's a lot of fun once you get used to it. Skiing has become second nature to me. Knowing how much the sport (especially freestyle) has grown, it makes me want to do it even more," said Hawkins.



## Collegiate Update: Emma Burns

By **MORGAN GIFFORD**  
*News Co-Editor*

After completing four successful years as a varsity diver, Emma Burns, a member of the class of 2017, continues to excel as a student athlete in the classroom and off the diving board.

Emma has continued her diving career at the University of Illinois at the Division I level.

Emma recalls how much different diving in college is compared to high school. She feels that the competition and the atmosphere is much more intense at the collegiate level.

Competing in a Division I sport in college, Emma has also learned the importance of being humble and appreciative for the opportunities she is given and for what she has.

"I never take anything for granted, no matter how small it is. No matter how bad my day is, I go into practice with a good mindset, setting high goals for

myself. Doing sports in college made me realize I am the conductor of the train and only I can stop myself," said Emma.

Emma feels that her biggest accomplishment from diving in college was getting back to diving after her surgery.

"Competing in my conference meet after my surgery was one of my biggest achievements. I didn't earn any awards or recognition for it, but everyone who knew what I was going through knew how getting back was going to be hard. The fact that I had the support of my team, friends and family, no award or winning anything could beat that feeling," said Emma.

For anyone planning to play sports in college Emma gives the advice of being humble, and always aiming for your goals no matter how realistic or unrealistic they may be.



## Villanova wins third national championship

By **KATIE COONEY**  
*Sports Editor*

On April 2, No. 1 Villanova outscored No. 3 Michigan 79-62 and claimed their second national championship title in three years.

"I really can't get my mind around it," Villanova head coach Jay Wright said. "We just took it one day at a time. We try to get better every day, and I thought we played our best game in the championship game."

Villanova's Donte DiVincenzo scored 31 points with five three-point field goals in the championship game and won the NCAA championship Most Valuable Player.

"Just being able to be up here with these guys and experience this, it's a dream come true," said DiVincenzo.

Villanova's Jalen Brunson, who won the Naismith College Player of the Year, scored nine points and Mikal Bridges had 19 points.

As for Michigan, Muhammad-Ali

Abdur led the team with 23 points, and Moritz Wagner followed scoring 16.

Villanova students took to the streets of Philadelphia and celebrated the same way they did two months earlier when the Philadelphia Eagles won the franchise's first Super Bowl victory.

Going into the championship game, Villanova was praised for their ability to hit three-pointers, especially after they hit 13 in the first 17 minutes in their final four matchup against Kansas.

Villanova was the clear favorite for winning the championship by experts and fans alike. In a recent poll by Sports Nation, their staff favored Villanova 8-2 with their electric offense challenging Michigan's defense.

Villanova won each of their six tournament games by double digits and joins North Carolina, Duke and Michigan State as the only teams that have done so.

This year, out of the millions of brackets completed for this year's Capital One Bracket Challenge, 37,356 predicted this year's championship match-up.

# SPORTS

## Spotlight Athletes Boys' Lacrosse



**Anton Mackey, SENIOR**  
**"Anton's the guy who starts the game and in many instances ends it. He gives us many opportunities to win."**  
**-Asst. coach Daniel Gonzalez**

## Girls' Lacrosse



**Kirsten Dunn, SENIOR**  
**"Kirsten is one of our captains and has stepped into a leadership role in mentoring our younger players."**  
**-Head coach Bernadine Salak**

## Boys' Tennis



**Tomas Reese, JUNIOR**  
**"Tomas started off the season with a big win over Abington Height's top player in straight sets."**  
**-Head coach Larry Hudson**

## Boys' lacrosse opens season with 16-5 win

BY BRYANNA ROSE  
*Community News Editor*

The boys' lacrosse team defeated Pine Bush High School on their home turf on March 29. The Warriors began the season and opened with a 1-0 record.

### DV-16, Pine Bush-5

By the end of the first quarter, the Warriors were up 4-2 against Pine Bush. Sophomore Jackson Melnick led the Warriors' offense with four goals and one assist, and senior Anton Mackey scored four goals for the Warriors.

The Warriors' win was aided by sophomores Shane Roche and Josh Balcarcel who contributed to the Warriors win with two goals each and one and three assists respectively. Also, senior Jimmy

Quinn scored one goal and had two assists.

"It's nice starting the season off strong with a good win and being able to keep winning against harder teams as the competition gets harder," said Quinn.

Senior Dan Matarazzo scored one goal and contributed two assists for the Warriors offense. In addition, sophomore Liam Sheldon aided in the Warriors win with two goals.



**Senior Griffen Rhodes sprints toward the goal in an attempt to score.**

*Photo by Bryanna Rose*

The Warriors defense held strong with four saves by senior Joe Maffei, and two by senior Joe Actisdano.

The win has jumpstarted the team as they continue through the rest of their season. The Warriors lost a close game to Scranton Prep on April 4 with a final score of 10-9.

## Girls' lacrosse works together, overcomes Hazelton Area Cougars 17-1

BY MAEVE DOWD  
*Editor in Chief*

The Warriors defeated the Hazelton Area Cougars 17-1 on March 3. Junior Lauren Matarazzo led the team with two goals and three assists.

### DV-17, Hazelton-1

During the first half, junior Bailey Fedun scored her first goal of the game, which was assisted by freshman Madison Fedun. Senior Vanessa VanDuzer scored one goal and assisted two goals, and senior Kirsten Dunn added two goals and one

assist.

VanDuzer stated that the team played really well together and everyone was able to take younger and less experienced players under their wing and help them work through the plays.

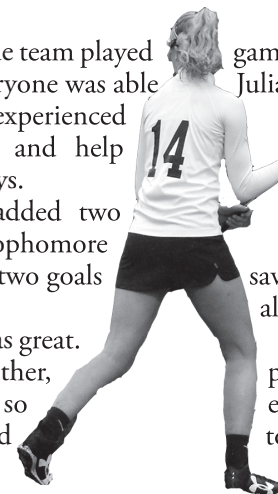
Junior Kelsie Moffa added two goals and one assist, and sophomore Skylar Padgett contributed two goals as well during the first half.

"Our offensive game was great. We all worked hard together, and that's why we had so many goals and assists," said Moffa.

During the second half of the game, seniors Faith Fucetola and Julia Steele both scored one goal apiece. Freshman Miranda Murray, Makayal Santise and sophomore Emma Schlegal all contributed one goal.

Senior goalie Mandy Xu had four saves, and sophomore Emily Ocasio also had four saves recorded.

"I was excited we had 12 new players score 12 of the goals and eight assists. They are really starting to embrace the team mentality," said head coach Bernadine Salak.



## Boys' tennis loses close match to Abington

BY KATIE COONEY  
*Sports Editor*

On March 28, the boys' tennis team lost their season opener against the Abington Heights Comets. The team has a 1-2 record, and looks to power through their season, keeping an eye on the district title. In this upcoming week, the boys have crucial matches against Holy Cross and Riverside.

### DV-2, Abington Heights-3

The team faced off against the 2017 district champions and had two winning matches against the talented team.

Junior Tomas Reese dominated his opponent at No. 1 singles, winning in two

sets (6-1, 6-3). Seniors Ivan Vorobyev and Joe Noreika each lost their No. 2 and No. 3 singles matches, respectively, with scores of (5-7, 6-3, 6-2) for Vorobyev and (6-2, 4-6, 2-6) for Noreika.

"It was a tough loss, but we are determined

to continue to finish the season strong and to go win a district championship," said Noreika.

The No. 1 doubles team consisting of seniors Chris Vibert and Abhay Byadgi won their match with the scores (7-5, 6-4). Junior Matt Lombardo and senior Ben Steinberg lost a close match at No. 2 doubles with the scores (6-7, 4-6).

"It was a tough loss because we had the ability and the opportunity to upset the reigning district champions and came up short," said head coach Larry Hudson.

**Senior Joe Noreika returns a serve from Abington's No. 3 player.**

*Photo by Katie Cooney*



# SPORTS

## Key Athletes Boys' Track



CJ Anderson, SENIOR

**"CJ is expected to compete for the district championship again this year, he will be one of the top track athletes in the area."**

**-Head coach Nick Quaglia**

## Track and field preps for season

By EMILY JACOBUS  
News Co-editor

Due to the recent weather the scheduled track and field meet for March 27 was cancelled and the meet on April 2 was rescheduled to April 5.

Though the weather has caused the season to start a week later than usual, the track and field team has been fortunate enough to get outside for practices whenever school has been in session.

The winter track season is a voluntary program, but it gives those kids who want a head start that opportunity to practice through the winter. Head coach Nick Quaglia claimed that senior CJ Anderson was the highlight of the winter season. He competed at the indoor state champion meet and finished in

the top ten. CJ is a defending district champion in the 110 hurdles. Coach Quaglia is confident that he will be one of the top performers in the district.

"I'm excited for the season and looking forward to seeing the team excel and everyone improve," said Anderson.

Coach Quaglia also notes many other players from the boys' team to look out for, such as junior sprinter Darryn Oak, senior Jack Doyle, who had a solid season last year. Though the team lost many throwers last year to graduation, seniors Jacob Roccabruna and John Boyd will be the top returners in that event.

"This season is going to be a competitive one, especially with a lot of returning district champions, but our team just has to keep showing up to

practices and working hard, while keeping a good outlook. I think it's imperative to train the newcomers," said Oak.

On the girls' team there are 52 girls and 37 of them are 9th and 10th graders, projecting a much younger team. The coaches are excited about working with a younger group, because they have many talented athletes with potential. Sophomore Laina Bogusta finished with a fantastic freshman last year and is projected to be one of the top distance runners yet again this year. Some other athletes to look out for on the track are juniors Centa Quinn in the high jump, Morgan Harvey in the hurdles. Coach Quaglia added that juniors Grace Conseleya and Lexi Sickler will be a great addition to the team this year.

## Key Athletes Girls' Track



Laina Bogusta, SOPHOMORE

**"Laina had a great freshman season, she set a school record, and this year she will be one of the top distance runners in the area."**

**-Head coach Nick Quaglia**

## Boys' volleyball starts season with 3 wins

By HANNAH LEE  
Staff Writer

The boys' volleyball team came off of a hard-fought season with a final record of 13-3. They started this promising season with a strong record of 3-0.

Senior Mark Piotrowski said, "The season is going pretty well considering the loss of players from last year. Being a senior, I want the team to live up to its potential."

### DV-3, Coughlin-0

On March 27, the Warriors blew out the Crusaders 3-0. The boys played an aggressive offense with Piotrowski recording 11 kills and junior Logan Gallagher adding seven kills. Gallagher also had 11 aces against the Crusaders, while junior Tom Raniero added 27 assists.

On the defensive end, junior Oran Dowd contributed six digs and Gallagher added four.

Overall, it was a quick opening win for the Warriors.

### DV-3, Lake Lehman-0

On March 28, the Warriors gained

another win against the Knights with another blowout of 3-0.

Gallagher led the offense with 11 kills and 12 service points. He also added five digs for the team. Piotrowski had nine kills and sophomore Jackson Shafer contributed 13 service points.

"Though we lost some valuable seniors last year, our team has worked extremely hard to fill those shoes," Gallagher said. "There's more positive energy on the court during games and more confidence in our abilities, which poses a huge threat to the opposing team."

### DV-3, Tunkhannock- 2

On April 3, the Warriors' undefeated season stayed alive with an exciting win against the Tunkhannock Tigers 3-2.

The game started off in the Warrior's favor with a lead, but the Tigers fought back and won the next two sets. The Warriors approached the third set with the

determination to win. They won the next three sets for the win.

Gallagher recorded 23 kills and five digs for the Warriors. Piotrowski added nine kills and five aces, while junior Matt Seger and Shafer both had seven kills. Senior Kris Kreamsner tacked on four blocks to

help the Warriors' defense, while Dowd contributed six digs.

The energy of the game picked up after the third set with the Tiger's coach receiving a yellow and red card, eventually being ejected from the game.

"Warriors never quit," Kreamsner said. "We always play with a lot of heart and that got us the win."

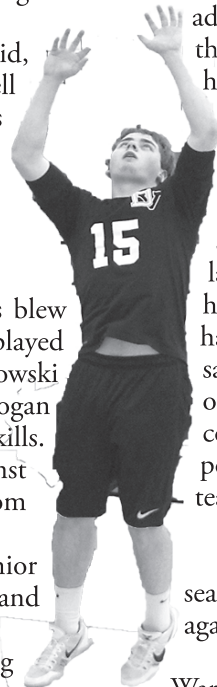
The long, heart-pounding game ended with a kill from Piotrowski, and the energy was ecstatic.

"We set our identity," Piotrowski said.



**Senior Kris Kreamsner blocks Tunkhannock's hitter.**

Photo by Hannah Lee



## Spotlight Athlete Boys' Volleyball



Logan Gallagher, JUNIOR

**"Logan is our biggest all around threat right now; his jump serve is very effective, he digs everything and is a huge offensive threat."**

**-Head coach Heather Holdredge**

# SPORTS

## Warriors await league games

By KIKI RUGGIERO  
World News Co-Editor

Though still avidly awaiting their first league game, the baseball team prepared for the official start of their season with a win against Old Forge and a loss against East Stroudsburg South on March 26.

### DV-4, East Stroudsburg South-5

The game was a difficult loss to take considering they will not play ESS again this season, but it does not affect the team's league standing. The first league game versus Abington Heights is postponed until April 7 and multiple scrimmages have been rescheduled due to weather conditions. Despite

their postponed schedule, the team is still working hard, even if it involves practicing indoors.

Head coach Dave Peters is hopeful for a successful season. He believes the team must be more consistent both defensively and offensively in order to achieve this success, but has no doubt they will work out their inconsistencies eventually.

"Our pitching staff is one of the bright spots at this point. They're very consistent," said coach Peters.

*"Our pitching staff is one of the bright spots at this point. They're very consistent. We look to improve on those inconsistencies and look forward to a successful season."*

**- Head coach David Peters**

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In a scrimmage versus Minisink, the team dominated the entire game through.

Key players this year

include seniors Zach Klapak (catcher) Jaden Jorgenson (short stop) and Brendan Heaney (pitcher and first baseman). Junior



**Senior Ryan Bulkley helped in driving in runs in the scrimmage at Minisink.**

Photo by Kiki Ruggiero

RJ Kruse is also a key pitcher and outfielder as well as junior Ryan Wingerter who has proven to be a helpful utility player.

"I am looking forward to see how the team comes together during big games in the future," said Wingerter.

## Spotlight Athlete Baseball



**Brendan Heaney, SENIOR**

*"Brendan is doing an outstanding job this season. He is one of our most consistent players."*

**-Head coach David Peters**

## Spotlight Athlete

### Softball



**Amber Recksiek, JUNIOR**

*"The first thing you notice with Amber is her batting ability, but she has improved so much on defensive end and is in best shape she has been in last two years that she is one of our top infielders as well."*

**-Head coach Angelo Matz**

## Softball team splits to begin season

By ELIZABETH BOBO  
Staff Writer

The Warriors bounced back after a tough loss against Easton by defeating East Stroudsburg South.

### DV-5, Easton-22

The Warriors played against the Easton Bulldogs in an away game at Easton High School on March 26. The Warriors got off to a slow start, staying scoreless in the first inning while the Bulldogs struck first scoring a quick three runs. Senior Ciera Cavallaro ended the drought by hitting a single in the bottom of the second inning to get herself on base to lead the Warriors' charge.

Against an exceptional pitching staff, the Warriors saw some unlikely heroes step up score some runs. On the defensive end, junior Jada Mann stepped up in her first varsity start, keeping the Bulldogs at bay in her innings of work.

"Easton is one of the top five teams in the state, so it was an eye opener to open with them as we are filling in many spots due to graduation," said head coach Angelo Matz.

The Warriors eventually fell to Easton, not being able to match the scoring in the

fourth and fifth innings.

### DV-16, East Stroudsburg South-8

The Warriors had a quick recovery in their win against East Stroudsburg South



**Junior Lyndsay Floystad pitched in relief during a non-league game against Easton.**

Photo by Bryanna Rose

after their tough loss the day prior.

Due to weather implications, it has been hard for the team to practice on their home field, but it did not seem to be a problem in their first home game of

the season. The Warriors got off to a quick start stringing hits along in the first inning.

Junior Amber Recksiek provided a much needed lift to the Warriors, sending one out of the park in a solo home run

in the third inning. Her home run did not come as a surprise since she is known in the league as being a viable offensive threat. Junior Brenna Cavallaro tacked on five RBIs to contribute to the final score.

The Warriors have a positive outlook on the season seeing as they have a lot of new and talented faces who have joined the squad.

"I think we bounced back pretty well after our loss on Monday. It was great collective team effort,

and we definitely needed that to help us have a successful season," said Recksiek.