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Over \$34,000 raised in walk for American Cancer Society

By ALICIA HOUSBY

Staff Writer

On June 3, this year's Relay for Life was held in the sunshine and warm weather, unlike past years. So far, over \$34,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society by 28 teams and 263 participants. A goal of \$40,000 is within reach with the recent fundraising efforts in combination with an upcoming coin toss that will be held in August. At Relay, students, faculty and community members walked to honor those who have or had cancer.

Throughout the day, there were many activities to keep people involved throughout the day, such as Zumba dancing, a scavenger hunt and themed laps around the track.

That night, cancer survivors and fighters were treated to a dinner in the cafeteria to honor them for their battle. Student volunteers served food catered by local restaurants to those in attendance. Port Jervis mayor Kelly Decker, who has and has had numerous family members with cancer spoke at the dinner. He shared personal stories to remind

cancer patients and survivors to stay strong and keep fighting. During the dinner, a raffle was held, giving away baskets donated by businesses and other donors.

After the dinner, survivors made their way to the track to participate in the survivor and caregiver lap. They were joined by relay participants who stood on the turf and clapped in support as they made their way around the track.

Not long after, as it started to get dark, the Luminaria ceremony was held. Luminaries are sold to honor those who won, are fighting or lost their battle against cancer. They are placed around the track, where family members and loved ones are able to light them up and honor the person's fight as they walk around the track.

Despite cold nighttime temperatures and forecasted rain for the next morning, participants continued to make the most of the night and honored the purpose of the walk regardless.

"I think it was a successful event, and we are already working on ideas to increase community attendance for next year," said Relay for Life coordinator and teacher Mrs. Lori Simonelli.



Cancer survivors and caregivers take their honorary lap around the track.

Photo by Alicia Housby

Junior Historians honor senior citizens at dinner

By KATIE COONEY

Sports Co-Editor

On May 5, the Junior Historians hosted the senior citizens in the community with the club's annual Senior Citizens' Dinner.

Each year, the club invites local senior citizens to a dinner catered by John's of Arthur Avenue, with entertainment provided by band students in order to display the gratitude DV and the club has for its local senior citizens.

"It's a great event and it gets the those in need.

community together. People come out and have a good time, and you learn so much about other people," said senior Connor Simonson.

The Junior Historians Club meets frequently throughout the year to plan events which benefit the community in some way, whether it is writing cards to send to soldiers during the holiday season, or volunteering at the local Salvation Army to help serve a Thanksgiving dinner to



Juniors Alicia Housby, Kirsten Dunn, Morgan Gifford and Emily Covert help to prepare the dinner.

Photo by Tess Balton

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Environmental Day helps Shohola students

By MAEVE DOWD

Entertainment Co-Editor

The sound of a horn is heard across the Shohola campus and kids begin to run to their next activity, the line for snow cones lengthens and the environmental day is in full swing.

On May 19 the AP Environmental Science (APES) classes traveled to the Shohola Elementary school for the annual environmental day with APES teacher Ms. Bernadine Salak.

The four APES classes, which consisted of juniors and seniors, planned and instructed the activities that would help the Shohola

students understand environmental concepts in a fun and safe way.

The APES students arrived at the elementary school at 9:00 a.m. where they began setting up the various activities they had planned. Each APES class was divided into groups who created a poster and short lesson speaking about a specific topic. The high school students then continued on to explain and having the children participate in activities such as relay races or science experiments.

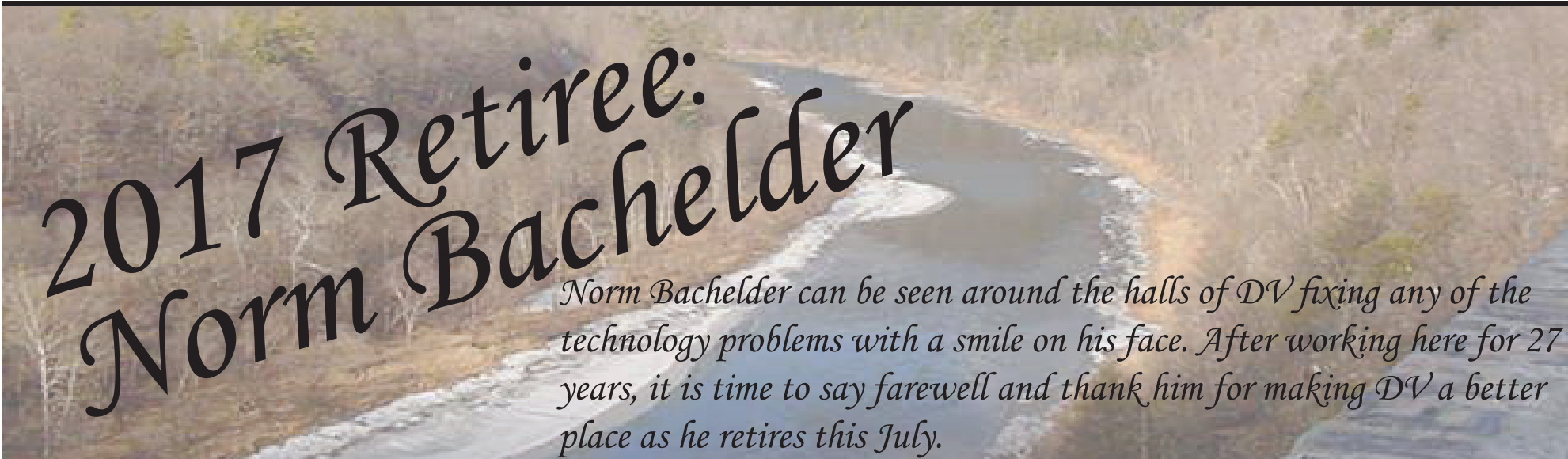
"Getting to work with all the little kids and eating pizza were my favorite parts of the day," said senior Amanda Floystad.

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Juniors Faith Fucetola and Alex Mann pose for a picture after running their station.

Photo by Maeve Dowd

?? FEATURE NEWS ??



Norm Bachelder can be seen around the halls of DV fixing any of the technology problems with a smile on his face. After working here for 27 years, it is time to say farewell and thank him for making DV a better place as he retires this July.

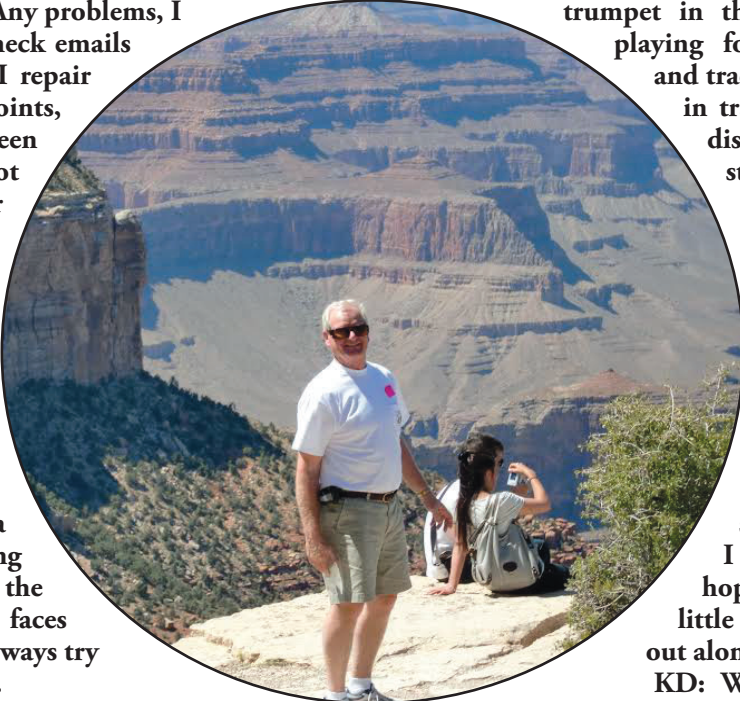
NB: Norm Bachelder (Interviewer)
KD: Kirsten Dunn (Interviewee)

KD: What does your daily routine consist of?
NB: First thing in the morning I check all the print servers in the district. Any problems, I try to remedy the issue. I check emails and service requests. Also, I repair hardware, switches, access points, wireless, etc. I travel between the schools and troubleshoot any network or computer problems, always looking ahead to try to prevent any issues. I assist teachers, staff and the technology department in any way possible.

KD: What do you enjoy about working at DV?
NB: It has always been a pleasure working here, making new friends and enjoying the company of all. Many new faces have come and gone, but I always try to remember the good times.

KD: What are some activities you do in your free time?
NB: I am an active member of the Barryville United Methodist Church. I attend many of the after school activities here at DV and I enjoy spending time

with my wife and family.
KD: Where did you grow up?
NB: I was born in Port Jervis, N.Y. but moved to Mongaup, N.Y. in 1955. I went to school at Eldred Central where I really enjoyed playing trumpet in the band and also playing football, basketball and track. I went to States in track and threw the disc and shot put. I still hold the record in Eldred for the disc.



KD: Most memorable thing from working at DV?
NB: I really enjoyed the opportunity of working with such a diverse staff. I learned a lot and hopefully passed a little of that experience out along the way.

KD: What do you plan on doing with your free time when you retire?
NB: I am not sure how much free time I will actually have when I retire. I have always been very active. I would like to do some traveling with my wife, going to Alaska has always been a dream of mine. I will probably give my son a hand with his business. I also really enjoy my daughter's company, she is Ms. Beckee Bachelder who is a history teacher in the middle school. I will definitely be keeping her busy. I will enjoy some time in the woods and on the rivers and lakes.

KD: Do you have any big summer vacations planned?
NB: I have no big summer plans but I do

hope to get out to Kansas City to visit my mother-in-law. I hope to get my wife to retire soon after I retire in July. Then maybe the fun can start.

KD: What is the most challenging thing in technology and how you seen technology change over the years?
NB: The most challenging thing working in technology is that it is an ever changing field. When I went to high school all we had was a lab full of typewriters, the old IBM electric with corrective type. I will never forget Mrs. Daub, my typing teacher. Since that time things have really changed. When I started working at DV, the only place they had computers was in the library there were several gateway computers that took floppy disks. It was not to long before we went to the IBM Eduquest 55 PCs. There was no networking going to any of the classrooms and there were no telephones in the classes. Soon we had networking throughout the building , but it was the old token ring wiring and it was very slow. Years later a company came in and ran fiber optic cabling to all classrooms and offices. This cabling is still being used today. In addition wireless access was put into all seven buildings which we use for the laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, Kindles etc. DV went from having TV's in the classrooms to now, where each room has a Smartboard.

KD: What will you miss the most working at DV?
NB: I will miss the interaction here at DV with all the staff. They will probably be most missed part of leaving DV. It has been a great opportunity and privilege to work here in the district.

Favorites
Food: Meatloaf
Color: Tan
Song: "Maggie May"





School News



Annual Special Olympics bring smiles to all

BY NICOLE DARDIA

Opinions Editor

The annual Special Olympics were held on May 12 in DV's stadium, and Dr. Maria Farrell was more than pleased with the day's outcome, and more than \$5,000 were raised from the event.

"I do believe the event was a success! When you see the joy on the faces of the participants, it is hard to come to any other conclusion. This is our 11th year and I believe we have the planning and preparation down to a science. The day went off without a hitch and we certainly had beautiful weather. What more can we ask for?"



Delaware Valley's Jasean Davis focuses on his bench press, and took first in his age group.



Volunteer Maddy Fedun encourages two athletes near the end of their race.



Younger athletes found time to enjoy other games in between their events.



Special Olympics



A young athlete is determined to clear the high jump bar.



DINNER: Senior citizens enjoy their night at event

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This year, the club has more students as members, which made planning and organizing the dinner an easier process than in years past.

"I think it's great that there are more students from our school getting involved in activities that can not only benefit school but also benefit the community," said junior co-president Maeve Dowd.

Although the turnout was not as much as the club expected, the members still agree that the experience was still worthwhile and beneficial to the attendees.

Senior co-president Jess Ramos stated how the dinner was much easier to set up and plan, due to the large amount of student involvement. Even though the turnout was smaller than expected, she explained, the senior citizens still enjoyed themselves.

"It's a wonderful thing you [the Junior Historians] do here. The food was

excellent, and I enjoyed it," said attendee Agnes Rutkowski.

The night ended with Mr. Larry Marcial addressing the senior citizens, thanking them for their work and service to the community.

"A community is inter-generational. The Veterans' and Senior Citizens' dinners are for all of us, for all of our generations to appreciate each other," said Mr. Marcial. "We've been successful in doing this and I hope we can continue to bring the community together for another two decades."



Over 80 senior citizens attended the dinner and enjoyed the music courtesy of the band.

Photos by Tess Balton



Junior Historians has been running dinners for senior citizens for almost 20 years.

Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT DV FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?"

BY LINDSEY TOOMER



"Make the dress code less sexist."

Brian Boyd
Class of 2018



"Better use of the courtyards and other outdoor spaces"

Mr. Tim Pawloski
Staff



"More lenience for tardies to school"

Anya Yoncak
Class of 2019



"Junior prom"
Theresa Myers
Class of 2017



"No Keystones"
Gabby Jaray
Class of 2019



"Coming together more as a school and school spirit activities"

Brooke Greening
Class of 2020



Debate instead of hate

As citizens of the United States of America, we are guaranteed freedom of speech in public areas, including public college campuses. This does not give us the right to say whatever we want, whenever we want or wherever we want, but it does allow us to speak to diverse crowds and listen to new perspectives. As Americans we are also given the right to disagree, peacefully. Unfortunately, in many cases, peace is forgotten and violent protests take flight.

Since Donald Trump was elected president of the United States and since democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton, lost the Presidential election in November 2016, riots and protests against conservative students and public speakers have skyrocketed on college campuses.

Regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, age and political agenda, the U.S. Constitution protects our freedom of speech which allows us to publicly voice our opinions and facts, inspire others through our words or persuade a group of people with our thoughts.

Although many liberal Americans stress tolerance and equality among all human beings, they are not putting their words into action, especially not on college campuses.

While the campaign for the presidential nominees was still taking place, college students from Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Mich. were arrested for handing out pocket Constitutions on the public campus. Michelle Gregoire, Brandon Withers and three other members of Young Americans for Liberty refused to stop handing out pocket Constitutions on the campus in September 2016. The students claimed that their constitutional rights were violated, but the school claimed that the students did not obtain a permit and that expression was only allowed in the location on campus.

The campus is a public campus provided by taxpayers. These students were not disruptive or disturbing the peace; they were simply handing out the United States Constitution. I believe that these nonviolent, simple acts of freedom should be expressed more commonly to the public, especially when pertaining to our own country's book of laws, rights and the guidelines to the way we live our lives.

This situation is, unfortunately, not unusual. According to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), in 2016 and 2017 alone, 50 speakers were disinvited to campuses.

University of California Berkeley is a public college in California that has recently upheld violent riots, protests and anti-conservative movements.

While a conservative speaker, Milo Yiannopoulos, spoke at UC Berkeley about issues regarding race, gender and immigration, riots broke out and arrests were made. He was removed from the podium in efforts to protect his safety. After this riot, another conservative speaker, Ann Coulter was disinvited to speak on the Berkeley campus. Administration told Coulter they were afraid for her safety and cancelled her last minute due to recent protests and riots.

Rather than disinviting her and using her safety as an excuse, these colleges should punish rioters and push for peaceful disagreement. Peace is the goal that all college administrators should be shooting for, especially now, when our country is so divided. Disagreeing is not a bad thing. In fact, it is what makes our country free and diverse. When people disagree with speakers, the opposing side should challenge them rather than shutting them down. They should ask questions and debate with the speaker. What are they afraid of? Schools should promote peaceful disagreement and encourage students to state their opinions and facts against the speaker. Whether these speakers being shut down are liberal or conservative, someone needs to stand up and make a change. One side cannot continually be unheard.

BRENNA CAVALLARO
Class of 2019

The irrational attack on feminism

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the definition of feminism is, "the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes."

Many people seem to label feminism as man-hating, and that is simply not the case. It is as wrong to stereotype someone for being a feminist as it is to stereotype someone for being a jock. Lisa Wade, Ph.D. reveals some of the most common stereotypes of feminists. Feminists are often perceived as uptight, angry, aggressive, harsh, manly, and the list continues. This labeling happens daily and it results in people not expressing their true opinion because of the fear of being judged.

Berry College Website writes that only "26% of people say feminism is a positive term." This is truly disheartening. Feminism should not be looked down upon just because of a few people who take the issue to the extreme. Whether you believe in it or not, labeling someone because they practice feminism is wrong and should be stopped.

One argument against feminism is that women already have all the same rights as men. In some legal cases this is true, but socially women still do not have the same respect or treatment as men. For example, there is a pay gap between male and female professional sports.

According to the Women's Sports Foundation, "Total prize money for the 2014 PGA tour, over \$340 million, is more than five times that of the new-high for the 2015 LPGA tour, \$61.6 million. Similar discrepancies exist throughout professional sports."

This gap does not just occur in professional settings; it happens in our own high school as well. Many times my friends and I, who are girls, have been chosen last in a gym game or sport because of our gender and not our skill level. And when we finally are chosen to a team, we are mostly ignored with the occasional pity toss of a football.

Now, this doesn't happen with everyone. Sometimes you find the few gems of the gym class who respect your athletic ability and include you, which shows that we have made some progress.

I hope that one day everyone sees each other as equal, not above or below one another. I hope that one day, a girl will get chosen first because she has enough skill to compete well. I hope one day, men and women won't be scared to say, "I'm a feminist." With awareness and some effort, the word "feminism" won't have such a negative connotation.

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School News



Odyssey of the Mind teams compete at World Finals

By JULIANN WINKLER

Science & Technology Co-Editor

On May 24 Michigan State University welcomed over 850 teams from all over the world to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Competition. Delaware Valley Middle School and Delaware Valley Elementary School, both technical teams, placed 4th in the world and the high school vehicle and technical team placed 12th.



To begin the competition, teams gathered in the Breslin Event Center where they took part in a light show at the opening ceremony.



The high school technical team poses after performing their skit in which they had to create a robot that completed various tasks.



A participant displays his collection of medusa pins which is one of the most popular yet difficult pins to trade.



A team from Texas gathered around to trade pins from various years and locations with members of the high school vehicle team.



The trophies were displayed in the middle of the Breslin Event Center as the participants scurried in anxiously waiting to discover the final results.



The high school's vehicle team forms a group hug before performing to wish each other the best of luck and trying to calm each other's nerves.

ENVIRONMENTAL: APES students volunteer at Shohola Elementary

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At the event the high school students were separated into multiple groups that each classroom could visit.

Some of the activities that were available for kids were a trail walk where APES students walked through nature in Shohola and showed the kids animals to look for and pay attention to. There was also a Sharks and Minnows game which helped explain predator and prey relationships in the wild.

High school students also worked in the art room where they did an experiment with polar bears and finding out how blubber works. Another group made an oil spill experiment to help show kids the importance of keeping the environment clean.

Senior Nick Rivera said that his group had

kids pour water through sand, sand and rocks as well as a patch of grass in order to show them how fast water can travel through the ground.



Shohola Elementary students discover how blubber works.

Photo by Maeve Dowd

Shohola has been providing the environmental day for its students for many years, although last year the APES class did not attend. This year many of the teachers and students were excited that the high school students were back and made the day extra special.

"Shohola was really fun. It was cool to see how excited all of the kids got about the environment and I hope they will use their knowledge of environmental issues in future," said senior Meghan Kelly.

Puzzle Fun

Directions: Unscramble the summer-themed words below. Take the letters that are in the circles and unscramble them to reveal the hidden word. The first person to send the correct hidden word via e-mail to the. del.aware@gmail.com will receive a prize.

Compiled by Sarah McDougall

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Hidden Word:



Jaeger to travel on exchange

BY SHAINA KLEIN
News Editor

Freshman Grace Jaeger is determined to see the world. Inspired by a trip abroad to Norway, Sweden and Denmark with her father over spring break of last year, Jaeger has decided to pursue travel further, and this summer will be experiencing a brief exchange to Catania, Sicily from June 27-July 20.

Jaeger gained this opportunity through the Milford/Matamoras Rotary club—the same organization that allowed Jaeger's sister, Faith, to travel to France last school year.

Jaeger will be staying with a host family while she is in Catania; she is already in contact with them and has begun to forge a relationship with her host sister, Emmanuelle, who is around Jaeger's age.

"We just really connected," said Jaeger.

Although she is excited to face this trip head-on, Jaeger admits she is slightly nervous about flying on her own as well as overcoming the language barrier. However, Jaeger is actively trying to master basic Italian phrases, and Emmanuelle speaks English, which Jaeger believes will help make her transition into Catania easier.

Overall, Jaeger is most looking forward to "meeting the people and experiencing the culture [of Italy]."

Jaeger hopes to one day have the opportunity to travel to other places as well. Iceland, a country whose beauty captivated her as she flew over its landscape on her way to Norway last April, is currently on her shortlist.

As for whether or not Jaeger would ever consider a yearlong trip abroad, she is unsure due to her concerns over missing out on a year of schooling in the United States.

"I'm nervous I'm going to like this trip so much that I'll want to go for a year," said Jaeger.

New teachers discuss first year at DV

BY COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER
World News Co-Editor

Not only did DV welcome new freshmen this year, but three teachers began their educational careers too. Mr. Alexander Niosi, Mr. Nick Wisen and Ms. Jenelle Gunderman teach food services, science and math, respectively.

Ms. Gunderman:

You're a travelling teacher, do you hope to have your own classroom soon?

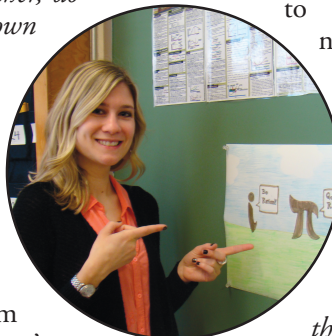
"I'd certainly like to have one in a few years, but it's okay. I have my own desk in R18."

What challenges did you face this year?

"I had to get used to a new school, but I'm from Port Jervis so it wasn't too bad. However, balancing all of my classes and preparing students for tests was demanding."

What did you most enjoy as a teacher?

"Getting to know all of my students was so great. I wanted to get to know them well, especially my seniors. I also accompanied Ms. Erica DiMarzio with Ski Club every Friday during the winter. I'm an avid snowboarder."



Mr. Wisen:

What has been challenging about teaching?

"I'm from Bucks County so I've had to adapt to seeing new faces



and getting to know people. Also, student teaching prepared me for the course load and material, but I definitely had to deal with managing other aspects of teaching. Time management was the toughest."

Did you struggle interacting with the students ever?

"Never. I'm able to talk to a wall and still get something out of it."

Why did you wish to become a teacher?

"I was motivated by my mom. She is my idol and rock. She's a science teacher back home who has won several teacher of the year awards. I wanted to impress with something I love and find success with."

Chef Niosi:

What has been the most memorable thing this year?

"Definitely the Advisory Committee meeting dinner. We had prepared for two days. Unfortunately, we ran out of gas and had to finish in Mrs. Donna Stuchlak's classroom. But everyone did terrific and it went smoothly."

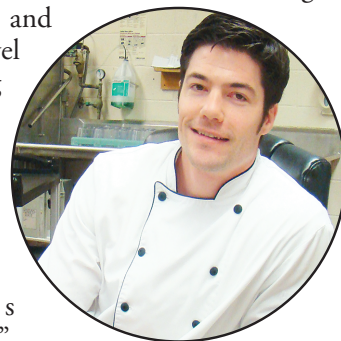
What has been challenging about the job?

"This is unlike any other job I've had. I've taught

managerial and upper level cooking classes, but adapting to high school students was interesting."

Have you made any changes to the program?

"We've changed up the menu, incorporating a theme for each week's meals, and working on making more things here at the kitchen instead of frying everything. It has been very successful and popular with the staff."



Harlem Wizards take on the Wild Warriors

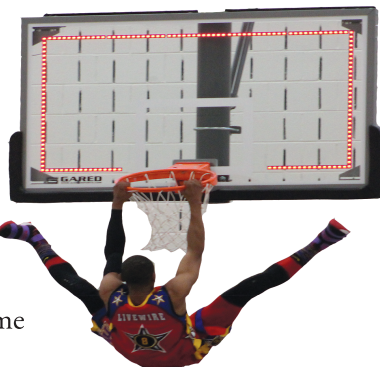
BY KIRSTEN DUNN
Staff Writer

On May 31 fans filled the high school gymnasium to watch the Harlem Wizards play the Wild Warriors.

The game consisted of a four quarter basketball game, music, opportunities to win prizes and a halftime intermission to buy souvenirs.

The Harlem Wizards showcased their trick shots and dunking abilities throughout the whole game. The Wild Warriors put up a good fight keeping the game close the whole time. The game ended with the Wizards calling a fan on the court to shoot the winning basket ending the game 81-80 in favor of the Wizards.

"I do not make a separation of who I am and what I do. The Harlem Wizards embody putting smiles on our fans' faces and bringing them joy," said Wizards Eric Jones, also known as Broadway.



Students compete in first 'Food Truck Wars'

BY ARIANA COMO
Arts & Literature Editor

Mrs. Leslie Sikora's cooking class competed in DV's very first Food Truck Wars on May 18. The sixth period class was full of sweet and spicy treats that judges from all over the building came to try. The judges were given a scoring rubric to determine which truck drove past their standards. The winner of the war was the Cocoa Town Food Truck with their Tiramisu Shooters.

"The students did a terrific job executing their themes within their food trucks. Each team put a lot of time and effort into their presentation, design and creation of their menu item. I am thrilled with the way each student took pride in what they created," said Mrs. Sikora.



Food Truck War winners win with tiramisu shooters.
Photo by Ariana Como



School News



Scholastic Bowl team excels at National Tournament

BY MORGAN GIFFORD
Staff Writer

During Memorial Day weekend, the Scholastic Bowl team competed at the High School National Championship Tournament.

The team traveled to Atlanta Ga. where they competed at the HSNTC and finished the competition with 6-4.

At the competition over 300 teams attended, most were from the United States, but some teams that competed were from other countries including China.

Six students went to the competition and the students were split into two groups. On the "A team" were juniors Abhay Byagi, Andy Greene, Franni King and Collin Kawan-Hemler. These students were the primary

competitors for the tournament.

The "B team" that attended consisted of sophomores Emma Dove and Chris

scrimmages where they answered college level question sets. Also participating in the scrimmage was adviser Mr. Kevin Devizia who got to compete against tough teams with the students.

At the competition, the team finished in the top 97 out of 304 teams. The team was very happy with their results, being that the DV team consisted all of juniors and sophomores and they finished in the top one-third of the competition.

"I think we did well in managing the time aspects of it and focusing and not wasting time between questions. We could have done better in being less aggressive buzzing into questions because it cost us points," said Kawan-Hemler.

The team had to answer many quiz bowl questions from many different categories during the competition. The majority of the questions were basic academia, but they ranged from

questions about fine arts, basic school studies and current events.

Mr. Devizia said that the team is very aggressive in game play but they are a very young team so they are not as strong in subjects taught in twelfth grade, such as calculus.

The team was competitive in most matches but they lost badly in one competition. The team also had matches where they beat other teams up badly, but the matches they lost could have been won, since they were only lost by a few points.

"The DV team has had a very good year but we were very young. The year has been up and down, we went into HSNTC a low, but to finish 6-4 gave the team a good feeling," said Mr. Devizia.

The team is feeling optimistic about next year. Mr. Devizia feels that the team will put in a lot of hard work, and he thinks they will make it farther at the competition next year.



The Scholastic Bowl team after winning their final preliminary game to advance into the finals.
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Secular. These students were brought to rotate in or substitute if needed for the competition.

Although they did not compete in the main part of the competition, they were able to participate in optional

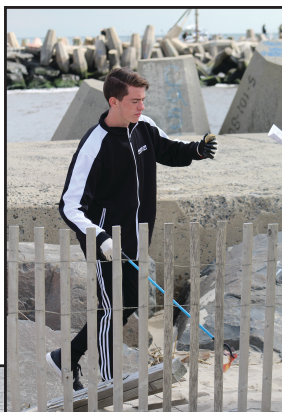
Combo 11 promotes good deeds: Clean Ocean Act

BY MANDY XU
Circulation Co-Manager

On May 7, 19 students from Combo 11 traveled to Point Pleasant, N.J. beach to pick up trash on the beach. The students took part in the Clean Ocean Action, a non-profit organization that helps get rid of unwanted and harmful debris left on the beaches.

The students helped pick up all sorts of garbage varying from plastic bags to a dead animal carcass. The litter that was picked up was recorded as data which is presented in an annual report that is sent out to help reduce littering on beaches.

Mrs. Leslie Lordi and Mrs. Nicole Cosentino's eleventh grade Combo class was presented with the idea of "Good deeds." The students wanted to find ways to give back and come up with ideas to help out their local community and they chose taking a trip down to a local beach to help clean up trash.



Junior Jack Doyle helps the clean-up efforts at Point Pleasant beach.
Contributed photo

"It was a fun and different way for Combo 11 to volunteer and give back to the

community," said junior Sophia Catalano.

Journalism students sweep awards at Wilkes

BY KAIYA DeSTEFANO
Staff Writer

On April 28, the Del.Aware newspaper staff, along with 10 future members, traveled to Wilkes University to attend the 17th Annual Tom Bigler Journalism Conference.

Twelve students in DV's journalism program came home with awards in their hands. For the second year in a row, Mrs. Leslie Lordi won the Outstanding Adviser award and the Del. Aware newspaper took home the Outstanding Publication award.

The conference was attended by more than 18 schools and over 220 students. Guest speakers presented workshops about various topics, including diversity

in the media and investigative journalism. For most of the guest speakers, it was their day off of work and they were generous enough to spend it teaching students about the real word outlook on journalism.

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author, Joby Warrick, was the key speaker of the conference. Warrick talked about Fake News. He explained to the crowd how fast fake news spreads and how it can create a negative reaction and arousal out of readers.

Throughout the day, the

speakers gave insight to young journalists about what it is like when journalism or broadcasting is their income, daily life, and their passion.



Students from Journalism II and III poses with their awards at the conference.
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Community News

Feature Business: Frisky Goat

By **SHELBY BRITTAIN**
Arts & Literature Co-Editor

The Frisky Goat Coffeehouse has been open and serving coffee, teas, smoothies and other socially conscious products since Oct. 1, 2014. The business is located on Broad Street in Milford and is owned by Becki Roa, who has owned other businesses in the past. The Frisky Goat is her first storefront retail business and is open seven days a week.

“I’ve always had my own business. This one just evolved into providing the community with a place to hang out and socialize,” said Roa.

The Frisky Goat is not just a place to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea but also a place to socialize with friends or family. The building consists of a patio and wrap around porch where customers can sit outside. Inside, there are tables, a counter section to sit and a small shopping section. Tourists find the Frisky Goat to be convenient due to the fact that bus tickets can be purchased there for the bus stop right outside.

“It was wonderful. We ordered two regular coffees, a lemon poppy seed scone and a bus ticket,” said two customers, seated outside on the patio, who described enjoying their first time at the coffeehouse.

A variety of coffee, organic teas, bubble teas, lattes,

espresso drinks and smoothies are made with fresh whole fruits daily. One drink that is really gaining in popularity is the tea latte. Becki’s favorite drink has gone from “the most complicated espresso drinks back to the basic hot cup of coffee in the morning.”

“Our teas are one thing that I’m



Photos by Shelby Brittain



really getting excited about because we are

starting to get really exotic with them. They are also all organic and a lot fresher than the regular tea bags you can buy at the store,” Becki said.

Along with the various different beverages,

customers can also order snacks and baked goods. The Frisky Goat supports the local arts and receives baked snacks and goods from local businesses. One place that provides for them is the Naked Bagel Deli. Clothing, socks, mugs, organic and socially responsible goods can be found right when customers walk through the doors.

The overall goal of this business is to please all the customers and make it a place where they can enjoy a cup of coffee and socialize among friends. One worker describes why she started working at the Frisky Goat.

“I love coffee and I think the environment of the shop is a really cool place where people can hang out and enjoy themselves,” said Tara Keefe, an employee.

Be sure to stop by the Frisky Goat Coffeehouse the next time you are driving through Milford and want to grab a drink from your choice of a variety of different flavors.

“If you come to the Goat, you’ll enjoy it a latte,” said Keefe.

\$11K raised for JDRF at 5K

By **LINDSEY TOOMER**
Editor in Chief

With the help of about 30 volunteers and 160 runners and walkers, the Taking Our Shot at Inspiring Hope 5K raised over \$11,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on May 20.

Volunteers arrived at Camp Speers-Eljabar starting at 7 a.m. to help set up basket raffles, registration, refreshments and parking for attendees of the fifth annual race, which is organized by Mrs. Leslie Lordi and Mr. Chris Lordi to raise money on behalf of their daughter, Josie, and other Type 1 Diabetics.

“Every year, in my mind, surpasses the year before,” said Mrs. Lordi. “We are humbled by the support from our friends, family and community.”



Kids who participated in the kids’ fun run pose with the Sussex County Miner.
Photo by Lindsey Toomer

One major source of donations came from Josie’s second grade class taught by Mrs. Anne Connell. Throughout the year, the class held several fundraisers to raise over \$600 for JDRF. The baskets for the raffle were donated by friends, family and other members of the community. Raffle tickets alone accounted for \$2,000 of the donations.

Participants in the race either ran or walked the 3.12 miles trail at Camp Speers. Mike Bell won the race with a time of 19:20.6 and senior Sarah McDougall won for the girls with a time of 22:33.2.

After the race, children of all ages at the event participated in the kid’s fun run where volunteers led the way and winners were awarded medals in each age category.

Colors run wild at 5K

By **BRY ROSE**
Circulation Co-Manager

Kiki Ruggiero.
Proceeds from the run benefit the Area P Special Olympics,

Colors shot across the cloudy sky at the Color Me Rad 5K in Scranton, Pa. on May 13, where students from Delaware Valley participated in and volunteered for the colorful race.

The race is a 5 kilometer, roughly three mile run stationed in the streets of Scranton, Pa. that coats runners with vivid colors throughout the run. The colors are made of non-toxic corn starch-based filled bags which are thrown to cover the runners and volunteers during and after the race.

“It was really cold but despite that it was just fun. It was great seeing so many people coming out to support a cause,” said sophomore



After the race day, students are covered in colors from head to toe.
Contributed photo

and each volunteer from DV earned \$75 for Special Olympics. There were a total of 23 volunteers from Delaware Valley and \$1725 dollars earned for the Area P Special Olympics, which spans five counties including schools such as Wallenpaupack and Delaware Valley.

“Despite that it was rainy and cloudy, it was so much fun and everyone was so excited to get colored. The girls I volunteered with were so energized. I wish more people would have volunteered,” said sophomore Evie Kelly.

World News

Chechen gay “purge” targets hundreds

By COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER
World News Co-Editor

Russian authorities have arrested five LGBT activists in Moscow demanding an inquiry into the torture and persecution of gay men in the southern region of Chechnya.

Collecting over two million signatures, the activists are working to bring attention to a recent “purge” of homosexuals. First reported by the newspaper Novaya Gazeta, Chechen police have conducted “roundups” of over 100 gay men.

LGBT Russians as a whole have faced antagonism from their government and society, but in Chechnya, stigma has grown into full-blown persecution. While urban centers like Moscow and St. Petersburg have thriving underground gay communities, LGBT Chechens face total abandonment by their friends and family if outed.

Some families have notified authorities of their gay

relatives. Police then detain them, and the men are subjected to abuse and torture.

The captors seized mobile phones from the prisoners, scrolling through their contacts and demanding to know which men among them were also gay.

“They called us animals, non-humans, said we were going to die there,” one man said.

Chechen authorities have been able to blackmail gay men, threatening to out them to their families. In Chechnya, homosexuality

is such a taboo that many refuse to even speak of it. Chechnya’s leader Ramzan Kadyrov has denied an anti-gay purge was taking place.

“You cannot detain and persecute people who simply do not exist in the republic,” he told reporters.

Activists claim it is too dangerous for gays in Chechnya, and their families, to speak out about their abuse.

“It is hard for them to say ‘Hello I am Chechen and I am persecuted in Chechnya’ because they have relatives there. Unfortunately there is pressure not only on gay people but also on their families. And it is very dangerous,” an activist, Alexei Nazarov said.

President Vladimir Putin has faced criticism for continuing to back the semi-autonomous republic’s authoritarian leader. President Putin’s spokesman has repeated the Chechen government’s denials that men suspected of being gay are being detained, tortured and killed.



Source: reuters

News of the events in Chechnya has sparked outrage in the world, like in Paris.

Portugal wins Eurovision

By NICOLE DARDIA
Opinions Editor

The popular European television show “Eurovision Song Contest”, commonly known as “Eurovision”, recently finished its latest season. The show is similar to “American Idol” and “The Voice.” The difference is that instead of individuals performing covers of songs, each European country enters an individual who performs one original song, then votes are cast to determine the most popular song, singer and country on the show.

Eurovision was created as a means of bringing Europe together post war with economic treaties. The competition invites musicians from all over Europe and other continents to submit their original songs and get a chance to claim the winner’s title. “Eurovision” is also the world’s largest non-sporting television event.

The 2017 competition was the 62nd edition of the show, and it was held in Kiev, Ukraine due to Ukraine’s win in the 2016 competition. It is tradition for the competition to be held in the country of

the previous season’s winner.

Forty-two European countries competed in this season. Portugal was the winner in this last season. The country won with the song “Amar pelos dois” (Loving for The Both of Us), performed by Salvador Sobral.

The show has a history of crazy and outlandish surprises, which is one of the reasons viewers follow the show. Things like drag queens and dancing monkeys have showed up during the competition.



Source: cnn

Portugal prides itself of the country’s victor, Salvador Sobral.

Iran elects new president

By VANESSA PAOLELLA
World News Editor

Citizens of Iran voted to re-elect moderate President Hassan Rouhani after a heated campaign on May 19 over conservative nominee Ebrahim Raisi. Rouhani will serve another four years as Iran’s president.

Approximately 70 percent of eligible voters in Iran cast their ballot in this election. Final results show President Rouhani garnering 57 percent of the votes and Raisi only 38 percent.

In his first term, President Rouhani worked to improve foreign relations, most notably as a key figure in the nuclear deal with the United States, United Nations and other affiliated countries.

Through this deal, Iran agreed to limit its possession of enriched uranium, a key component in nuclear technologies, in exchange for lifting sanctions. As a controversial agreement in both the United States and Iran, this deal was a major issue discussed by candidates during their campaigns.

“This hope with which you’ve entrusted me, I do feel the weight of this responsibility,” Rouhani said after winning the election, “and I do pray to God to be a worthy carrier of your hopes and your dreams.”

Puerto Rico indebted

By LINDSEY TOOMER
Editor in Chief

After struggling through a recession since 2006 and being completely drained of all money, Puerto Rico is filing for a form of bankruptcy relief in federal court to restructure their \$123 billion in debt. Their case makes history as the first time a U.S. territory has filed for such protection.

The debt Puerto Rico has built up is owed to various creditors, with about “\$74 billion in bond debt and \$49 billion in unfunded pension obligations,” according to Mary Williams Walsh, the New York Times’ reporter covering the case.

Puerto Rico is “unable to provide its citizens effective services” and its citizens are the ones who are suffering as a result of their crippling debt. Funding

for public schools, universities, retiree pensions and even health care benefits are at risk for major cuts.

The first hearing was on May 17 when Federal Judge Laura Taylor Swain flew from New York to San Juan to hear the case. The trial will consist of Puerto Rico’s creditors fighting for what is owed to them.

Judge Swain stated that the process “will involve pain, [but] failure, frankly, is not an option. We cannot simply turn off the lights and close the door on Puerto Rico.”

Judge Swain decided at the first hearing that she would hold hearings about every six weeks throughout the duration of the year.

“She called for a report before the next hearing on what progress the island was making on disclosing financial information to creditors,” said Swain.



SUMMER CONSTRUCTION

By MANDY XU
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Over the past couple of years, Delaware Valley has been under heavy construction with major renovations on the DV campus. On Dec. 2015, the construction of the new pool renovation that expanded the crowd bleachers in the pool arena.

The old DVES was tore down and the open area was under renovation for a new parking lot and new gymnasium. The overall new price cost about 8 million dollars for both the pool area and the new gym.

The new gym was completed in Aug. 2016, just in time for the school year. The construction of new Delaware Valley Elementary School was completed in Aug. 2016. The ending cost of new elementary school was roughly between 23 million. It is now located in Matamoras, just near Airport Park and has been in session for its first year in the building.



Spirit Games

By ARIANA COMO
Arts & Literature Editor

May 17, 2016

To kick off the school year spirit week was concluded by DV's very first spirit games. The Spirit Games were held on Oct. 7 and required a number of students from each grade to participate in games such as gear up, the Olympic hula rings, volley balloons, torch relay, chariot races, dizzy badminton, don't let it forest dump, human knot, back-to-back stand up, tumbling, tug of war and a lip sync battle.

Each grade decked out in its class colors and went back and forth with chants to keep the competitions intense. The sophomores defeated the freshmen in their battle of the games, and the seniors beat the juniors leaving rivalries that will be carried out in future Spirit Games to come.



Warrior Fest

By ALICIA HOUSBY
Staff Writer

October 8, 2016

Every year, the school hosts Warrior Fest, an event that students, parents and community members can attend.

This year's festival was held on Oct. 8 before the homecoming football game that same day. At this event, approximately 50 different vendors set up tents and tables along the sidewalk and parking lot near the fieldhouse. There were different things for people to purchase, as well as places for donations and crafts for kids.

Clubs and groups within the school set up different activities to raise money for their club. Student Council had a table used to vote for the King of Legs and Queen of Shoes for the homecoming dance that night.



LOOKING BACK AT 2017

Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM SENIOR YEAR?"
By MEGHAN KELLY



"Hanging with all my galoots"
Riley Sorrell
Class of 2017



"Meeting forever friends and having fun at after-school activities"
Sean Moran and Sean Deignan
Class of 2017



"Prom"
Junny Xu and Gabrielle Hoare
Class of 2017



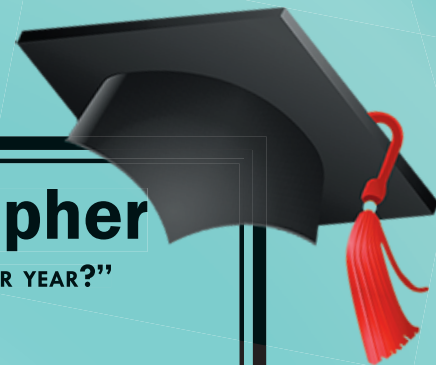
"I had fun at the prom, but I wouldn't have had as much fun these last four years without my friends."
Madelaine Kane
Class of 2017



"Prom weekend"
Brooke Eichner and Mia Joseph
Class of 2017



"I have enjoyed the added responsibilities and freedoms that have come with being a senior and being a mentor to the underclassmen."
Vanessa Paoletta
Class of 2017



Power Outage

KIRSTEN PETERS
Sports Editor

On May 2, the AP Spanish students were scheduled to take their AP exam at 8 a.m.

The students were finished with the multiple choice section and were working on the two writing assignments and two speaking assignments; students testing in Señor Gary Cotroneo's room were on the final speaking section and students testing in the Media Center were about to start the first speaking section when the power went out and shut down all of the computers. There had been a power outage due to a squirrel chewing on electrical wires.

After contacting College Board, administrators were told that the students were unable to complete the remainder of the exam on May 2. Rather, the students were set to make up the whole second section of the exam on May 18.

Considering that there have been previous recording problems, microphones not working, or CDs not burning, Mr. Cotroneo reflected on this year's situation, stating, "Just one year before I retire, I want to have a non-issue AP test."



Betternet

By SHAINA KLEIN
News Editor

Betternet, a Virtual Private Network allows students to access blocked websites, wreaked havoc in the school, as administration had to speak with over 100 students who used the site.

Although about 90 percent of Betternet users utilized Betternet for educational purposes, their actions were still in violation of the Acceptable Use of the Communications and Information Systems Policy that they agreed to when they signed their school handbooks at the start of the year.

Students that used the website were issued a warning letter home, with a promise that if internet security was breached in the future, there would be consequences.



Winter Storm Stella

By SARAH McDUGALL
Managing Editor

March 13-17, 2017

Starting on the night of March 13 and having lasting impacts on the remainder of the school year, winter storm Stella was, without a doubt, a memorable event for its unexpected arrival and severity.

The buzz spread throughout DV that school would be cancelled for at least two days – what most students and staff members were not expecting was four snow days and over 20 inches of snow.

Throughout the storm, Superintendent Dr. John Bell updated the community via Twitter, asking for information about road conditions and opinions on whether school should be in session on March 17.

As a result of these four snow days, not only was the district's spring break shortened to a three-day weekend, but classroom lesson plans were greatly disrupted. With AP exams and Keystones taking place a mere two months following the event, and the dates not being subject to rescheduling, teachers had to accelerate the pace at which they taught and review time for these exams were shortened.





ARTS AND LITERATURE



SPOTLIGHT MUSICIAN *Jonathan Langberg*

By **COLLIN KAWAN-HEMLER**
World News Co-Editor

One student who is making a difference through music is junior Jonathan Langberg. The skilled baritone horn player has been involved with DV band for six years, attending countless concerts and marching band performances.

Jazz is his favorite genre of music to listen to, but he most enjoys performing in the marching band.

Jonathan looks up greatly to band teacher Mr. Richard Bullock. He has worked with him in concert and marching band.

“Mr. Bullock is an excellent musician, and it seems like every group he teaches suddenly becomes amazing. He really pushes everybody to do their best,” Jonathan said.

Jonathan is also actively involved in our school and community. In addition to the Boy Scouts of America, he plays a key role in the high school auditorium’s sound and light booth.

Beginning with the Drama Club’s

production of “Anything Goes,” Jonathan has since assisted with sound and lights for various assemblies and events.

“I always thought it looked really interesting to work in tech crew for the plays, so I joined and learned a lot from previous people. Also, I’ll be working for the Milford Theatre whenever they need me,” he said.



The instruments collected will be shipped directly to the school.

Currently, Jonathan is working on giving the opportunity of musical practice to school children in the west African country of Cameroon. Coordinating with the Good Shepherd Academy of Milford, he has collected over 30 used instruments for their school in Cameroon.

The donation drive has been for his Eagle Scout project. Jonathan thought of the idea after learning of the school’s desire to establish a music program.

“I’m really helping to make a difference in these kid’s lives. They’ve been through so much. I’m hopeful that the instruments will allow them to express themselves and find peace through music,” Jonathan said.

By **MAEVE DOWD**
Entertainment Co-Editor

A lively classroom full of dedicated art students, working away tirelessly, is where you will find senior Helena Gorski during the school year.

Helena is currently in AP Studio Art but has taken numerous art classes during her time at Delaware Valley. She has taken General Art, Foundations in Art, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics 1 and 2 and Jewelry Design.

“AP Studio Art is my favorite because it is really expressive, and we can create whatever we want,” said Helena.

In her free time, Helena enjoys continuing working on art outside of school where she has more freedom to create what she wants.

Regarding her life after high school, Helena has enlisted in the military but hopes to continue working on art pieces.

Helena’s favorite teachers here at DV are Mrs. Christine Sweeney and Dr. Irene

SPOTLIGHT ARTIST *Helena Gorski*

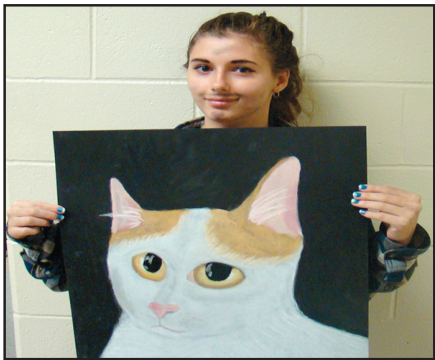
Lantz. As for artists, she looks up to Van Gogh and enjoys his art work.

She says that she enjoys working with all mediums. She has had the opportunity work with many mediums including markers, conte crown, colored pencil, acrylic paints and clay.

Helena has three favorite pieces that

she has created: “Pill Head,” which was created using markers, “I’m being Watched,” which is a mix media piece made from colored pencils and acrylic paints and “Whiskers,” which is a conte crown piece. She describes her style as trippy, psychedelic and organic.

“I come up with my work in my head and what happens to me in my life,” said



Helena poses with a piece from her AP Studio Art class.
Photo by Maeve Dowd

Helena.

“Helena’s work exhibits an appealing stylization which is both charming and expressive. She works with a clear vision of her intentions but is also open to following her whims and taking chances,” said Mrs. Sweeney.

SPOTLIGHT WRITER *Leah Yost*

By **KAIYA DEStEFANO**
Staff Writer

Known on the field for field hockey and lacrosse, Leah Yost also stands out in the classroom for her writing abilities.

Leah has always liked writing, but when she was younger, she wanted to be a writer when she grew up.

Although those future plans changed throughout her childhood, Leah picked up her love for writing outside of school in her late middle school years. She picked up the hobby again last year in her junior year.

“I occasionally write outside of school. I like to write short stories mostly, both fiction and nonfiction.” Leah said.

Leah said she considers humorous books to be her favorite.

“Laura Hillenbrand is an excellent author,” she said.

“Her books ‘Seabiscuit’ and ‘Unbroken’ opened up the nonfiction genre for me.”

Leah credits Mr. John Farrell for helping her flourish in her writing abilities during her AP Composition class.

“He taught me to be precise,” Leah said. “I learned to be aware of how something ‘reads’ or ‘scans’ and that translated to clearer writing.”

After high school, Leah will be traveling to Massachusetts to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she will be studying mechanical engineering.

As advice to young writers, Leah says, “Besides the fundamental advice to write as often as you can, I would say also read as much as you can. Varied reading with help you develop your own style. Also, the best help you can get for your writing is to show others, especially knowledgeable people who will be honest with you. Showing your work can be intimidating, but if you find the right people, they will only help you grow.”

Writer’s Sample

Flowers in hanging baskets sway with the wind, spots of color in the gray station. Her curly hair forces itself into a bun, with the loose ends mercilessly captured in black pins. The train appears, a gray snake slithering into its nest. His eyes roam but then stop at the baskets. Soon there is a bundle of flowers in her hair, a garden in the mists of her bobby pin prison. They walk to the train, two spots of color in the gray station.



ARTS AND LITERATURE

Students win first place at art competition

By TESS BALTON
Staff Writer

On May 25, five Delaware Valley students won awards at the High Point Regional High School Invitational Art Show where they competed against five other schools. Senior Madison Dorr and junior Paige Collins won first place in their categories.

Dorr won first for her jewelry design of a domed box in the crafts category and Collins won first in the painting category for her



Madison Dorr said she drew inspiration from Indian patterns and temples for her artwork.

monochromatic portrait of Jimi Hendrix. Aside from receiving first place, Dorr won a full tuition for a Peters Valley Workshop this summer to study a class

on decorative boxes, taught by Raychel Wengenroth, and Collins won a free two week pre-college program that helps beginning artists create a portfolio, work outside of high school and work with new medias and instructors, courtesy of the New Hampshire Institute of Art.

"When I entered the art show, I wasn't planning on walking out with this grand opportunity," said Collins, "I spent a good 20 minutes admiring all the other works before even noticing that I had placed!"



Paige Collins won first place for her portrait of Jimi Hendrix.

Dorr will be attending Swarthmore College and continue metalsmithing as an apprentice to metalsmith artist Martin Moon. Dorr plans to take art classes at Swarthmore and participate in their art program.

"I was surprised that I was in the show at all because Dr. [Irene] Lantz didn't even tell me she entered anything of mine," said Dorr.

Some honorable mentions for the competition include Gabriella Cuevas with second place in painting for her self portrait titled "Crystallization," sophomore Brianna

Tonneson in third place in photography for her photograph titled "Good Morning" and sophomore Julia Thompson won second place in the open category with her work titled "Haywire".

Fashion Aware: Swimsuits

By SYDNEY COUTURIER
News Co-Editor

As the school year comes to a close, it's time to start thinking about your summer wardrobe. For most people, a vast majority of their summer clothes consists of swimsuits to relax by the pool all day in.

A new trend that will definitely be seen everywhere this summer is one-pieces. These suits made a comeback last summer and are expected to be even more popular this year. They come in all different styles, from monokinis (which are bikinis that connect down the front), to full one pieces which you might remember from when you were younger.

When it comes to bikinis, there are many different styles you can find. Some different top styles you will find in stores are bandeau, triangle, high-neck halter tops, some with straps and some without. Corresponding bottoms range from low-rise to high-waisted, strappy on the sides or solid, and most of these tops and bottoms can be interchanged with one another.

Another necessity for warm, sunny, summer days on the beach or by the pool is cover-ups. They come in all colors and styles. You can find them as sheer dress cover-ups, rompers, maxi dresses or even long shirts. You can even make your own cover-up out of a loose dress or shirt.

Although swimsuits can be pricy, there are definately stores out there that sell cute swimwear at an affordable price, some stores you might want to check out are Forever 21, H&M and Target. Before the school year ends, make sure you get out to some of your favorite stores and get yourself a new swimsuit for this summer with a cute cover-up.

Book Review: *Life as We Knew It*

By KATIE COONEY
Sports Co-Editor

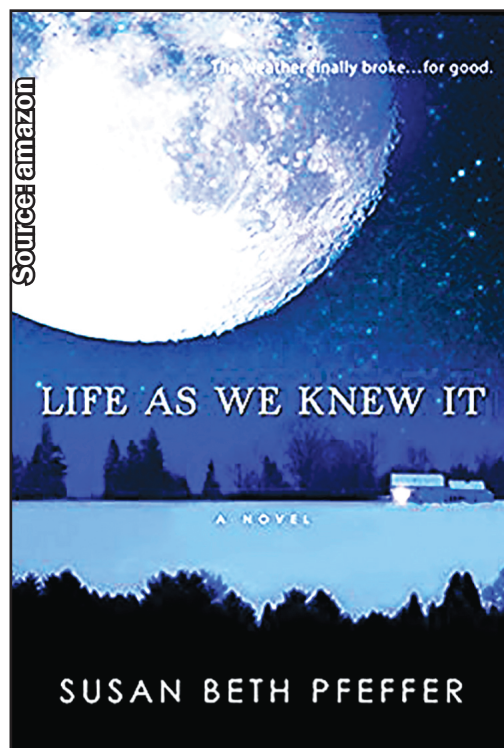
"Life as We Knew It" by Susan Beth Pfeffer explores how human life would be impacted if a catastrophic event occurred and left the natural environment and the organized government in shambles.

The book begins with teenage Miranda and her family as their lives are disrupted by a highly anticipated asteroid projected to hit the moon.

Unfortunately, the asteroid is denser than scientists expected and moves the moon closer to Earth, causing natural disasters like tsunamis and earthquakes to occur, taking the lives of millions and damaging America's infrastructure indefinitely.

Miranda and her family are left to survive on limited food rations, as well as no electricity or heat, leaving their wellbeing in jeopardy.

This book is set apart from others because of the disastrous circumstances Miranda and her family have to fight in order to survive, and also the numerous plot twists and surprises Miranda encounters



while she is trying to protect her loved ones.

I enjoyed how the book was set up, with each chapter being a journal entry Miranda


wrote, in which she described her day and explained what her family and she had to go through. These entries are descriptive and easily understood, making it simpler for the audience to understand, especially if a lot occurred in the span of a few days.

The story could be upsetting at times because it was hard not to imagine yourself in her situation, and how terrible it would be to see your family and friends suffering. Also, imagining your life changing so drastically because of an event people were looking forward to is extremely upsetting, but also interesting at the same time.

"Life as We Knew It" is similar to other dystopian novels because of the situations the characters find themselves in, like Miranda having to take care of her family members that become seriously ill, or the suspense the audience feels as her family is struggling to find the supplies necessary to survive.

This is the first book in a series, so I'm very excited to read the next novels and to see how her life has changed. I'm also looking forward to see how the situation impacted Miranda as a character, and what she will do to recover from this tragedy.

Life Hacks




Cutting off pieces of a pool noodle and tying them around the lip of a plastic container gives you an easy and cheap floating pool cooler.



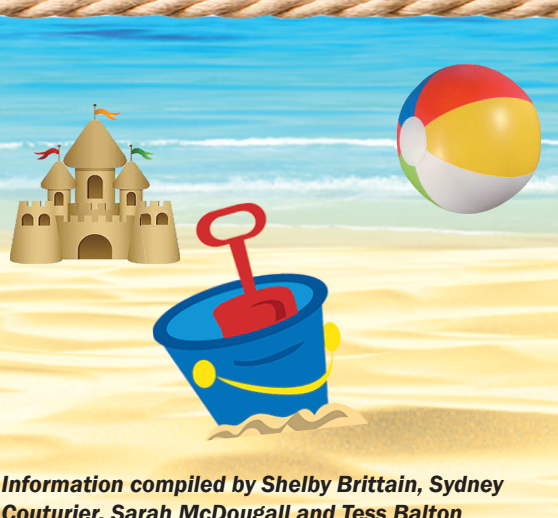
Going camping? Simply fasten a flashlight or headlight to shine against a gallon jug and you will get an illuminating nightlight that will provide plenty of light.



Use baby powder to remove sand on your feet so you will not be uncomfortable or itchy.



Grab your hoodie, put it on backwards and fill up the hood with popcorn, or another snack of choice, for a nice, relaxing night with your TV.



Grab an empty 2 liter soda bottle and use a thumbtack to make holes all along the bottle. Then remove the cap and attach a hose. Turn on the water and enjoy your homemade sprinkler!



To alleviate the bothersome pain of sunburn, throw aloe vera gel into ice cube trays and freeze it! The cold ice soothes your sunburn, and prevents peeling.



MTV, Billboard awards attract celebrities

By MORGAN GIFFORD
Staff Writer

Recently, the Billboard Music Awards and the MTV Music Awards gave recognition to numerous actors, actresses, producers, singers and many other figures in the entertainment industry for their accomplishments throughout the past year.

On May 21, the 2017 Billboard Music Awards took place at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, NV. The show was hosted by Ludacris and Vanessa Hudgens. The two gave out over 45 awards to various singers and songwriters for their works.

This year, Drake was the most decorated winner of the show, taking home 13 awards which set the new record.

Many other stars took home multiple awards, including Twenty-One Pilots and Beyoncé who were both awarded five, along with the Chainsmokers who were awarded four.

Performances took place, including one from Celine Dion, who sang the Oscar-Winning song from "Titanic: My Heart Will Go On," to honor the films

20th anniversary.

Also performing at the show was Miley Cyrus, who performed her new song "Malibu" along with a performance from Florida Georgia Line and John Legend who sang a duet version of the song, "H.O.L.Y."

On May 7, MTV aired their first ever music and television award show. The award show formerly known as the MTV Movie Awards was revamped over the past year now males and females are all in the same categories between acting awards.

The show was hosted by Adam DeVine, and many actors were recognized for their roles in television and film.

Big winners from the show included "Beauty and the Beast," winning movie of the year, along with Emma Watson from the movie winning best actor in a movie.

Winning show of the year was "Stranger Things," and actor from the show, Millie Bobby Brown won best actor in a show.

Movie Review: 'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2'

By NICHOLAS RIVERA
Science & Technology Editor

On May 5, "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" was released in the United States. It became a major box office success after earning 146 million dollars in its opening weekend.

The film remained true to its roots, being heavy with crude, slapstick comedy and busy action sequences. All this is set to the tune of 60s and 70s music, just like the first film. The movie is also filled to the brim with various pop culture references, a touch appreciated by many in the audience.

At times throughout the film the humor can come off somewhat dry, but after a moment the viewer will realize that the filmmakers intended to do

that. The action sequences were filled with humor in order to maintain the light hearted tone of the film, while still managing to give off a feeling of suspense.

The plot is filled with many twists and turns, and the storyline is left with minimal holes that could potentially confuse the audience.

One issue that many people had with the movie is the long runtime. For some people, two hours and eighteen minutes can be a bit long, but for people who like to be immersed in movies, the

film will not disappoint. Not only that, but for those who are concerned about the end credit scene- you will not be let down as there are five of them.

Overall, "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" is absolutely worth a watch, and it may even be worth seeing a second time.



Harry Styles debuts self-titled solo album

By MACKENZIE BENNETT
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On May 12, former One Direction boy band member Harry Styles released his first self-titled solo album, an album that the world was anxiously waiting for. No one truly knew what to expect from the teen heartthrob, seeing that the majority of his songs with One Direction were straightforward, radio friendly pop tunes. But after the release of his David Bowie sounding, first single "Sign of the Times" on April 7, I was extremely interested in hearing what else Styles had in store for his fans.

The album as a whole cannot truly be classified as

one single genre of music because all of the songs vary in style. However, the overall sound is distinctly different from One Direction, in that it will most likely appeal to a wider variety of people. It never sounds like Styles is trying too hard, and I think that's what the audience is going to appreciate the most.

The album's opening song "Meet Me in the Hallway" is a mellow, echoey acoustic song with a highly catchy refrain. This easy soft rock sound continues with songs like "Ever Since New York" and "Two Ghosts."

It's the songs "Only Angel" and "Kiwi" that really move the record in a totally different direction though. "Only Angel" begins with a gospel choir singing a gentle chord, only for a slamming guitar and drums to interrupt and shake up the song. "Kiwi" performs in a similar manner with a heavy electric guitar and high energy lyrics. Fans can definitely look forward to hearing both songs live in concert.

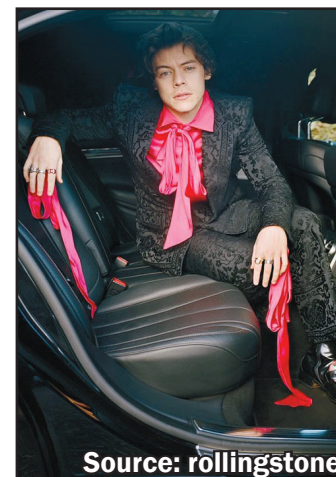
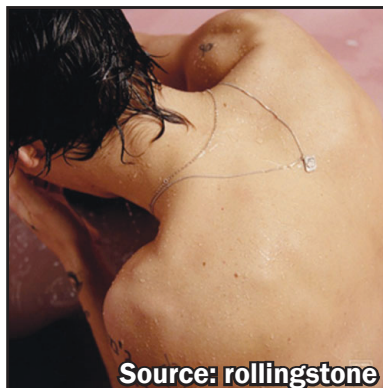
Throughout the album, influences from past rock and roll artists can be heard. "Woman" sounds like a mix

between Elton John's "Bennie and the Jets" and a Prince song, while "From The Dining Table" reminds me of a Bob Dylan track.

The majority of the songs tell an intimate story regarding Styles' love life. "Two Ghosts," for example, deals with a prior relationship from which Styles and his partner walked away from as very different people. The lyrics state, "We're not who we used to be. We're just two ghosts standing in the place of you and me." I think it's a song that many people will be able to connect with personally.

Overall, Styles has successfully brought back a vintage sound to 21st century music. It's a refreshing change from the usual electronic dance songs that can be heard on mainstream radio. Anyone who

thinks that they know Harry Styles from One Direction should take a listen to this album. I can guarantee that they'll be pleasantly surprised.





SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Worms found to eat plastic

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In a recent study, scientists at Cambridge University discovered that wax worms, a common pest of bee hives, have the capability of chemically breaking down polyethylene plastic. This is the most common form of plastic in the world, making up common items such as plastic bags and is responsible for much of the world's pollution.

While cleaning the beehives in her backyard, Federica Bertocchini, a developmental biologist at the University of Cantabria in Spain, put the wax worms she found in a bag. When she went to remove these worms an hour later, she found that they had created small holes in the plastic bag. This discovery led her to partner with researchers at Cambridge University in order to investigate the organisms.

Scientists found that these worms did not merely mechanically break down the polyethylene plastics; instead, by mashing them up and spreading them over plastic, researchers were able to gather that an enzyme produced within the organism or a gut bacteria was responsible for converting the plastic into ethylene glycol, a chemical commonly found in antifreeze.

It has been hypothesized that because beeswax is similar in chemical composition to polyethylene plastic, wax worms are able to digest this difficult compound.

Scientists are now hoping to isolate the mechanism which is responsible for breaking down the plastic and research it for further use in managing the global pollution problem.

Yet, it must be understood that this is by no means a solution to this problem. The best way to deal with this crisis is to promote less waste; this may simply be a step in the direction of cleaning up what is already out there.

Scientists invent drone to aide in pollination

By MORGAN GIFFORD
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Due to the recent decline in the bee population, scientists have been working to find solutions to increase their numbers.

Since the late 1990s the population of bees began to mysteriously decline at a rapid rate. Although bees may not seem as important as other organisms, bees are essential to food production. Bees pollinate more than two thirds of the world's crops. Without them, the plants that they pollinate may be completely lost as the population continues to drop.

Scientists have done many experiments and projects to come up with a solution to the population problem. Eijiro Miyako, from the Japan National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science has invented a tiny, sticky drone that can act as a possible substitute for bees.

The drone is about an inch and a half long and wide, and functions as a bee would; collect and transfers pollen from plants.

To do its duties, the drone has a pair of bristles made of horsehair located on its underside which is coated with a sticky

substance. This sticky substance allows the drone to pick up pollen to transfer to other crops, allowing it to assist in pollination.

The drone is human operated; making it a prototype that can only operate for about 10 minutes on one charge. Although the drone is new, scientists hope to advance it as soon as they can by adding cameras, a GPS system and various sensors which would make it easier for the drone to pollinate larger areas of farmland more efficiently.

Although Miyako has taken a more technological approach to the decline of bees, many other alternatives have been introduced to preserve the bee population.

Companies have made an effort to save the bee population by taking donations, creating petitions and even giving away

seeds to aid in preserving the bees.

The Cheerios company began the "Bring Back the Bees" movement where they gave away a bag of seeds for consumers to plant with every box of Honey Nut Cheerios sold to make an effort to preserve the bees.

The company Greenpeace has reached out to people all over the world to not only save the bee population, but to encourage people to stop chemical-intensive agriculture. Greenpeace has also been promoting

ecological farming and educating people to stop using genetically engineered fertilizers.

Although the bee population is not growing at the rate it should be, many people like Miyako are working their hardest to preserve the declining numbers.



Source: modernfarmer

Scientists work towards reversing paralysis

By JULIANN WINKLER
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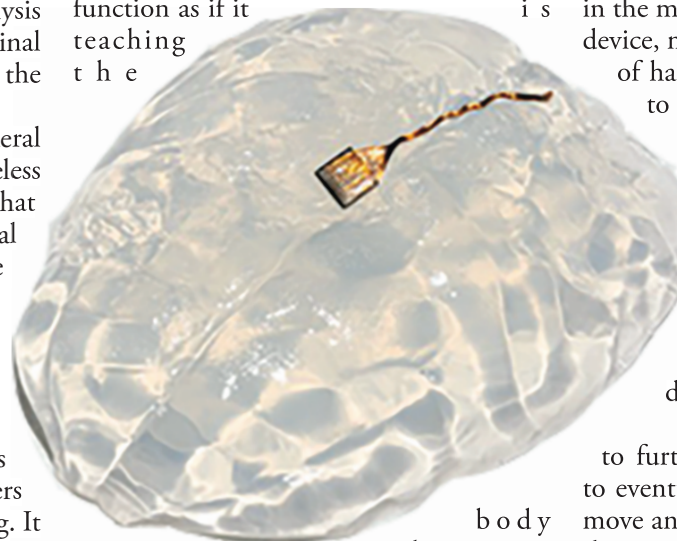
It is fairly common to come across an individual who is paralyzed; however, new technological advances may provide them a chance to regain function. Paralysis is often caused by an injury to the spinal cord, therefore, the spinal cord may be the key to reversing the paralysis.

Neuroscientists at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology created a wireless device, called a neural prosthetic, that was implanted on the brain and spinal cord of paralyzed monkeys. The device successfully regained function within the monkey's leg, which was formerly immobile. When an individual wants to move, the brain produces what appears as neural activity spikes. The device sends the neural activity spikes to a nearby computer, which deciphers the signal, such as a signal to move a leg. It then sends the appropriate directions to the spine and nerves, allowing for movement.

"We're actually taking brain signals and putting them back into the nervous

system at the spinal cord level to create locomotion. That hasn't been done before," stated David Borton, co-author of the study.

With continuous use of this device, the individual is capable of regaining function as if it is teaching the



efficiently.

Due to the success in the monkeys,

scientists took this technology to Cleveland where they tested it on a middle-aged man who was only capable of moving his head and shoulders. They implanted two devices, similar to the ones used on the monkeys, as well as electrodes which were implanted in the muscles to stimulate his nerves. The device, made of silicon, contains hundreds of hair-sized metal probes that "listen" to the neurons firing commands of movement. The technology enabled the man to have gradual movements, such as raising his arm with some help, and even opening and closing his hands. These may seem like fairly simple tasks, however, they would be impossible without the device's aid.

The goal of neural prosthetics is to further advance technology in order to eventually give everyone the chance to move and function independently, despite the paralysis that formerly prevented the individual from doing so.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Largest cyberattack in history causes concern

By SHAINA KLEIN
News Editor

On May 13, a massive ransomware attack struck the internet affecting hospitals, universities, companies and governments. It is estimated that more than 75,000 ransomware attacks hit about 300,000 machines in 150 countries in what is being considered the largest cyberattack in internet's history.

The ransomware, called WannaCry, locked down all available files on infected computers, and would only allow a person to regain control of their system after paying a sum of money to the culprits of the attack.

An infected computer would display a message stating that a bitcoin payment was necessary to restore access. Initially this was a payment of 300 dollars in bitcoins, yet it went up to 600 dollars in bitcoins soon after the initial attack.

The malware took advantage of a specific security vulnerability in Windows systems. Microsoft released a security patch for this vulnerability back in March through an update, yet users who did not update their computers were still at risk of infection.

According to chief research officer at cybersecurity company F-Secure, Mikko Hypponen, this event was "the biggest ransomware outbreak in history."

The perpetrators of this cyberattack did not gain much in their efforts. Government agencies advised businesses not to pay the ransom, and overall the criminals made less

told to avoid emergency departments if at all possible.

Major companies were also hit. FedEx released a statement divulging that it was experiencing interference with some of their Windows systems due to the malware.

It is currently unclear who was behind the attack. In the past, a Lazarus group was found responsible for malware attacks that had similarities to the WannaCry software. However, it cannot be confirmed that the group was responsible for this specific attack.

The security firm Symantec is investigating the situation, and according a spokesperson, they are looking for more concrete evidence as to who is to blame.

"While these connections exist, they so far only represent weak connections. We are continuing to investigate for stronger connections," said Symantec in a released statement.

According to Amanda Rousseau, a malware researcher at the security firm Endgame, there is evidence that points toward at least two different parties being responsible for the outbreak, because two pieces of the code are distinctly different.



Source: cnnmoney

than 60,000 dollars.

However, thousands of machines were infected and there were widespread inconveniences caused by the outbreak.

According to the National Health Service (NHS), some hospitals were affected by the breach as they needed to cancel outpatient appointments. People were also

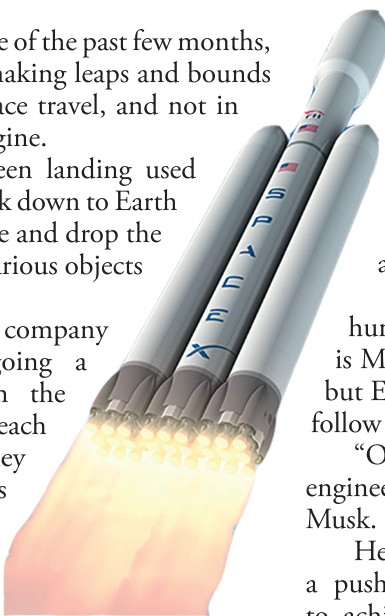
SpaceX lands Falcon 9 rockets back to Earth

By NICHOLAS RIVERA
Science & Technology Editor

Over the course of the past few months, SpaceX has been making leaps and bounds in the realm of space travel, and not in ways one may imagine.

SpaceX has been landing used rocket boosters back down to Earth in order to conserve and drop the prices of putting various objects into orbit.

Elon Musk's company has been undergoing a process to launch the booster up with each payload. Then, they land the boosters back down onto drone ships in the ocean or a pad near where they launched from. The goal of doing this is to reduce the cost of having to build a new booster



for every launch, and it makes the ability to put objects into orbit more accessible.

This has significant implications for the future of space travel as well, because SpaceX is planning to launch their newest and largest rocket, the Falcon Heavy, which will have three interconnected Falcon 9 rockets so that they can carry heavier payloads and farther distances.

One such payload is intended to be humanity, and the intended destination is Mars. Many people remain skeptical, but Elon Musk has a way to make people follow his endeavors.

"Once you explain this to a first-rate engineer, the light bulb goes on," said Musk.

He believes that people only need a push in the right direction for them to achieve great things, and there is no exception for when it comes to engineering on this scale.

The Falcon Heavy rocket has been

rumored for years, with launch dates in both 2014 and 2015, which had both fallen through. As of now, SpaceX plans to have the rocket launch sometime in the second half of 2017.

On May 9, the company test fired the main booster for the Falcon Heavy, which is only a portion of the five million pounds of thrust that the full rocket will use to take off with. The test took place at a development facility in McGregor, Texas and it turned out to be a major success, which is important for the company to be able to send craft to Mars by 2020.

People often compare SpaceX to NASA, but their playing fields are too different. NASA is a government agency that has to abide by a certain set of rules, and if there is a mistake, the consequences are far more severe. SpaceX was able to recover from a major accident in only a few months, and they have been on a roll ever since.

Total solar eclipse to cross United States

By NICHOLAS RIVERA
Science & Technology Editor

Over the course of a lifetime, any person is more than likely to witness a solar eclipse, however not everyone gets the chance to see one in its full totality. During mid-August, that opportunity may happen for many in the United States.

Total solar eclipses as seen from the Earth are quite common, with there being at least one every year; however, they are rarely over highly populated regions such as North America.

Not only is this eclipse just going to be over North America, but the path of totality will be about 3,000 miles long, from Oregon to South Carolina. Although long, the path of totality is relatively narrow, being only 67 miles wide.

People from all over the country will be travelling to witness the event, a fascinating phenomenon due to the fact that the event only lasts two minutes and 48 seconds at its longest. Some areas, like St. Joseph, MO, are anticipating massive turnouts, and the event could become highly profitable because of it.

"Experts tell us to expect anywhere from 50,000 to 500,000 visitors that day, and we will not know until the day it happens," said Beth Carmichael, director of project development at the St. Joseph Visitors Bureau.

People will be setting themselves up with telescopes and proper viewing equipment, and those two minutes may be some of the most memorable for years to come.

The eclipse will take place on Aug. 21, so turn your eyes to the skies in order to catch this once in a lifetime experience.



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Collegiate Update: Cole Acoven

By MATT CAVALLARO
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In his second year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Cole Acoven has propelled himself as one of the top jumpers in his Division I conference, the Atlantic 10.

While at Delaware Valley, Acoven set the school record by getting 6'6" in the high jump.

His freshman year of college he got a 6'8" high jump which placed him at fourth all time at UMass for indoor records.

He also won leagues and districts his junior year of high school which has clearly translated into collegiate success. He has placed in the top



eight of every Atlantic 10 championship meet he has participated in thus far, including both indoor and outdoor meets.

Cole said, "The biggest change

good and everyone wants it just as bad as you. So you have to work even harder to just stay competitive with everyone."

He says that Delaware Valley greatly prepared him for college, both academically and athletically. "My time at DV prepared me for college because it was so academically challenging and my course load was similar to a collegiate course load. Athletically just doing 3 sports a year helped me prepare for the full indoor and outdoor season plus preseason training," said Cole.

Cole says that making friends and family proud by competing at a high level at UMass is one of the things he enjoys most. He appreciates his coaches, friends and teammates and relishes in that, "I have found brothers for life in my teammates."

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Collegiate Update: Karley May

By MACKENZIE BENNET
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Karley May, a 2016 DV graduate, is now making waves on Misericordia University's Division III volleyball team. She played in 63 sets this past season, finishing the year with 10 assists and 59 digs.

Her favorite memory from this past season was playing in the Misericordia Cougars' spring tournament, where she was able to get back into a leadership position for the game.

Noting the differences between high school and college, May said, "College volleyball runs a faster offense compared to high school, making the game move

faster as a whole."

In addition to volleyball, May focused on her academics. Managing her schoolwork and volleyball at the same time

their grades before playing. May had mandatory study halls twice a week so she could stay ahead in her classes.

Looking back,

May credits her athletic success to Coach Bridget Crawford, stating that without her, she wouldn't have the mental or physical stamina that she does today.

" My advice to other volleyball players or athletes thinking about playing in college is kind of cliché but so true: Always give 100



Source: athletics.misericordia

was easy for her since her team only practiced two hours a day. Her coach was always making sure that the players stayed on top of

percent at every practice, workout or open gym," said May. "It will pay off in the end, even if it doesn't seem like it at the time."

Sports writer shares his expertise with journalism classes

By KIRSTEN PETERS
Sports Editor

On April 28, Marty Myers, a sports writer for the Times Tribune, came and spoke with the Journalism I, II and III classes.

During his visit, Myers emphasized the importance of having face-to-face interviews, featuring athletes in game stories and having large, eye-catching pictures. He even conducted an on-



Myers addresses the excited journalism class about the ins and outs of sports journalism. Contributed photo

the-spot interview with senior softball captain Stefanie O'Grady.

Although his expertise is based in sports writing, Myers shared valuable advice for any student in the journalism field. He urged students to dig deeper and find the story, as well as to ask open-ended questions, not questions that can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no."

"Be passionate. Whatever career you decide to pursue, give it everything you have every day. It makes

it so much easier to look in the mirror," said Myers on what he wanted the journalism students to take away from his visit. "At the end of the day, very few people are going to remember what I wrote or who I wrote

about, but I hope they all recall that I treated them fairly, decently and with respect, and made that day a little better – for both of us."

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- Sports journalist Marty Myers

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2017 Spring Wrap-Ups

Softball

By BRY ROSE

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On May 8, the Warriors played a close game against Wallenpaupack Area High School during playoffs for the district title. Even though they lost to the Buckhorns with a score of 6 – 5, they were able to celebrate the graduating seniors on the team, Amanda Floystad, Stefanie O'Grady, McKenna Quinn and Taylor Randazzo.

After playing the Buckhorns, the Warriors then took on Williamsport High School, losing 10 – 0.

"The season ended better than I thought it would be, seeing as we lost our leading pitcher MacKenna Powell last year," said Quinn. "We did pretty well and it's a great way to end my high school softball career. I'll miss my team."



Boys' Tennis

By KATIE COONEY

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The boys' tennis team ended their season after a few players advanced far into the district tournaments.

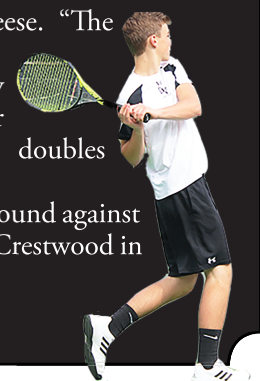
After the team's first round loss to Abington Heights in the team district tournament, junior Joe Noreika and sophomore Tomas Reese represented DV in the singles district tournament.

After Noreika lost to Crestwood in the first round, Reese advanced to the semifinals but was defeated by Abington Heights.

"We had a great season," said Reese. "The team did well, but we need to improve."

On May 18 and 19, Reese, senior Troy Tepedino, junior Chris Vibert and junior Ivan Verobyev represented DV in the doubles district tournament.

Tepedino and Vibert lost in the first round against Hazleton and Reese and Verobyev fell to Crestwood in the semifinals.



Boys' Volleyball

By MEGHAN KELLY

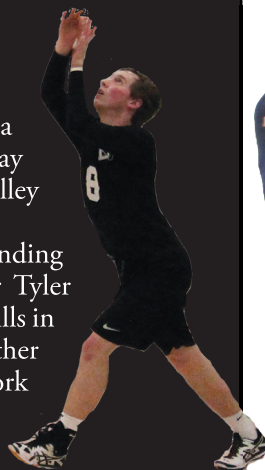
News Co-Editor

The volleyball team finished their season with a district championship win on Wednesday, May 24. The team faced off against Wyoming Valley West and won 3-1.

The team had a great overall season ending with 13 total wins and 3 losses. Senior Tyler Smith achieved a school record with 417 kills in his three year volleyball career. Coach Heather Farley attributes the team's success to teamwork and hard work.

Senior John Natiello thinks the team had a great season and he will miss being apart of the team.

"I feel like the season went well because it's the best record boys' volleyball has ever had. We won our third straight district championship. I'm going to miss the guys; we grew close over the season," said Natiello.



Track and Field

By ARIANA COMO

Arts & Literature Editor

On May 16, the DV track and field team made their way to Districts, where two Warriors qualified for States. Despite the limited preparation due to having his arm in a cast, junior CJ Anderson still managed to come in first place in the 110 meter hurdles, allowing him to advance to States, along with senior Shane Acoven who came in second in the high jump with a jump of 6'5."

Although only two athletes will go on to States, seniors Sarah McDougall, Denali Hutzelmann, Vanessa Paoella and freshman Laina Bogusta set DV's new school record for their time of 9:53.30 in the 4x800 meter relay.

"I'll admit, I was a little nervous at the beginning of the season because we were losing every dual meet, but we made substantial progress and achievements," said McDougall.

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Baseball

By KIRSTEN PETERS
Sports Editor

This season the Warriors had an overall record of 11-8. Although it was not their best season, the Warriors noted how the experiences, memories and friendships built along the way were irreplaceable.

To close out the season, they came in second place in the District II AAAAAA championship game, losing to the Scranton Knights 5-2.

In the fall, seniors Christian Jorgenson, Zak Kain and Dillon Petzold will be continuing their baseball careers at the collegiate level.

“Although the season did not go as we had hoped, I had a lot of fun playing with my teammates. We will have some great memories and friendships that will last a life time,” reflected senior Matthew Cavallaro.

As for the returning players, they will miss

the eight seniors from this year. In addition to C. Jorgenson, Kain, Petzold and Cavallaro who were aforementioned, seniors Trevor Smith, Brandon Crawford, Chris Connellis and Peyton Baker will also be missed.

“This year, I played with some of the most talented players I have ever played with; I had a great time playing with the whole team. I hope to take the positives from this season and put them towards next year while working on the negatives to be better,” said junior Jaden Jorgenson, who will be returning next season. “I hope to have another great season with another very talented team, and I am going to miss all the seniors.”



Boys' Lacrosse

By SERA SHAFER
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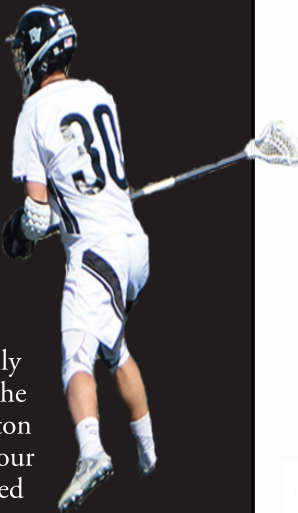
Coming back from their loss to Dallas, the boys' lacrosse team finished out their season with wins against Dallas and Wyoming Seminary in order to become league champions.

The team then travelled to Northampton High School, where they lost to Emmaus High School 10-4.

“I think the season went really well, and I think we finished out the season strong,” said junior Anton Mackey. “Considering close to our whole defensive line graduated last season, I think everybody has stepped up.”

This season, the team had an overall record of 15-6, ending the season as league champions.

Junior Daniel Matarazzo commented on the season, stating, “The beginning was rough, but towards the end of the season, we pulled together as a team and finished on a strong note.”



Girls' Lacrosse

By ALICIA HOUSBY
Staff Writer

The girls' lacrosse team completed their season on top, winning the District II AAA championship title. After a successful season, the girls ended on a high note and went on to play in the District II-XI Subregional Playoffs.

Reflecting on the year, junior Emily Covert mentioned how well the team played together this season.

“Overall, I could not have asked for a better season. We all have an immense passion for the sport and it truly showed on the field this year,” said Covert. “We fought extremely hard right until the end and were able to make a huge leap as a program. I'm so proud of the girls and the effort we put in.”

Junior Kirsten Dunn also commented on the season, noting, “Winning the program's first ever district championship was a big accomplishment. Our team's persistence and determination helped us along the way. Thanks to our coaches, we earned this title and had one of our best seasons yet.”

The team is looking forward to a successful season next year.

