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Classes come together to celebrate Day of the Dead

BY ETAIN STARR

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On Nov. 2, Señor Gary Cotroneo's AP Spanish class and Mrs. Carly Propst's fifth period Gourmet Foods class collaborated to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Señor Cotroneo and Mrs. Propst wanted to educate their classes on the holiday and do a cross-cultural comparison of the similarities and differences between the American holiday All Souls Day.

This is Señor Cotroneo's eighth year doing this collaboration with a foods class.

Day of the Dead is a traditional Mexican holiday and its purpose is to remember those who have died so that their souls don't disappear forever.

The foods class worked on baking and decorating sugar skull cookies. The sugar skull represents a departed soul and is a big part of the celebration.

The Spanish class prepared 10 pounds of ground

beef for the classes to make their own tacos.

After the students finished their food, the Spanish class went up to the front of the class and explained the different parts of the altar.

They explained how the picture frames on the altar are pictures of loved ones who passed away, whom they are remembering. They also talked about how the candles are lit to welcome the spirits back to the altars.

The students explained that when you are remembering someone on the Day of the Dead, it is



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Students set up the altar to represent an actual altar on Day of the Dead.

Senior Maya Jean-Francois decorates cookies to look like sugar skulls.



traditional to cook them their favorite food. If the food tastes bland, it is because the loved one took the flavor with them.

DV pool welcomes instructional assistant Sabrina Amigo

BY OLIVIA VAN TASSELL

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Sabrina Amigo, the new instructional assistant assigned to the pool, is very excited about her new position.

Amigo grew up in Argentina and moved to Colorado to train to swim in Olympic trials for her country. She did not have the opportunity to swim in the Olympics but is still very proud to have that experience.

"I think for a swimmer it's pretty nice if you get the times to qualify," Amigo said.

She then moved to Spain where she met her husband. They moved to New York City where she began coaching at a YMCA. They bought a house in upstate New York,



and she started coaching at the YMCA in Middletown but was looking for a more full-time position; That's when she came to DV.

She is extremely passionate about swimming and is thrilled to expand the use of the pool to more community members.

"We have more special groups coming in, before they only have Thursdays and Fridays. So now we have Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays," Amigo said. "Now it's like full time, everybody's here."

One of the most packed activities at the pool are the water aerobic classes on Mondays and Wednesdays that have over 60 participants.

There are also lessons all day on Saturdays for adults and kids.

Amigo is restarting a novice program for fourth graders.



Emma Ciancio/Del.Aware

Instructional assistant Sabrina Amigo observes a special education class in the pool area on Nov. 6.

"We think that is a perfect age to learn how to swim and to be safe around the water," Amigo said. "That is a program that I brought back after three years,"

Amigo struggled with immigrating to the U.S. She was nervous about being in a new area and not knowing if she could make

a career out of being a swim coach, but she knew she couldn't give up.

"And by the pool, this is my place," she said.

School News

Where are they now? Victoria Hoffmann

By HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

DV alum Victoria Hoffmann is a junior at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts, majoring in journalism and minoring in pre-law, political science, sociology and anthropology. She transferred from Millersville University in Millersville, Pennsylvania after the first semester of her freshman year.



"It is amazing [being at college] with a top city school," Hoffmann said. "I didn't like the other school's connections."

Hoffmann is in the second round for getting an internship at the leading newspaper in New England, The Boston Globe. She met with a recruiter personally and was picked by the school, along with other students, for their

talent acquisition. Prior to this, she has completed internships at the Boston Herald, Straights News and River Reporter. Her internship had her working as an investigative reporter.

"Working for a real newspaper is so busy. I love it and working on stories," Hoffmann said. "At the same time it is hectic, but I love the process, as well as the staff and editorial."

As a student, student worker, RA and editor-in-chief of the school magazine, her schedule is extremely busy. Hoffmann wakes up at 5 a.m., has four to five hours of classes, newsroom class, case briefs, three weeks for magazine editorial/design, copy edits, work and hanging out with friends, in addition to being an RA. The school magazine is called Green Magazine, which focuses on environmental awareness, and it serves as a place to publish artwork.

She is constantly on top of her work with mental deadlines for everything she has to do, even outside of the journalism aspect. Her classes have a great environment and are very collaborative.

"High school is with people you've known for



Contributed photo

Victoria Hoffmann starts the interviewing process to internship for the Boston Globe.

years. At first college was scary, but now it is the best experience," Hoffman said. "It is something so refreshing even if it is scary. Take a lot of risks. It'll lead to amazing opportunities."

Students win cozy front row seats at football games

By MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

On Oct. 20, four winning seniors chose four guests to sit on a couch in the endzone for football games. Seniors were asked to participate by writing their names down and were picked in the raffle. The winners for the senior night game were Mickie Shallo, Mia Jean-Francois, Dan O'Keefe and Ronan McManus. The second game winners were seniors, Catherine Ficken, Shallo, O'Keefe and Michael-John Noviski. This event was run by SAAC advisor, Mrs Krystine Thompson and was brought back as it was an old tradition at DV.



Maddie Gifford/Del.Aware

Winners Mia Jean-Francois and Mickie Shallo accompanied by Haleigh Sibilia and Maya Jean-Francois, along with other SAAC students enjoying watching from the couch on senior night.

Fall Break Schedule

- **Nov. 21 - Half day**
 - **Periods 1, 2, 3**
 - **Dismissal 11:15 a.m.**
 - **Activity bus 1 p.m**
- **Nov. 22 - Half day**
 - **Periods 4, 6, 7**
 - **Dismissal 11:15 a.m.**
 - **Activity Bus: 1:30 p.m**
- **Nov. 23, 24 and 27**
 - **No school**

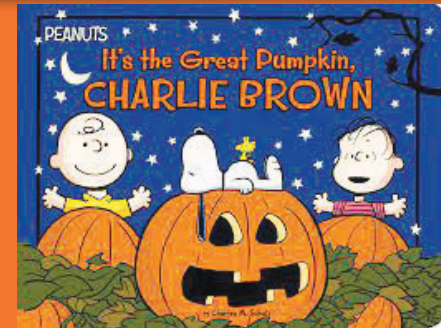


FALLING INTO AUTUMN

Maple Pumpkin Milkshake

Compiled by Michael Elaro

Must Watches



"It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"



"Turkey Hollow"



"Free Birds"

Compiled by Francesca Antonecchia

Ingredients:

- 1 pint of vanilla ice cream
- 10 oz. pumpkin purée
- 1 c. milk
- 1/4 tsp. pumpkin spice
- 1/4 c. maple syrup
- pinch of cinnamon

Directions:

- Step 1. Combine all ingredients in a blender or food processor
- Step 2. Top with whipped cream and cinnamon
- Step 3. Share and enjoy with others!

"What is your favorite fall scent?"

Compiled by Kayla Sykes



"Leaves"

Ryan Baka

Class of 2025



"Pumpkin Spice"

Justin Estevez

Class of 2026



"Warm Apple Pie"

Garrett Arrington

Class of 2024



Opinions

We are living in a digital world: should we embrace it?

By **MR. BRYAN POL**
Contributing Writer

The pandemic introduced many things to education we now embrace, including at-home digital AP exams, administered in the spring of 2020.

What was then a necessity is now a mandate: by March 2024, the SAT will be fully digital, with AP exams likely to follow.

Now 20 years into my Delaware Valley career, I have witnessed three changes to the SAT's format, two alone in the past five years I have instructed SAT Prep, including a shift "midstream" to this semester's course instruction to accommodate the digital PSAT administration in October.

As with anything new, some changes take longer to accept.

No longer will students read full passages or explore vocabulary in context; rather, they

will examine shorter excerpts, which test their ability to critically read pieces of non-fiction and fiction across two modules that assess reading comprehension, vocabulary usage and knowledge of the "conventions of Standard English."

Certainly, the new changes make the exam more accessible, more attuned to a deficit in attention span. Alas, lost to us in the age of 21st century standardized testing—including College Board's trending towards teaching short fiction pieces in place of weightier novels in AP Lit—is relishing the slow burn of engaging a lengthier text, like the payoff of the Count's grand exodus at the end of *A Gentleman in Moscow* or two different narratives converging in *All the Light We Cannot See*. Teaching to the test is an already unwieldy proposition—I fear doing so with smaller excerpts may prove more daunting and monotonous.

Students testing style ignored due to new digital PSAT

By **HANNAH OLIVIER**
Contributing Writer

On Oct 11, sophomores took the digital PSAT. Shortly after, the juniors took the same test on Oct. 18. However, this year, it was different - the PSAT was online.

The test was moved online and was shortened in efforts to move into the technological age. During a normal test, I would much rather take it on paper; therefore, I had a feeling I would not like the switch to an online standardized test.

Although it will be good practice for the

switch to the digital SATs, the PSAT was full of mistakes that should be resolved before the spring digital SAT.

As many know, the SAT is so important for students who have the desire to go to college, so why dampen students' testing practice for something so important?

The wi-fi was an issue which caused loads of anxiety to see if the test would fully submit at the end.

Everyone has different learning styles and preferences. To try and accommodate all students, they should be able to make the choice of taking the PSAT on paper or online.

OUR OPINION

Social media is detrimental to teen population

It is common knowledge that social media is prominent in today's society. Now more than ever, more people are overly influenced by social media and the pictures and messages they see through it.

Most "influencers" who are popular on social media may have gotten popular for their lifestyle, which people are able to look up to and become motivated from their posts. Social media can be helpful in ways, but when overused, a toxic relationship between the user and internal comparisons to other people can become a problem.

People post pictures that they know they look their best in, and the followers who view it often forget that's not what they look like on a daily basis. They only look like that until they get ready to look "perfect." When people only see the flawless images, they start to believe that they should look and act like that too. Exposure to this in the formative years of people's lives makes it much more complicated to find out who they are and creates

pressure to resemble them so that they can feel as though they fit in.

Feeling the need to blend in socially, teens start to lose their uniqueness and start to feel uneasy about living up to highly unreasonable standards. People may lose any individuality that they have, leaving them feeling hopeless for not being exactly like influencers.

One of the many popular personalities on social media is LSU gymnast Livvy Dunne. She



was first looked up to as an athlete, but now she has gained attention for her physical build and her looks. Scrolling through one's Instagram or Tiktok feed, her posts might come up and the users, particularly girls, will immediately feel discouraged about themselves, not only from the post itself, but the public comments that are seen talking about Dunne in adoration and idolization.

Social media can be used to bring role models into your life but can also bring obsessive and unhealthy thoughts and feelings into one's head, especially teens.

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Four day week has more cons than pros

By SHANNON EBY
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Over the past few years, four-day school weeks have grown increasingly popular. A staggering number of 850 districts and 24 states nationwide have implemented this more condensed schedule. This type of school week might be appealing to some students, it definitely comes with its flaws.

With decreasing the number of school days in the week, students would have to stay at school for a longer period of time each day. With the students staying at school for longer periods of time, it decreases their chance for extracurricular activities, such as sports and clubs. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities would not get home until later in the night, which means that they will have less time for

homework and studying. This could prove to be quite stressful for students as they try to fit in later activities, homework, showering and getting to bed at a decent time. During Daylight Savings time, students would be leaving their activities or still participating when it is dark out.

Decreasing the number of days also leads to shorter breaks. Spring and winter breaks would be cut short, because the school may reduce the number of actual learning days. The decrease of days could also affect summer break. Students would not get out of school until mid-summer, leaving less time for vacations, relaxation, fun adventures and exploring new interests. Schools could also start earlier in the year to get the full amount of school days in but still would not be leaving the students with enough time in the summer.

Exciting new Olympic sports: game-changer for viewers

By BOBBY RUSSO
Science & Technology Editor

On Oct. 16, the International Olympics Committee approved baseball, softball, cricket (T20), flag football, lacrosse (Sixes) and squash for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Baseball, softball, cricket and lacrosse are returning sports to the games. Baseball and softball were last played in the 2020 games. Cricket and lacrosse were last played in Paris in 1900 and London in 1908 respectively.

These new sports better reflect typical American sports culture to the rest of the world, while also introducing various international sports to the American public.

The exciting addition of diverse sports to the 2028 Olympics not only brings a refreshing and innovative

vibe but also resonates deeply with communities worldwide. These sports, played passionately in backyards, schoolyards, community centers and parks, embody the true spirit of inclusivity and grassroots athleticism.

Newer games will bring new athletes to the sports, engage diverse fan bases and expand each sport's presence in the future. It will deliver an unparalleled experience.

Flag football, a non-contact version of American football, and squash are making their Olympic debut. Squash, a high-speed racquet sport played in an enclosed court.

Cricket appeared in 1900 in Paris and lacrosse in 1904 and 1908.

The newly added sports will pique the interest of more fans to sports that they haven't watched before or just have not seen much of. Expect to see these sports on ESPN and other sports outlets.

NIL causes athletes to focus on money, not game

By EMMA CIANCIO
Opinions Editor

The NIL rules for high school athletes continue to spark controversy in the world of sports. In December 2022, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) passed an agreement pertaining to NIL guidelines that allows high school athletes to gain a monetary profit off of games, film clips, their name and likeness.

From little leagues to high school to college level sports, athletes are faced with many challenges. Worrying about if they are good enough to get paid should not be one of them.

Not only do NIL rules set standards for student athletes to strive to get paid, but they also set an unequal playing field for sports who barely get enough field time, sports who don't have lots of other teams in their division and female sports.

When it comes to NIL, there is definitely a lean towards bigger schools in more sports-driven states like California and Alabama. These specific states seem to be focused purely on football. This shines an uneven light on schools that fund and focus a lot more on one sport. According to ESPN, football stars are the ones getting the majority of the NIL funds, so how is this fair when there are other athletes out there working just as hard?

Fanarch, a company that informs high school athletes who want to play on the collegiate level new rules, regulations and statistics, states that NIL funding has drawn high school athletes

away from having fun for the four years they play their sports. While many coaches require their athletes to focus and take their sport seriously, more athletes are focused on the money and not working with their teammates.

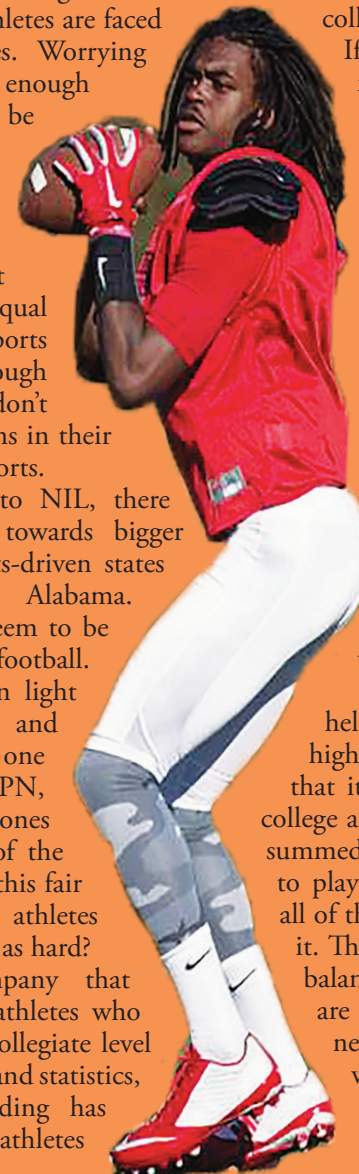
I believe that in certain situations NIL laws can be a great way for students to get their name and likeness out there, but why attach a salary of approximately \$48,000 to it? Student athletes can be greatly benefited with resources to give

them the ability to play at the collegiate level or even further.

If NIL is granting that much money to these student athletes, what is the point of schools giving student athletes scholarship money when it is time to apply to colleges?

As a college coach, everything is on an extreme level, they have to go through more protocols, training and competition, while high school coaches have the earlier part of this training. Yes, high school coaches prepare and shape athletes for the collegiate but the college coaches are getting athletes ready for the professional level.

As college athletes are held to a higher standard than high school athletes, I believe that it only makes sense to fund college athletes, but not with a large summed salary. Players should want to play for the experience not for all of the money that is attached to it. There also needs to be a better balance between the sports that are getting funded. The light needs to be shone on all hard working athletes, not just more popular sports.



School News

FBLA officers learn valuable skills at SLW

By CASSANDRA JOYCE
Editor in Chief

On Oct. 29-30, FBLA officers attended the State Leadership Workshop at Kalahari to grow their leadership skills and better their chapter for the upcoming year.

On Sunday, the SLW kicked off with opening session where each school competed in a battle of the chapters event. The keynote speaker during the session was Byron Garrett, current Executive Vice President of United Ways Worldwide, who spoke about the importance of the mind in achieving goals and becoming the best version of oneself. Senior Mackenzie Donald currently serves as PA FBLA President and spoke on stage, and senior Eunice Choi was recognized as a state social media ambassador.

On Monday, the keynote speaker was KD Wilson, a college transition and student success educator. Wilson discussed the importance of having a “why” behind one’s actions and being intentional in reaching

and setting goals.

“These keynote speakers were my favorite yet,” junior Mia Thompson said. “They were skilled, experienced and humorous with the audience.”

Members attended a variety of workshops through both days of the conference, including topics from escape rooms to leadership lessons from “Star Wars.”

“My favorite workshop was the escape room because I was able to meet new people and work together to solve a common goal,” sophomore Ava Troup said.

In addition to workshops and sessions, officers went on a behind the scenes tour

of Kalahari, competed in FBLA olympics and a duck derby and participated in basket raffles. DV took home four baskets, ranging from a Christmas basket to workout gear.

“I loved the Olympics,” junior Queenie Yang said. “I think it was a really good addition to SLW and really made it more memorable for everyone who participated.”

According to the officers that attended the SLW, they now feel more prepared for the year ahead and are more confident in their abilities to lead the chapter to success.

“The event helped me connect more with my fellow officers and will help us work better as a team,” Yang said. “I hope to effectively communicate how FBLA is so important to the members and how what is learned through the program can be applied outside of FBLA.”



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

Juniors Anna Vogel, Mia Thompson and Queenie Yang went on a behind-the-scenes tour of Kalahari.

Having some trouble with a friend or a classmate? Too scared to talk to an adult? Need someone to talk to? A peer mediation session may be the answer to helping with these issues. Talk to your guidance counselor to set up a meeting.

Business CTE students prepare podcast episodes

By MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

The Business and Marketing CTE class is currently working on multiple episodes of their podcast, called “The Warrior Experience.” The class recorded their first 12 episodes last school year, which they consider the podcast’s first season.

The premiere of season two was published on Spotify

Oct. 27. The majority of episode two has been recorded, with the episode being blocked, or organized, on Oct. 30.

The class is also planning episode three, which will feature school police officer Amanda Boyd. The episode will offer a discussion of her experiences

throughout her first year at the high school.

“It’s a lot at once,” junior Marissa Gates, a Business and Marketing CTE student who prepares the podcast, said.

The podcast, which is completely student run, is scheduled for a weekly episode release, with the goal of matching last year’s count at 12. According to class teacher Mr. Jeffrey Luhrs, the episodes are entirely recorded and prepared in B1, the classroom

for the CTE program.

“The Warrior Experience” offers its guest positions to those interested, including both staff and students.

“It gives people a platform to discuss a wide variety of different topics,” Gates said.

Puzzle Fun

This issue is a Thanksgiving-themed sentence scramble. Unscramble the message and be the first person to come to Mrs. Lordi in C13 with the secret message to win a prize. Senior Nev Rhein was the winner of last edition’s puzzle.

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Compiled by Maddie Gifford

School News

Honor societies induct new members for upcoming year

By GIA SCIMECA
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

The National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society held induction ceremonies for new members on Nov. 7 and Oct. 24 respectively.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society induction ceremony occurred on Nov. 7 with the inductees first walking into the auditorium and sitting in the front row chairs.

The executive board members discussed the four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. Superintendent Dr. Brian Blaum also made a speech praising the students, commending them for their hard work and the importance of resilience.

The board members called each individual inductee up to the stage to receive their pin and had them stand on stage after. All returning members stood at the sides of the auditorium holding candles.

"I think the National Honor Society is a really important thing to be a part of," junior Emily Cronin said. "It's not what I expected, but I really enjoy being

in the National Honor Society."

High school principal Mr. Lou DeLauro was a guest speaker and delivered a speech about the students. After Mr. DeLauro's speech, the students recited the National Honor Society pledge.

After the induction ceremony, the members of NHS donated food for inductees to conclude the event at 6:30 p.m.

National Art Honor Society

The National Art Honor Society induction ceremony was held on Oct. 24 at Forester's Hall in Milford. The induction ceremony began with a procession with a lit candle. The 13 inductees then blew out the candles as adviser Dr. Irene Lantz delivered a welcome speech.

Seniors Christa Cirello, Scarlett Weir, Michaela Velez and Olivia Porter presented their personal messages

about the National Art Honor Society. Then, each student presented their artwork that represented the induction's theme "Art is Healing" and discussed what the theme meant to them.

After the speeches, the inductees were awarded certificates and flowers by Dr. Lantz and art teacher Mrs. Tricia Kaylor.

The students had to give a pledge about helping to create a beautiful world for all living things through their talents in art.

Mr. DeLauro closed the induction ceremony with a charge to new members.

Dr. Lantz said she was thankful for Mr. Gary Wilson, who allowed the induction event to take place at Forester's Hall.



Hazel Buro/Del.Aware

Executive board member Hallie Balogh announces the new National Honor Society members at the induction on Nov. 7.

Student body urged to participate in food drive

By TOPHER DELLABELLA
Sports Co-Editor

The Student Council is encouraging students to donate non-perishable food items to their homerooms for this year's annual food drive.

Some donation suggestions are goods such as peanut butter, mashed potatoes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, brownie/cookie mix, canned goods and other items. For a full list of ideas for contribution, please see your homeroom teacher for the list, as it was given to every homeroom.

The Student Council has high expectations for this year's food drive. After years of large amounts of donations, Student Council adviser Mrs. Crystal Wummer plans to keep increasing the number of donations each year.



"For the past couple of years, the number of items we've collected has gone up significantly," Mrs. Wummer said. "Having collected about 3,000 items last year, I'm hoping that we can surpass that number this year."

All items are to be counted and ready for pickup by 8. A.M. on Tuesday, Nov. 21. All donations will go to local food pantries. Ten percent of Pennsylvania households are food insecure this year. When hunger is a national

problem, be part of the solution.

"Do your part because you never know if you will end up in the same situation," Student Council president Cassandra Joyce said.

Inquiring Photographer

"WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE CHARACTER?"
COMPILED BY HAZEL BURO



"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
Daniel Alvarado
Class of 2024



"Mr. Fredricksen from UP"
Owen Carso
Class of 2025



"Jack the Skeleton"
Tyler Husejnovik and Cameron Moses
Class of 2026



"Inigo Montoya"
Mrs. Shannon Maino
Faculty



"Jabba the Hutt"
Jessie Dijan
Class of 2024



"Rapunzel"
Bryce Carney and Daniel Rizzo
Class of 2024

School News

Junior journalists attend Media Day at Wilkes

My first-hand experience attending this communications-related college event.

By KAYLA SYKES
Sports Co-Editor

On Oct. 27, nine juniors on the newspaper staff, including myself, traveled to Wilkes University for their Media Day. The day was organized by the communications department and gave an inside look to some of the hands-on programs Wilkes offers.

I started my morning off earlier than usual to make sure I was in the van by 7:40 that morning. We arrived at Wilkes at 9:15 and reported to the Karambelas Media and Communications Center. There we were welcomed by multiple college students who handed us each a name tag with the sessions for two different workshops to walk through and a folder with some information about the college. Each student filled out a google sheet prior to the trip with the top three workshops they were interested in.

My first interest was "Wilkes Now!" their student-

run television station and was put into a group with others who chose the workshop from 10 to 10:50. We started with a tour of the center and then received a brief introduction to "Wilkes Now!". Next, we all had the opportunity to try out some different positions for the station. I started as an anchor and then learned how to control the microphone volume.

My second interest was WCLH, the student-run radio station. We were separated into new groups, and my group was brought to the second workshop for the day. This took place between 11-11:50. Two of Wilkes' students showed us the controls and gave some information about the program they use to run the station.



Emma Ciano/Del.Aware
This selfie was taken in the TV studio at Wilkes during this year's Media Day.

We each filmed a liner where we said our names, the station and their line, "Keep it locked!" After that, in groups of two, we aired on the station and discussed a topic of our choice; I discussed food.

After the two workshops, we headed to the dining hall and enjoyed a complimentary meal of our choice, mine being pasta with meat sauce and a slice of pizza. On the way out, I realized I threw out my retainers and was guided by Mrs. Lordi to the janitor who eventually pulled them out.

To conclude our day, we grabbed a drink from Starbucks and jammed out to Taylor Swift on the ride back to the school.

School store holiday sale coming soon! In-store only sale starting on Nov. 27.
New merchandise will include DV Santa hats and DV ornaments.
The store is open to students during B and C lunch.

Orchestra students perform at Marywood University

By SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH
Entertainment Co-Editor

On Oct. 27, 10 orchestra students attended the annual music festival at Marywood University.

The performance was at the Sette LaVerghetta Center for the Performing Arts at Marywood University. Orchestra director Ms. Lauren Flack accompanied the students.

Emma Wentworth and Sophia Mullen played in the junior orchestra, in which Mullen took first chair for cello. Nova Weyant played in the senior orchestra. The remaining students performed in the chamber orchestra. Eric Choi was named concertmaster and

performed two solos on violin.

Freshmen Choi, Claire Choi, Madison Curchoe, Weyant, Nathaniel Carso, Wentworth, David Agron, Mullen, Inessa Martin and junior Sophie Allen went to the festival.

"Marywood University's String Festival is a wonderful opportunity for orchestra students from DV to practice and perform in a large, professional environment where they can meet and learn with string players from other schools," Carso said. "The festival has provided DV students with the chance to improve their orchestra skills while getting to meet people just like them from neighboring school districts."



Paint crew supports senior football players during senior night

For the first time in four years, the paint crew is back. For years, a group of senior girls paint each other to support the football players on their senior night. The tradition died down during the pandemic, but the class of 2024 girls brought it back. The girls painted signs for the players, cheered from the student section and painted the seniors' numbers to their bodies.

Compiled by Emma Ciano

What's Culinary Up To?

Culinary CTE students treat SES faculty to luncheon

By ROXY CAUCHI
School News Co-Editor

The juniors and seniors in the culinary CTE program visited Shohola Elementary School and served the faculty lunch on Oct. 25.

Last year, the culinary students visited DVES and DDES and treated the faculty to the same lunch. A few weeks before the luncheon, the students, along with Chef Alex Niosi, began brainstorming ideas for the menu. Then, everyone was assigned their own tasks in order to prepare for the event.

A week before the lunch they began making all of

the food. They served the staff grilled chicken caesar salad, pasta and meatballs and two separate cake options.

"It definitely takes a group effort in order for the lunch to go smoothly," senior Brogan Mapes said.

In the coming months, these same students plan to do the same thing for the faculty at DDPS.

The students in attendance were juniors Nick Colon, John Gerke, Sierra Gill, Tyler Matteson, Matt Schweitzer and Peiper Sivo as well as seniors Logan Degli-Angeli, Morgan Ewicka, Liam Leonawicz, Mapes and Jackson Romer.



Roxy Cauchi/Del.Aware

The culinary CTE students get ready to open the doors and serve lunch to the SES faculty on Oct. 25.

Flavors of the Week

Chef Alex Niosi and his culinary CTE students have been working to bring new and exciting ice cream flavors to the faculty to purchase once a week. With their new ice cream machine, purchased by using grant money, six unique flavors have been created. With the help of art teacher Mrs. Krystine Thompson's Graphic Design classes, they also have their own ice cream labels.

**Week of 9/29-10/6-
LET THEM EAT CAKE**

**Week of 10/9-10/13-
BUMPHIN PUMPKIN**

**Week of 10/16-10/20-
ITSY BITSY CIDER**



**Week of 10/23-10/27-
ESPRESSO EXPLOSION**

**Week of 10/30-11/3-
PURPLE HAZELNUT**

**Week of 11/6-11/10-
PINEAPPLE COCONUT CARAMEL**

Compiled by Michael Elaro

By MICHAEL ELARO
World News Co-Editor

ProStart hosts annual pumpkin carving

The culinary CTE took part in a statewide pumpkin carving contest sponsored by Pennsylvania ProStart. ProStart is a two-year program for high school culinary students to help prepare them for the real world food industry. Schools were able to submit up to three pictures of their carved pumpkins by Oct. 20, and judging occurred between Oct. 23-Oct. 30.

The winners were chosen by who got the most likes on the PA Prostart Facebook page. The three winners were announced on Oct. 31 and were each given a \$50 Amazon gift card. Chef Alex Niosi chose pumpkins from seniors Brogan Mapes, Liam Leonawicz and Jackson Romer.



**Carved by:
Liam Leonawicz**



**Carved by:
Brogan Mapes**



**Carved by:
Jackson Romer**

Community News

Mad Soapers Apothecary offers a variety of bath, body products

BY ETAIN STARR
Opinions Co-Editor

Mad Soapers Apothecary opened up in the middle of January and is located on West Hartford Street in Milford where the old store Stain and Lace Boutique was located.

The store is open Thursday - Monday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday and closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

The main item they sell is their handcrafted soap bars. Each one is crafted with high quality, plant-based oils and butters and always are palm oil free. They are advertised

to be made with “skin-loving ingredients”. There are many colorful designs customers can choose from like flowers, marbles and specialty ones for the seasons.

Soap bars are not the only product they sell.

They also have a variety of their handmade wax melt bars, whipped body butter, lip balm, candles; and shampoo and conditioner bars. Every candle is hand poured and created in the store.

The business started out as an attempt to make someone a Christmas present, but the owner realized the potential after the first batch. She decided she wanted to make a business out of it and create soaps that were good for the skin.

It is a small store, but they

make use of their space, they have many tables throughout with the soaps on display. There are shelves dedicated to different items such as candles and body butters.

They try to use environmentally friendly packaging as it's their goal to make beautiful yet useful products.

Customers are also able to purchase their products online on their online store and it is possible to request a custom order by emailing them, which you can find on their website.



Etain Starr/Del.Aware

The display table showcases the variety of soaps that are for sale at Mad Soaper Apothecary.



Etain Starr/Del.Aware

Handcrafted flower soap ready for purchase. Each bar of soap costs about \$10.

The Outpost: Your next stop on Route 97

BY BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
World News Editor

Located along scenic Route 97 in New York, The Outpost is a restaurant which deserves more recognition for its superb staff and excellent array of food, offering burgers, steaks, a surplus of sides and much more. It also offers indoor and outdoor dining.

When I walked through the door of the restaurant to pick up my order, I was immediately greeted by a friendly, catering staff ready to assist me with anything I needed.



Brian Rodriguez-Hernandez/Del.Aware

The Outpost, located on scenic Route 97 in New York, offers a variety of food options. They offer dine-ins, takeout and even deliveries.

I ordered their popular Byway Burger, which consists of angus beef, bacon and onions alongside seasoned fries. The order took around 20 minutes, but considering the hefty size, juicy taste and overall superior quality of the burger alongside the lavishly seasoned fries, it was definitely worth the wait.

The only complaint I have in regards to the food is that the fries are somewhat inconsistent with their size as a few of the fries came out smaller than the rest.

Overall, I'd recommend seeing what The Outpost has to offer, as they are certain to not disappoint.

Farnum Haunt offers scary Halloween experience

BY MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

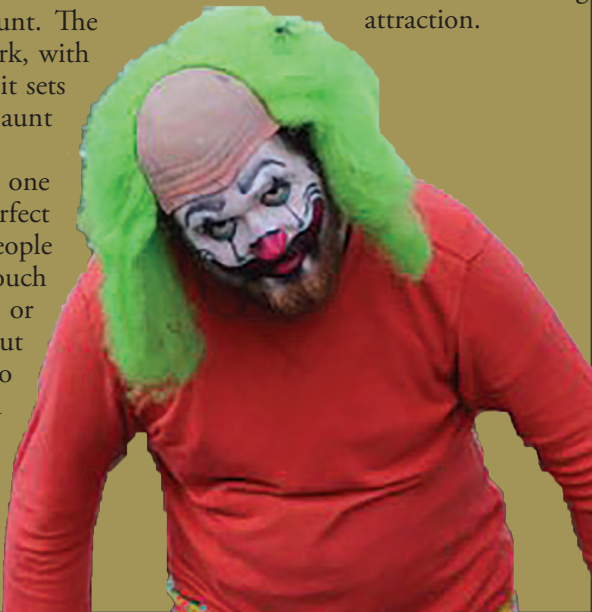
The Farnum Haunt, located in Huguenot New York, is a new twist on the Farnum Haunted House that offers an exciting experience. The new area is the perfect place to host a haunt. The middle of the woods, in the dark, with the only light being a big fire pit sets the mood perfectly. Farnum Haunt offers multiple attractions.

The clown attraction was one of my favorites and was the perfect way to go about scaring people with clowns. The actors don't touch you, so you won't be grabbed or separated from your group, but the actors will get really close to you, talk to you, chase you and even sneak up behind you.

The blind maze attraction was entirely blacked out, so you can't see anything and have to use your arms and

body to get through the maze. It was an adrenaline rush.

The actors had clown makeup and costumes that were so well done and they did a great job of scaring everyone. I definitely recommend going here for a local haunting attraction.



Community News

Milford celebrates fall with family activities

By OLIVIA VAN TASSELL

Community News Co-Editor

Milford celebrated the fall season with a fall family fun day and the annual pooch parade on Oct. 28.

The day began at 10 a.m. with a parade of many dogs in their Halloween costumes. The parade ended in Ann Street Park where the dogs were then judged on their costumes and won prizes. The event was sponsored by local businesses including Kanine Kleaners, Willow and Milford Pet Supply. The parade brought in numerous viewers.

At the Community House, there was face painting, pumpkin decorating and some light refreshments. All activities were free of charge, and attendees from 1- 3 p.m. enjoyed live music.

Many excited and ambitious kids were dressed up in their Halloween costumes as well.



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

A local band played music on the lawn outside the Community House.



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

Small pumpkins were decorated with Sharpies and paint.



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

This dog was dressed very spookily in his bat wings.



Olivia Van Tassell/Del.Aware

These dogs were ready for the winter dressed in a Christmas theme.

Have a goblin' good time at the DV Turkey Trot

By FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA

Entertainment Editor

The 11th Annual DV Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk, is being held on the high school cross country course on Nov. 18. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. The race starts at 10 a.m and the end time is 1:00 p.m.

The Trot is supporting the cross country team and local food pantry.

Participants are able to donate money or bring non-perishable food items. When all contributions are collected, there will be a monetary donation to the food pantry, and the food items will be delivered within a week.

The overall female and overall male winners will be awarded with a frozen turkey. There are other prizes

that are handed out to the top three winners of each age group.

Last year, the other rewards were turkey-shaped medals and previous years were sweatshirts, hats and T-shirts.

The registration is \$25 and increases to \$30 after Nov. 16 along with a signup fee. People can also register the day of the race.



Scan the QR Code above for more information on the race.

'Company' debuts at the Milford Theater tonight

By HAZEL BURO

School News Editor

This weekend and next, the Milford Theater will be showing their first musical there since the theater was restored in 2021. ARTIC Entertainment with director Angel Berlane Mulcahy from the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area is collaborating with the theater to put on Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy 'Company.'

'Company' is about a bachelor named Bobby, played by Taylor Del Vecchio, who struggles to figure out if he is happy being single or wants to find a romantic partner. The play shows dinner parties, dates and conversations with Bobby's friends that reveal the pros and cons of marriage. By the end, Bobby makes a self discovery regarding his relationship status.

The play takes place in the 1970s in New York City and lasts about two hours and 25 minutes. 'Company' won a Tony award in 2007 for best musical with its 19 songs spanning over two acts.

Tickets for the show can be purchased on the Milford Theater website through Ticketmaster. There are six showings, the first will be held on Nov. 10 and the closing show will be Nov. 19.

Taylor James, who plays Paul, says his favorite part about the production is working with the cast.

"They are all genuinely professional, insanely talented and open to collaboration. Overall, they're very fun to be around. Also, this is the first time most of the cast is performing in Milford," James said

SENIOR HALLOWEEN



Senior class
treat event in the
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goods. There was
Honor Society,



OUR STAFF PICKS

Compiled by Hazel Buro



Best Solo
GIAVANNA CIARDULLO



Best Duo
RONAN MCMANUS AND BRYCE CARNEY



Best Group
**EVERETT BELL, LAWSON HAWKE
AND LUKE KRASZEWSKI**



Funniest
**CHRIS CASSIDY, NICK
COLAVITO, MICHAEL HELT
AND BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-
HERNANDEZ**



Most Creative
**TRAVIS KOWAL AND
SAM ROBERTS**



TRUNK OR TREAT

s adviser Mrs. Jennifer Marchetti organized the second annual trunk or he school's parking lot in front of the stadium on Oct. 25. Clubs, classes ns participated with their own decorated trunks, giving out candy and ere a total of 17 trunks, each decorated by students and faculty. National boys baseball, Student Council, cheerleading and the DV middle school technical OM team were some of this year's participants.

Compiled by Michael Elaro



World News

Four-day school week: an effort to fix the education system

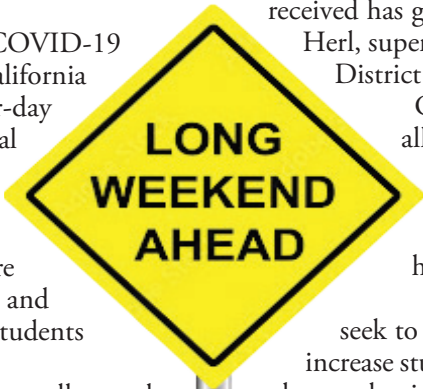
By **KAYLEE KURCON**
Managing Editor

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many schools in Texas, California and Missouri have adopted a four-day week, with many finding it beneficial to their employees and students. This has become a rising trend in U.S. school districts recently as the administration of said schools are seeking to combat teacher shortages and improve the quality of life for their students and faculty.

While this practice began in small, rural communities, it has now taken hold in almost 900 school districts across the U.S.

Independence School District in Missouri has recently switched to the shorter week, giving Monday's off, with slightly longer school days for the rest of the week to compensate for the missing day.

This trend is in part response to the educational issues that arose during the pandemic, including



teacher retention and absenteeism.

"The number of teaching applications we've received has gone up more than four fold," Dale Herl, superintendent of Independence School District said.

Giving teachers an extra day off allows them more time for grading, preparation and more family time. With a shortened week, less teachers are overworked and have the ability to regroup.

Not only does this alternative week seek to help teachers, it is also an effort to increase student attendance as well. Following the pandemic, student attendance is a problem that districts have been trying to solve. The shortened week gives students an extra day of rest and preparation for their school week, ultimately increasing the chances of attendance.

Despite the evidential benefits, some parents have complaints concerning the accountability of their children. The four-day week requires families, especially those with young children, to

find childcare services for the extra day they have off of school.

Some schools offer these services for a certain cost, but some parents are unable to afford an extra day of care.

"I want my kids in an educational environment, and I don't want to pay for somebody to babysit them,"

"Schools that bring a huge number of students will often group up, but it doesn't always work out."

- Dale Herl

parent Brandi Pruenete said.

While the four-day school week has its benefits in teacher retention and student attendance, there are still questions about the educational effects of a shortened learning week.

Time will tell if this new schedule will truly optimize educational environments.

Israel-Palestine war causes thousands of casualties

By **HAZEL BURO**
School News Editor

The war between Palestine and Israel began on Oct. 7 when Hamas militia fired rockets through the Israeli border fence into several Israeli towns. This first attack killed 1,400 civilians and soldiers. In addition to these casualties, the Hamas men took 200 people hostage.

Tensions between Palestine have been present since the 19th century due to nationalist movements among Jews and Arabs wanting control over the Middle East. This year though has been one of the most gruesome.

In response to the Hamas attack, Israel declared war and dropped 6,000 bombs between Oct. 7 and 12. From these attacks, children made up between 30% and 40% of the wounded according to British-Palestinian surgeon Ghassan.

The Israel Defense Force urged Gaza residents to evacuate their homes, but all exits out of Gaza were shut. In addition to the bombings, Israel ordered a complete siege on Gaza, meaning that all supplies, water, food, fuel and electricity were to be cut off from Gaza.

On Oct. 13, the Israeli military ordered 1.1 million

people in northern Gaza to relocate immediately. Following this, there was a large explosion on an evacuation route from Gaza City. Videos and pictures of the damage depicted the dead bodies of people escaping and burned and damaged vehicles.

Conditions in Gaza are progressively getting worse; people are at risk of starvation as Israel tightens its hold on the area. The complete siege on Gaza continues today, meaning that they have been cut off



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Americans protest the United States' support of the Israeli military. They oppose the U.S. government using taxpayer dollars.

for almost a month while enduring Israeli attacks.

Hospitals have been filling up with wounded and dying people, but due to the lack of supplies and electricity, most have been forced to shut down. As of Nov. 1, the only cancer treatment hospital in the Gaza Strip is out of service. There are only 19 out of 35 hospitals in Gaza still running. This number is expected to drop.

Israel's military operation includes surrounding Gaza by ground, water and air. Since Oct. 7, it is estimated that 8,796 people have been killed in the war, many being civilians. Regardless of Israel's clear dominance, they have not decided to make a quick advance on Gaza city, rather they are slowly closing in on it.

Oct. 31 has been one of the deadliest days, as Israel bombed the largest refugee camp in Gaza, the Jambalaya camp. This attack was "horrificing" according to a nurse of the Doctors Without Borders organization.

On Nov. 1, the Rafah crossing to Egypt finally opened, allowing Gaza refugees to escape to Egypt. These are the first people to leave Gaza since the beginning of the war on Oct. 7.

World News

Amazon River reaches lowest level amid severe drought

BY BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
World News Editor

As Brazil experiences a severe drought that is affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, the Amazon River continues to rapidly decrease to record lows.

At the meeting of the Rio Negro and the Amazon River, the Port of Manaus, the region's most populous city, recorded 13.59 meters of water on Oct. 16, the lowest levels recorded since records began in 1902.

Because of the decreasing water levels, boats are left stranded and unable to deliver food and water supplies to remote and vulnerable villages, affecting over 481,000 people. Over 100 endangered river dolphins are suspected to have died due to the droughts as well.

Nelson Mendonca, a community leader in a vulnerable village, said that most of their supplies are being

delivered by tractor or on foot in the absence of accessible supply boats.

"It's not very good for us because we're practically isolated," Mendonca said.

Brazil's Science Ministry attributes this year's El Niño weather phenomenon as the driving force of the drought and projects it to endure at least until December.



Source: Flickr
Boats are left stranded in the Amazon River as water levels decrease amid the persisting drought.

China approves EHang, world's first flying taxi

BY SIASIA BEAN
Science & Technology Co-Editor

Chinese company EHang has become the first company to be awarded a type certification for a flying taxi, which uses helicopter-like automated technology to transport passengers to their desired location.

Electric vertical take-off and landing technology, or eVTOL, is underscoring the race to create flying taxis, an endeavor currently being researched by several companies. These include Volocopter, Wisk Aero a subsidiary of Boeing, Joby Aviation and Archer Aviation. EHang is at the forefront, however, having conducted over 40,000 test flights, many of which included human passengers.

The flights were orchestrated in over 18 Chinese cities and ran in addition to crash tests and other safety checks of the technology. Additionally, a \$100 million deal with the city government of Hefei has already been announced in an effort

to provide tourist flights around the area. EHang has even established a factory, which has been set up to produce the aircraft on a large scale. EHang claims to have over 1,200 units pre ordered for use abroad.

"Next year we should start to expand overseas," CEO Huazhi Hu said in a statement to CNBC.

Similar autonomous vehicles are being tested in the United States, though they are subject to stricter regulations. Despite these aircraft containing autonomous piloting technology, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requiring that a pilot also be on board.

eVTOL technology appears promising to many, having attracted over \$300 billion in orders thus far. With the rising popularity of technologies such as these, especially in China, new rules have been devised in the country to manage unpiloted aircraft vehicles.

These rules are set to take effect Jan. 1, 2024.

'Skittles ban' has been signed into law in California

BY BOBBY RUSSO
Science & Technology Editor

Californians are questioning the fate of popular candies and snacks after a recent state bill targeted ingredients in some products. This bill focused on altering four specific ingredients: brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben and red dye No. 3.

Initially, there were concerns about Skittles being banned in California due to the inclusion of titanium dioxide, one of the ingredients mentioned in the bill.

Later, titanium dioxide was removed from the ban, exempting Skittles from that change. Since Skittles do not contain the other listed ingredients, it can be concluded that the candy will remain unchanged, at least for the time being.

These chemicals have been associated with various health problems, including cancer and increased hyperactivity in children. In Europe, these substances are banned or limited, except for the dye, which is

permitted only in specific varieties of cherries. A comparable bill, incorporating titanium dioxide along with the other four chemicals, is currently awaiting approval in the New York state legislature.

Over three decades ago, the Food and Drug Administration prohibited the use of red dye No. 3, also called erythrosine or FD&C Red No. 3, in cosmetics and externally applied drugs. This decision was made after examining unpublished animal studies that indicated a potential connection to thyroid cancer, but the agency still allows its use in thousands of foods,

dietary supplements and ingested drugs.

"There's a zero percent chance this is actually going to result in a ban on Skittles," California state Rep. Jesse Gabriel, who introduced the bill, said. "All we want the companies to do is switch their recipes in the same way that they've done in Europe, Canada, Brazil, the U.K. and other countries that have banned these chemicals."

After signing the bill, California Governor Gavin Newsom called it "a positive step forward" until the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) "reviews and establishes national updated safety levels for these additives."



Bobby Russo/Del.Aware

Companies have until Jan. 1, 2027, to remove the additives from their products. Skittles are not required to remove any additives.

Arts & Literature

Spotlight Artist: Trinity Phipps

By FRANCESCA ANTONECCHIA
Entertainment Editor

Senior Trinity Phipps first noticed art in her life when her mom would draw flowers everywhere. She was curious what her mom was learning in college and noticed the flowers doodled on her notes and decided to continue drawing them herself, which led into her art journey.

After that, she truly got into art in 6th grade when her dad got her first sketchbook and first real drawing pencils. Her sketchbook never leaves her side, so as soon as she has an idea, it either gets written or drawn out. Her



first memory of her art was in 6th grade of her clay project of Bugs Bunny.

Her dad is her biggest inspiration as he bought her first drawing supplies and never hesitated to buy new essentials when she would mention new styles or new mediums. Every time she made a new art piece, he would be the first person she showed it to.

Now Trinity has a few different art mediums such as drawing with pencil and recently discovered her liking for ball point pens. She enjoys creating realistic objects with unrealistic qualities.

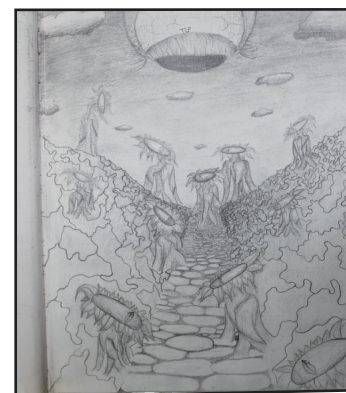
"I like to draw human faces with eyes melting or bugs coming out of the mouth," Trinity said.

She has not taken art classes

outside of school nor art clubs but has completed all the art classes DV has to offer except for Computer Art 2 and Photography.

Trinity would like to specially thank art teachers Mrs. Tricia Kaylor, Dr. Irene Lantz, Mrs. Maria Tusinean and Mrs. Krystine Thompson.

"They have pushed me to be uncomfortable in my art in a good way," Trinity said. "It has helped me discover more of who I am as an artist."



Francesca Antonecchia/Del.Aware

Spotlight Writer: Hallie Balogh

By MICHAEL HELT
Online Editor

Senior Hallie Balogh has had an interest in writing since third grade, when she briefly worked on writing a book. Her love for writing grew in fifth grade when her class kept stories in a journal.

"I loved to read, and writing was like second nature to me," she said.

Hallie and senior Auttie Grace co-authored "Empire: To Earth and Back," a book that was published in paperback on May 14, 2022. They are currently writing and editing the second book in the series. Hallie said the second novel is almost ready to be formatted.

"By and large, Hallie is the best writer in all of my classes this year," English teacher Mr. Bryan Pol said. "I truly believe she has the repertoire to

publish more great works in her future."

After high school, Hallie wants to further her education at Leiden University in The Netherlands, where she plans to major in environmental sustainability.

Along with her college aspirations, she wants to continue writing. She

also wants to do work in the film industry and make the "Empire" series a screenplay.

"I love all aspects of film, and I hope to

make it more environmentally friendly," Hallie said.

In pursuit of her career interest, Hallie is currently enrolled in AP Environmental Science. She is also a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds affordable houses for low income families.

Hallie advises aspiring writers to "stop letting inexperience hold you back because everyone has to start from somewhere."

"By and large, Hallie is the best writer in all of my classes this year. I truly believe she has the repertoire to publish more great works in her future."

- Mr. Bryan Pol

Spotlight Musician: Hayley Danczewski

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As a viola player, senior Hayley Danczewski began her music journey at seven years old.

When she entered elementary school, she had only ever heard of violins and cellos but never violas. She happened to pick up the viola out of sheer curiosity, and 10 years later, that curiosity still drives her to create music with her instrument.

Hayley is inspired by those who are better players than she is. They encourage her to be the best and to reach their level of ability.

"Figuring out the difficult pieces of music and then finally getting it right has to be the best and most satisfying part," Hayley said.

While she currently plays no other instruments, she has dabbled

in band and chorus but said, "I just didn't like them as much as orchestra."

In elementary school, Hayley attended the annual Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) festival and has been attending the Marywood festival since the beginning of middle school. She has been awarded the first chair position at a few of these festivals.

While Hayley is not going to major in music performance in college, she hopes that her college has an extracurricular orchestra for her to continue her music education.

She feels that her orchestra teachers, former middle school teacher Mrs. Cindy Stine and current high school teacher Ms. Lauren Flack, have always pushed her to do things she would have normally shied away from.

"She is a talented and hardworking violist," Ms. Flack said, "I appreciate her willingness to play at school events and to improve her musicianship."



Arts & Literature

Fashion Aware: Uggs

By EMMA CIANCIO
Opinions Editor

As temperatures begin to drop, fashion trends begin to change. One trend that people are following in the colder months is scoring a pair of Uggs.

While Uggs have been around since 1978, many are beginning to wear the newer styles of Uggs that include tasman, mini or platform. These styles are a part of the “clean-girl autumn” trend which first surfaced on Tik Tok when many started to show off their new fall footwear. When these newer styles of Uggs were first trending, the original pair of tall boots became less popular due to their outdated appearance.



When Uggs started to gain their popularity, they were typically worn with sweaters and leggings or if they were a slipper, they were worn around the house. But now that newer Ugg styles came out, more people have normalized wearing them out with more put together outfits.

Even though Uggs typically have a costly price of \$100-\$150, many buyers scout out dupes which are an efficient way to follow the current trends. People can find these dupes in stores like Walmart, Target, T.j.maxx or Bearpaw.

Whether it is an expensive or cheaper pair, the objective is to keep your feet warm this fall and winter.

Sequel of best seller now out for purchase

By HAILEY KELLY
Arts & Lit Editor

The most popular book of the year “Fourth Wing” is coming out with a sequel on Nov 7, “Iron Flame.”

“Fourth Wing” is set in a fantasy world where the country of Navarre protects its borders with an elite army of dragon riders. In “Fourth Wing,” the main character, 20-year-old Violet Sorrengail, attends her first year at Rider Quadrant. She must bond with a dragon and train to be a warrior on the front lines of her kingdom’s ongoing war. At the very end of the book, the author Rebecca Yarros ends the story on a cliffhanger which leaves the readers holding on for more.

“Iron Flame” is a continuation of the story beginning at the cliffhanger from the first book. Violet must now deal with the betrayal of her friend Dain while trying to become the elite of Navarre, dragon riders.



Source: denverpost

The final cover of Yarros’ sequel “Iron Flame.”

Students stand against bullying

By SHAYLA MACAULAY-DECH
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During the month of October, which is National Bullying Prevention Month, students participated in a poster contest to make a design against bullying.

The winners of the contest were senior Morgan Frey, sophomore Sean Gill and junior Charles Wagner.

Any student was able to participate in the contest and were permitted to use any medium to create their design. In particular, students in Graphic Design used Adobe Illustrator to create anti-bullying poster designs to submit to the contest.

This was the first year the high school held this contest. Posters were to be submitted to Social Worker Ms. Amy Letwinsky by Oct. 31.

The contest’s message was to help promote kindness and prevent bullying throughout the district. The posters had to have a call to action, a clear message telling people to stop bullying. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the contest, and the prizes given out were full-sized posters of their designs, stickers and items from the school store.



Shayla Macaulay-Decch/Del.Aware

First place winner Morgan Frey posing with her poster design.

Art program receives accolades

By KAT QUINN
Sports Editor

The Delaware Valley School District has been acknowledged by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA) for the outstanding visual arts education that is offered through all the schools.

The PAEA supports and encourages its members to progress their art programs, students, colleagues and communities. Members who are recognized should always look for ways to excel and enhance their programs and practices. The principles of the PAEA help to build a strong foundation in art education and art students.

In order to be recognized by the PAEA, a school has to demonstrate three important aspects through their art education: rigorous and inclusive programs, highly accessible programs and highly visible programs. These courses and activities have to be available to all students. Schools have to show their commitment and well-roundedness of their courses, at all levels of art and education.

The students who are fortunate enough to go to a PAEA recognized school are being prepared for successful futures. This does not just include aspects of art but also problem-solving and resolving mindsets, independent and dependent skills and characteristics that can be used in future jobs and projects. These students are also more likely to fit into a competitive work environment and become an important part in the complex industry and economy.

The Delaware Valley School District receives the endorsement of Outstanding Visual Arts Community 2023 and will continue to share the opportunities involved in art education.

Entertainment

Conspiracy Theory: Are you sure birds are real?

BY KAT QUINN

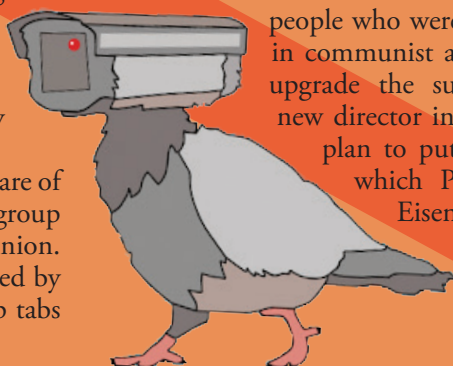
Sports Editor

Most conspiracy theories start off with an outlandish idea or opinion, always sparking objection and disapproval but gaining devoted followers. The theory that claims birds are not real has brought disagreement and criticism but also a group of supporters who wholeheartedly believe that birds are not real.

Although the majority of people who are aware of this theory/campaign view it as a joke, there is a group of advocates who feel strongly about their opinion. They believe that birds have been getting replaced by robotic spies- a way for the government to keep tabs on the people.

The website goes over a detailed believable backstory that hooks you into reading more of it. The robotic bird replacement is believed to have started with the creation of the CIA. The CIA was made to track and monitor tens of thousands of people who were possibly taking part in communist activities. In 1956, to upgrade the surveillance system, a new director in the CIA proposed a plan to put cameras in the sky, which President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved of, if he could figure out a way to achieve it.

The new director in the CIA



hated birds and called them “flying slugs” because they would poop on the cars in the parking lot. If their plan could work, tracking people suspected of communist activity would be significantly easier. Ultimately, the “Birds Aren’t Real” organization blames the CIA director Allen Dulles to be the man behind the plan that would end all birds in the U.S.

The organization claims to have word from an ex-CIA agent who confirmed that birds are in fact robotic surveillance drones.

The group sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, posters, hats, stickers, water bottles and keychains. One of the phrases featured on the merch is “If it flies, it spies.”

No matter one’s opinion, there is no doubt that the “evidence” gets you thinking.

‘The Eras Tour’ movie leaves fans starstruck

BY KAYLEE KURCON

Managing Editor

On Oct. 13, “Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour” hit theaters across the globe. Fans have been anxiously anticipating the film since the announcement and were not disappointed with the results.

This film is ultimately a thrilling revisit of her live performances for those who were able to attend the concerts, and a way to experience the concert for those who were not able to get the tickets.

For two hours and 45 minutes, Swift delivers her show to the audience with little discrepancies to her actual live performances. However, disappointment rolled through the theater when the “Speak Now” section only consisted of one song: “Enchanted.”

Understandably, some songs had to be cut from the film, but the songs chosen to be omitted were staples such

as “Wildest Dreams,” “Cardigan” and “No Body, No Crime.”

Although she was the star of her own show, the movie does focus on other factors that may have been dismissed during her concerts. Many shots were focused on her dancers and her audience, which truly shows her appreciation for her staff and supporters.

This movie offers an exuberant experience like no other in the theaters. The crowds watching are dressed head-to-toe in merch, friendship bracelets and Eras Tour looks.

Fans were singing and dancing in the theaters, creating the concert-like atmosphere that Taylor aimed for.

This film will go down as the biggest concert movie ever.



‘Five Nights At Freddy’s’ proves awaited success

BY SIASIA BEAN

Science & Technology Co-Editor

An entertaining spin on the franchise for both unfamiliar viewers and long-time followers, “Five Nights at Freddy’s” does not disappoint.

Directed by Emma Tammi and written in conjunction with the game’s creator Scott Cawthon, the film does an excellent job of combining many of the game’s elements in an easily digestible way whilst still being captivating and fun enough to keep the audience roaring at every turn.

The film also features figures prominent throughout the game’s history, such as popular youtuber CoryXKenshin who makes a brief appearance as referenced in the trailer.

Visually, the movie is stunning, incorporating puppets made from scratch to replicate the iconic animatronic characters and bring the scenes to life. The

story is masterfully crafted, being easy to follow yet difficult to predict, leaving room for speculation and challenging your perception at every moment.

There is an element of fear, as there was in the games, but it is not the overarching focus. The storyline successfully incorporates horror, mystery, tension, suspense and surprise as the story unfolds. Fans will be

pleased to know that the story mostly stays true to the lore associated with the games, without dramatically changing or forcing elements in an effort to make a more entertaining piece as other adaptations tend to do. It demonstrates impressive execution by staying grounded in the original games, while still keeping a balance with what is needed to make a successful movie.

With rumors of a movie being around since the franchise’s inception, longtime fans will find that it was well worth the wait.



Entertainment

'No Hard Feelings' impresses viewers

By SHANNON EBY
School News Co-Editor

On the brink of losing her childhood home, a desperate woman agrees to a strange job that proves to be more challenging than she had hoped. Jennifer Lawrence stars as 32-year-old Maddie, a bartender in financial trouble. When Maddie learns that her childhood home is in foreclosure, she accepts an interesting job: dating a wealthy couple's son, Percy. Except there's a catch, he is 19-years-old and extremely shy.



'No Hard Feelings'
released in theaters on
June 23, 2023

While watching the movie, I was pleased with the comedy that was portrayed by Lawrence in her role of Maddie. It really brought the movie together. Maddie and Percy form a strong relationship throughout the movie and I really enjoyed how much they both grew and learned lessons off of each other. Towards the end of the movie when Maddie and Percy have broken up, I could really see the emotional tone it took on both of them. The acting was incredible in this movie.

If you are into heartfelt comedies with unexpected twists, then this movie is for you.

Taylor Swift's new album breaks records yet again

By MADDIE GIFFORD
Community News Editor

On Oct. 27, Taylor Swift re-released her "1989 (Taylor's Version)" album exactly nine years after her 2014 hit album "1989" was originally released. This is Swift's fourth re-recorded album out of six planned releases and her second release in 2023 after "Speak Now (Taylor's Version)."

Swift's fans predicted this would be her next release after "Speak Now," and she confirmed on Aug. 9 that the predictions were right and "1989" would be released in late October.

Swift's album, as of Nov. 3, is the most streamed album of the year on its first day of release, and she is currently the most streamed artist within

the first 24 hours of release.

"1989 (TV)" consists of 21 songs including five vault tracks that were not included in the original album: "Now That We Don't Talk," "Say Don't Go," "Is It Over Now?," "Suburban Legends" and "Slut!"

As of now "Slut!" is the most popular song on the album followed by "Is It Over Now?," "Now That We Don't Talk" and "Style" in order.

I think this album definitely lived up to the expectations and my favorite songs were "Wildest Dreams" and "This Love."

Rating:



Drake releases highly anticipated album

Toronto-based Grammy winner finally releases "For All the Dogs."

By TOPHER DELLA BELLA
Sports Co-Editor

After teasing his eighth studio album all summer during his "It's All a Blur" tour, rapper Drake released his album "For All the Dogs" on Oct. 6. This album was released on the last day of Drake's tour after he postponed the original date so he could finish the tour.

The last time Drake released an album was last year when he did a collaboration album with 21 Savage titled "Her Loss." Since then, fans have been eager for a tour and a new album.

The album contains 23 tracks and lots of exciting features like 21 Savage, J. Cole, Yeat, SZA, Lil Yachty and even his own son Adonis Graham. Drake opens up the album with "Virginia Beach" which is one of the most liked songs on the album. This song shows a good amount of "old Drake" as he uses his famous R&B flow to sing about a woman he wants to be with.

The most popular song on the album is "First Person Shooter," featuring J. Cole, which is my

personal favorite song on the album. J. Cole starts off the song with his typical old-school flow and wise lyrics, and then later in the song, the beat changes and Drake comes in with his aggressive rap style. This is the song that tied Drake with Michael Jackson for the most No. 1 hits by a male solo artist. It is ironic because Drake even states in this song that he is "One away from Michael."

The longest song on the album is "Rich Baby Daddy," featuring Sexxy Red and SZA sitting at a lengthy five minutes and 20 seconds. This is the second track that SZA is featured on along with "Slime You Out," where Drake gives amazing

and meaningful lyrics while SZA displays her amazing vocal talents.

The whole album displays a solid performance by Drake. Although I personally think it is not his best album, it does contain a lot of catchy songs and fans will start to catch on to the album as more time passes. It shows how much Drake has grown as an artist after all of these years, and it also shows how versatile he can be when he forces himself out of his comfort zone.



Science & Technology

What's in your food?: Oreos

By KAYLEE KURCON
Managing Editor

If you've ever wondered why Oreos seem so addicting, well, it is because they are. Studies have shown that Oreos can be just as addictive as cocaine or morphine.

Oreos are high in fats and sugars. So high in fact that they stimulate more neurons in the brain than addictive drugs, at least in rats.

Scientists have experimented on groups of rats, finding that those who consume Oreos perform addictive behaviors similar to groups of rats who were exposed to cocaine and morphine.

The addictive ingredients used in these cookies are some of the most fattening sources leading to the obesity epidemic in America.

Addiction is only one of the concerns to grapple with when consuming an Oreo. These famous cookies

are also known for their use of trans fats.

Trans fats have been linked to increased risk of heart disease, as they raise the bad cholesterol levels and lower the good ones. Although one serving of Oreos contains less than 0.5 grams of trans fats, overconsumption will push you closer to unhealthy levels.

Oreos are also high in sodium, containing approximately 160 milligrams per serving. Increased sodium intake raises blood pressure, leading to a high risk of stroke and developing heart disease.

Empty calories are another one of the ingredients in Oreos, providing a whole lot of energy without any

beneficial nutrients.

A popular drink to accompany these cookies is a glass of milk. This combination really increases chances of cancers, obesity and diabetes because milk produced today is higher in fat than it is in protein. Therefore, the quality has been diminished.

These two treats combined are ultimately a lethal blend, making humans unhealthier with every bite.

Consuming the recommended amount of Oreos will not kill you, but because of the addictive properties inside them, most people are consuming way more than the serving size.

It seems like drugs are not the only addictive substances people have to worry about.



Scientist faces backlash, report reveals internal misconduct

By SIASIA BEAN
Science & Technology Co-Editor

Hoau-Yan Wang, a neuroscientist and professor at the City University of New York (CUNY), is facing controversy after an investigation leaked alleging misconduct in the handling of data related to the Alzheimer's drug Simufilam, which Wang aided in both its discovery and development.

Due to concerns about the research, the university launched an investigation on Wang's lab activity, ultimately finding him responsible for "long-standing and egregious misconduct in data management and record keeping" and reviewed over 30 allegations brought on by the Office of Research Integrity. At least 14 of these were found to be substantial and are "highly suggestive of deliberate scientific misconduct" according to the report.



Source: City University of New York (CUNY)

Hoau-Yan Wang has been investigated for potential misconduct.

Simufilam, produced by Cassava Sciences, gave hope to many due to incredible reports that the drug not only slowed Alzheimer's disease but showed improvements in patients' conditions.

The validity of these claims is disputed, however, and other scientists, including experts on Alzheimer's disease, have noticed several irregularities, particularly those pertaining to imagery.

As suspicions were raised, Cassava Sciences has dismissed the allegations, stating in a press release that they believe the leak to have been executed by what they call "short-sellers," in other words, those who benefit through holding a short position in the stock.

"We remain confident in the underlying science for Simufilam, our lead drug candidate," Remi Barbier, President and CEO of Cassava Sciences said. "Our Phase 3 clinical program continues." Barbier said.

Elon Musk's X adds annual fee for unverified accounts

By BRIAN RODRIGUEZ-HERNANDEZ
World News Editor

Only a month after Elon Musk hinted at possibly charging all users on X, formally known as Twitter, the company announced in a post on Oct. 17 the testing of a \$1 annual fee users must pay to access the platform.

The company said in their post that the program is meant to "bolster our already successful efforts to reduce spam, manipulation of our platform and bot activity, while balancing platform accessibility with the small fee amount."

The program called "Not a Bot"

will require users from New Zealand and the Philippines to sign up for an annual subscription in order to interact with posts and people. Pre-existing users from the testing region will not be affected.

Users who neither pay the monthly subscription nor the annual fee will only be able to read posts, watch videos and follow accounts.



Source: thesmagpie

Elon Musk's "Not a Bot" program strives to improve user experience on X, with the goal of reducing spam.

Experts argue that users with malicious intent will be more than capable and willing to pay for inauthentic accounts on the platform. They also note that a person can pay the fee and then allow a computer to run the account, essentially creating an automated verified account.



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Girls Volleyball



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Cross Country



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Field Hockey



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

Compiled by Kayla Sykes

Girls Soccer

Scarlet Sukovich



Francesca Antonecchia



Sophie Alario



Regan Curabba



Catherine Ficken



Gia Ciardullo



Bobby Russo/Del.Aware

**Senior golfers were Tommy Parker, Chris U'Glav, Keaton Phillips and Liam O'Toole

Football

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Aiden Black
Kyle Chabak
Jackson Corrie
Logan Dolan
Erik Fass
Kolton Handy
Mason Krause
Noah Pohill



Managers: Jaydin Erickson Averi Dunn Lily Cosentino

Jacob Albaugh
Tyler Bird
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Justin Kalitsnik
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Cheerleading



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Sports

Texas Rangers win first World Series in club's history

BY CASSANDRA JOYCE
Editor in Chief

On Nov. 1, the Texas Rangers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-0 to win the World Series in five games.

In game five, Diamondbacks pitcher Zac Gallen had a no-hitter through six innings until Rangers shortstop Corey Seager broke it up with a hit in the seventh. Catcher Mitch Garver knocked Seager in with a single. The Rangers offense tacked on four more runs in the ninth, solidifying the victory and giving the Rangers franchise their first World Series win.

Rangers pitcher Nathan Eovaldi got the win,

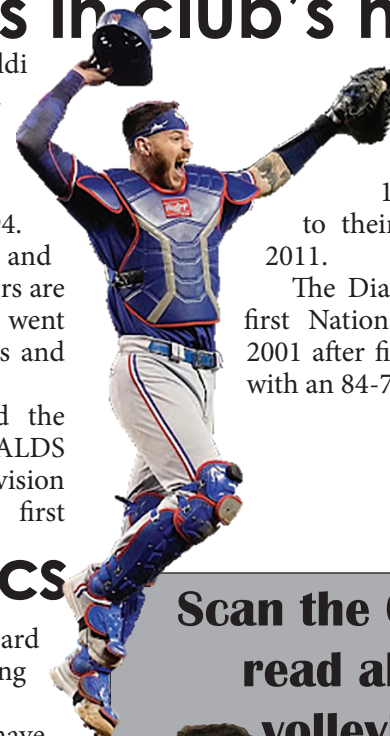
pitching a shutout and striking out 13. Eovaldi posted a 2.95 ERA throughout the playoffs and was 5-0 in his starts. Seager was named World Series MVP after batting .286 and hitting three home runs.

Last season, the Rangers were 68-94. However, through a series of offseason moves and the hiring of manager Bruce Bochy, the Rangers are no longer the team of the past. The Rangers went 90-72 in the regular season with six All Stars and clinched one of the AL Wild Card spots.

Texas swept the Tampa Bay Rays and the Baltimore Orioles in the Wild Card and ALDS rounds respectively. In the ALCS, Rangers' division rival Houston Astros handed them their first

postseason loss of the year and stretched the series to seven games. Texas prevailed in an 11-4 victory, sending them to their first World Series since 2011.

The Diamondbacks clinched their first National League pennant since 2001 after finishing the regular season with an 84-78 record.



New sports added to summer Olympics

BY SHANNON EBY
School News Co-Editor

The Olympics are one of the oldest sporting events in the world, dating back to Ancient Greece. The summer and winter Olympic games are held every four years. These four new sports that were recently added to the Summer Olympics that will be held in Paris in 2024.

These new additions include skateboarding, breaking, surfing and sport climbing. These four new sports add to the total of 40 sports that are usually listed at the summer games. Breaking is an urban style of street dance. Skateboarding is when a person balances on a small board with wheels and does tricks.

Surfing is when a person balances on a board to ride on a wave of water. Lastly, sport climbing is a version of rock climbing.

The upcoming 2024 Olympics will only have 32 games encompassing 329 events held in Paris, France. Though there are new sports added to the upcoming games, there are also some sports that will not make an appearance in the games such as karate, baseball and softball.

The Summer Olympics will have roughly 11,420 competitors per year from 206 different countries.

The Olympic games have a variety of events for athletes to compete in at the highest level and represent their countries well. The Olympic games allow for athletes to compete in multiple different events that they could qualify for.

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Bus driver shortage poses problems for DV athletics

BY TOPHER DELLA BELLA
Sports Co-Editor

Throughout the fall sports season, there were times when coaches were asked to drive vans or games were postponed because neither Rohrer or DV could handle the sports trip due to a shortage of drivers, according to athletic secretary Mrs. Susie Prisco.

This issue is mainly due to the shortage of bus drivers that has impacted not only the school district but also districts across the nation.

"Around District 2 and the Lackawanna League, teams are facing a shortage of bus drivers," athletic director Mr. Sean Giblin said. "Having 33 [fall]

programs, it has impacted us, especially on days where we have five or six trips that need to go out."

According to the Director of Support Services Mr. Marvin Eversdyke, he does not see this issue going away anytime soon as Rohrer had eight driver resignations or retirements last June, and they know four more who are leaving this coming June.

Volleyball head coach Karley May said that she and her assistant coaches were asked to drive vans a few times this past season because there were no buses for their trips. She found it "nerve-wracking" to drive her athletes in vans because she knew that she was directly responsible for their lives in vehicles she and her staff were not super familiar with.

"I was always more than happy to help out, but

it always made me nervous," she said.

As for the upcoming winter season, Mr. Giblin said that there are fewer teams that need to travel, but if weather forces postponements, teams will probably not be able to play the event the next available day because of transportation issues.

"Think about 33 [fall] teams with 18 games each (594 events in approximately three-months' time). We are juggling an enormous amount here, so having available transportation is vital to a smooth operation," Mrs. Prisco said.

Fall Wrap-ups

Cross Country

By CASSANDRA JOYCE
Editor in Chief

The boys and girls cross country teams ended their seasons at Districts on Oct. 25. Junior Mike Donlon qualified for States and placed 186 out of 239 runners with a time of 18:14. The boys team ended with a record of 23-1, and the girls went 19-4.

The boys team was named co-champions of the Lackawanna League along with Elk Lake. Donlon broke the boys' school 5K record, and senior Ryan O'Connor broke both the girls' school and course 5K record. O'Connor was named female runner of the year.

"Overall, a lot of runners exceeded expectations and ran great races," head coach Audrey

Dennis said. "There was a lot of growth throughout the season, as far as personal records and team growth."

According to coach Dennis, the eight seniors will be missed, but she has trust in the upcoming runners.

"We have some individuals who are going to step into these positions that have gained a lot of experience and knowledge from this season," coach Dennis said.

Notable runners throughout the season were O'Connor, Donlon, junior Anna Vogel, sophomore Lily Stoveken and seniors Bobby Russo and Nixon Kameen.

"I'm most proud of our ability to work together," O'Connor said. "I think it's hard to be supportive in a more individual sport, and I think the team's ability to work together was the reason we performed so well."



Senior Ryan O'Connor

Field Hockey

By ROXY CAUCHI
School News Co-Editor

On Oct. 24, the field hockey team played their final game against the Wilkes-Barre Area Wolfpack in the PIAA District 2 quarterfinals.

Wilkes-Barre scored their first two goals in the first quarter. The third goal, and DV's first, was made by sophomore Angela Olsen in the third quarter. This game ended with a 2-1 loss, ending the team's season with an overall record of 4-15.

Head coach Marielle Cohen said that throughout the season the team

did an incredible job of taking the plays that they worked on in practice to the field, and she saw a lot of improvement in their game play. She also stated that juniors Ava Kraszewski and Kayla Sykes really stood out this season.

"These two [Kraszewski and Sykes] brought a constant intensity to the field and they played at 100% no matter what," coach Cohen said.

Even though their season came to an end, coach Cohen hopes that the team can continue to work

on their consistency for next year.



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

Junior Ava Kraszewski dribbles past three opposing players as she makes her way up the field.

Girls Tennis

By GIA SCIMECA
Arts & Lit Co-Editor

The girls tennis team finished their season ranking fifth in team districts.

The team beat Crestwood in the quarterfinals and went on to the semi-finals, where they lost to Abington Heights.

Juniors Noelle Holderith and Jess Willson both made it to the quarterfinals.

Holderith made it to the semi-finals and lost to a player from Abington. Holderith placed fourth in the district for singles.

Junior Kate Tamplin, freshman Emma Strickler, Holderith and Willson advanced to the quarterfinals

in doubles. Tamplin and Strickler lost to Wallenpaupack, while Holderith and Willson moved onto semi-finals and beat Valley View.

They ended up losing to Abington in the finals, finishing second place in the district for doubles.

"We did get second place in the district though, so we are super pumped about that," head coach Amy Strickler said.

DV and Valley View were the only two teams to

have both doubles teams advance to quarterfinals.

"Hopefully next year will be our year," coach Strickler said. "We just have to figure out how to beat Abington."



Cassandra Joyce/Del.Aware

Junior Noelle Holderith gets ready to serve in her No. 1 singles match.

Girls Soccer

By ETAIN STARR
Opinions Co-Editor

On Nov. 7, the girls soccer team lost to Downingtown East 4-0 in the first round of States, ending their season.

Head coach Kevin Quinn thought the girls put up a good fight against the Cougars.

"We competed for everything, played a great game and kept players in check, but just couldn't find the net," coach Quinn said.

The Warriors' record for the season was 12-6-1. During the season, they scored 48 goals, had 29 goals scored against them and posted 236 saves.

They finished third in the Lackawanna League and were district champions.

According to coach Quinn, some of the key players throughout the season were seniors Regan Curabba and Gia Ciardullo on the offensive side and juniors Dakota Jordan and Cara Churchill for the defense.

Coach Quinn said that throughout the season, the girls continued to improve. He said the defense "buckled down," mid-field had more possession of the ball and strikers had many goal-scoring opportunities.

"The season started strong. There was a hiccup in the middle, but we had a rebound and played our best soccer when it mattered most," coach Quinn said.



Senior Regan Curabba

Sports

Warriors demolish Pittston in semi-final game 42-7

By EMMA CIANCIO

Opinions Editor

The Warriors defeated Pittston Area 42-7 in the first round of district playoffs, which improved their record to 8-3. This was the eighth consecutive win for the Warriors.

Senior Ryder Machado scored three out of the



Emma Ciano/Del.Aware

Junior Beckham Fernandes runs a route against Pittston Area's defensive back.

six touchdowns, while seniors Justin Kalitsnik and Tyler Bird and sophomore Mikey Iuzzolino racked up the remaining three touchdowns. Senior Everett Bell made six out of six extra point kicks.

"Our guys did what they had to do to win the game, but we need to get significantly better for weeks ahead, and everyone knows that," head coach Keith Olsommer said.

Junior Logan Olsommer had 34 passing yards, Machado and sophomore Justin Estevez each had 11 receiving yards, and Machado led the Warrior's rushing attack with 104 yards. Sophomore Shaun Cannalley contributed as well by putting up 40 rushing yards. The team had a total of 272 rushing yards and 34 passing yards.

According to coach Olsommer, senior Erik Fass stood out due to his big impact play as he blocked Pittston Area's punt.

"He [Fass] put any ideas Pittston had with competing with us right out the door," coach Olsommer said.

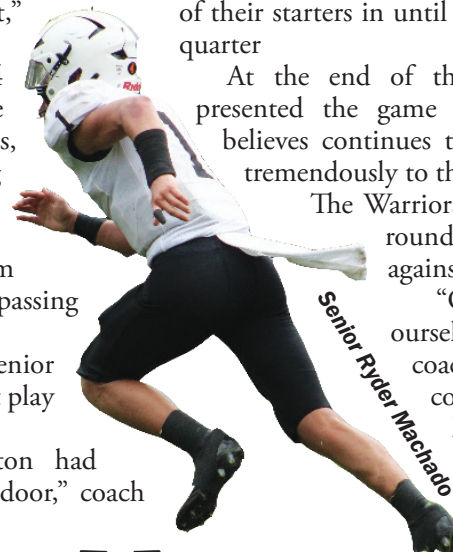
Coach Olsommer credits the offensive line and defensive lines for their abilities to feed off of one another, put up high statistics and contribute to hard fought plays.

During the second half of the game, very few starters went in, as opposed to Pittston who had all of their starters in until part way through the fourth quarter.

At the end of the game, coach Olsommer presented the game ball to Kalitsnik, who he believes continues to stand out and contribute tremendously to the Warriors.

The Warriors will be hosting the second round of playoffs tonight at 7 p.m. against Abington Heights.

"Our guys need to focus on ourselves and staying motivated," coach Olsommer said. "If we continue to do that, we will have a great deal of success when it comes to the next round of playoffs."



Senior Ryder Machado

Fall Wrap-Ups

Girls Volleyball

By CASSANDRA JOYCE

Editor in Chief

On Nov. 7, the volleyball team lost a hardfought game against Spring-Ford, ending their season in the first round of States. The team's record was 14-3.

Although the game resulted in a loss, head coach Karley May was extremely proud of the team's efforts.

"It was incredible," coach May said. "They played out of their minds and left it all out there. I think it's the best States game I've been a part of."

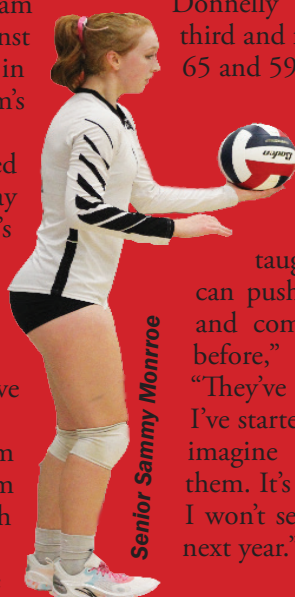
Senior Kat Quinn led the team in kills with 10, and senior Sam Monroe led in service points with six.

Quinn finished fifth in the

Wyoming Valley Conference for kills with 162, and Monroe was first in assists with 375. Junior Lauren Donnelly and Monroe were third and fourth for aces with 65 and 59 respectively.

According to coach May, the seniors will be greatly missed.

"They've taught me that you can push through anything and come out better than before," coach May said. "They've been here since I've started, and I really can't imagine volleyball without them. It's weird to think that I won't see them in the gym next year."



Senior Sammy Monroe

Boys Soccer

By KAT QUINN

Sports Editor

The boys soccer team concluded their season in the district semi-final game against Wyoming Valley West on Nov 1.

Reflecting on the season, head coach Aaron Stark described this year's team as a competitive group and is proud of the players who were able to step up and fill in new positions.

Coach Stark was quick to mention senior Karter Peereboom and junior Bryson Mackey as stand out players this season.

He said that they were leaders, especially in the aspects of attitude and hard work.

"Karter did really well at any position I put him in," coach Stark said. "I can put Bryson anywhere on the field, and he plays very hard and strong."

Four players were acknowledged by the league for their hard work and accomplishments this season as well. Those recognitions include junior Luke Peereboom as first team all league goalie as well as Karter Peereboom, senior Bryce Carney and sophomore Reagan Decker, all as second team all league.

Coach Stark is looking to build on the current strong and dedicated JV team in the off season.



Junior Bryson Mackey