



## It's Graduation Time!

By: Emily Pezzuto

On June 2nd, 2023, the class of 2023 graduation ceremony will be held in the football stadium. All are welcome to attend and tickets are not needed. In case of bad weather, the ceremony will take place on June 5th. Decisions on when the ceremony will take place are made on the day of graduation around 3:00pm. Family and friends may sit on either side of the stadium.

Since the graduation ceremony takes place in June, there is a possibility of hot weather. For this reason, the graduation will be broadcasted live in the high school auditorium. The auditorium is air conditioned and can seat up to 700 people. Tickets to sit in the auditorium are not required.

On the day of graduation, the stadium gates will open at 5:30pm for visitors to get seated, while graduates take their class picture in front of the high school. Graduates will then report to the gym at 6:00pm and visitors are to be seated in the stadium by 6:30pm.

Next is the dress code for the ceremony. Boys are to wear shirts, ties, and slacks. A letter sent out to seniors states that jeans, shorts, and sneakers are not permitted at the ceremony. As for graduation caps, they can be decorated **only if** it's designed as the college they will be attending.

To prepare for this important event, there is a rehearsal. Graduation rehearsal will take place on June 1st. Graduates are to report to the auditorium at 10:00am in neat, informal attire. Graduation practice is mandatory unless excused by a principal. Work is not an accepted excuse. Students unexcused absent from rehearsal will not be permitted to walk at graduation. Caps and gowns will be distributed after the rehearsal in the cafeteria. Yearbook signing party will immediately follow the rehearsal.

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# Super Stars

By: Tosin Adebayo & Sarah Mallah

On Wednesday, April 5th, the Wilson Area High School hosted its annual Super Stars competition, a tournament between the classes and faculty. The contest included eleven events, including the following: an obstacle course, a gladiator challenge, a plank challenge, 3 point shootout, tug-of-war, dodge ball, knockout, beanbag flip, three-legged race, weight lifting, and ping pong.

During each of the events, contestants proved to excel to a great extent. Introducing the Super Stars competition, the classes and staff began the obstacle course. The freshman started with a dragging time of just over one minute. The juniors, seniors, and faculty simultaneously tied with a time of 36 seconds. The three-legged race consisted of a series of snapped and fallen bands for the students. Nevertheless, in unison, Mr. Falcone and Mr. Gibson glided across the gym—hopping back to triumph.

In the knockout game, the final duo of contestants featured Mr. Kruk and senior Shamel Gibson. Amidst the vehement competition of repetitive swishes, Mr. Kruk set his basketball into motion—claiming a staff win. Going 3-2, junior Brian Samayoa led his class to a simple 3-point victory. However, running star Mr. Browne was able to make four 3-point shots, knocking the crown off the juniors.

Throughout the tug-of-war event, the seniors appeared yearning to win; regardless, the faculty continued to sever their chances of success. Ultimately, Mr. Campbell tightened his grip on the rope, merely catching the seniors over the line. For Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Bouch, the bean bag toss was played with the utmost ease. Nearly never dropping their bean bags, the pair achieved a score of 49 points, a victory for the faculty.

Subsequently, the Super Stars friendly feud concluded with a skewed 1st place for the faculty, 2nd place for the juniors, 3rd place for the seniors, 4th place for the sophomores, and 5th place for the freshmen.



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## Prom Information 2023

By: Emma Davenport

This year's prom will be held May 19, 2023 at Iron Lakes Country Club in Allentown PA. Prom tickets are \$50 and can be purchased before or after school in Ms. Bouch's room. If you would like to pick out your table, suggest music, or get dismissed early to get ready earlier, you may print out a form from the prom Google classroom and turn it in to Ms. Bouch.

This year's prom theme is masquerade, which means students are encouraged to wear masquerade masks and attire!

There are many different places you can get inexpensive prom attire! Windsor, Footlights, local prom pop up shops, and online stores sell dresses, suits and shoes to fit everyone's budget!

This year's prom is expected to be a great time for everyone going! I hope everyone who is going to be there has a great time! Make sure to keep checking the prom 2023 Google classroom for more updates and information!



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## Senior Spotlight: Jocelyn Smith Breaking School Record

By: Gavin Ehlman

On March 28th, Jocelyn Smith broke the girls 100 meter-dash record. The original record was 12.44 seconds, and she finished with a time of 12.34 seconds! I was able to interview Jocelyn Smith and ask her a couple of questions.

My first question was, “Did you know you were going to break the record that day?” She responded, “No, I was actually attempting to break the 400m record that day so it was unexpected.”

My second question I asked her was, “How did it feel when you broke the record?” Her response was, “I felt great. Breaking the 100m record has been something I’ve been training for for years. It was a big goal for me”

The next question I asked her was, “What made you want to run track?” Her response was, “I originally wanted another sport to do in high school besides soccer, but then I realized I had the potential to break records further into the season.”

The last question I asked during this interview was, “What’s next for you?” and her response was, “I am committed to the University of Scranton to play soccer and major in Neuroscience”



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## Track

By: Kevaghn Simpson

It has been a month since the Wilson track and field season has officially started. The track and field team is the biggest sport in this school. The team has over 80 kids who compete in many different events. Some of the events include shot put, javelin, short-and long-distance running, and hurdles.

The head coach of the team is Coach Browne who is also a mathematics teacher at Wilson High School. The team highly respects Coach Browne taking his time to work with the students to improve their weaknesses and be the best they can be. The team has had three different meets so far holding a record of 3-2, only losing to Northwestern Lehigh and Palmerton High School at this point in the season. Each event in this sport has a captain, so I decided to get their input.

I had a chance to ask some people on the team and the head coaches on how things are working out. Marcel Days said, “I feel like the season is going well. As a team there’s a lot of improvement and we’re looking for a colonial league championship.”



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## Softball and Baseball Updates

By: Kylee Burwell

The varsity softball and baseball teams are leading off to a great start to the season. The softball team's record is 4-5. The team has a new softball coach this year, John Beaupre.

It has been truly an eventful start of the season. The hitting started off very well with Madison Rush and Addison Hoff both having back to back homeruns in the game against Nativity BVM. The rest of the team also racked in hits throughout this game. The girls have been working really hard to make districts this year considering last year the team lost to Tamaqua in the first district game.

The baseball team has been off to a great start also with this record being 5-3. When interviewing Liam Coyle about what he expects for this season, he stated, "I want to have fun and win. We have gotten off to a great start and are looking forward to continuing that. I cannot wait for what the rest of the season holds for us." The team is very talented and has been working extremely hard. They also have been playing extremely well together over the course of this season. They hope to continue to do well throughout the rest of the season.

Both softball and baseball are playing very diligently. Hopefully, they both can continue to work as hard as they are now to both make districts and leagues at the end of the season!





# The Echo

## Keystone Study Tips

By: Ahiella Borgan

Are you somebody that usually gets anxious when big tests come around? Or you don't know how to prepare yourself so you get overly stressed and unfocused? Well here are a few tips and advice to help you succeed in your upcoming exams :

1. Manage your Time – Manage your time by answering easier questions first, and going back to more difficult questions later.
2. Give yourself enough time to study – Break up certain topics into sections so you don't cram all your information in one area.
3. Organize your study space – With a clean and organized place to work you'll be more focused on what you need to get done and not be so easily distracted by your surroundings.
4. Use flow charts and diagrams – Practice on old exams to help your work through an equation.
5. Organize study groups with friends – Having other people to explain your answers to will help be more confident in yourself and also give you advice to improve on a problem if you messed it up.
6. Snack on brain food !!
7. Don't over stress yourself – Don't take on more work than you can handle. You should take breaks and hydrate yourself. Overworking will make you do worse if you don't prepare properly.

Since Mr.Fowler teaches a few keystone courses, his suggests, “ Start preparing early and do it in small increments making sure to study vocab, practice equations, and go over a lot of information repeatedly until you can get it down and to get a good night's rest before each day.”



## Senior After-School Help

By: Nick Alvarez

Seniors! Our school has brought a new way to still graduate if a student has a failing grade. As Mr. Beitler announced on the news, senior students are now able to attend **35 meetings** in the library for help on any work that they have been struggling on.

Students will then receive the necessary credits to still graduate this school year. This is a huge help for seniors that have been struggling this year and need that small boost to help them graduate. If you do not attend all sessions, you will not receive the extra credits.

These sessions will start right after school at 2:05 pm and will end at 3:05 pm. If you have any after school priorities and can't make it everyday, e-mail or talk to Mr Beitler to help that situation get arranged. The staff want nothing more than to see every single senior graduate!





## Israel Strikes Syria Once Again

By: Ayah Mallah

In response to recently being attacked by rockets, Israeli officials made the decision to strike Syrian military and artillery posts on April 9th. According to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), “[we] launched drone and artillery strikes in retaliation, and [we] held the Syrian government responsible for everything that occurred on [our] territory.” As of currently, no direct casualties have been reported in Israel and Syria.

Prior to Israel’s attack on Syria, Syria had sent a total of six rockets toward Golan Heights in Israel. As revealed by Al-Mayadeen TV, “Only three of the rockets crossed into Israeli-controlled territory, with two falling on open ground and a third intercepted by the air defense system.” Following such attacks, an independent Syrian organization claimed responsibility for the launching of the rockets.

With such attacks on Israel, the nation had made the decision to retaliate and strike Syria in an attempt at self-defense. The Israeli military force had fired artillery and sent aircrafts toward Damascus — striking a Syrian radar station and an army artillery battery. According to the Israeli military force, “[we] see the State of Syria responsible for all activities occurring within [their] territory and will not allow any attempts to violate Israeli sovereignty.”

As of currently, no further information has been provided regarding the attacks between the two countries. With such attacks continuing to unfold and escalate, the Syrian government had claimed that Israel “...pushes the region towards a comprehensive escalation and a new phase of instability.”



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# The Mass Detention of Uyghur Muslims in China

By: Sarah Mallah

In the Northwestern region of Xinjiang, China, millions of Turkic-speaking Uyghur Muslims are being detained. In 2017, an abundant number of Uyghurs were set into camps by the Chinese government. An estimated three million minorities are being held captive in these camps— a vast majority of the victims were subjected to forced labor, sterilization, and the inability to practice their religion, Islam.

When confronted initially with these threatening allegations, Chinese officials attested that these camps did not exist. However, hundreds of previous detainees had already spoken out against their past imprisonments—faulting the official’s statement. Their cries spoke volumes as they reminisced the starvation, as well as the psychological and physical abuse imposed on them. The Chinese government further explained that the camps were “vocational education and training centers.” The camps were intricately designed to teach Mandarin, instill “non-terrorist” citizenship, and imprint communist ideals.

According to “*II. The Origin of Terrorism and Extremism in Xinjiang*,” the use of internment camps has solely been implemented “to deal with illegal religious activities, illegal religious publicity materials, and illegal spread of religions through the internet, which has effectively curbed the breeding and spread of religious extremism.” Palpably, Chinese representatives believe that these camps have proven to falter the occurrence of terrorist-linked attacks.

In retaliation to the international brutality against Uyghur Muslims, the United States has released new sanctions on multiple Chinese companies. The sanctions resulted in stopping purchases and exchanges amongst particular companies between the two countries. The undeniable evidence of these acts against human rights deters the blacklisting of many companies and many more to come.





## Swiss Woman Files Lawsuit Claiming Weak Climate Action

By: Holly Eichlin

A group of women from Switzerland filed a lawsuit against the country stating their quality of life is affected by the lack of measures taken against climate change. This group calls themselves the Club of Climate Seniors because they are all over the age 65, one of them being a former French mayor. These women believe that these changes in temperatures are affecting their family life and if they were improved, they would have a longer life with their children and grandchildren.

This case is the first time the European Court of Human Rights has had a case dealing with climate change. These women state the heat waves are becoming harsher and harsher making them suffer more in their older ages. Due to these heat waves, a study has shown that heat mortality has increased by 30% in the last 20 years, further proving their point. Another worry of these citizens are the floods involving their homes and the way it puts their life at risk. This case is being seen as the most pivotal case involving climate change to this date.

Due to this case, Switzerland aims to reduce the domestic gas emissions 35% by 2030 and the greenhouse gasses by 50% around the same time. Because of this, eight other countries have joined this goal, including Romania, Latvia, Austria, Slovakia, Norway, Italy, Portugal, and Ireland.





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# Oil Tanker Crew Held Hostage by Pirates

By: Tosin Adebayo

On March 31, 2023, pirates boarded a West African oil ship on the Gulf of Guinea. Out of the sixteen crew members, six were held hostage. This ship is known as the Monjasa Reformer, and the ship is owned by a Danish shipper. It is believed that on March 25th the pirates boarded the ship just southwest of Port Pointe-Noire in Congo.

Five days after the hijacking, the French navy found the ship on the island of Sao Tomé and Príncipe. The ship had been abandoned at this location. At the time of this discovery, no details were released on how the crew members were taken and no one knew how many crew members were abducted.

The crew had decided to seek refuge in a safe area of the ship after the pirates boarded the tanker. Unfortunately, the six discovered were taken as hostages. The crew that remained on the ship managed to message the French Navy of the untimely kidnapping of their crew members. Those who were not held hostage were said to be in good health and reports stated that no damage was done to the ship or any of its cargo.

It still remains unclear if the members that were taken hostage have been released. The identities of those involved in this situation have not been revealed. This ship has since been returned to Togo's capital. The Gulf of Guinea is known for its high level of pirate attacks. Many ships that pass through the Gulf have been robbed or have had crew taken hostage. The United Nations Security Council has made countless efforts to lower the rates of piracy.



## Donald Trump's Indictment

By: John Anklam

On Tuesday, April 4, former U.S. president Donald Trump was brought before a grand jury in Manhattan for an indictment. He is facing more than 30 counts of business fraud, which makes this the first time in U.S. history that a former or current president has faced criminal charges.

The case has to do with reimbursements to Trump's former attorney, Michael Cohen. Cohen was tasked with giving hush money payments to Stormy Daniels, a woman who Trump had a controversial relationship with. In an effort to pay for the reimbursement, Trump fraudulently recorded \$130,000 in expenses for Cohen's legal services.

The crime of falsifying business records can be classified as either a misdemeanor or a felony. It becomes a felony if the falsification is used to commit a different, underlying crime. Prosecutors did not specify which other concealed crime Trump attempted to commit, so it still can be either a misdemeanor or felony. This is said to be done intentionally as the prosecution keeps it open to interpretation, the jury doesn't have to find that Trump committed a specific crime, just that he attempted to commit one.

Normally, if you are found guilty of a felony count of falsifying business records, the maximum sentence is four years in state prison. Regardless, the former president's case may be different, however, if he is found guilty. His lack of a criminal history and age means that it is very unlikely that he will receive a jail sentence of any length.



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## John Fetterman Recovery

By: Zack Stackhouse

John Fetterman wasn't always sad and depressed. During his campaign, when things started to look like he was going to win, he always had the biggest smile. Fetterman took a two week vacation off. His vacation isn't what you're thinking, though; he spent the two weeks in Pennsylvania with his family and constituents. John was excited most to be home so he could actually be the husband and father he wanted to be.

Many people are wondering what changed him to the point where he had to be in the hospital? Many people said the job was too difficult and stressful for Mr. Fetterman. In all reality he was depressed because he was so tied up in being the best senator he could be. He had little to no time to spend with his wife and kids.

After going through the treatment, he made sure to promote going to get help if you are suffering from depression. He also showed that the treatment worked and you can be helped as well. He thanked the medical team at Walter Reed, saying the care “changed my life.” Even though he won the election, his depression still led him to believe that he lost.

Over the past six weeks, Mr. Fetterman participated in talk therapy, had his medications monitored by doctors, and went on therapeutic walks in the facility’s healing garden. As a parting gift to the staff, Mr. Fetterman offered a bouquet of tulips, according to an aide who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private details of his departure.





## Tennessee School Shooting

By: Mya Marsac

Six tragic deaths in a Tennessee school have shaken many towns around the state. A 28 year old had taken the life of three children and three adults. The shooter was identified as Audrey Hale. She had once attended the Christian school where the shooting had occurred.

The former head of the school said he remembered Audrey from when she was in first grade. He has stated that he remembers her as a former student, and she had been just a typical, normal student.

Audrey had fired hundreds of shots. One hundred twenty-six were shot by 5.56 rifle rounds and 26 were 9mm rounds. It has been said that Audrey was carrying three firearms. She had entered the building by shooting through the locked glass door.

Within minutes of the 911 call, the Nashville police had shown up. Audrey had shot out of the windows at the police cars that were arriving. At 10:27 a.m. the police had killed the shooter after 14 minutes of being in the building.

Evelyn Dleckhaus, William Kinney, and Halle Scruggs were the nine year old victims of the school shooting. Adult victims included custodian Mike Hill, substitute Cynthia Peak, and Katherine Koonce who was the head of the school.

There is still an investigation going on to hopefully find a motive for these murders. During the investigation it has been said that Audrey had left behind writings that are now being carefully studied. The investigation is still ongoing.



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## Teacher Sues School for \$40 Million

By: Gigi Figueroa

Back on January 6th at Richneck Elementary School, a teacher, Abigail Zwener, was shot by a six year old student in her class. Zwener has now filed a lawsuit against the school administrators and the school board because she claims the school was aware of the boy's acts of violence and was also warned he may have had a firearm. The lawsuit seeks \$40 million in damages due to the school not taking any action on the day of the shooting.

Ebony Parker, assistant principal, was said to have ignored at least three warning signs from staff that he had the possession of a firearm. First it was said the students had seen him remove the firearm from his bag and put it in his pocket, but Parker insisted the hoodie pocket was too small to hold it. The administrators would not allow the teachers to search the six year old's bag because they said his parents were picking him up soon. Then, within an hour of forbidding the search, that is when Zwener was shot, leaving her hospitalized as the bullet went through her hand and into her chest.

It is said that during the first half of the year the student was required to have a parent accompany him, but on this particular day the school allowed him to be by himself. The parents have said they regret their absence that day and are praying for the teacher's full recovery. The school has not commented on the lawsuit but stated they support Zwener and her recovery. After the shooting, Parker resigned two weeks later, and the principal was reassigned to a different school and the superintendent was voted out by the school board.





## Army Helicopter Training Crash in Kentucky

By: Makenna Sandt

Nine soldiers were killed when two Army Black Hawk helicopters crashed in a training exercise in Trigg County, Kentucky. All nine of these soldiers were based at Fort Campbell in the 101st Airborne Division. Brig. General, John Lubas said one helicopter was holding five members and the other was holding four, which was typical.

The soldiers were flying the planes using night vision goggles as part of their training. There were Kentucky State Police and military investigators at the scene at the time of the crash. The helicopters have something similar to the black boxes on passenger airplanes, which records the performance of the flight and can help investigators analyze the crash. Parameters were put up around the crash scene until further investigations are made.

The names of the soldiers are not yet released due to the privacy of the families. However, a pastor in North Carolina named Tim Gore identified one of the soldiers as his son. He said his son was a real life Captain America who loved serving his country in the army. He was soon to become a registered nurse to continue his career. His wife is also pregnant with his baby that is due in six months.

This is truly a tragic loss to all of the families involved in this accident. “We’re going to do what we always do. We’re going to wrap our arms around these families, and we’re going to be there with them, not just for the days, but the weeks and the months and the years to come,” Beshear said. Many condolences and prayers are going out to all involved.





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## Arkansas Man Rides Out Tornado in His Van

By: Patricia Santiago

A tornado struck Little Rock, Arkansas on March 31st, 2023. Aid was dispatched April 1st to recover the injured and deceased. Now, new footage of a man named Cody Coombes riding through the circle of this tornado has surfaced. Coombes was inside his pest control van when the winds began to pick up. Once he had successfully survived, Coombes recalled the moment as one of the “scariest” moments of his life.

On his dash cam and mobile device, Coombes was able to capture the storm passing right over his van and leaving the debris behind. Trees had fallen, and houses were severely damaged. Coombes claimed he was sure he was going to die. “Yeah, 100% I did think I was going to die. Once I saw the winds pick up the way they did, the first thing that made me bring out my phone was the clouds in front of me were actually picking up some debris. So I saw a little chunk of wood roofing being flung around in front of me. So, I knew at that point, it had to be nearby,” Coombes said in the video.

Fortunately, the tornado was directed at the back of the van, which was enclosed and secured with metal cabinets. The weight of the equipment had even prevented the van from flying with the rest of the debris. “But if I had been facing the other way it would have gone right through the windshield,” said Coombes.

## Major Storms in the Midwest

By: Darrian Cascioli

Recently, there have been really substantial tornadoes in the Midwest. The destruction of these tornadoes started on March 31, 2023, taking at least 32 people's lives. These major storms occurred in a number of states including Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee.

Most of the deaths were located in Tennessee. There were 13 people who died and many more injured. Nine of the people died in collapsed buildings. There were two children and one adult found dead from a tree falling on their house. In addition, there is damage done to the entire wooded areas and city areas. Not only are people dealing with damages, but the animals and environment are as well.

People are seeking shelter in bigger buildings after their homes have been destroyed. On Friday night in Illinois, a 50 year old woman was killed and 40 more people were injured. There was a theater with 260 people inside seeking shelter when the roof gave out and collapsed.

President Joe Biden has been trying to help the involved states. He is helping the states with federal resources. The states that he and his administration are helping are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Delaware. Also, the governor already declared a state of emergency on Friday, triggering access to state-wide assistance, including the National Guard.

People with small businesses are devastated. They are stuck without their source of income with nothing to do about it. Schools and houses are destroyed. Windows are shattered and roofs are torn off. The national guard and people in the community are gathering together to help clean and fix damages.

## False Shooting Threats in Pittsburgh

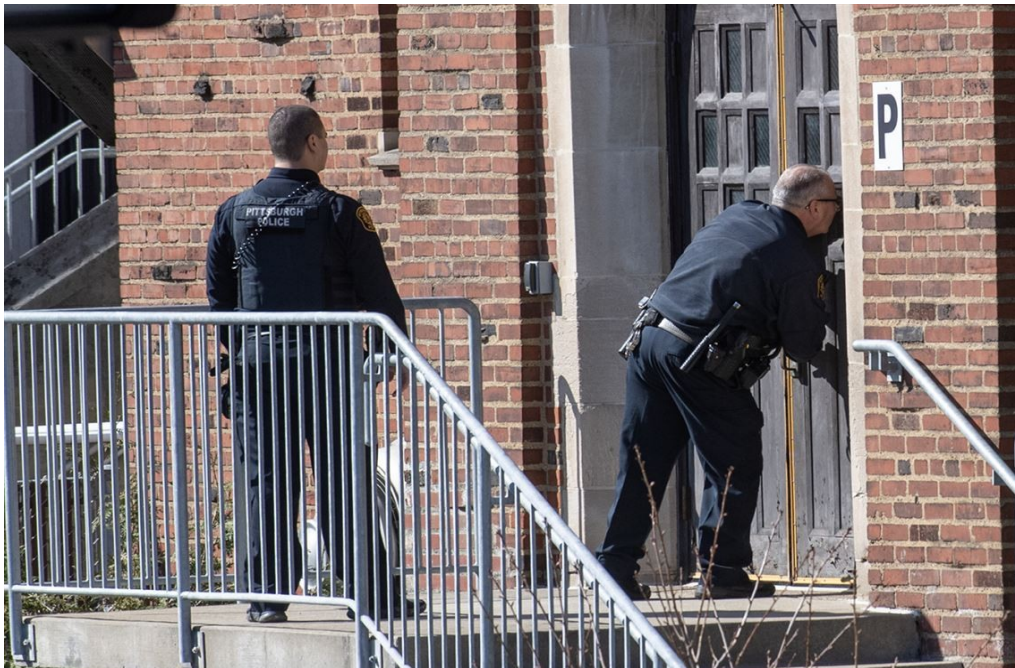
By: Lianah Thomas

Panic filled schools in the Pittsburgh area after a series of false phone calls regarding an active shooter on two of their school grounds. A spokesperson for Allegheny County stated that the 911-line had received two separate calls regarding an active shooter at Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic.

Authorities believed the reports were false due to similar targeted calls in numerous countries across western Pennsylvania. The police forces would still send heavily armed SWAT officers as reinforcements to ensure both schools were clear. Pittsburgh police chief Tom Strangrecki told reporters that the police treated the threats as a real incident, and the team was prepared to protect the students in the building.

The threat also spread to schools elsewhere in Pennsylvania, with numerous high schools in Eastern Pennsylvania, along with dozens of schools in Massachusetts. Pennsylvania State Police were investigating the series of phone calls made to 911 centers about schools in the area. This involved threats of an active shooter situation or a bomb threat." Authorities said they believed Wednesday's calls were "computer-generated."

Such false reports to law enforcement are often known as "swatting" and are meant to elicit a major police response. Many believe that the reason these false shooting threats occurred was because two days before, a shooter in Nashville opened fire and killed three children and three adults.



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## West Easton Fire

By: Shamel Gibson

On April 3rd, 2022 a fire burst in West Easton at 5 a.m. The fire was so big that New Jersey residents reported seeing ash falling around. There was thick, dark smoke surrounding the whole building, and it took the three different county-responding officers until 10:30 a.m. to put the fire out. They brought tanker trucks to haul in water from the Lehigh River.

No injuries were reported during the fire. The police believe the fire started from propane cans and expanded from there. The police and firefighters first-responders assured everyone that it was safe for people to go on with their normal lives. They were keeping track of the water and the air just to make sure everything was normal around the neighborhood. It was not a hazard to the communities around it.

Because of the fire, many houses did lose power around the area. It took many power lines and electric boxes with it. It lasted a day for some people even more. The Met-Ed workers tried their best to fix it fast and get it back to normal. 3,700 customers using Met-Ed lost power after the fire — 2,100 people in Easton, 1,000 in Wilson and 300 in West Easton. A lot of people were affected by the fire, but the responding firefighters did a great job of handling the situation by making sure that nobody was injured and put out the fire as fast as possible.

## STD Crisis in the Lehigh Valley

By: Ray Drepaol

The Lehigh Valley, an area in Pennsylvania, has one of the highest STD rates in the United States. The latest numbers from the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that the combined Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area ranks 79th in the nation. The Lehigh Valley has a history of ranking among the highest in STD rate, but Pennsylvania as a whole ranks 38th as a state in that category.

With the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases per resident puts the Lehigh Valley among the top 100 in the nation. Ranking in the top 100 is fairly high considering that Pennsylvania as a state only ranks as 38th. Though it isn't the highest ranking in the state the Lehigh Valley as a whole should look to bring that number down.

This also isn't the first time the Lehigh Valley had a high ranking amongst the highest in STD rate. Back in 2017 it stated that out 65 different counties in PA, the Lehigh Valley ranked #6 of counties that had the highest STD rate. They had big cases of Chlamydia and it said that 1,619 cases, 445.8 per 100,000 residents.



## LSU Women's Basketball

By: Chloe Shotko

LSU women's basketball went 34-2 in their 2022-2023 season and won the NCAA women's tournament. They were ranked fourth in their bracket with South Carolina ranked first who were also reigning champs. South Carolina was knocked out by Iowa and LSU knocked out Virginia Tech in the final four.

The Tigers were led by coach Kim Mulkey, which was her second year coaching at LSU. They faced Iowa in the championship and had tough competition against Caitlyn Clark, but ended up winning 102-85. Clark, known for her insane three point shots, got a technical in the third quarter for throwing the ball off the court after a foul was called on Iowa. Mulkey became the first coach in women's basketball to win national championships at two different schools. She coached at Baylor and won three championships there. LSU had 36 rebounds, 11 three pointers, and shot 54% from the field.

USA Today reported, "Alexis Morris scored 21, LaDazhia Williams had 20 points and Flau'jae Johnson chipped in 10." Angel Reese played forward for the Tigers and ended up scoring 15 points with 10 rebounds along with being in foul trouble early on in the game. She is in the top five for points and rebounds per game in Division I women's basketball. Reese has become quite popular after getting criticized after the game for trash talking Caitlyn Clark and the rest of the Iowa team, but is now being interviewed from all the attention.



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## MLB Opening Day 2023 Update

By: Chris Green

April, baseball fans' favorite time of the year. The MLB, Major League Baseball, hosted the 2023 opened on March 30, 2023. The lineups were Braves v. Nationals, Giants v. Yankees, Orioles v. Red Sox, Brewers v. Cubs, Tigers v. Rays, Phillies v. Rangers, Pirates v. Reds, Blue Jays v. Cardinals, Twins v. Royals, Mets v. Marlins, White Sox v. Astros, Rockies v. Padres, Angels v. Athletics, Diamondbacks v. Dodgers, and Guardians v. Mariners.

Some fans were upset that their teams did not come home with a victory; however, the Braves, Yankees, Orioles, Cubs, Rays, Rangers, Pirates, Blue Jays, Twins, Mets, White Sox, Rockies, Athletics, Dodgers took home the victory. Fans were watching from all over the United States as their teams celebrated the victories. Overall, opening day 2023 was a success! Check out more scores and updates on <https://www.mlb.com/scores/>.



## Things to do for Summer Vacation

By: Ahiella Borgen

There is something about summer that just brings the life out in us, isn't there? Well, those sun-filled, warm-breeze days are here with us yet again (thank goodness), and of course you will be looking for fun summer activities and things to do. When summer comes, and you and your friends want to make plans, think about the following activities to get you started.

Have a fun beach trip with friends and family! Everybody loves the beach. What's better than having a relaxing day on the beach and playing games on the boardwalk to kick off the summer!!

1. Plan a vacation with your friends and family – Nothing better than getting away from town and having your own adventure!
2. Grab your friends or family and enjoy a nice picnic at a park.
3. Go mini golfing and laser tagging at your local Two T's park!
4. You can grab your friends and go on a road trip – Some vacations are too expensive but road trips can be just as fun to explore without the drastic expenses and stress.
5. Take friends and go for a drive in theater – Bring snacks and popcorn and enjoy your favorite films!
6. Go to amusement parks – Some of my favorites are Dorney park, Hershey Park, and Six Flags !
7. Go visit legal abandoned locations
8. Visit family and friends – It's the perfect time to visit people you haven't seen in a while from being too busy with school, sports, and work.

