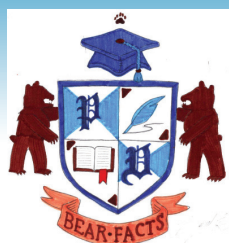


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DISTRICT

New Neighboring School in the Works

A decision has been made to start constructing a new school nearby our own. However, this sister school will begin construction in the near future.

By. Abbey Dominick

At the most recent board meeting, construction for Pleasant Valley's additional high school, Pleasant Valley East District, was approved. Packed hallways and classes of 30+ students has made the board realize that even after the coming renovations, the high school cannot support the capacity of the student body.

A building plan has taken place and is estimated to be finished in the summer 2027 making 2027-2028 the first official school year for Pleasant Valley East High School. Digging of the foundation will start as soon as the ground thaws. The current High School will now be known as Pleasant Valley West High School due to the start of construction. This new addition

will increase the district size and student body by 115%.

"This is a really exciting time. So many more students will be able to receive quality educations from Pleasant Valley that weren't able to before because of their geographical location" stated Brian Boylan, Principal of Pleasant Valley.

The new high school plans include a two story building equipped with a library, large cafeteria, two gyms, auditorium, and 125 classrooms. The school is estimated to cost around 86 million dollars. Pleasant Valley West also has a strong focus on the athletic facilities. The blueprints include plans for a swimming pool, wrestling room, football stadium with surrounding track, turf, soccer

field, softball field, baseball field, cross country trails, and lacrosse fields. The athletic facilities add an additional 23 million to the 86 million dollar sum making the final total an estimated 109 million dollars.

"The lack of athletic fields here at Pleasant Valley is definitely a challenge. The fields are also being shared with multiple sports and it's hard to get a time slot for practice," stated Joseph Smith, Pleasant Valley's boys lacrosse head coach.

This new addition will change many dynamics in not only our school, but the Mountain Division as a whole. Pleasant Valley West will be a part of the Mountain Division giving our sports teams at least two extra games a season and

even more competition.

"I think Pocono Mountain East will no longer be our biggest rivals after Pleasant Valley East opens," stated James Moore, a varsity football player for Pleasant Valley.



DISTRICT

Justin Timberlake to be in Attendance at Graduation

Many were shocked the find that the superstar Justin Timberlake has confirmed his attendance for the class of 2024 graduation.

By. Kyara Gomez

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to an end, the class of 2024 is ready to say their final goodbyes to the Pleasant Valley School District. The class of 2024's graduation ceremony is set to be June 1 starting at 7pm.

The annual graduation ceremony is set to start off with the congratulations to the outgoing senior class by administration and staff. Following the speeches and distribution of diplomas, students will be given a special free performance from pop star Justin Timberlake.

Justin Timberlake will make a guest appearance at graduation, performing multiple songs from his new album "Everything I Thought It Was."

Although Timberlake was set to perform in Austin, Texas for his "Forget Tomorrow World Tour," Timberlake's team has made an exception for the students of Pleasant Valley. Following the performance, Timberlake will have a

set speech to end off the graduation ceremony.

After hearing this news, students and staff have been ecstatic and can not wait to see this performance.

"I'm his biggest fan and I can not believe I will be seeing JT in the flesh!" said Olivia Smithjohn, graduating student of class of 2024.



latimes.com

Bear Cafe Cracks Down on New Rules

The Bear Cafe will be changed to expand upon the rules set into place for the remainder of the year.

By. Joe Winder

In late March the Pleasant Valley School District made the decision to move towards a new policy to improve the education of the students. This new policy will change the Bear Cafe into the PV Bear Phone Locker.

Every morning before 7:15 AM students will be required to drop off all their electronic devices (any phones, headphones, Apple Watches, any device not provided by the school) at the PV Bear Phone Locker. They will be allowed to pick up their device at the end of the school day at 2:15 PM.

We were able to get a quote from co principal of the school Brian Boylan and were told why the school decided to implement the new policy, "Education is the most important thing to us here at Pleasant Valley, the new improvement to our electronic device policies will help our students focus more in class and improve our testing scores drastically". The school

believes that this new policy will help students focus better in classes and overall look good for the district.

The new change to the Bear Cafe will also mean they will no longer serve snacks or drinks during the days, the tables will be removed and students will no longer eat lunch in the area.

The new policy will be implemented on April 31st and will be enforced by all staff in the school. Any students found breaking the policy will be issued a write up and will have their device confiscated until a parent or guardian comes to the school to retrieve it.

COMMENTARY

WORLD

Is JCM the New Teachers' Lounge?

There are many suspicions when it comes to the renovating of JCM. Many students have noticed skeptical things in JCM but no one knows for sure.

By: Sienna Pearce

In the bowels of Pleasant Valley High School, there is a vacant, closed off space. Students are aware that lower JCM had been closed off due to construction. However, this claim proved to be a ruse.

When students arrived back at school after the summer break, the classrooms in the lower JCM were noticeably bare and unused. In fact, the entire section was closed off. They were told JCM was closed for renovations and would be closed for some time. Yet, these claims seemed misleading.

"I feel like there's something fishy going on over there," stated Gunther Salsburghy, sophomore.

In fact, there have been rumors circulating. Many have

claimed to see teachers entering and exiting the lower JCM on multiple occasions in packs.

"I wonder what they're all doing in there" stated Jacob Black, senior.

Some began reporting they have heard the hum of music and tvs through the walls, as well as murmuring and hushed laughter. However, teachers have not come forward and addressed the accusations outright.

"I don't know what you're talking about, not a soul enters the JCM" stated Mr. Bennett, English teacher, with a slight smirk on his face.

Olivia Rodrigo Cancels World Tour

Olivia Rodrigo was having a good kick off for her World Tour until disaster hit. Many fans are upset as they were all very excited to see her live.

By: Lana Krause

In 2023, Olivia Rodrigo, a singer, song writer, and actor previously known for her work on Disney Channel's popular TV series High School Musical: The Musical the Series and Bizaardvark, has been traversing the globe on her Guts World Tour since February 24, 2024.

Her album "Guts" was released on September 8th, 2023, and she was initially planning on going on tour from February to August 2024. However, she ended the tour prematurely because she claimed in an interview with Stationary Pebble Magazine that, during a concert fans went wild, climbing onto the stage mid-performance.

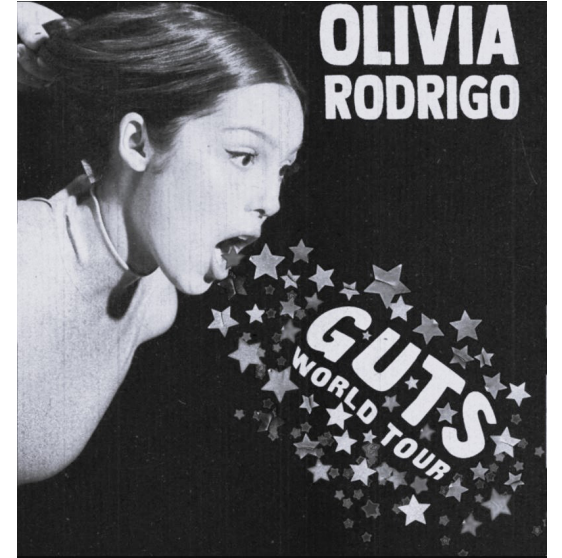
"This was a very hard decision to make, but yes, I have decided to cancel my tour because of the incident that happened in February. I am so sorry this situation got out of hand. Maybe in the future, I will decide to finish the tour, but as of now I will not be continuing it."

During the show in Houston, Texas on February 27, Rodrigo was performing the song "Jealousy, Jealousy" while fans went crazy and started jumping over the barricade and running up on stage.

"The concert was completely ruined for the sane fans, and now everyone is being punished by these actions," commented Olivia Smithjhon under Rodrigo's Instagram post sharing the news.

Rodrigo's music first became popular with her

song "Driver's License." Her popularity continued to grow with the release of her debut album "Sour" in 2021.



inmusicblog.com

DISTRICT

Chick-Fil-A is coming to Pleasant Valley

There are many new renovations happening in Pleasant Valley including the arrival of Chick-Fil-A in the cafeteria. Many students are excited for this opening as Chick-Fil-A is a favored place.

By: Katelyn Honadel

During the new renovation, Pleasant Valley High School plans on remodeling the cafeteria. Along with expanding the cafeteria space, the school plans on adding an area where students are able to purchase Chick-Fil-A with cash or Apple pay.

Chief School Meal Planner, Susanna Smith explains, "We wanted to give the students a variety of food for lunch. We decided on offering Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, nuggets, and fries for purchase during lunch."

As many students know, the Pleasant Valley lunch was changed at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. This change offered students a variety of different meal options each day and different types of sides. However Pleasant Valley High School felt there was more

they could do for their students.

Supervisor of the Principals, Thomas Miller states, "We are beyond proud of our students at the high school. We want to make their day as enjoyable and fun as possible. So why not bring one of many kids' favorite fast food places?"

Many staff and faculty members are aware of this exciting change, but only a handful of students have been informed so far.

Math teacher, Janis Buck explains, "I am very excited about Chick-Fil-A coming to our school because of how convenient it will be to get a fast food meal. I know students will be beyond thrilled when they hear about this addition to school. I hope it will give them something to look forward to in their day."

The Pleasant Valley administration understands they

must keep these meals affordable, but they cannot be losing money by offering this. They have decided to keep the prices the same as they would be at the Chick-Fil-A restaurant, and they will have three members of the cafeteria staff working this area.

When you arrive at the lunch room, you will place your order at the window labeled Chick-Fil-A. They will ask you for your student email, so that when your order is ready you will receive an email informing you to come pick it up. Isabella Wilson is one of the few students who is aware of this renovation.

Freshman, Isabella Wilson states, "I will be a senior when this happens and I feel like it will make my senior year so much better." Pleasant Valley is hoping for very positive feedback from the student class when they officially announce this exciting news.

In order for this renovation to begin, the JCM renovations must be completed first. The predicted time frame for this project is about 4 years, which means we can expect Chick-Fil-A to make an appearance in 2028. Students will soon have the ability to enjoy their favorite food right here in school!

PV Mascot Name Altered

The famous Pleasant Valley mascot has been officially been given a new name.

By: Katelyn Honadel

Have you ever wondered why our mascot doesn't have a name? Well, the Pleasant Valley High School administration and student body have decided to name the bear.

Assistant Principal, Grace Luka, states "We wanted to pick a name that fit the bear and was easy for the community to remember. We decided it was time to finally name our beloved mascot, so we worked hard to find the perfect name"

After many google form surveys and meetings, they came up with the perfect name for this bear. The students and staff decided on the name Barry the Bear. There were a variety of name options, but everyone overall agreed on Barry.

Alice Washington, Senior at Pleasant Valley High School, explains "I am so happy the bear finally has a name. Although I will be graduating, I think this was an amazing choice

the administration made. Many students of all ages love seeing the bear at football games and pep rallies, now they can finally call out his name."

The high school has decided to make Barry the Bear merchandise, consisting of: t-shirts, hoodies, and water bottles. Students, faculty, and members of the community will be able to find this online shop on the pvbears.org website.

Junior, Jason Smith, states "I will definitely be getting a Barry the Bear hoodie, so I can wear it to football games next year!"

There will be an assembly held at the end of the year where the bear mascot will be given a jersey with his new name, Barry the Bear. Students will also be able to take pictures with the bear and purchase merchandise.

This new name is an exciting addition to our school and we hope all of you are just as excited!



WORLD

Nicki Minaj and Megan Thee Stallion are Quitting Music

Nicki Minaj and Megan Thee Stallion are going head to head on Social Media. Both have been throwing insults at each other on many apps including Instagram and Twitter. At the end both decided to quit music for their mental health.

By: Chris Weber

Trinidadian rapper Nicki Minaj and American rapper Megan Thee Stallion go at it. Nicki Minaj and Megan Thee Stallion are in a social media war. In the past 24 hours, Nicki Minaj broke the internet with just one tweet saying, "The horse is trying to become me. Sit down, you're never gonna come close to my level".

Megan clapped back with, "Not this girl thinking I'm trying to be her. I'm a creator as well, and your level...girl you've been left in the dust. #SorryNotSorry".

Instead of Nicki Minaj keeping this war up on twitter, she takes it to another level. She created a song called Big Foot. Some of the lyrics in the song are jabs towards Megan. "They got you all them Grammys but your flow still a no" stating that even though Megan has won these awards doesn't mean she

is better than everyone else.

"Pink Friday 2 is Platinum," states Minaj, saying her album will be better in the end of all of this. Nicki went so low that she even called Megan out on lying about her mother's death. "Because she was lying on your dead momma On your dead momma". Megan's mother passed away in march, 2019 due to brain cancer. Megan posted that her mother dies in 2018 so she can start getting support money. She was caught lying in February due to someone seeing Megan's mother in person.

Megan creates a song called "Hiss," making harsh lyrics about Nicki. "Allegations from the opposition girl, just eating it up. These blogs get paid to lie" stating that Nicki was paid to talk and make songs about Megan Thee Stallion.

Later it was confirmed, Nicki made the tweets first, but then

young money music business came to Nicki and told her they would pay her 50K if she would make a song about Megan. Nicki accepted the offer. Megan later says in an interview. "She doesn't bother me, she gets cheated on every single day and she doesn't even notice she's just dumb."

After Megan makes that harsh comment about Nicki's husband she went silent, Nicki Minaj cancels her world tour, cancels all interviews, social media accounts on pause. After two months of being silent, Megan posts a tweet expressing her guilt. "Hey stallions, I want to say that everything that's going on is all nonsense. We both need to take actions of what we've done in life. I've realized the things I said are not right and have hurt many and I am sorry for that. I hope to come to an understanding."

Nicki later responds with a

tweet. "Thank you for the apology and I also apologize for my actions. We only live once we got to stick together. #SL4L."

Nicki in an interview states that she is doing her last tour and is done making music. This interview shocks the world. Megan Thee Stallion has also joined the interview later on stating that she is quitting making music and is moving on in life. They state together that they will be teaching at Whitney High School, Cerritos, California. Nicki and Megan both have a degree in singing and acting, Making Nicki Minaj a theatre teacher, and Megan Thee Stallion as a music teacher.

The two former rappers have stated that they are happy with their decisions and they love it. They say there is so much less stress. Nicki says "You don't have paparazzi chasing you, fans trying to find you, people finding your number. A lot of

stress off my back for sure". The teachers are now on a path for a fresh and non-stressful life.



Taylor Swift is Tying the Knot

Taylor Swift announces she is engaged to Travis Kelce. Many fans are infurttated by this news, not agreeing with Taylor Swifts decisions.

By: Areli Ramirez

If you haven't heard it by now in the halls or on the internet we'll tell you, Taylor Swift announces she has gotten engaged to Travis Kelce at the Grammys on February 4, 2024. Many people were not suspecting this announcement as her fan base believed she was going to announce "Reputation (Taylor's Version)" at the Grammys.

Many people from her fans are upset about the whole situation. Including how they think it's too soon, they were antici-

pating the Reputation album, and how Taylor Swift overall is an independent woman. Swift created a brand of herself as a strong independent woman. Guys always break her heart and aren't good to her, which leads her to write amazing songs.

By getting engaged, swifties believe that they will no longer get Swift's constant music of heartbreak. They wonder what type of genre her music will turn into after this wedding. There is still no possible date for the

wedding but fans are very distraught, many are upset and a small percentage are actually happy over this news.

"I always thought Taylor Swift wouldn't do something as thoughtless as this. She's getting married after only dating Travis for a few months. It's irresponsible," states Oliva Smithjohn, 12th grade student at Pleasant Valley High School.

Some people even believe that she's doing this to get divorced quickly and get more ideas and songs out of it for a new album.

"She's probably bored and has no ideas." stated Olivia Smithjohn. "I never thought my Taylor swift would do something as outrageous like this."



Actors Angered after Delays

Due to the SAG strike, upcoming movie release dates are being delayed

By: Faith Santa

In the past few months the media has been following the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) strike and it had seemed to end however, recent news has said otherwise.

During the SAG strike, actors were not able to film and not able to promote movies. The strike was thought to be over until continued issues such as pay and working conditions started again.

Actor Ryan Reynolds spoke about Deadpool 3 being delayed yet again. He was not happy about it.

"I have a discipline that has served me well in my career and personal life and it has gotten stronger as I got older. I've always felt that if I don't have a natural knack for it, I will just out-discipline the competition if I have to work harder than anybody else," Reynolds stated.

This will not only be the only film delayed. Euphoria season 3, Venom 3, Knuckles season 1, Bridgerton season 3, The Boys season 4, House of the Dragon

season 2, A Quiet Place: Day One, It Ends with Us, and Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes will also be delayed.

Giving these actors your support will help them reach their goal and will help us get our films back.



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As of today, Apple plans to release a touch screen flip phone in May.

Elon Musk and his girlfriend Grimes will be having another child due later this year named Tekne Maestro.



Los Angeles Times

Mrs. Below is taking a leave of absence after this year to go on tour with Justin Timberlake as part of his fan club.



Alexis Murphy



Sportskeeda

John Cena and The Rock are performing at this year's prom.



An up-and-coming company, Pear, is rivaling with their new Pear phone being released later this year.

Due to recurring issues with the student parking lot, students will now have assigned parking spots in order of last name.



Alexis Murphy

Pear Phones

DISTRICT

Pleasant Valley Makes a Splash with New Swimming Pool

The athletic department made an announcement of their new installment for their brand new swimming pool. This will also add new sports including water polo and solo synchronized swimming.



By: Tristan Lomax

The athletic department is set to unveil its new swimming pool during the 2024 - 2025 school year. The anticipated arrival of the new Aquatic Center is an exciting development for Pleasant Valley.

The center will be located in lower JCM and it's equipped with two Olympic-sized swimming pools and diving boards. Students can partake in swim classes twice a week and a swim team will also be added later in the year.

The addition of the Aquatic Center promises to provide more opportunities for student development and well-being, as well as another opportunity to gain physical education credits.

This long awaited enhancement will provide a space for physical activity but also a space for people to gather and have fun.

Junior, Haylie Thompson says, "I'm excited for the new pool. Pleasant Valley definitely needed this!"

The decision to incorporate aquatics into the curriculum stems from the administration's desire to provide more opportunities for student development and a sense of community for everyone.

Onias Makes his Debut on American Idol

Onias is a very beloved student at Pleasant Valley High School and we are very excited to see his television appearance.

By: Alexis Murphy

One of our most loved students is going to make their big television debut. Onias Richardson, senior, is going to appear on this season of the American Idol.

Richardson has been a very important figure in the school doing many things to bring up school spirit. He helps promote sports games, brings more attention to new things like PVTV, and even helps with pep rallies. He also comes up with ideas to get more people to come to sports games, as well as taking pictures of athletes.

Outside of school Richardson has had a semi-successful YouTube career which he has since taken a break from to focus on his photography business. But his talent and charm doesn't stop there. Onias also loves to sing and has been waiting for a chance to show off his skill.

Onias had submitted his application to be on American Idol and recently went to the city auditions. During this audition it was found out that he is moving on to the next round of the show.

If you want to support a fellow student then tune in Sunday nights to watch American Idol. You can find it on Hulu, YouTube, ABC, and Sling Tv.



Spiderman and Batman Fighting Crime Once Again

Many crimes having been happening close by to Pleasant Valley Highschool. Thankfully Spiderman and Batman have been spotted helping out our neighborhood and making it a safer place.

By: Kaylee Ocasio

In the small close-by towns in our area, there have been recent crimes giving attention to particular individuals. There has been some vandalism in the Weis parking lot, cars being stolen in the Liberty Mall Plaza, and pocket picking activity in big crowds.

With this weird activity, two individuals were caught helping other citizens being robbed, cars being hot-wired, and painting over any vandalism on buildings. Are these mysterious individuals causing harm or safety to Monroe county? More importantly, to our small town.

"I haven't seen any suspicious activity, but now that you told me some things. I did find my car door unlocked and the reason I knew it was unlocked is because I have a older car so for me to unlock my car I have to put the key into the car handle, and I saw that it was unlocked and I always make sure my car is locked," stated Angelica Robbins, Weis associate that works night shifts.

At the Liberty Mall Plaza, at least two cars were stolen when it was rush hour. Rush hour is during 12pm through 2pm when everyone is out for lunch. If you're going to the Liberty Mall Plaza, make sure you lock your car and set a security alarm.

Recent news from the Dunkin Donuts in Brodheadsville, there has been pocket picking inside the building when they get their big breakfast rushes.

"In the morning we are so busy. That is one of our biggest

rushes, so it is very hard to keep an eye on everyone in the lobby. We also don't have a big lobby, so it can get a little packed up in there, and then everyone is so close together I wouldn't be surprised if someone is pocket picking other people," stated Christine Gonzales, manager.

With vandalism, pocket picking, and cars going missing. Who's stopping this type of activity? Well there is an answer for everything. With nonstop research and monitoring, there is evidence showing two individuals saving the day, throughout the night. One of these individuals is wearing an all-black outfit with a mask on and some type of cape in the back. The other individual is also wearing a mask with some type of skin tight clothing material.

Are these individuals the protectors of our small town? Are these individuals the Batman that hides in the dark and waits for their targets, or the Spiderman that wants to keep their city safe?



DISTRICT

New Assistant Principal coming to P.V.

Mr. Mountain to be the new assistant Principal after his first year at Pleasant Valley.

By: Dakari Fleming

In recent months the administrative team has noticed an increase in issues around the school, so they decided to incorporate another assistant principal to help with paperwork and discipline referral. They decided to put in a job posting and offered Mr. Mountain the position to become an assistant principal along with a raise.

"When they offered me a raise and a promotion I took the offer," said Mountain "Earning

more money and not having to deal with children as often is a no brainer."

Earlier in the year the school posted job listings for assistant principals. After they posted the listings the principals checked to see if there was anyone in the building that fit the criteria. Mr. Mountain fit most of the requirements so they went to him and offered.



The Counsels Secret Dodgeball Team

The Pleasant Valley guidance counselors have been on a secret dodgeball team for the past 3 years. Now that they have disbanded they are letting the public know.

By: Julian Dempster

It has been recently brought to light that our own guidance counselors are a part of a secret dodgeball team. Coming straight out of the A hallway is "The Counsel." Consisting of Payton "Nobility" Storms, Brigid "Thorns" Rosendale, Erin "Lightning Rod" Steiner, and Kristen "Fear-sten" Stachina.

Throughout their three years, they battled against Nazareth, East Stroudsburg, Pocono Mountain West, and Bethlehem Catholic high schools.

They were even going to join the USA Dodgeball League, but they unfortunately lost their final game against Perkiomen Valley High School. The team was disbanded as they went back to their regular lives, but their team will always be remembered.

Ms. Stachina says their most memorable game was the one against Nazareth, their first game. They were initially losing hard with Ms. Steiner being the only one left in play but she tore the other team apart with her surprising turn of speed and power.

"She was merely a blur, almost dancing through the air," said Ms. Stachina, "a beautiful mix of flare and power."

They hid themselves to maintain their air of mystery. They went in, dominated the dodgeball scene, and disappeared like a phantom, vanishing before they were found out.

As Ms. Rosendale pointed

out, "This was all just for fun, but I do admit that I liked feeling that strong."



DISTRICT

Freshmen will make an appearance at Prom

After a long awaited decision the district has come to the conclusion that underclassmen will be allowed at prom. This decision will overall improve the unity of all the grade levels.

By: Duke Willhardt

After growing outcry from the freshmen regarding being barred from attending the senior prom, with much careful consideration, the Pleasant Valley Administration has decided to allow freshmen to attend the senior prom without being invited. This decision comes in an effort to raise more money to pay for the venue and other expenses not covered by the initial ticket sales.

This announcement comes as a surprise to many of the upperclassmen, many of whom are outraged as this is an important event usually reserved for the senior class. However, with the budget constraints, administrators had to decide whether to scale back the event to a smaller venue or find an alternative solution to funding. Admin went with the latter, deciding to prioritize student experience over tradition. Prom coordinator Mrs. Genovese stated,

"We believe that by including freshmen, we are fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie across grade levels. And who doesn't love a freshman at prom?"

However, seniors are feeling a bit slighted. One prominent senior, Olivia Smithjhon, shares her frustrations.

"It's supposed to be our moment not theirs."

The sentiment of seniors is that allowing freshmen to participate undermines the special event. However, underclassmen are excited to participate in this special event.



Bengals Star Joe Burrow to play Kevin McCallister in Home Alone Sequel

Joe Burrow adds a new twist to a Disney classic Home Alone by playing Kevin McCallister

By: Joseph Winder

March 2024, Disney announced a new sequel to beloved series Home Alone with a new twist and a new lead star.

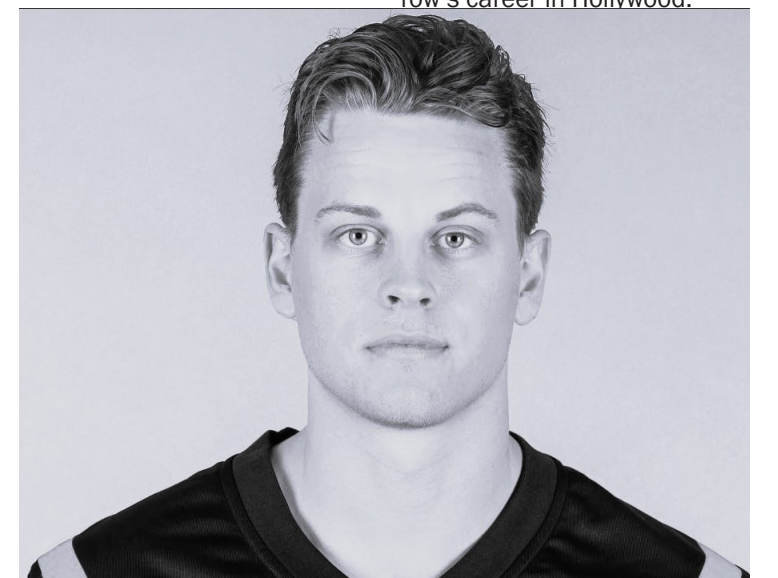
The new sequel will tie into the first two Home Alone movies, continuing Kevin McCallister's story, but this time showing him in his adult life.

Disney kept the secret of the main character and it led many online to believe that Disney was able to get Macaulay Culkin to reprise the role. But to the shock of many fans of the series and to football fans alike, football star Joe Burrow of the

Cincinnati Bengals will be playing adult Kevin McCallister in the upcoming film.

A quote from a Cincinnati Bengals Representative explained more, "Joe Burrow's role in Disney's upcoming Home Alone sequel will begin filming during the summer months, it will not affect his schedule and he will still be participating in the 2024/2025 football season".

Disney has also indicated that if the sequel does well, they could continue to cast Joe Burrow in this role, many believing this could kickstart Joe Burrow's career in Hollywood.



NEWS

The Basketball World Loses a Familiar Face

Stephen Curry shocks the world by announcing his upcoming retirement and transition into a new professional sport world. Those at home are watching and waiting to see him in action.

By: Dylan Heckman

Warriors All-Star Guard Stephen Curry has announced that he will be retiring at the end of this season. Curry states that he will be pursuing a professional career in a different sport, Golf.

When asked why he will be retiring so suddenly, Steph answered, "I am just tired of having to carry this team every single game. Klay Thompson is washed and Draymond Green thinks he is Jon Jones. Chris Paul is a senior citizen who can't stay healthy and Andrew Wiggins has the basketball IQ of a kindergartner. I need to get off this team before any more years are taken off my life. Golf is a much more relaxing sport and that is what I need right now."

This sudden announcement is a big surprise to the sports world because in the past, he has never hinted at retiring anytime soon. In fact, he has stated publicly that he believes he can play at a high level for years to come.

Curry is not only known

for his long shots on the basketball court but also on the greens. He has shown numerous times that he is a great golfer, even having a hole-in-one. This shot came in the annual American Century Championship, which is a Golf competition for celebrities. He went on to win this event as well. He even has a Golf show on ABC named Holey Moley.

Curry's Warriors have won four championships over the past decade including three against his rival LeBron James. Curry is the all-time leader in three pointers made and the best shooter in the history of the sport. He has accomplished pretty much everything that basketball has to offer. Curry said that he wants to move over to golf now because he still has a few years left in the tank in terms of athletic ability.

Jayson Tatum of the Boston Celtics expressed his opinion via Instagram. "The world of basketball will never be the same without Steph. I am grateful for being able to play against the best point guard of all time. However, I do feel

a sense of relief now that he is gone. I may actually be able to win a finals series now."

The basketball world will have to do its best to fill the void that will be created in Curry's absence. To this day he is the most popular player in the world. His shooting prowess changed the game exponentially and will never be the same.



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Caitlin Clark brings "Basketball Palooza" to District

Many opportunities have been offered to Caitlin. Not only is she having a great season but has scored a coaching job at Pleasant Valley High School for the Pleasant Valley girls' basketball team.

By: Sienna Pearce

After the departure of head coach Morris last season, the Pleasant Valley girls' basketball team was left with a gaping hole in its staff. As luck would have it, there was a certain someone willing to take the coveted spot.

"I can't believe our luck!" exclaimed Olivia Smithjhon, senior.

Iowa's very own Caitlin Clark is quickly making a name for herself as the face of women's college basketball. Many have been raving about the fact that Big3 offered Clark a \$5 million contract. Viewing numbers on ESPN for the Iowa vs. LSU game were up to 12.3 million, and many believe those numbers were due to Clark's influence. Based on all these factors, it came as a shock that Clark is vying for a coaching job here.

"Being coached by the best will definitely improve my basketball skills" stated Bella Swan, freshman.

Since Clark would need to coach here for the duration of the basketball season the next year, many worry that this would conflict with her ability to get drafted into the WNBA.

"It would be selfish to take

her away from that opportunity" stated Zade Meadows, junior.

However, Clark reassured the team's staff and students that this coaching job will not conflict with her ability to play professional basketball in the near future.

"I can have the best of both worlds" stated Clark.



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Solo Synchronized Swimming is coming to Pleasant Valley

After the new pool is installed there will be many new sports to try out for. For example solo synchronized swimming, with the new captain Connor Smith.

By: Kyara Gomez

A wide range of different sports are offered at Pleasant Valley High School. Another sport is being opened to the students of PV. As of now, solo synchronized swimming is now a competitive sport for any student athlete.

Solo synchronized swimming, known as solo artistic swimming, is a graceful sport where a swimmer performs a synchronized routine in the water by themselves. It involves a mix of swimming, dancing, and gymnastics to create a stunning performance. Swimmers are expected to perform intricate movements and flips while maintaining synchronization. It requires skill, strength, and flexibility.

Tryouts have opened again to create a new and improved team for the PV Bears.

Newly minted team captain, Connor Smith, has so far had an amazing season. Smith has a history of playing football for the Bears, but once Pleasant Valley introduced solo synchronized swimming he knew exactly what he had to do. Smith has left the football team and now devotes his time to swimming. Smith has been one of the most majestic swimmers



Pleasant Valley has ever seen. His stunning form has given him the overall wins at meets, making him the best swimmer in the Tri-state area. His best performance was the iconic doggy paddle and kick.

"Yeah it's a lot of fun man, it brings me joy to feel a splash of water and smell that tangy chlorine all over me!" stated Connor Smith, the overall best swimmer ever.

Baseball Teams Consolidate

Many fans outraged after hearing the news of the merging of the popular Mets and Yankees baseball teams.

By: Logan Czura

Hal Steinbreiner, the owner of the New York Yankees, had a press conference today with New York Mets owner Steve Cohen in front of the New York City media to announce that the New York Yankees and New York Mets will be combining their organizations together. They believe this will be the best decision for both New York franchises.

Being in the same city will bring in more money and more fans. The responses from both fan bases have been mixed.

"Hal Steinbreiner has lost his mind with this business decision. He is ruining New York Yankees Baseball," stated New York native and self proclaimed die hard Yankees fan, Furio Valiente.

Yankees fans don't like this because they feel like joining both franchises together will ruin what their team and what past teams have worked for.

Mets fans, however, are ecstatic about the news.

New York native and huge Mets fan, Paulie Jones said "New York Mets baseball will benefit from this because we are joining together with a more successful franchise that knows what it takes to win in Major League Baseball."

Both owners know about this and they both were asked at the press conference. They both replied that they understand where their fans are coming from, but they are still going through with this business decision.

Steve Cohen noted that he understands that the fans will be mad, but they will see that it's the best decision for the team.

"With Aaron Judge, Juan Soto, Pete Alonso, Francisco Lindor, and Alex Verdugo in the lineup, this team will be unstoppable! Not to mention Gerrit Cole, Marcus Stroman, and Nestor Cortes Jr. on the mound with Edwin Diaz coming out of the bullpen. This team can go down as one of the best in Major League Baseball history," stated Cohen.