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## A Look Through the Lens:

*Pictured left are the NHS Dapper Dan Award Winners. Austin Evans received the "Dr Raul Felipe High School Soccer award. Carly Rodeheaver received the "Miriam Sincell Esquire Soccer award". And Jenna Yommer received the "Times News Award"*

## In History: A Glimpse into the First World War

By Nathan Ashley

In the summer of 1914, an Austrian archduke was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist in Bosnia. An escalation of threats and movements of troops caused the outbreak of World War I. The nations of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire joined forces against the allied powers: France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, and Japan, who were later joined by the United States in 1917. The four years of war brought mass destruction and death because of trench warfare, modern canons, and the newest long-range, semi-automatic rifles. The war also brought about the invention of tanks, chemical weapons, bio-weapons, and automatic machine guns. The war not only caused tension and distrust throughout Europe, but also within Russia. The Russians were certainly on the team of the Allies, however, the constant defeats by the German front lines brought about national dislike and distrust of the imperial regime by the peasants. Vladimir Lenin and his militia groups called "Bolsheviks" started building a rebellion and overthrew the (continued on page 4)

## Science Now: Distant Star Discovered to Have Life's Most Important Elements

By Nathan Ashley

A University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) team recently discovered a white dwarf star about 200 light years away (1,176,000,000,000,000 miles) that contains life's building blocks: carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen, and oxygen, which are the basic building blocks of living cells and water. Scientists originally believed that the earth was dry and overheated with little possibility for habitation, and then was

supposedly struck by an object and the particles were transferred, causing the beginning of life. If one is a believer in evolution, this is an essential discovery. "The findings indicate that some of life's important preconditions are common in the universe," said Benjamin Zuckerman a co-author of the research and a UCLA professor of astronomy. Could this be the beginning of a new search for alien life? The star, known as WD1425+540, has been reported to have a small planet orbiting it with an irregular (somehow altered) orbit. Scientists believe it is (continued on page 2)

## In Sports: By Alanna Kinney

Three outstanding athletes at Northern Garrett High School were granted soccer awards this 2016 season for their skill and dedication. Austin Evans received "Dr. Raul Felipe High School Soccer Award for boys soccer offensive player of the year, Jenna Yommer received the "Times News Award" for the girls soccer defensive player of the year, and finally, Carly Rodeheaver received the "Miriam Sincell Esquire Soccer Award" for the girls soccer goalkeeper of the year for the second time in a row! I talked to Jenna and Carly to hear their thoughts on being selected for this big accomplishment. I asked them how they felt about receiving it and what their favorite (continued on page 4)

**Science Now:**

(continued from page 1) because of another, larger planet in that system (the Boötes system), which may be about the size of Earth. According to the UCLA team, these stars are believed to be common, they are just so far out that we haven't found many of them. White dwarf stars are old remnants of normal stars, the descendant of Goldilocks stars like our own. The intense density causes a stronger gravitational force to pull more life-building elements around it on the tiny particles from planet rings and "space dust." The research suggests that the objects that have been and have yet to be found in this system have similar properties to objects in our solar system's Kuiper belt. The Kuiper belt contains the majority of our rogue asteroids and dwarf planets like Pluto and Eris. They also believe that if earth happened to receive its water and biological chemicals from impacts with objects like these, then it is possible that other terrestrial planets could do the same. Again, might this be the key discovery to a successful attempt at finding alien life? We have found habitable planets before, covered in oceans of ice and atmospheres with oxygen concentrations not too different from our own. The single planet found so far in this system (though there is thought to be more) is far too

small (slightly smaller than Mars) to support humans without having us float off twenty feet into the air every time we would leave the ground. So, unless there are some incredibly dense life forms living on this planet, it is unlikely that much of anything lives there. Although, if there was to be another planet in the correct distance range from the star, it might be possible.

**Strange**  
**Happenings:**  
**Four Slices:**  
**Impossible?**

**By Bailey Brewer**

Local teen puts this assumption to the test. How big is your mouth? Many wonder how large their mouth is exactly, though few actually try to test their own limits. A local teen tested his own limits, though not exactly on his own free will. The night started off simple- an average Friday night filled with a group of teenagers in one of the teens' home - the creative and deranged teenage minds at work. Classically, these teens were all involved in an average game that we all know and loved (at least at one point in our lives), truth or dare. The alternative to the dare was



*Saylor Wampler, seen here eating pizza.*

jumping into the snow naked, so naturally the teens attempted to avoid this fate. While the classic dares, such as kissing a fellow teen, were involved, one member of this party decided to break this streak by asking the teen pictured above to stick four, whole pieces of pizza into his mouth. And amazingly enough, the teen was successful. An average night of truth or dare soon turned into an amazing discovery made by challenging the laws of physics. Witnesses to this discovery were stunned, especially when some of them were dared to do the same thing. Unfortunately, all that came of the other attempts was a loss of pizza, as none of them were able to fit more than merely three slices into their mouths. Perhaps the teen pictured above was special; perhaps it was just pure luck. Countless questions have stemmed from the simple picture above, questions that may not ever be answered.

**Life Hacks...**  
**Practically Un-**  
**Beeleivable**

**By Madison Dolchan**



Spring is right around the corner, warmer weather, blossoming life, and April showers. April showers do not just bring May flowers though, it brings puddles of water that turn into water soaked shoes. Spring then leads into summer, the season of swimming and other water type adventures. Personally being a fan of shoes made out of canvas materials such as Converse, Toms, and Keds, and many others, this is one of the most stressful times of the year. With this simple life hack, one no longer has to tip-toe around the pathway due to the fear of having wet feet and damaged shoes.

Beeswax, often found in items such as candles, Chap Stick and skin moisturizer, can be used as a healthy natural way to waterproof shoes! The best part is you only need three things.

- 1) Beeswax which can be purchased for about \$4.00
- 2) A Hair Dryer
- 3) Shoes



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## Entertainment

### Comics Gone Mad

By Olivia Bennett

The newest show on The CW is called Riverdale. Riverdale is a high school drama that is briefly based off of the Archie Comic books. The second episode of season one aired and the suspense is pulling me into loving the show. The show is based around a group of teenage kids that all go to Riverdale High School. In episode one of the series, a love triangle or even a love square has been developed. Betty, a shy blonde, has been friends with Archie since kindergarten and is searching for something more.

Veronica, the new girl in town is falling for Archie, but wants to become friends with Betty so she is backing off, and Archie is falling more for the Riverdale music teacher, Ms. Grundy. Betty and Veronica also share a kiss in the episode leaving viewers confused to if it was just for attention or could maybe lead to more. Also, established in the first episode is that Jason Blossom, the school's star football player's body was found in the bottom of Sweet Water River with a bullet hole through his forehead.

In the second episode that I had just watched and will review, the police are working on searching Jason's body for any evidence that could lead to who killed him. Betty finds out the Veronica and Archie shared a kiss and is disappointed and tries to stay away from them both. Archie is contemplating the idea of telling the police that he and Ms.Grundy were at Sweetwater River the day

Jason was shot, but Ms. Grundy talks him out of it because she is a teacher and he is a student, and she could get fired and he could get expelled. Cheryl, who is Jason's twin sister is the head cheerleader, and is mean to everyone especially Betty. I do not like the teacher/student relationship that Archie and Ms. Grundy have. "Tell me this isn't fake, your feelings" Archie says, "It's not fake Archie," Ms. Grundy replies. In the beginning of the episode when Veronica and Betty fight over Archie is typical and cliché. "Don't ever talk to me again Betty, if you think that will help," Veronica states. I do however enjoy the friendship between Veronica and Betty once they talk things out. "My mom always said, 'Sometimes having a true friend is better than having a boyfriend,'" Veronica says to comfort Betty. I also enjoyed seeing the weaker, more vulnerable side of Cheryl. "Jason, he's gone.

I feel so alone without him," she says while crying beside Veronica. Will Archie ever come clean about being at Sweetwater River the day Jason was shot? Who will Archie end up picking? Veronica, Betty, Ms. Grundy, or will he find a new love? Who shot Jason Blossom? You can find out when watching, Riverdale on The CW Thursday nights at 9pm.

### Life Hacks...

### Practically Un-Beeleivable

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All you have to do is to coat the beeswax over the canvas on the shoes. Once it is

coated, take the hair dryer and run the warm air over the wax. The whiteness of the wax will turn clear, leaving you with waterproof shoes and dry feet!

### Travel On:

### Cabana Bay Getaway

By Alanna Kinney



If you want a vacation filled with fun, relaxation, and a retro 50's theme, Cabana Bay Beach Resort in Orlando, Florida is the place for you. This Universal Studios resort consists of four five star hotels that are named the Americana, Continental, Thunderbird, and Starlight. Cabana Bay has two pools surrounded by a white sand beach, a waterslide, and even a lazy river. Inside, there is a Universal Studios theme gift shop, Starbucks, Galaxy Bowling, Jack LaLanne Fitness Center, Game-O-Rama, and the Bayliner Diner. Another perk to staying at this fantastic hotel is that you can get early admission into Universal's two theme parks. Along with this, there is a bus service that shuttles you to Citywalk for lots of fun things to do, cool things to see, and good food to eat. While visiting there in December, I got to enjoy all of the things they had to offer. I got to enter Universal Studios a whole hour early prior to regular park admission just by staying there! When lounging around , I enjoyed sitting on a sandy beach and then cooling off in a saltwater pool. An added bonus

is that it even plays music under water! At night, they had an inflatable screen that played movies you could watch by the pool. It also has a fire pit where you can sit around and enjoy quality time with your family. One evening, I got to go to the space themed bowling alley that included black lights and a whole bunch of neon colors, plus great pizza too. At the gift shop, they have a wide variety of things for minion lovers, superhero fanatics, and many other great Universal characters. Everyday until 2 am, the bus shuttles people to Citywalk where you can enjoy a day of shopping, sight seeing, and get great food; it is a must-go place for sure. The service and hospitality was extremely great and I know I will be visiting there again in the near future. I definitely recommend this resort to family and friends of all ages. So for a week or even weekend, if you want to escape to a perfect getaway, Cabana Bay is the place to stay!

### Products Made

### Perfect:

### Peel-Off Lip Stain

By Megan Smith

South Koreans have all types of unique beauty products that we are not aware of. For example, one is a peel-off lip stain! It promises to give lasting, smudge-proof color (almost like a temporary tattoo) - after you let it dry on your mouth for several minutes and then peel it off. I have two different shades of this lip stain, one called Cherry Red and the other called, Lovely (continued on page 4)

## In Sports

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memory of the season was. Jenna said, "I feel extremely honored and blessed to be able to receive this award and to be able to play the sport I love. My favorite memory from this season would be having a rainy practice and having one of my closest friends, Kyndal Rayner, slipping and wiping out in the middle of a drill." Carly stated " I feel very blessed and honored to receive this award again. I will cherish it forever. My favorite memory from soccer was when I stopped a PK (penalty kick) against Mountain Ridge at home. " Congratulations to all three!

## In History

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current government in 1917, (an event now called the "Russian Revolution") and halted the Russian participation in WWI. They came to peace with Germany and freed the German POWs, which allowed them to fight on the western front. This was also the birth of the USSR (United Soviet Socialist Republic). WWI was extremely difficult on Italy too. It originally declared itself a neutral nation when the war began, but shortly thereafter, it signed the Secret Treaty of London, declaring that it would join the Allies in the fight. The treaty promised Italy large tracts of land at the cost of Austria-Hungary, causing the greedy Italians to attack Austria-Hungary. They refused to attack Germany though, because of the

amount of troops that had already been lost in the initial attack. In the end, 615 thousand Italian troops had been injured or killed, and Italy finally pulled out of WWI. This caused them to be left out of the victory spoils by the League of Nations, and this event was later called the "Disrespect of Italy."

When the war began in 1914, America kept the idea of being isolated and neutral, even though it had made friendly relations with most of the nations involved. Later on, the nation watched as the horrors of trench warfare ensued in Europe. The government believed that they had made the correct decision, especially when they heard about the German unrestricted submarine warfare in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Because of a British blockade around the German coastline, it became difficult for America to trade with Germany after declaring its "fairness policy" (which allowed America to trade with or lend money to either side). This became President Woodrow Wilson's reason for entering the war; the interests of America were affected by the war. The main reason America decided to enter the war was to stop it, so she may continue her trade with all of its European friends. Wilson continued to fight for peace from the time he was elected until the actual end of the war. This quote by Wilson makes his ideas clear: "Peace had to be a peace of reconciliation, a peace without victory, for a victor's peace would leave a sting, a resentment, a bitter memory upon which terms of peace would rest, not permanently, but only as upon quicksand."

When the war had ended, the League of Nations (LN), a predecessor of the United Nations, was formed by Wilson. At its peak, the LN had 58 members by early 1935. However, in the beginning, America was ironically disallowed to join because of a decision by congress. In those days, the country was not able to join any society or sign any treaties without congressional approval, and though Wilson helped to found the LN, congress finally decided not to join.

## Advice:

I'm starting to really dislike what my friend has become... What do I do???

-Anonymous

By Phil Checkes

Take action. Don't just sit there and do nothing. Doing nothing can cause rifts in your friendship, and can ultimately lead to making things worse. Talk to your friend about the situation and let them know how you feel. Communication is key to a healthy friendship as it helps resolve a bunch of potential misunderstandings. After talking to your friend and if you notice that things have not gotten better, either for you or them, then maybe it's time to move on from that friend. It might seem hard, but it's probably for the best if nobody is benefiting from the friendship anymore.

Need some advice? Send an email to [nhsmorningshow@garrettcountryschools.org](mailto:nhsmorningshow@garrettcountryschools.org) and our newspaper staff will do our best to provide you with some

best to provide you with some answers. Remember to keep all questions school appropriate. Student contributors are allowed to remain anonymous, but you must request this in your email.

## Products Made

### Perfect:

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Peach. The Cherry Red lip stain is more bold once you peel it off. The Lovely Peach has a more natural color. The Lovely Peach is really easy to apply and dries very fast. Cherry Red, on the other hand, is very hard to put on and takes a very long time to dry. Both stains leave amazing results that last all day! The Red Cherry has a strong cherry scent, that seems to last even after you peel it off! The Lovely Peach has a light scent that you can hardly smell, unless you know what you're trying to smell. The products were purchased at the low cost of \$6.99 each. WHAT AN AMAZING DEAL!!! You can buy this product online or in Sephora stores everywhere! Bailey Brewer states, "It's so cool! The color is weird at first but once you peel it off, the color is super cute!" I like this product and so do many others. If you're interested, just search for them online and you will be sure to find some!



## Art Outlook

### The Real Superheroes

By Bailey Brewer

Feminism, the advocacy of women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes. This is a term which sparks controversy among the masses. Some believe that equality is still needed, some believe that equality is already here. Another topic that sparks controversy is women's representation in comic books. Some believe that women are not being persecuted in comics and have representation, some believe that what we have is not enough. No matter what side you stand on, the fact is that women's representation in comic books reflects feminism.

Back in 1967, Radical Women, the first feminist organization, was founded. Within a year, Carol Danvers was introduced to the comic book world. Carol Danvers might have begun as a wide-eyed girl after Captain Marvel, but she is now a poster woman for powerful women everywhere, even adopting the name of Captain Marvel.

Captain Marvel has now become a poster child for powerful women everywhere. Leaving behind her former title 'Ms. Marvel,' the connotation behind her name creates a capable and authoritative feeling in all those who hear it. Carol Danvers has become a symbol for all who read comic books, and thanks to Marvel Studios, young girls can now watch the new Captain Marvel movie coming out in 2018. Captain Marvel is a strong woman who is



a prime example of a person who has risen against the standards set by men for women everywhere. Captain Marvel is just one of the many examples of women now forming in Marvel, but why do people only focus on the basic superheroes, such as Captain America, Iron Man, or the Hulk? I mean, I love Captain America as much as the next girl (probably more) but at the same time, it would be nice to be able to pick and choose. The only woman superhero in Marvel Comics that people seem to think about is Black Widow, who is seen as a sex symbol in the Avengers movies. Women in movies and comics everywhere seem to only show up when their love interest is already featured. But why need a love interest at all? Marvel Comics has come a long way since the first time Carol Danvers was first pictured, however. New female superheroes, such as Kamala Khan (Ms. Marvel) have been popular within the past couple years, especially with the fact that she does not have a love interest. Kamala is just a young teenager who has broken away from the stereotype that young girls only strive for things to gain the attention of men around them.



Kamala Khan is a realistic interpretation of youth who provides an example of a young girl with a strong idol (the infamous Captain Marvel) who uses her power to fight for what is right in the world, without the help of a man beside her. Kamala also stands up for what she believes in, defending her heritage in the process (much like the very popular superhero, Captain America).

While it has taken 71 years to create a female character who even comes close to the iconic character of Captain America, comic books have still come a long way, but comic companies can do more. We shouldn't have to be happy that a female character has finally come up to par with a character created back in 1941, we should be ashamed. If feminism really was not needed, why would this simple fact be true? Female representation is still needed in the comic book world, just as it is now. While I am not going to go into the politics of why feminism is still needed, comics speak for themselves. Women are not background characters for the men at work; women are just as powerful and inspirational as men in comic books, and it's about time that this strong attitude starts translating into everyday life.

### Phil Reflects:

## What's the Point of Valentine's Day?

Editorial

By Phil Checkes

Everyone knows of the traditional yearly "day of romance" on

February 14, also known as Valentine's Day. Many people participate in this event by exchanging items, such as cards, candy, flowers, and gifts, with their "valentine", while a majority of the "single" people out there use this holiday as an excuse to either go out and find someone, or to sit at home alone, watching Netflix and sobbing. Valentine's Day goes back to the 5th century, but is there really a point to this holiday?

In my personal opinion, I don't see a point to this holiday at all. Prices skyrocket on gifts that you can give your significant other on any other day, expectations are way too high for certain situations to lead one way or the other, and there isn't much of an actual history behind the holiday at all. You can just as easily have a special night out with your significant other on your anniversary or another holiday, or just an average day of the week with no change in the meaning of it all whatsoever.

However, I can see where others might disagree in this. Valentine's Day gives off that "special approach" necessary in order to make a memory that can ultimately lead up to one of the best nights of your life. There's nothing wrong with having a day dedicated to the love of your life while making the best of it, and your date will probably agree with you. Overall, Valentine's Day is here to stay, and while I may not see the full reason for this day, it certainly has its own good meaning to it. And to those of you who want to go all out and get those rose petals ready, I wish you good luck.

## **Social Commentary:** **Why We Still Need Feminism**

By Megan Smith

There are some people who believe that feminism is a thing of the past - that we don't need it anymore because the patriarchal system no longer exists. After all, we can vote, right? That's true. In fact, in all demographics, females vote more than men do. Yet, according to the Essential Feminist Reader, women still hold less than 20 percent of seats in Congress, even though they make up more than half the population. Some believe the patriarchal system doesn't exist because we have equal employment opportunities, but if this were really the case, would there still be a 23 percent pay gap?

It is great so many women today feel like they have equal opportunities as men. If it wasn't for past feminist movements, who knows where we would be today. But we still need feminism, and will continue to need it, until every other woman in the world feels this way as well.

We still need feminism because when people get married it is assumed the woman will take the man's last name. Because when women are assaulted, they are often the ones who feel ashamed.

Instead of teaching people to not view women as objects, we still continue to teach women how to prevent rape. Women are told that walking alone at night makes them "an easy target." We still need feminism because our bodies are still being legislated, McDonald's still asks us if we want a girl or

boy toy, or we use degrading terms that refer to women to imply weakness. We need feminism because infanticides, the act of killing children within a year of birth, can be attributed to millions of fewer females than males in Middle Eastern countries, and because in Afghanistan women going to college can be considered justifiable grounds for disfiguring.

Being a feminist does not mean you think women can't speak for themselves, it means you realize that, even though some may be lucky enough to, there's still many who can't. We still need feminism in a society like ours today, especially with Donald Trump as our new elected 2017 president, who stated he does not think women deserve equal pay as men, which you can read about. We need feminism because we deserve equal pay. We all deserve to be treated as equals.

### **Student Spotlight:**

#### **Moriah Fornof**

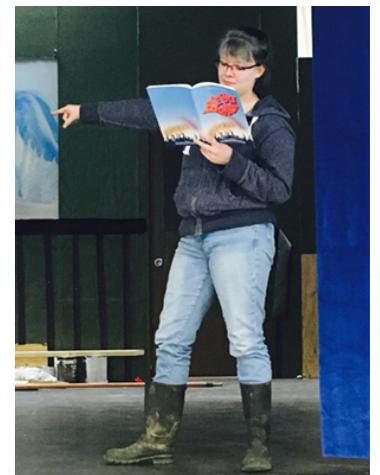
By Madison Dolchan

Moriah, a junior in High School, has been the stage manager at Northern Garrett High School for the past two years. She has recently added Assistant Director to her job description, as she helps to direct the spring production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Upon the chance to sit down and chat with Moriah, she was able to give me further insight into her duties and passions. She explained that her favorite thing about being the stage manager was having the ability to help anyone with anything that they may need, "It's a very versatile job". Moriah is very passionate about her hobbies and she has been majorly influenced

throughout her life to pursue these passions. "Mrs. Virts has of course influenced me the most, when it comes to the film industry. She has taken me under her wings and pushed me in the right direction." She also stated that she was influenced by Ms. Roller and Alex Miller. Later on in the interview she stated that video introduction projects created in her Theatre class are one of the things that really made her realize that she wanted to break into the film industry, "...just getting the gears going in my head to come up with creative ideas is one of the best bits." On her next project of *Bye Bye Birdie*, Moriah is excited to have a say in how the show will come to be, which is one of her favorite parts of being an Assistant Director. Moriah went on to explain how this job had given her a greater sense of self-discipline and responsibility. *Bye Bye Birdie* is not Moriah's first rodeo; she was also the Assistant Director of Northern's production of *Murders in the Heir*, which was one of her biggest challenges show wise therefor her favorite show. With all of the jobs that Assistant Director is responsible for it's a wonder that anything gets done efficiently especially when working with fellow friends and classmates. "Turning on the mean face to get stuff done", was her response when asked what the hardest part of her job was. This amazing experience pushes her towards her goal, as she aims to go into the film industry. No doubt Moriah Fornof will make it far in her very bright future.



*Moriah Fornof, pictured above and below, says that her end goal is to either be a director or 'general boss'.*





*With our winter sports coming to an end, players compete in their soon to be last games. Tournament games for basketball will start next week.*

*[Top left]- Sintija Anderson*

*[left]- James Spear*

*[Top right]- Faith Parandhamaia*

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