

# Eagle's Nest



Valley Middle School

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According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, reporters, correspondents, and broadcast news analysts inform the public about news and events happening internationally, nationally, and locally. They report for newspapers, magazines, websites, television, and radio. A Bachelor's Degree in Journalism or Communication along with some work experience is a necessity, and the median annual wages ranges from \$39,370 to \$62,901, depending on job title.



Our school newspaper reporters and correspondents inform the student population about news and events occurring at



school as well as other topics of interest for teens. Club members meet to discuss, research, and write quarterly school newspapers. Mrs. Boyle's web page contains copies of this year's editions.

If you are inquisitive and persistent and you like to converse with peers and write, consider joining the Newspaper Club next fall. Our Club is made up of enthusiastic writers:

*"Newspaper was an enjoyable experience, writing articles and being with friends."* -Brandon

*"Newspaper is a fun Club to be involved in; I had so much fun."* -Nekeya

*"Being with friends, eating Tastykakes, and writing articles every Tuesday was definitely worth it."* -Ryan

Club members pictured are: Nekeya DeAngelo, Eden Johnson, Zach Wyche, Ian Kramer, Aiden Bacon, Brandon Gaizick, Nathan Markle, Ryan Coghill, and Koen Gaydos. Other contributing reporters include: Molly Znachko, Grant Russo, Alex Barrett, Jude Andrae, Gia Casale,



## Reflections by Ian Kramer

As I face my last meeting with the Middle School Newspaper Club I reflect back on the past two years. I never realized how fun the Newspaper Club would be until I joined. I was surrounded by kind and funny people who always made every meeting enjoyable. Even as some of those people left and went to High School, I still find myself enjoying every Tuesday meeting. Being a correspondent was a fun experience as I had a lot of responsibilities, but a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day. I would like to thank Mrs. Boyle (and Mr. Boyle for providing Tasty Cakes) and Valley Middle School for having the club, as the past two years have been great.

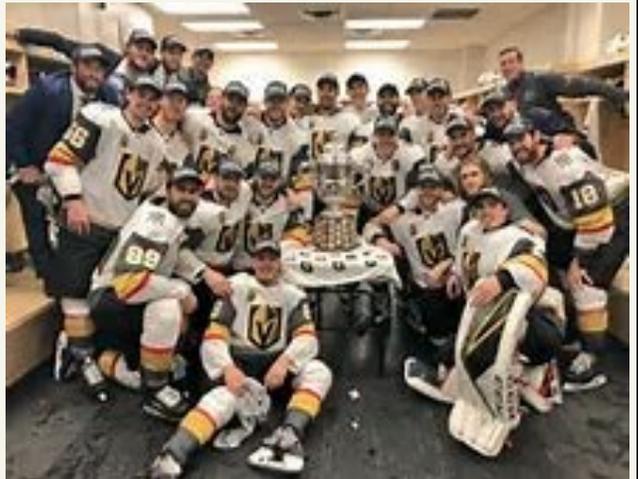
## NHL Playoffs First Round by Ian Kramer



The first round of the NHL Playoffs is coming to a close, but the action is just beginning. Before we move to the second round, a recap of the first round is in order. Firstly, in the Western Conference, the Winnipeg Jets defeated the Minnesota Wild by a series score of 4 games to 1. Next, the Nashville Predators ousted the Colorado Avalanche in 6 games. Also, the Vegas Golden Knights shockingly swept the Los Angeles Kings, as did the San Jose Sharks, who swept the Anaheim Ducks. Meanwhile, in the East, the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the New Jersey Devils 4 games to 1. Also, the Washington Capitals defeated the Columbus Blue Jackets in 6 games. Next, the Pittsburgh Penguins bested the Philadelphia Flyers in the “Battle of Pennsylvania.” Finally, the Boston Bruins and the Toronto Maple Leafs are tied at 3 games apiece with the series deciding game 7 on Wednesday, April 24. This far. The playoffs have been exciting, but there is much more action to come.

## Vegas Golden Knights Punch Ticket to the Stanley Cup Finals by Ian Kramer

The Vegas Knights started the season with 500-1 odds to win the Stanley Cup. Now, though, their Cinderella season has brought them to the Stanley Cup Finals. Their road here was not easy, but they overcame the doubts about them and excelled with flying colors. Firstly, they finished the regular season with a record of 51-24-7, good enough for the 3<sup>rd</sup> best record in the Western Conference. From there, they faced the Los Angeles Kings in their first ever playoff series. They dominated the series and swept the Kings 4-0. 1 down, 3 to go. Next up, they faced the San Jose Sharks. The Sharks gave the Knights their best fight so far but fell 4-2 to the Knights. Now, only the Winnipeg Jets stood between the Knights and a chance at the Stanley Cup. Vegas’s goalie, Marc- Andre Fleury was the deciding factor in most of the games in this series, with



his cat like reflexes and acrobatic saves. The Knights handled the pressure and won the series 4 games to 1. The “Golden Misfits”, as they are known have only one team to beat, to win the Stanley Cup. But, they don’t know who that team will be as the Eastern Conference Final are going to a game 7. They will face either the Tampa Bay Lightning or the Washington Capitals. If they play the Capitals, Vegas will have the home ice advantage. Irregardless, most of the hockey world is rooting for the Golden Knights to win the



## An Overview of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century by Brandon Gaizick

The 18<sup>th</sup> century was the beginning of the modern world today, and sparked some revolutions such as the American Revolution and the French Revolution. Other changes included The Seven Years War and the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth became an independent state. The 18<sup>th</sup> century was, in my opinion, the most important time period in history.

Great Britain is a great example of an empire that lost and gained a lot from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The first thing they lost was the American colonies, but that didn't stop them from seizing India and the spice trade. Probably the best event that happened to Great Britain was the Industrial Revolution that started in the 1770s. It started the production of the improved Steam Engine. Even with the poorly planned engine, steamed-powered machinery would change the way people would live forever. Transportation, water systems, manufacturing blew up with the new machinery. The Seven Years War was a war between Great Britain and France which lasted for 7 years. The British won The Seven Years War in 1763 and then owned most of French territory which positively impacted the fur and sugar trades. Great Britain was a successful empire in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but the 20<sup>th</sup> century led to its downfall.

Another accomplishment of the 18<sup>th</sup> century was The French Revolution in 1789. The cause of this revolution was due to The Seven Years War and The American Revolution. France was deeply in debt, so the government tried to put a heavy tax on the people of France. Soon after the tax revolution erupted, people rioted and murdered cops and other officials. After years of protesting, in January of 1793 Louis XVI was executed. The start of the French Empire had begun and the person in charge was Napoleon Bonaparte whose dictator-like rule influenced people to fight for their country.

In conclusion the 18<sup>th</sup> century was an important period in history for every country. Because of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, we now have United States of America and steam technology. All around, the 18<sup>th</sup> century was the start of the modern world.

## WWI Story by Ryan Coghill

You are a sailor on an Australian dreadnought. You are about to storm the beaches of Gallipoli. Your goal is to capture the beaches and land from the Turkish troops to gain control of the sea route. You are fighting with British, French, and New Zealand troops. You walk out on the deck and feel the salty spray of the ocean. This is why you joined the Navy. Loud artillery guns fire from multiple ships including yours. They are directed at the land to clear Turkish troops and flack guns. With an ear-piercing whistle, the troops aboard the dreadnought rush to land to fight. Your friend calls you down to the boiler room to fix a problem. When you arrive, you start looking at the engine. You quickly find the problem but it is serious and you found it just in time. Just then, a projectile from a flak gun hits the side of your ship and the boiler room explodes. Shrapnel hits your friend and you check his pulse but it is already gone. The engine explodes and the world goes black. As it does this you wonder if you will ever wake up again.

This war was nicknamed "The War to End All Wars." This war ended nothing, and millions died. People fought hopeless battles and even more hopeless odds. This war sparked the next World War.



## WWII Aircraft Ryan Coghill



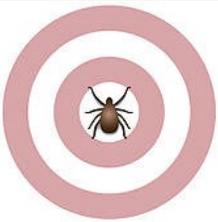
The engine of your Curtiss P-40 fighter plane is purring like a kitten, a sweet sound to the ears. You are about to take off for a mission that will be behind enemy lines. Your assignment is to escort a fleet of bombers. Your target is a German battalion defending your troops from advancing on the beaches of Normandy. Once you take off, you will fly over the beaches defending the bombers while they sweep the beaches before the troops start to advance. When you are over the beaches, German aircraft start shooting at you. You break formation to pursue and get hit by a hailstorm of bullets, and your engine starts to smoke. The engine explodes, and you jump out of your aircraft. You pray you could find cover and avoid the bombs and the fighting, but you can only hope.

The P-40 is only one of the aircrafts to participate in WWII. Other famous ones include the P-51 Mustang and the B-17 Flying Fortress. These planes were shot down, declared air superiority, fought intense battles, and changed the tide of the war for better or for worse. During World War two, there were major advancements in aircrafts. The planes were more powerful, faster, and generally better than older aircraft. At the beginning of the war, pilots were flying biplanes and at the end were flying jets. The advancement was amazing. In most battles, there were many aircrafts. Any type of superiority could change the course of the war, whether it be land, sea, or air. Air superiority changed the war and everything about it. There were 619 different types of planes that participated in the war and everyone just as important as the next.

## Lyme Disease by Eden Johnson

What is Lyme's Disease? Lyme's Disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It's transferred into the human's body through the bite of a Black Legged Tick. Symptoms include headache, fever, fatigue, and a rash on the skin called erythema migrans. Only 2% of Black Legged Ticks carry Lyme's Disease.

How can you prevent Lyme's Disease? You can prevent this disease by eating garlic, using insect repellent, and many other ways that are yet to be found.



What do you do if you have a tick on you? If you have a tick on you, you can get help to remove it or you could use a pair of tweezers. If you use tweezers, make sure that you pull straight up and don't pull to the side. Pulling to the side could lead to only pulling off the back part of the tick, leaving the head of the tick still in your skin. If this happens to you make sure that you contact a doctor.

In the United States, only 2 in 10 people end up having Lyme's Disease. Which is good news to us. There are over 100 different types of Lyme's Disease in the US, there are 300 types worldwide! Lyme's Disease contracted each year in the USA is 400,000 and still counting. Lyme's Disease is found in approximately 80 countries worldwide.

Do ticks have a main role in the ecological system? The answer is yes! They are an essential food source to many animals like birds, lizards, and snakes. Just as the owl keeps the population of mice and shrews in check, ticks play a role in maintaining a balance within the ecosystem.

In the end, Lyme's disease may be bad, but ticks still play a good role in our ecosystem. They are just doing what they have been doing for millions of years!

## JFK Facts by Molly Znachko

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was our 35th President.. At 43, he was the youngest and the first Roman Catholic President. Read the following facts to learn more about JFK.



- John F. Kennedy's application to Harvard was only five sentences long.
- During his presidency, JFK donated his entire salary to charity.
- To this day, he is the only Roman Catholic President of the United States.
- Hours before he signed the embargo on Cuba, he bought 1,200 Cuban cigars.
- The US government paid the Zapruder family \$16 billion for the JFK assassination film in 1999.
- In 1962, he secretly installed an audio recording system in the White House.
- If JFK had lived longer, he would have inherited an estimated \$1 billion fortune from his father.
- About 62% of Americans believe that the JFK was assassinated in some sort of conspiracy that the government covered up.
- Before President Kennedy's assassination, it was not a federal offense to kill the United States President or Vice President.
- All three US television networks stopped their regular broadcasting to cover President Kennedy's assassination for four straight days. This would be the longest uninterrupted news event in America until 9/11.
- The shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, JFK's suspected assassin, by Jack Ruby was the first human killing shown on live television.
- In his life, JFK had four spinal surgeries, two of them nearly killing him.
- JFK has received last rites four times in his life: once in 1947 after becoming extremely sick while in England, again in 1951 after developing a high fever in Japan, a third time following back surgery in 1954 when he developed an infection and slipped into a coma, and a final time in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.
- After President Kennedy's autopsy, his brain was removed and stored in the National Archives. The brain was then either stolen or lost and remains missing still today.
- The Eternal Flame at JFK's grave in Arlington National Cemetery has gone out twice since being lit in 1963.

## Top 5 Stephen King Books by Nathan Houser

Stephen King has written dozens of classic novels such as Misery, The Shining, and It. But today I'm counting down the best of King's novels, so here are top 5 of his best novels.



#5 Cujo—This killer k-9 stoked fear in readers' hearts. This novel plays on a big fear of people,—dogs. King got his inspiration from a friend's nasty Saint Bernard. The novel even had a movie adaptation in the 90's. Many will retain this terrifying devil dog in their nightmares.

#4 Misery—This story takes on a fear that many authors have, being stuck in an isolated cabin with a crazy fan. In Misery a renowned author gets in a car crash, and a fan of his work shelters him. As he finishes up the book he was working on, Mary, the fan of his work, finds out he kills off her favorite character. Things turn for the worst as Mary becomes more deranged. I don't want to spoil the rest of the book, so you have to read it yourself.

#3 Carrie—What do you get when you mix a bullied teen girl and deadly telepathic power? Disaster! Carrie is a chilling tale about coming of age and an awakening of deadly powers. The main character is Carrie White, a girl who is constantly being harassed by her peers. She feels hopeless until she discovers her incredible telepathic powers. Eventually, she murders half of the student body as a result of a prank. Carrie is a terrifying tale.

#2 The Shining—The Shining is seen by many people as the best Stephen King novel ever. The Shining is an amazing novel filled with twists and turns. The novel is about a haunted hotel terrorizing a family held together by threads. In this novel, this family is torn to shreds as the ghost terrorizes them. I won't spoil the rest, so you have to read it yourself.

And the best Stephen King Novel of all time is.....

#1 IT—This novel is stated to be the best novel written by King. IT is a timeless novel about the children of Derry, Maine being terrorized by the entity known as "Pennywise, the Dancing Clown" who has the ability to take the form of your greatest fear. The children of Maine must keep their friendship strong in order to keep the evil at bay. I highly recommend this novel to anyone who is craving a scare.

## Frappichino Anyone? By Koen Gaydos

Cold brew infused with white chocolate mocha and dark caramel, topped with whipped cream drizzled with dark mocha sauce, is your mouth watering? In the coming months a new Starbucks is being built next to Damons in Sugarloaf Township. This may be beneficial to some, but to others it might be a waste of money. For example, the high prices may prohibit some people from purchasing food there, and that would greatly hurt the store. Previously, Panera Bread moved close by, and on some days they haven't been getting much business. One reason may be because their prices for sandwiches are very high. There has been a Starbucks in Wilkes-Barre for a long time, and from going there many times, I know that the prices for coffee and pastries are very high. Due to the fact that Panera Bread isn't doing too well here, I doubt Starbucks will either.



## QUOTEV by Nekeya Deangelo

Do you like quizzes? If you do, I have the best website for you. It's called Quotev.com. This quiz site is the best one to go to for fun quizzes about everything! Quotev doesn't just have quizzes, they have fanfiction, fiction, tests, and of course quizzes. The person that created this website was a genius because I can't stop going on it and taking quizzes. When on the site you can create a quiz or test yourself, but you need to create an account first. They have different categories to choose from such as new, personality, just for fun, video games, movies, TV, scary, love& friendship, humor, music, etc. The website is for all ages, but some of the quizzes and fanfiction may not be. I really love this website and I really think you should check it out. Don't worry, it doesn't cost any money to take the quizzes and make an account it's all free, which is one of the best things about this website. So please go check out the website Quotev.com. I'm sure you are going to love it!



## Stardew Valley Review by Nathan Markle



Stardew Valley is a video game developed by one man who goes by the online alias of ConcernedApe. It is available on Xbox One, PC, PlayStation 4, and the Nintendo Switch. The game is usually classified as an RPG, or role-playing game.

To begin, the game starts with an intro cut scene of your grandfather giving you a letter. He tells you to open it when the burdens of modern life are just too much. It then fast forwards you 20 years later working in an office, where you open the letter and it gives you the deed to a property in Stardew Valley. You move into his old, ruined property and are greeted by some locals. This is where the game begins, and the fun starts. The first day you wake up you can do anything. However, there are some quests to point you in the right direction. For example, you may want to meet everyone in town and start farming. I will try not to spoil anything about the story or unique events, but I will give you the rundown on gameplay.

The main point of the game is to make money and upgrade your plot of land to add more things like coops and barns. You plant many different crops, depending on the season. The people of the valley all have unique personalities. You can even marry and have friendships with different villagers. Fishing is a fun pastime to make money, and a good way to break up the monotony. Mining is a fun and necessary thing to do if you want to progress.

Overall, this game is a game that you say, "I'm just going to play for an hour," and then you play for four hours. It can be very addicting, and I'd give it an 8 out of 10.



## Yanny or Laurel? By Nekeya Deangelo

**People have been arguing over what they hear these days on a YouTube video. Some say they hear yanny while others say laurel. In scientific terms, if you hear yanny your hearing is supposedly flawless, but if you hear laurel, your hearing is bad. This is based off of the different frequencies at which the words are being said.**

**I hear yanny which contains high-pitched frequencies, but when I tell others they go against me and say they hear laurel which include the lower pitch frequencies. The frequency levels can be manipulated on the site. I got in a battle last night with my brother about this and he hears laurel. I only think he hears laurel because of his bad hearing. Go to the site, do you hear yanny or laurel?**

## Fishing Facts by Aiden Bacon



About 44 million individuals six years or older fish every year. It is estimated about 33.1 million people 16 years or older spend about 17 days during the year fishing. It is fun because you can get a meal out of it, and you get to spend time in nature and sometimes with your family too. It can sometimes be a battle between the fish and you; for example, if you catch a fish in the sea, it can be a tuna, and they are very hard to reel in to the boat. I myself go fishing, and it is a lot of fun. It is an exciting experience because you are learning about types of fish. For deep sea fishing you need a specific type of pole like a Penn power stick plus 6-6 medium heavy action rod. For lake and stream fishing you need just need a regular pole. Happy fishing!

## New Videogames of 2018-2017 by Alex Barrett

Most people who have played videogames heard of First Person Shooter, Third Person Shooter, and Role Playing Games. Battle Royale games are becoming extremely popular in the past few months. Battle Royale games are on PC, console, and mobile. Recently there have been many different Battle Royale games. The most popular Battle Royale games include Fortnite, PUBG, and h1z1. Fortnite is an animated game that is not that realistic. On the other hand, PUBG and h1z1 are realistic because of the weapons and the setting. These games have blown up and have had the most players of any videogame in the past year. Fortnite is the most popular Battle Royale game because it's free and has weekly updates to keep you interested, that's why, in my opinion, Fortnite Battle Royale is the best Battle Royale videogame.





## Track and Field by Grant Russo

While many people think the sport of track and field is simply about running, jumping, and throwing, it provides so much more for you that possibly no other sport can. This incredible sport can get you friendships, in shape for other sports, ready for adversity, and a whole lot of fun. First

off, in track and field, the best runners, throwers, and jumpers will get to compete the most, but there are no cuts so everybody makes it. There are a total of 18 events and it is improbable that none of them suit someone. This sport is not about beating others, it's about beating yourself. Maybe you can come in last in a great race but beat your personal record; it's a victory. This sport allows you to meet people from other areas and even teammates you never really got to know.

Track, like any sport, requires hard work. Even if you're not into sport, preparing for other sports is always an option. If you put in the work, you are guaranteed to end up in tip top shape.



Another key sport of track is the adversity faced. You may be the fastest in your class, grade, school, or even team but then meet someone who is better. At first it may be hard to cope with that but it will make you want to work that much harder. There will be times in life when this happens and track helps prepare you. Again, it's not always about how good you are in comparison to others, but improving yourself. The environment

of track is plain fun too. You all go through the work as a team which bonds you in a way. You want to work hard for the person next to you and when it's all said and done, and the work is over there is no doubt you'll deliver. The meets are amazing in the way that you can have fun, root for others, and see work pay off. There are not many feelings like when you win by a tenth of a second to help your team get the victory. The friendships you make give you people to have fun with and cheer you on. It's a chain reaction of doing your best, working hard, making friendships, and getting great results. In conclusion, the sport of track and field is not like any other in what it provides for you. The sport gives more to you than you ever give to it.



## Subnautica by Zach Wyche

*In the continuing saga Subnautica, a crew traveling to an island surrounded by ocean had to make an abrupt landing in the water. Some of the equipment did not survive while other pieces were destroyed. Two crew members are scrambling to fix what's damaged and strive to survive...*

“I’m going to have to get supplies to fabricate a repair tool, so I’ll be back.”

“Don’t die please; I can’t move around much.”

“I won’t.” As I climb up the ladder, Mike gives me the look that says he will drown me before I actually die. When I open the hatch I feel a nice breeze. “Man this place is actually pretty nice looking. I never thought I would be swimming.” As I dive into the water, it feels a bit cold.

Time to find stuff. Man, after searching for materials for a while, I can’t seem to find what I need. Then I start getting hungry. Let’s see what could possibly be edible. I think that fish would be a better option than anything right now. After a while I finally am about to catch a fish that looks like it has a huge defect with its eye. Something quickly eats the entire fish. I freak out of course as well as swim away. As I’m swimming, I see a fish that that looks a pair of lungs—weird; I quickly grab it and leave. As I am swimming back to the life pod and grabbing fish along the way, I realize that Mike is there and I have to check if he is still alive.

“Alright, I’m back.”

“It’s about time.”

“Well I have a nice long story to tell you. Also I did not get materials”.

“So you’re saying where dead.”

“No we’re not.”

*To be continued...*



