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COMMUNITY

AG celebrates Women's History Month

By
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"Life was better when women were considered property," said no one ever. Well, unfortunately there were some people who shared this ideology. Their small-mindedness caused the suppression of women for centuries.

It has been through increased education, awareness, and an unfaltering resilience that women have slowly, but surely started being treated as equals.

National Women's History Month is marked on the calendar to showcase the often overlooked patronage of women. The movement grew out of a week-long celebration organized by a school in Sonoma, California in 1978, according to the History Channel.

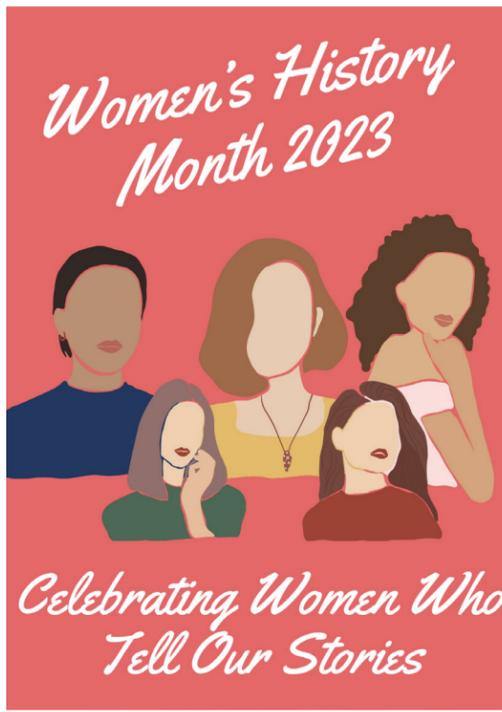
By 1980, Jimmy Carter had made the week official and six years later it was added as a month-long observance.

"I think it's important to recognize that women have contributed to history and progress more than simply having child-bearing responsibilities," said Ms. Tzortzatos. "Thanks to their leadership and the pioneers that came before them, females now have a wider bandwidth to make greater contributions and continue the progress of those that came before us."

Mischa Behari believes Women's History Month is still relevant as so many female figures from history have been erased in favor of their male counterparts. These men have often claimed their achievements and get all of the praise.

"As we look back and find ourselves wondering, where were the women? The answer is clear: they are in the spaces between the words of the men that recorded history," said Behari.

Women's History Month brings forth a time to uncover these figures hidden between the cracks. While it's important to highlight all of the women, each year the National Women's History Alliance designs a theme. This year was "Celebrating Women



Who Tell Our Stories," in any and all forms of media, including but not limited to print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media.

"One of my favorite figures is Michelle Yeoh," said Tanvi Joshi. "She broke barriers for countless women of color in the film industry through her influential career. Despite the challenges and hurdles she's faced, she became the first Asian American to win the Academy Award for Best Actress."

Although there are plenty of famous women that get highlighted, it's important to remember the everyday women who are making an impact.

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Mr. Avon Grove returns to the stage



-Photo courtesy of the AGHS Yearbook

Nick Fancher presented his world-famous pizza recipe to the judges as his special talent at Mr. Avon Grove. Read more about the pageant on page 3.

TECHNOLOGY

A new era of artificial intelligence

ChatGPT comes with a caution

By
Ella Bartnik
Column

In the world of artificial intelligence, few entities have gained as much attention as ChatGPT - the massive language model trained by OpenAI. But did you know that ChatGPT has become something of a celebrity among high school students as well? This innovative AI has been making waves in classrooms across the country, inspiring students to explore the cutting-edge technology that's shaping our world. So what is it about ChatGPT that has captured the imagination of so many young minds? I set out to find the answers, and what I discovered might surprise you...

What may become the biggest surprise of all is that I, Ella Bartnik did not write this opening paragraph.

It was written by the new and quite impressive Open AI Chat GPT chatbox.

So if you don't already know,

ChatGPT is an AI chatbox that was developed by OpenAI and launched in November 2022.

The potential of this new form of AI is huge, and is likely to play an integral and transformative role in shaping our future, everything from how we communicate to how we learn and more importantly, what we learn.

This relatively new and extremely intelligent piece of AI has both pros and cons when looking at it through the perspective of how it will affect education now and in the near future.

ChatGPT can be used in many beneficial ways, like looking up a recipe for a strawberry shortcake:

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, cold and cut into small pieces
- 2/3 cup heavy cream, plus extra for brushing
- 1 egg

- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.
- 2 pints fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- Whipped cream, for serving

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.

Using a pastry cutter or your fingers, cut the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse sand.

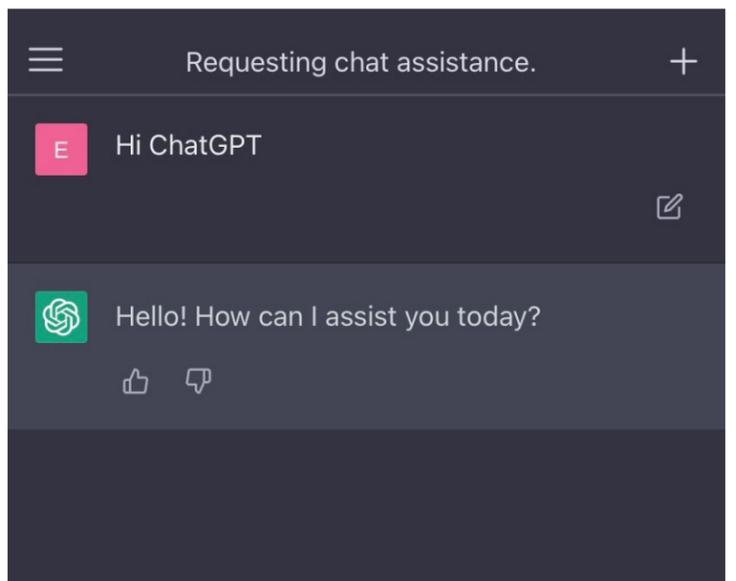
In a small bowl, whisk together the heavy cream, egg, and vanilla extract.

Add the cream mixture to the flour mixture and stir until just combined.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead a few times until it comes together.

Roll out the dough to a thickness of about 1/2 inch. Cut out rounds using a 2-3 inch biscuit cutter.

Transfer the rounds to the pre-



pared baking sheet and brush the tops with a little extra heavy cream.

Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until the shortcakes are lightly golden brown.

While the shortcakes are baking, prepare the strawberries. In a me-

dium bowl, toss the sliced strawberries with the sugar until coated. Set aside.

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TECHNOLOGY

ChatGPT should be used with caution

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To assemble, split the warm short-cakes in half horizontally. Place the bottom halves on plates and top each with a generous spoonful of the sugared strawberries. Add a dollop of whipped cream and top with the remaining short-cake halves.

Or it can help with repairing a small motor:

Repairing a small motor can be a bit complicated, but it's not impossible. Here are some general steps you can follow to repair a small motor:

Determine the problem: Before you start any repairs, you need to determine the problem with your small motor. Common issues include a clogged air filter, fouled spark plug, fuel system problems, or a malfunctioning carburetor.

Clean or replace the air filter: If your small motor is not running smoothly or won't start, a dirty air filter may be the culprit. Remove the air filter and clean it with compressed air or replace it with a new one.

Check the spark plug: A fouled spark plug can cause your small motor to run poorly or not start at all. Remove the spark plug and check the electrode for wear or damage. If necessary, clean or replace the spark plug.

Inspect the fuel system: If your small motor is still not running properly, check the fuel system for problems. Make sure the fuel tank is clean and free of debris, and check the fuel lines for leaks or blockages.

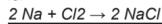
Check the carburetor: If your small motor is still not running properly, the carburetor may be the problem. Remove the carburetor and clean it thoroughly with carburetor cleaner. Check the carburetor gasket and replace it if necessary.

Reassemble and test: Once you have repaired or replaced any damaged parts, reassemble the small motor and test it. If it's still not running properly, you may need to seek the help of a professional mechanic.

Remember to always follow the manufacturer's instructions when repairing a small motor, and use caution when working with gasoline and other flammable liquids.

Or ChatGPT can look up important information: What is the balanced chemical equation when sodium reacts with chlorine?

The balanced chemical equation when sodium reacts with chlorine is:



AG LIFE

Slow walkers plague school hallways

By
Erin Harrington
Column

I remember sitting with my friends around a campfire after the very first week of high school. We were discussing some of our biggest pet peeves.

"People who are rude," my friend on the left said.

"People with insane egos," said the girl on my right.

As I sat and listened to the things that make my friends tick, I thought about what my biggest pet peeve was. It didn't take much thought. What do I hate the most?

In this reaction, two atoms of sodium (2 Na) combine with one molecule of chlorine gas (Cl₂) to produce two molecules of sodium chloride (2 NaCl). The reaction is highly exothermic, releasing a large amount of heat and light energy. Sodium chloride is commonly known as table salt and is used in a wide range of applications, including as a seasoning for food, a de-icing agent, and in the manufacture of various chemicals.

Unfortunately, ChatGPT can also be used as a method to harvest academic dishonesty amongst students, as it can literally do your homework for you.

The ability to foster cheating and fraud with ChatGPT has led to some school districts banning its use all together, a noticeable example being the New York City Department of Education.

In an email regarding the department's recent ban of the AI, a spokesperson for OpenAI stated that the ban was established due to the fact that the company "doesn't want ChatGPT to be used for misleading purposes in schools or anywhere else."

Similarly, many schools are concerned about students using the program to cheat on their writing assignments.

For one, ChatGPT can actually write your college application essay:

As I sit down to write this essay, I can't help but reflect on my journey thus far. Growing up in a small town, I always knew that I wanted to pursue a higher education, but the path to get there was not always clear. Through hard work, determination, and the support of my family and teachers, I am proud to say that I am now a college student. However, my journey doesn't end here. With each passing day, I am eager to learn more, to challenge myself, and to make a positive impact on the world. In this essay, I hope to share my experiences, goals, and aspirations for the future, as I embark on this new chapter in my life.

This AI takes essay writing to an entirely new level, with the ability to produce a well composed piece in mere seconds compared to the weeks and sometimes months it takes many high school students to create an essay that they deem worthy enough to submit to colleges.

By the time application season rolls around, many students are tired, fed up, and suffering from a pretty major case of senioritis—

nobody is particularly happy to be cranking out multiple essays on top of their already tedious schoolwork.

This raises concerns that students will use ChatGPT to write their essays.

However, teachers and administrators can track student keystrokes, and according to PC Guide, GPTZero is a free software that can be used to detect ChatGPT.

Tools like TurnItIn also check a student's work for plagiarism and similarity to that of other work turned in by students across the country. According to their website, they are also working with educators at detecting ChatGPT and AI writing.

Some students find it can be hard work balancing all of their coursework and may give in to temptation when presented with the opportunity to take an easy way out of completely writing an essay.

However, students should recognize that by taking an easy way out in completing your schoolwork, you are depriving yourself of gaining the actual knowledge and skill that lies behind habitual work completion.

It is also important to understand that ChatGPT still has a long way to go when including variety and genuineness, as best stated by English teacher Mr. Pizzini.

"Chat GPT is impressive in what it can do, but the writing it produces is still a far cry from authentic student writing," said Pizzini. I asked ChatGPT what it thought of this critique by Mr. Pizzini, and it surprisingly agreed:

Thank you for your feedback, I understand that there is still room for improvement in the development of AI-generated writing.

With any new technology comes both societal rewards and consequences, and ChatGPT is no exception.

While there are many exciting possibilities, I think it's best that we proceed with caution.

Do you agree with ChatGPT?

As with any new technology, it is always wise to proceed with caution and carefully consider the potential benefits and risks before adopting it for widespread use.

AG LIFE

Finding a college is hard but there is help

By
Jaime Trautman
Column

The whole college search, readiness, and application process is nerve-wracking.

As juniors, our list of "to-dos" is long: meet with guidance, get into Naviance, prepare your brag sheet, request recommendations, sort through colleges to find some that may be right for you.

Trying to find a college is hard. But, it is never too early to look at colleges.

Freshman can check out colleges to get a sense of the requirements for acceptance. This way you can plan your next four years.

Some items to think about are where you want to volunteer, what classes would be helpful to take and what the testing requirements may be. Then, monitor the ones you'd identified to see if you still want to go there or if anything has changed at those options.

I attended one in the fall in Philadelphia and was able to ask specific questions from about 15 different universities that weren't local to Pennsylvania. I could collect information and make notes based on how they answered, which helped me sort through and weed out some colleges. It's best to have the same set of questions so that you're judging the colleges on the same criteria.

Trying to select the school that is right for you requires a few sets of questions.

First the personal questions:

What size are you looking for?

Do you want an urban school or something more suburban?

Do you want to go to school close to home, far from home, or somewhere in-between?

Does your family have criteria you need to follow?

Then, use the questions to help narrow down the schools:

Are there majors and minors offered that you find interesting?

What are acceptance requirements and are you in the running?

What is tuition and what kind of financial aid is offered?

Does the college have a good internship program and how many graduates get jobs?

These questions might seem daunting because there are so many different options. But I have some tips to help you.

The guidance department is helpful. I know we get Naviance shoved down our throats and dread going to guidance appointments, but they're actually extremely informative.

Guidance counselors have experience (they do this every year). They can support and listen to you and they know the questions to ask you to help you figure out your needs and goals and the best steps to take.

No one else can help you like they can. They can tell you what

needs to be done and show you how to do everything on your list.

Plus, on Naviance, you can do an advanced college search by picking types, location specifics, student body, admission stats, sports, majors, costs. It's very helpful to pinpoint exactly what you want in a college.

If you go to the guidance page on the AGHS website, there are links that cover everything you need to know called "Junior/Senior Family Quick Links."

After you check out this helpful information, you may want to visit a college fair or actually go to the university.

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Upcoming Events

<p>March 31 Tri-M Coffee House</p>	<p>April 3 End of MP 3</p>	<p>April 6-10 Spring Break</p>
<p>April 9 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>April 13 AGHS Dedication Ceremony</p>	<p>April 20-22 AGHS Spring Musical</p>

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CLASS OF 2023

The battle of the boys

Ciccone outlasts six others to be crowned Mr. Avon Grove 2023

By
Riley Wiercinski
Editor

"And your 2023 Mr. Avon Grove is..."

The air conditioning hummed and chairs creaked in an otherwise deafening silence. The audience shifted in anticipation; some crossed their fingers, while others took out their phones to record the outcome.

"Dan Ciccone!"

The crowd roared. Jumping from their seats, clapping, and screaming "Dan! Dan! Dan!" as he was crowned with an oversized, golden plush crown.

Ciccone took an early lead during the formal wear portion of the show. He strutted down the runway wearing a tropical shirt, khakis, sunglasses, and several gold chains, eliciting the loudest cheer of any of the participants.

"The crowd was insane all night," said Ciccone. "I think this group might have beat the enthusiasm of the Holla this year."

Senior class president Carlos Ochoa shared Ciccone's formal vision and sported a three-piece suit with a sombrero, and was escorted by his trusty bodyguard, Tristan Langrebe.

Others, however, went on for a more unique approach. Nick Fancher threw on an Avatar costume and rode down the runway on the back of Scorcher, the Red Devil mascot.

Zach Sharp was dressed to the tee in cowboy apparel, a black cowboy hat, an open vest over a blue work shirt, and jeans, as he stomped down the stage in mean-looking black boots.

Tyler Clark wore a completely black ensemble including a tank top, sweatpants, and a beanie. He then pulled a Monster energy drink out of his pocket and chugged it as he met the end of the stage.

While Nick Borreggine's entry to Mr.



-Photo courtesy of the AGHS Yearbook

Senior Dan Ciccone (center) was awarded the title of Mr. Avon Grove.

Avon Grove was entirely virtual, he still managed to draw a bit of the audience's attention as he paraded around his house in a unicorn onesie.

The use of costuming wasn't limited to the formal wear segment as several nominees sported jean shorts, inflatable dinosaur suits, princess dresses, and a taco.

Ochoa started the talent section strong with a card trick that blew the audience's mind. He even created a video with behind-the-scenes footage of how the trick came to life.

"I had no idea what to do for my talent, if I'm going to be completely honest. I kind of just wanted to get Tristan involved with Mr. Avon Grove, and if I get to make a funny video, that just makes the whole thing better," noted



HERALD SPORTS

April 1
Boys Volleyball
at Kennett Classic, Kennett High School, 8:00a.m.
Girls Lacrosse
at Central Bucks South, 11:00a.m.

April 3
Boys Tennis
@ Bishop Shanahan,
3:30p.m.
Softball
@ Unionville, 3:45p.m.

Baseball
vs. Unionville, 3:45p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
vs. Downingtown East,
7:00p.m.

April 4
Softball
vs. Plymouth-Whitemarsh, 3:45p.m.
Boys Volleyball
@ Spring-Ford, 5:00p.m.

April 5
Boys Tennis
vs. Coatesville, 3:30p.m.
Track & Field
@ Rustin Invitational,
3:30p.m.

Baseball
vs. Penncrest, 3:45p.m.
Boys Lacrosse
@ Kennett, 7:00p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
vs. Kennett, 7:00p.m.

Spring sports are beginning to bud at Avon Grove

By
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Editor

Birds are chirping, bees are buzzing, flowers are blooming, and baseball players are chewing sunflower seeds.

At 3:45p.m. on Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, the varsity **baseball** team kicked off their regular season with their first game against Garnett Valley, which they won 9-2.

In order to secure this win, the baseball team worked hard during preseason, and has been preparing since January.

This prep has included early morning lifts on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as voluntary workouts on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Head Coach John Bellaver is joined by assistant coaches Harwick, Bove, and O'Connor.

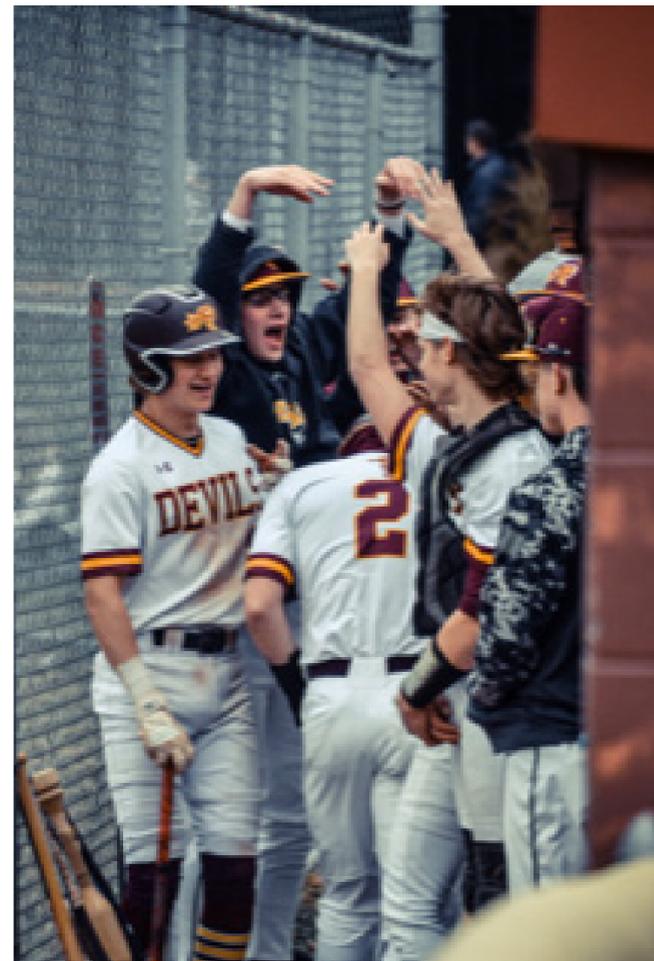
Owen Yoder, a senior at Avon Grove as well as the team captain, has also been a huge help in including the younger players.

Additionally, Coach Bellaver shared, Yoder has "done a really good job in his role" of organizing the team and making sure all 20 freshmen that came out were ready for the season.

This first game hopefully will set the tone for their season as they go on to play against more competitive teams such as West Chester Henderson, who is their regular rival, according to Coach Bellaver.

This season, Coach Bellaver wants to be competitive every game, which he hopes will bring them to the district playoffs.

The **girls lacrosse** team also had a good start to their



The baseball team celebrates their win against Garnett Valley on March 17. -Photo by Jack Calio

season with an 11-5 win against Collegium Charter School on Friday, March 17.

New to the team, Head Coach Carlee Costello has prepared her players for this season by "mainly trying to get to know the girls individually as players and personality-wise."

Coach Costello has used these preseason practices to see "who can work with who," and use that for incorporating new methods such as "two man games."

In order to achieve success this season, Coach Costello has worked to provide continuity between the junior varsity and varsity squads so that there is a more "supportive and balanced" environment.

These methods represent their chosen word of the season: unity.

The importance of cementing this unity throughout the program as a whole was stressed by Coach Costello as she points out how the current underclassmen now are "the future of this program."

Coach Costello claims that there is a very bright future as the freshmen have become "more prepared to lead" through their spot on varsity.

The excellence of this freshman class is also very evident when looking at the roster for this year's varsity team, which includes six freshmen.

Through the hard work of the freshmen, Coach Costello has been able to develop a new mantra that "everyone is equal" regardless of a player's grade.

Although head **softball** coach Andria Pannell has been with Avon Grove for numerous seasons, both assistant coaches this season are new to the team.

Neither, however, have had trouble adjusting to the group.

Assistant and pitching coach Maegen Kavanagh was able to "instantly connect with the student athletes," according to Coach Pannell as she recently graduated from West Chester University where she played for four years.

Although new to the high school team, Assistant Coach Pat Kelly "knows the kids through Little League," and "has been around forever."

Coach Pannell shares her confidence going into this season as "there is a lot of talent on the team" and they have been able to secure "a tradition of winning" throughout the season in the past.

Talent is abundant for the seniors on the team: Alexa Smith, Ana DiCampi, Jasmine Vitelli, and Melissa Sabastro.

Coach Pannell shared that these seniors have "gone to play-offs and have experience" with playing against higher-skilled opponents so they "know the expectation."

Not only does this team include strong senior players, but underclassmen as well have proved their competence on the field.

Sophomore Megan McKeown typically leads in the circle and has taken over pitching, and another sophomore, Michaela Sycalik is a catcher who is transitioning from third base, shares Coach Pannell.

Coach Pannell explained that they may be "young in certain aspects but have experience in this level."



Some of the track and field team members at States last year along with Coach Broadbent, Coach Billig, Coach Iococca, and Coach Yanniccolo. -Photo courtesy of Eden Veenema



The boys lacrosse team after their final game last season, which ended with an 11-5 loss to Downingtown East. -Photo courtesy of Kody Parente

Although neither of the **boys volleyball** team coaches are new to the sport, this is the first year that Head Coach Ashley Douglas and Assistant Coach Linda Landon have coached the team together.

Coach Douglas has coached the Avon Grove boys and girls teams in the past, while Coach Landon has coached the Avon Grove girls team.

The boys volleyball team is entering into the season well prepared, according to Assistant Coach Landon, as they have had open gyms and many players play on traveling teams during the off-season.

Assistant Coach Landon shared that although tryouts for the team produced small turnouts, several more players have joined since.

For this season, Assistant Coach Landon hopes to provide players with "the experience needed to compete and have confidence on the court."

The **boys lacrosse** team has taken a similar approach in preparing for this season as they have been focused on conditioning to get the team in sync.

"A core relationship" has been built throughout the pre-season that Head Coach Brian Wallace hopes will allow for

"everyone" to "get better everyday."

Preseason was also a good adjustment period for many freshmen who have joined the team.

Coach Wallace shares that the freshmen group is the "biggest we've had in a long time."

Luckily, the team has worked to "develop a culture" where "freshmen feel like seniors are their big brothers" who will always "take them under their wing," according to Coach Wallace.

As there are 19 seniors on the team this year, many have derived their motivation from their end to last season.

The team was able to make it to the second round of the district playoffs, but ended on a loss, so Coach Wallace is hopeful that they can "use it as fuel to get better."

Coach Wallace explained how they use every game as a "learning curve" to prepare them for conference games with other schools like Downingtown East, Downingtown West, and Conestoga.

Although Coach Wallace affirms that they "take [their] opponents all very seriously," he is excited to go

up against Kennett and Unionville.

Unlike the boys lacrosse team, Head Coach Diane Maund shared that the **boys tennis** team has had a harder time getting ready for the season due to bad weather, but has continued to practice indoors.

Currently, there are five seniors on the team, and most have been on the team for four years, according to Coach Maund.

Although their players are loyal, there were only two freshmen that came out for tryouts.

Coach Maund wants to continue to expand the program, so open hits are available to everyone in order to gather more interest for the sport.

For the season, Coach Maund shared her enthusiasm for playing the other teams within the "mushroom bowl," which includes Kennett, Oxford, and Coatesville.

She also wants to focus on getting back to districts, as they were able to do two seasons ago, but fell short last year.

The **track and field** team have prepared for the season in a number of ways depending on the group.

The sprint group, according to Head Coach Eric Broadbent, has focused mainly on technical work, while those within the distance group have run the stairs and the campus.

Coach Broadbent shared that those on the throwing team have had to get creative while they wait for the throwing circles to be installed at the new high school track.

This method of splitting up the team works best with such a large group as the current roster stands at 175 athletes.

However, Coach Broadbent adds that some consistencies do remain throughout the program in terms of prepping for the season as all three groups have done relays, sprints, and lift weights.

Coach Broadbent shared that the team has continued to expand throughout the years as the largest percentage is from the freshman class for this season.

With many new to the program, they are still trying to determine their specific goals for the season, but predict that more signs will be given through upcoming meets, according to Coach Broadbent.

"The Ches-Mont League is always super competitive," with schools such as West Chester Rustin and Coatesville, but this "brings out the best competition-wise when you go up against the best," said Coach Broadbent.

Coach Broadbent wants as many athletes to make the league championship, Districts, and States as possible. Last year the team was able to have representatives from

Volleyball coach returns

By Jackson Morris

There is an old saying that "if you want something done right, you have to do it yourself."

Head Coach Ashley Douglas has taken this quote to heart as she returned to Avon Grove for her second spell at coaching the Red Devils boys volleyball team.

Douglas spent her childhood within the Avon Grove community, even playing varsity volleyball for four years at Avon Grove High School. Douglas attended West Chester University and graduated in 2011.

After graduation, Douglas began her first tenure with the Red Devils until she temporarily stepped away in 2020.

Douglas also held a position on the coaching staff of the boy's team in 2017, where she got to meet some of the players she now coaches at "open gyms" and other team-related activities.

For Douglas, her blood has seemingly always bled maroon and gold.

"Coming here, graduating, coming back as a coach, and then coming back again this year, Avon Grove has always been and will continue to be an important part of my life."

Douglas says her goal as a coach outside of winning and competing is to try and get younger members of the community interested in playing volleyball.

"We are a very junior and senior-heavy team, so it is my hope that we can get some freshman and sophomores to come out to our open gyms in June and come be a part of our program for years to come."

At the time this story was written, the Red Devils are out to a rocky 0-2 start to their season. Their next home game will be on Tuesday, April 11 against Unionville.

all sectors of track and field (distance, sprinters, and throwers) make it to states and Coach Broadbent hopes the same can be true again this year.

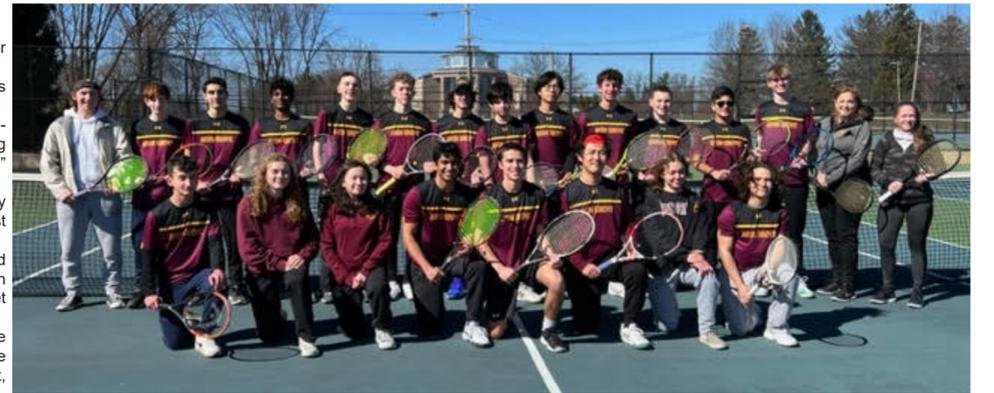
This season, Aria Hooybergs and Bailey Clarke are the top throwers with Paige Clarke, Eva Ciuffetelli, Bridget Keegan, Eden Veenema, Tyler Barton, as well as Connor and Nathaniel Reger on top of the sprint division, shares Coach Broadbent.

He also listed distance runners Gavin McGinn and Connor Britton as the top of their group.

Overall for the program, Coach Broadbent has high hopes for junior Connor Carroll, who is the top sprinter, and sophomore Lily Schindler, who excels at distance running.

No matter the team, a lot of work has gone into preparing for this season of spring sports.

Even those that are not on one of the teams for the spring season can contribute to their success through attending games and showing support.



The Avon Grove boys tennis team this year alongside Coach Maund and assistant coaches. -Photo courtesy of Coach Maund