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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

UPCOMING GAMES

Golf: Thurs 10/1 Beverly @ Peabody 4:00
B Soccer: Thurs 10/1 Swampscott @ Beverly 4:00
Volleyball: Thurs 10/1 Wilmington @ Beverly 4:00
Field Hockey: Friday 10/1 Beverly @ Salem 4:00
Football: Sat 10/3 Gloucester @ Beverly 2:30

RECYCLED CELL PHONE DRIVE

In recognition of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), BHS is hosting a recycled cell phone drive. Donated cell phones could save a life by enabling victims of domestic violence with instant access to emergency services.

Donate working cell phones with chargers and batteries. Erase stored information and verify that your account has been cancelled. There will be purple drop off boxes in all of the school offices as well as in the Guidance office.

TOPSFIELD FAIR TICKETS

Music Department students are selling Topsfield Fair Tickets for \$10.00 per ticket, the normal price at the gate during week. Three dollars will go to defray the cost of the Music Department trip in April to Colonial Williamsburg.

BOOTSTRAPS FOOD DRIVE

The Launch Program is hosting a food drive to support Beverly Bootstraps. Collection boxes will be in the main offices of Beverly High School and the Memorial building beginning September 21st. Donations are needed of non-perishables food items.

MARINE CORPS JROTC 5K RUN

On November 15th at 9:00am. Contact a JROTC cadet for information or check out the fliers that are posted around the school.

Belliveau is on the case

Greg Perron '11
Staff Writer

Ms. Belliveau is one of the newest additions to the teaching staff at Beverly High School. Although she had originally planned to pursue a career in the marine biology field, she now teaches both math and forensics.

Ms. Belliveau attended Smith College and the University of Guam, earning her Bachelor's and Master's degrees and most recently finished a teacher's licensing program at Salem State College.

When asked about how she feels about teaching forensics, Ms. Belliveau said, "It's a bit out of my comfort – first time teaching, but it's fun; it's interesting."

Ms. Belliveau grew up in Ashford, CT, but has spent much time traveling the globe. When she is not teaching or preparing for classes, she likes to spend time with her son and husband, a genetics professor at Northeastern University.

Belliveau enjoys surfing, hiking, gardening, and canoeing. She often speaks of her years spent in the jungle of Panama and of the trash situation in Guam.



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'96 BHS grad wins Emmy

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"It is not the victor
Who shows us what victory is.
It is not the champion
Who is the symbol of triumph."
- 'Victory' by Matt Hubbard, 1995

In the year 1995, Matt Hubbard wrote this poem for his junior year English class at Beverly High. Fourteen years later he stood on stage in front of a large audience to accept an Emmy Award for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series.

Hubbard is a writer and producer of the hit TV series "30 Rock." According to a recent article in the Salem News, he owes his success to the English Department here at BHS. Mr. Lapenna, a teacher who has taught English at BHS for 26 years, remembers having him as a student.

When asked about what he thought of the 1996 graduate's winning the award, Lapenna stated that he was "happy for him and his family. It was very thoughtful of him to mention Beverly High School and the English Department. It's nice to be remembered."

During his years here as a student, Hubbard was



diligent in school activities, including being on the Ledger staff as Co Editor-in-Chief. He was also very involved with the Winter Track Team as a 9-12 Captain.

Matt was easily remembered by Lapenna as being "very imaginative and creative," which would have contributed to his success in his writing for "30 Rock." Lapenna also described him as "one of the best writers I've ever had."

In the senior directory of the 1996 Beverlega, Hubbard predicted that he would "end up happy and successful not sitting in my parents' basement watching "Star Trek" reruns, eating stale Cheez-Its, and rifling through my comic book collections."

Little did he know that 13 years later he would be winning an Emmy. Being the first BHS graduate to win something as special as an Emmy Award, it should inspire other BHS students to follow their dreams and strive to achieve the success that Matt Hubbard has.

Matt Hubbard commented to the Ledger staff about his time at BHS: "Winning the Emmy was great for a number of reasons, not the least of which was how it put me back in touch with a lot of people from my past, including old friends and teachers from BHS. It made me reflect on how important that time of my life was in making me a writer, and I want to extend a thanks to all of them."

Taylor announces fall play, cast

Christina Norris '10
Staff Writer

This year, eighteen talented Beverly High School students will take the stage as the Drama Department, led by Mrs. Taylor, performs "I Remember Mama." The play is set in the 1940's and follows the troubles of a Norwegian family as recollected by Katrin, a daughter and sister in the family.

"We had a nice cast try out," notes director Taylor. "A lot of experienced seniors. It's great."

Cast members are optimistic about upcoming practices, which will be held for several hours each week from September to December, when the play will be performed.

"I'm really excited to work with everyone," says Abby Kelly, '10, who will share the role of Katrin with fellow senior Shannon Rogers. "It's going to be a really great cast."

Kelly is not alone in her excitement. Rogers comments, "The cast has always been a small group, and everyone tends to get

really close. I'm sure it will be like a big family."

Due to construction, members of the cast and crew will have to rehearse and perform at Memorial Building; however, this fact does not stifle enthusiasm. Ben Nicholaysen, '10, who will be playing the role of Papa, comments, "It's too bad that we can't use the auditorium at BHS, but I'm really excited that we'll be using Memorial."

Nicholaysen, along with many cast members who will be playing the roles of adults, are faced with a unique challenge as they begin rehearsals. Taylor explains, "They'll have to talk with Norwegian accents because they're playing Norwegian immigrants."

"I'm not too good with accents," says Cassie Pavlowich, '10, who will play the part of Mama. "It takes me awhile to learn them, but I'm up for the challenge."

Unlike in recent years, this year's play will be a dramatic comedy. Rogers anticipates, "The script is funny, but it also gives the cast members a chance to show

off their talents."

Congratulations to all cast members, including: **Shannon Rogers '10** and **Abigail Kelly '10** (Katrin), **Cassie Pavlowich '10** (Mama), **Ben Nicholaysen '10** (Papa), **Sydney and Emma Gallagher** (Dagmar), **Alison Buchsbaum '11** (Christine), **Gabe Lozada '11** (Mr. Hyde), **Ben Stallsmith '12** (Nels), **Abigail Wells '10** (Aunt Trina), **Kat Flaherty '11** (Aunt Singrid), **Charlotte Sandland '10** (Aunt Jenny), **Aaron Swiniuch '10** (Uncle Chris), **Lia Kastrinakis '10** (A Woman), **Connor Hilfinger '10** (Mr. Thorkelson), **Christopher Stigers '12** (Dr. Johnson), **Max Menzel '11** (Soda Clerk/Bellboy), **Abby Spencer '11** (Madeline), **Kalin Murphy '13** (Dorothy Schiller/Nurse), **Sarah Mascioli '10** (Florence Dana Moore/Nurse). Mrs. Taylor will be aided by assistant directors **Chris Emery '11** and **Kat Fish '11**.

The show will be performed December 3, 4, 5, and 6 at the Memorial Building. Ticket prices TBA.

New exchange students at BHS

Germany- Ava Koenig

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Contributing Writer

This year, BHS is once again hosting foreign exchange students from several different countries. One of the two newcomers from Germany, Ava Koenig, is a sophomore who is living with German student Alison Buchsbaum '11.

I was curious to find out how Ava viewed the U.S. before actually getting to experience life here for herself. Her definition of America included high school football, cheap clothes compared to pricey European fashion, texting overload, and fast food everywhere you look.

When she got here, Ava realized she was right about America. After all, there's a Dunkin Donuts, McDonald's, or Burger King on every corner, and some of us are so obsessed with texting that even trying not to do it while driving sends us into withdrawal.

I figured there would have to be some pretty big adjustments to make when moving to a country all the way across the Atlantic, but according to Ava, all she really had to do was buy an American phonecard and an adapter.

Although Ava is getting used to the way it works here, there are definitely differences between here and her home country. The most significant seems to be the school system. In Germany, students don't get to choose what classes they take. Also, the students are put into schools based on what kind of student they are! One school is reserved for good students and another for less than great ones. There is also a separate school for in-between students and one that will take students, no matter what their academic level. It kind of reminds me of our honors, C.P., and A.P. classes, but I think it would be strange not to ever be around kids in school who get different grades than I do.

The average day of a student in Germany is a lot like an average day here. Ava starts the day with

school, continues on to homework and/or hanging out with friends. Later, she spends her time on music practice, since she plays alto saxophone.

All in all, life as a teenager in Germany sounds similar to here, with few key differences.

Kyrgyzstan- Murát Djumaliev

Patrick Wilson '11
Contributing Writer

Murát Djumaliev is a senior from Kyrgyzstan, a country that was once a part of the USSR.

Although America and Kyrgyzstan are on two separate hemispheres, there are some striking similarities between the cultures.



Patrick Wilson photo

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Besides attending class, Murát plays on the BHS Junior Varsity Soccer Team. He stated that getting used to the language was one of the hardest things to do, but he is making the transition well.

Costa Rican Adventure

Scott O'Neil '10
Staff Writer

During the upcoming April vacation, 14 students, accompanied by Ms. Buccella and Ms. Hoeffner, plan to travel to the Central American country of Costa Rica.

The travelers will arrive in San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, on April 17. From there they will travel to San Carlos, one of Costa Rica's key agricultural centers. Attractions in the area include an active volcano, hot springs, and various forms of wildlife.

After three days in San Carlos, they will continue to the Guanacaste Coast on the northwest side of Costa Rica. The region is known for its beautiful forests and beaches, which remain largely undeveloped. The students will stay for several days before returning to the United States on April 24th.

Ms. Buccella says that she hopes the trip "will allow students to practice the Spanish language and learn about another culture". In order to join the trip, each student was required to have passed Spanish Level 3.

The students plan to raise money for the trip in various ways, including a group yard sale on Sunday, September 27 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Memorial Building.

Ireland or Bust!

Molly Morrissey '11
Staff Writer

BHS students love to travel. This year, some are going on a twelve-day trip to Ireland. Students will be leaving from Logan Airport on the night of Tuesday, April 13th and taking an overnight flight to Dublin.

Travelers will spend ten days in Ireland visiting Dublin, County Cork, Kerry, Dingle, and Galway. They will see the Queenstown Story Museum in Cork, the Bog Museum in Dingle and go to Mt. Brandon. They will also attempt to venture to the Blasket Island Museum.

Students will see Bunratty Castle and Folk Park in Galway. They will take a few excursions, including going to the Cliffs of Moher.

The last two days will include going to the Aran Islands and Connemara National Park, as well as Kylemore Abbey. Students will experience Irish culture, hear authentic Irish music, and have the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone.

The teachers going on the trip are Mr. Leahy, Mr. Tobin, and Mrs. Burke. Right now the cost of the trip is about \$2,600. Students will stay in hotels and breakfasts and dinners are included in the cost.

There are still openings available, so talk to Mr. Leahy in B-209 if you are interested. The flight will be long, but the memories will last a lifetime. Those who are interested, but don't want to leave the US should look into Mr. Leahy's Irish Studies class. It's a single block class that is all Ireland, all the time.

BHS-Bargteheide Exchange

Angelica Marciano '10
Staff Writer

Looking for something to do for four exciting weeks in the summer? The German Exchange Program is offered to students who plan to continue studying German or are considering taking AP German.

The exchange is between BHS and Kopernikus-Gymnasium Bargteheide, located near Hamburg. Students who choose to go on this trip will be living with their host families, who are charged with feeding and housing the students for the four weeks.

BHS students will be expected to go to school with their partner student, participate in some classes, get a first-hand experience of how the German school system works, and visit Hamburg and Berlin. In order to improve their skills, students are also expected to speak only German during the trip.

In return, students from BHS will host their partner students in October 2010.

Students from BHS who have taken advantage of this opportunity in the past came to an informative meeting and agreed that participating in the exchange was an excellent decision.

The dates of the exchange will be announced at a meeting October 7th.

Mr. Guy, German Teacher here at BHS, is chaperoning the trip again, having done it multiple times before. He's familiar with the concept and is sure that students who go on this trip will have a great time.