



The High School View

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Unanimous approval for new food plan

BY ADDY HAYMAN AND EMMA SEARLE

In a unanimous vote by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) School Committee, a proposal promising to revamp next year's school meals has passed.

When students learned that the school's contract with Chartwells was ending after this school year, they got involved. Junior class president Emily Gazzaniga made improving meals at MVRHS a key part of her campaign platform. She worked closely with culinary arts teacher Kevin

Crowell, who headed the group that came up with the new proposal.

According to its mission statement, the proposal is trying to "develop a self-operating cafeteria producing a scratch-cooked meals plan that nourishes the school community and reimagines the future of our school meals."

In a school survey conducted last spring, 2 percent of the MVRHS population said they were extremely satisfied with school lunches; 26.3 percent said they were extremely dissatisfied; and 55.4 percent said it would be very likely they would buy

lunch more often if the quality and taste improved.

In addition to increasing



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the nutritional value of the school's meals, the plan aims to increase student participa-

tion. Culinary arts students can participate in menu planning and the production of

school breakfasts and lunches. Students in the horticulture program can grow food for

school meals. The CTE business program could strategize ways to promote and encourage participation in the new meals programs.

School Committee chairman Kris O'Brien said, "One of the things most interesting to me is the educational opportunities that exist when approving this proposal."

Junior Jeremy Reagan said, "As a culinary student, I think it would give us better experience for the future having to cook meals that are actually being consumed and enjoyed by our classmates."

Speaking as a father, business owner, chef, caterer, and culinary arts teacher at MVRHS, Mr. Crowell said, "The goal is to give every Island family the same opportunity to raise well-nour-

ished, thriving kids."

Other long-term goals outlined in the proposal include moving toward a zero waste policy, obtaining the funding to purchase a food truck to be operated by culinary arts students, tapping into local farms and suppliers, and getting involved in a large-scale cleaning program.

From a financial standpoint, this proposal presents lucrative pathways to increase school revenue by utilizing the MVRHS kitchen for events such as monthly community dinners, to supplement booster club activities, and to cater school events.

The school committee's approval is the first step, but the towns still need to certify the year's budget before the proposal is set in motion. **HSV**

Merrimack College wins Klaren

BY ANNABELLE CUTRER AND SIMONE DAVIS

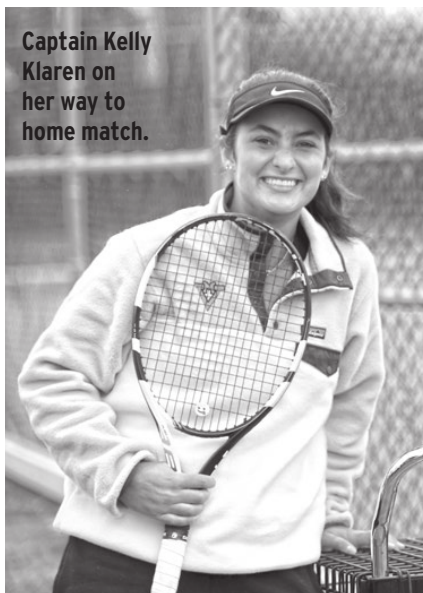
On Nov. 14, senior Kelly Klaren will sign her national letter of intent (NLI) to play Division 1 tennis at Merrimack College. Putting her signature on paper comes after 12 years of playing the sport, an experience that began when she first picked up a racket at Vineyard Youth Tennis (VYT), a free tennis program for all Island children.

High-level coaching at no cost prompted Kelly's dad to sign her up for her first session at VYT when she was 5. Kelly said, "Right after my first practice, it just stuck. It just felt right for me."

Under the coaching of Scott Smith and Mike Hallisky, Kelly became a dedicated member of the VYT Futures Team early in elementary school, and later joined the tournament team, which allowed her to compete in multiple state tournaments throughout middle school.

Mr. Hallisky said, "It has been a fun journey with plenty of ups and downs, which all really helped to mold Kelly and give her the character that has led her to be so mature."

Kelly made the Martha's



Captain Kelly Klaren on her way to home match.

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Vineyard Regional High School's (MVRHS) varsity team as a freshman, and was named a captain by her junior year. As first single, she has helped lead the MVRHS team to three state championship titles.

Kelly's high school team-

mates are girls who have grown up playing alongside her at VYT. MVRHS graduate Lizzie Williamson is a former tennis captain and teammate who has played with and against her since the Futures Team in middle school.

"Kelly is the one putting in hours on weekends, in the gym, and even out-of-state, training to better her game," Lizzie said. "She is someone we all look up to."

MVRHS Head Coach Nina Bramhall has also coached Kelly at VYT, and seen her development as a player throughout the years. She said, "Her determination and belief in herself is her biggest strength, coupled with fantastic athletic ability and tennis skills. These are what can take her across the finish line, as we have seen many times."

Kelly will be one of the first of many members of the class of 2019 to sign letters of intent to play at the collegiate level. **HSV**

Project Vine performs Island lore

BY EMILY GAZZANIGA

On the eve of Halloween, Project Vine hosted its second annual Island Lore Open Mic Storytelling event, where students presented Island myths and tales to a gathering of students, family, and friends. This year, proceeds from the event will go toward a scholarship in memory of Project Vine alumnus Jake Baird, who died tragically in a car accident last January.

The students' writing this year was influenced by artifacts discovered on a trip to the Martha's Vineyard Museum and by an overnight field trip to Penikese Island, an Elizabeth Island once inhabited by a leper colony and, later, a school for troubled boys. Sophomore students wrote stories that paralleled ancient epics in modern society, juniors wrote modern retellings of American lore, and the seniors' work was influenced by local Martha's Vineyard history.

Project Vine department chair Danielle Charbonneau kicked off the event, and there was an open mic opportunity

for the audience to tell their own myths and tales.

Junior Carina Cataloni composed a fictional tale of a psychological battle with the angel and devil on her shoulder, resulting in a brutal axe murder. She said, "I've always liked to write. Activities like these are a good outlet when I have a lot going on. I can always express my feelings through writing."

Ms. Charbonneau said, "Public readings like the Island Lore Open Mic are representative of the kinds of experiences we try to make happen for our students. These events have real deadlines, real consequences for the quality of the work, and tangible effects on student relationships with each other and the community."

Project Vine is an alternative education program inside Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). The program's central curriculum focus is on building relationships and having authentic experiences. It has a smaller teacher-to-student ratio, with the intention of allowing plenty of opportunities

for hands-on learning.

Senior Levi Vanderhoop said, "The traditional method of teaching just doesn't work for some people, so we are geared more toward student learning and hosting events like these, where we create memories we can hold onto forever."

Levi chose to tell a first-hand experience of coming face to face with a ghost at the Aquinnah Cultural Center, whom he believes to be a Wampanoag relative of his. In keeping with the theme of American lore, sophomore Henry Warner wrote a modern twist on Sleepy Hollow. Dylan Wallace recited a fictional story sparked by a small glass bottle from the M.V. Museum.

To end the night, Ms. Charbonneau read an excerpt from Jake Baird's book of writing, left to the program. His family was in the audience listening. The Jake Sequoia Baird memorial scholarship will be given out for the first time this spring to a graduating senior who most exemplifies what Jake Baird found to be the spirit of Project Vine. **HSV**

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