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### ***Ethan Phillippi Runs For School Board***

*By Lydia Boring*

Ethan Phillippi, a senior from Conemaugh Township is determined to become a candidate for the upcoming school board election. In order to become a member of the school board, Ethan must be locally elected.

Phillippi hopes that his time spent in the halls of Conemaugh Township and his youthful outlook on things will help make him a better candidate. Phillippi's interests in the political field began during the presidential election in 2020. Since his interest started growing in politics, Ethan has become the leader of the Laurel Highlands Democratic Youth Group. Phillippi also decided to further his love for politics by futhering his education after highschool. Ethan recieved a full-ride scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, where he will major in Political Science.

Ethan said. "I think people are excited to see someone so young run for office." He hopes that he is elected and has the opportunities to create change for his school and community. Phillippi stated that he loves the district, but there are some things that could be changed in order to be beneficial to the school and all stakehold-



*Ethan Phillippi poses with Josh Miller from the Tribune for an interview.*

### ***Happy Birthday Conemaugh Township!***

*By Alison Matera*

Many students have gone to Conemaugh Township over the years. Conemaugh Township was founded in 1938. The first construction of the school was a budget of around two million dollars. By 1938, construction was complete, and students filled the new hallways, auditorium, and second floor of the high school.

The students at the school had the opportunity to choose the mascot, colors, name of the yearbook, and the name of the school newspaper. Along with the school being finished, many sports were offered, such as: baseball, basketball, football, track, and wrestling. Throughout the years more and more renovations took place. In 1961, the music area, breezeway, gymnasium, and shops were constructed. The old gymnasium was later changed into what is now the cafeteria. In 2004, a new athletics stadium was constructed. This \$2.4 million project took many months to complete and was finished in October of 2004. The district installed new metal bleachers to replace the outdated wooden ones. They also included a new press box, concession stand, ticket booths, and restrooms. The football/soccer field received new sod and a six-lane track as well.

Conemaugh Township has received many different awards throughout the years. One award was the national Blue Ribbon School (2010). They also received two prestigious awards, the U.S. New and World Report (2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019), and was voted one of the best high schools in America. Conemaugh Township has a lot to celebrate on its 85th birthday!



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## *Is Easter Still A Religious Holiday?*

By Jenna Brenneman

Easter is a Christian holiday that is meant to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter takes place three days after Jesus's death on Good Friday and concludes the "Passion of Christ" holiday series that begins with Ash Wednesday.

During Easter, the majority of Christians attend church (even if they don't normally do). Easter, along with Christmas, are considered to be the most important Christian holidays. Although many people say that Easter is a religious holiday, they often praise the traditions more than God. To prepare for Easter, people decorate and color Easter eggs without even thinking about the true meaning of the holiday. They attend church on Easter Sunday because it's "the right thing to do" then they proceed with their day celebrating the Easter Bunny. They hunt for Easter eggs and receive Easter baskets, which truly has nothing to do with the Jesus's resurrection.

I believe that having fun is all well and good, but when society forgets to celebrate the true meaning of Easter, the holiday becomes insignificant to our faith and purpose behind this very important holiday.



## Staff Editorials

### *Do We Need More School Safety?*

By Luke Haight

I think more safety measures need to happen in schools around our country, but the focus should be on certain schools. On March 29th, 2023, a shooter entered a private school and gunned down 3 students and 3 staff members. The shooter made entry by shooting through glass doors very easily. This could have been avoided if there was ballistic glass, but the Presbytery school didn't have a formal security program for its churches and schools. Generally, U.S private schools do not face as many requirements as public schools for developing security plans.



In Tennessee, laws requiring schools to submit safety plans don't apply to private schools. Furthermore, private schools also lack access to government programs for security. Also, private schools don't have access to the police so quickly like public schools because public schools have police assigned to their campuses. Public schools also usually have a resource officer. But for the security upgrades after this shooting, I believe that all schools should mandate for glass exterior doors and windows should be modified or replaced with ballistic glass so an intruder can't get in so easily like in Nashville.

Finally, I believe that schools should have more armed guards stationed around the school to further help prevent future tragedies. It is time to stop school violence.

## JUNIOR HIGH

### *How to Survive Allergy Season*

By Grace Mitchell

It's officially allergy season! In the spring, many people experience symptoms associated with allergies. This "season" usually begins around February and dies out around the end of May. More than 50 million Americans are affected by various allergens each year. The official term for seasonal allergies is allergic rhinitis. Common allergens associated with this are: trees, grass, weeds, dust, and mold. Some symptoms include: coughing, sneezing, runny nose, watery eyes, itchy throat, skin irritation (rashes and hives), and even asthma. Here are some quick tips to "survive" the attack of the allergies. First, you want to make sure your symptoms are, in fact, allergies, and not an infection. If just taking medication does not help your symptoms, you may want to visit a doctor to check you out. If you are just experiencing seasonal allergies, over-the-counter medicine like Zyrtec or Xyzal may provide some relief. These are examples of non-drowsy antihistamines that can be taken during the day. However, if you're looking for relief overnight, medications like Benadryl or NyQuil can be effective drowsy antihistamines.

Other ways to reduce allergy symptoms can be:

1. Stay indoors on windy days.
2. Keep track of the pollen count.
3. Use a nasal rinse or saline spray.
4. Close your windows and use AC.
5. Avoid being outdoors for a long time.

### *The History of Easter*

By Jennabel Pursley

For many Christian churches, Easter is the joyful end to the 40-day season of fasting, also known as Lent, which is a time to give up certain foods. In religious history, the earliest recorded observance of Easter is said to have happened three days after Jesus's crucifixion, when He died on the cross. The crucifixion is known today as Good Friday, which is the Friday before Easter. The resurrection that marks the holiday is when Jesus proved that-

He was the "living son of God". In religious terms, those who believe in these events will be gifted eternal life and welcomed into the "Kingdom of Heaven". On the otherhand, there are many Easter traditions that can be traced back to non-religious celebrations, such as those during the Pagan times. A prime example of these traditions is Easter eggs. In history, it is said that eggs symbolized fertility and birth to many pagans. It is assumed that egg decorating may have become part of the religious traditions as a representation of Jesus's significant rebirth (AKA the Resurrection of Christ). Another non-religious tradition that is observed is the Easter Bunny. While its origins are unknown, it is believed to have come from German immigrants. In many cultures, rabbits are known as exciting creators of baby bunnies in spring meadows. As a result, many people associate bunnies with birth and renewal in the spring. Finally, Easter foods are deeply symbolic, such as a lamb dinner. Lamb was known as a sacrificial animal for Jews as well as Catholics (in relation to the Lamb of God, or Jesus). Overall, Easter is a great holiday to spend with family, friends, and the Easter bunny.

### *What's Around the Corner?*

By Peyton Lasure

Mothers are the emotional backbones of the family. They provide the holding place for everyone's feelings and do their best to keep us from being hurt. Who would kiss your boo-boos and make it all better if she wasn't around? Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Mothers can occasionally be under appreciated. Mother's Day is a great way to show your appreciation towards your mom. 10 ways to show your appreciation to your mother are:

1. Breakfast in bed
2. Card
3. Candy/chocolate
4. Flowers
5. Sometimes personalized
6. Something cherishable
7. Skin care
8. Jewelry
9. Candles
10. Soap

Though it is still April, it's never too early to start preparing. Get a head start now and show your mom how much you love her!





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**School Calendar**

May 25th.....One Hour Dismissal  
  
May 26th.....Snow Makeup Day #1  
  
May 29th.....Memorial Day Vacation  
  
May 31st.....Baccalaureate  
  
June 1st.....Graduation

**Jean: Our Loving Lunch Lady Continued...**

like Jean in our community. She has been serving kids lunch for almost 4 decades. When speaking to Jean, she said, "I liked CT. It was like the kids I went to school with. I had kids and I got to see them grow, which was really interesting and exciting." Her plans now are to spend her time camping with her grandson and enjoying the outdoors. Jean also added that another reason she enjoyed this community so much was that "everyone knows everyone." All of her co-workers have also said that she was such a special person and always uplifted everyone's mood.



**SHOFCO Event**

By Kendra Huber

The SHOFCO event is a soccer tournament held at the end of the year to raise money. It is a great way to have fun and raise money for under-privileged communities. All the money raised will go directly to help others throughout the world and community! The tournament will be held on May 30th.

Signups are outside of Mrs. Durica's room now. Students are allowed to have up to 8 players on one team. One person, per team, should be assigned the team captain. There are only allowed to be 4 soccer players per team, and 2 soccer players on the field at one time. The soccer players will be given a colored wristband the day of the tournament to keep track of who plays and for which team.

This year, the Junior High students will be playing in the morning, before lunch. The Senior High students will play in the afternoon. This should help with some organization problems that may have been experienced in the past.

This fundraiser is held by the Rotary Interact Club. It is a creative and fun way to get people involved to support a great cause.

**PHOTO JOURNALISM**  
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*Chem I students performing a lab.*



*NHS members at this year's ceremony.*



*TSA at this year's State Championships.*



*Rocco Hagan clearing the high jump bar.*



*Colin Dinyar pitching an inning.*



*Jon Updyke throwing javelin.*



*Emma celebrating her acceptance into the PA School for the Blind.*



*Taylor Jarvis throwing a strike across home plate.*



*Happy 85th birthday Conemaugh Township!*

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## ***School Countdown***

*By Brianna Shetler and Madison Thomas*

With summer fast approaching, it may start to become very challenging to take school as seriously as you may have earlier in the year. While many students fall victim to this, it is very important to keep the end of school testing in mind. With less than 30 days left in the school year, seniors will be thinking about college, and others will be thinking about their summer plans. Ultimately, many will not study for their tests.

Finals, PSSA's, Keystones, and AP Exams are all right around the corner, whether you choose to accept it or not. Preparing for these exams is crucial for ending your school year on a good note and being in good graces with your parents. So don't let the feeling of summer get in the way of your grades.

In this way, don't let summer rush the fun of the school year. Students have a lot to look forward to as the school countdown begins. There are many upcoming events at Conemaugh Township that students can participate in. For example, spring sports have officially started. Township's track, baseball, and softball teams are all working hard to improve their season. Going out to support these athletes is a fun way to spend these last few days of the school year as well. Also, the SHOFSCO tournament is coming up soon! This is a great way to spend time with friends and enjoy the sun. Another fun activity that students can participate in is powderpuff, where juniors and seniors join in and play football for the day. Also, Seniors have a lot to look forward to as the year slows down. Graduation, Baccalaureate, and Senior awards are all coming up.

In all, have fun with the rest of the school year! Have a manageable and positive attitude!

## ***Autism Awareness***

*By Julia Thomas*

Every year, World Autism Awareness Day is nationally celebrated on April 2nd. This gives many people the time to open their eyes to bigger subjects in the world. Also, it is a great idea to look after friends who may be subjected. Furthermore, World Autism Month is celebrated during all of April. This month is a great way to celebrate and spread awareness in the same way.

There are so many ways to get involved. Talk about and research autism, spread the word and help others have more understanding and acceptance of people with autism and raise awareness. People may be ignorant to autism, and it is vital to find ways to support. For example, try to find ways to improve your community, and make it more inclusive for people with autism. Taking small steps leads to making a big difference!

Make sure to treat people kindly and respect them, as you would to yourself. Everyone deserves respect and fair treatment. April is a great month to remember to be inclusive; learn as much as you can to support others.

## ***Spring Fun***

*By Kaydence Forish*

Spring is finally here! As the weather gets warmer, there are more activities to do. The winter sadly makes us forget these pursuits, but we are back into the swing of things. Make the most of this spring. While summer approaches, these 10 fun things will help you enjoy warmer weather:

- Go fishing
- Go for walks
- Have a picnic
- Go for a hike in nature
- Play sports with friends
- Eat fresh fruits for refreshing energy
- Feed ducks
- Paint rocks
- Make your own bouquet
- Plan for summer break

As the flowers bloom, and the sun starts to warm the Earth, spend lots of time outside. Nature will refresh you from the long winter break. Serotonin is necessary for living, so get out there and have some fun!



## POP CULTURE

### *Overview of the Grunge Era*

By Luke Haight and Lily Mohrbacker

In the early 1990's, a new kind of music emerged from underground clubs and bars of Seattle. Everyone called this type of music "Grunge". It quickly became one of the most popular genres in the world. So, what made Grunge so popular? The fashion caught attention amongst adults in Seattle and became mainstream. Grunge fashion is characterized by its simplicity and its functionality. Grunge fashion is considered to be a total flop compared to the flashy and over-the-top styles of the 1980's. Clothes were often worn oversized or baggy and layers were common. Also, the fashion is known for its DIY aesthetic. Second, Grunge music spoke to the youth. The youth of the early 1990's were tired of being told what was cool and what wasn't. They were searching for something that spoke to them, something that was real. Grunge music did just that. It was a genre that didn't take itself too seriously, and it was full of lyrics that reflected the frustrations of young people. Finally, the amazing bands were the best part of the 1990's Grunge. The early 90's saw a huge rise of many amazing grunge bands. These bands brought a new sound that was fresh and exciting. They were able to take elements of punk and metal and create something unique. Grunge music also quickly became very popular with the mainstream audiences because of bands such as Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains, and Soundgarden. Grunge music is often associated with the month of April because of the deaths of Grunge icons Kurt Cobain and Layne Staley. Both front men died on April 5, Kurt Cobain in 1994, and Layne Staley in 2002. This makes people of the Grunge era sentimental for the month of April. Here is a playlist of some Grunge hits!

- *Black Hole Sun* – Soundgarden
- *Would?* – Alice in Chains
- *Heart-Shaped Box* – Nirvana
- *Plush* – Stone Temple Pilots
- *River of Deceit* – Mad Season
- *Pretend We're Dead* - L7
- *Mother Mother* - Tracy Bonham
- *Scott Pilgrim* – Plumtree
- *Everything Zen* - Bush
- *S.O.F.T.* - Elastica
- *I Think I'm Paranoid* - Garbage
- *Mellie's Coming Over* - Letters to Cleo
- *He's Kissing Christian* - That Dog.
- *Lucky Guy* - The Muffs

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### *Musician of the Month*

By Lily Mohrbacker

Katie Troxell lives with both of her parents, Christine and Robert Troxell, in Johnstown. She plays the trombone in our school's band. As a senior this year, Katie has taken part in the District Chorus, Jazz Band, and the Ken Lancy Band. The Marching Band show that Katie played in is *Dancin' In the Streets 2022*.

In her future, she plans to attend Juniata College for majors in business and history. While in college, Katie also wants to participate in the pep band. One quote from Katie is her favorite saying from Ms. Kasun, "You need to find some joy!"



### *Artist of the Month*

By Aubrey Johns

Jenna Weaver lives with her mom, Bridget Weaver in Hollsopple. She is in Art VI as a senior. Some of Jenna's achievements are that she is the president of the Art Club, one of the captains of the cheer team, and an honor roll student.

Jenna's favorite thing to make is glass beads, however she enjoys working with anything involving jewelry. Tattoos and graffiti are some examples of art forms that inspire Jenna. Jenna believes that tattoos have a way of showing a person's heart.

Jenna plans on attending Penn Highlands, then later transferring to UPJ for her bachelor's degree in social science. Jenna hopes to become a victim's advocate. Jenna's quote is, "You must never trade honesty for reliability."





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## ***Suffragette* Movie Overview**

By Carson Harbart

Recently, Conemaugh Township held a showing of the movie *Suffragette* from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. The school had the screening in honor of Women's History Month, which is from March 1 to March 31.

The movie detailed the celebration of women's suffrage or the right to vote. In this film, the push for freedom took place during the early 1910's in the United Kingdom. However, the director and writer decided to take a turn on the event and make the point of view from woman's experience during this time. The main character, Maud Watts, started the movie off as a typical woman, living with her husband and son, who works in a laundrymat. She faces the usual challenges that a woman of the 1900s would face, including, horrible working conditions, low wages, and even sexual assault. As Watts continuously goes through obstacles, viewers witness many historical events such as: bombs placed in mailboxes, hunger strikes, and Lloyd George's summer home explosion. When the movie was released, it received tons of criticism as the starring roles were not played by the real-life heroes of the time. Reviews explain that, while creators of the movie attempted to incorporate reality into the plot, the subjectivity of Maud Watts limits the movement.

*Suffragette* was a hit for some, but not for others. In the end, the movie still helped in raising awareness of the women's suffrage movement which essentially impacted the freedom of females for many years ahead. Freedom for women, and equality for all, will inevitably be difficult to reach. However, with more awareness being spread with media like this, younger generations can learn about these movements too.

## ***Metallica's New Album, 72 Seasons***

By Luke Haight

Metallica's new album, *72 Seasons*, was released on April 14th, 2023. It is the second album to be released through their own Blackened label, following *Hardwired...to Self-Destruct*. Three singles have been released from the album. These consist of the speed-metal anthem *Lux Eterna*, the up-tempo rocker *Screaming Suicide*, and the imperious third single *If Darkness Had A Son*. If *Darkness Had A Son's* title is derived from the promise that the first 18 years of a human's life will shape and conform our behaviors and personality type. Front man, Hetfield, commented about the title, "A possible pigeonholing around what kind of personality we are. I think the most interesting part of this is the continued study of those core beliefs and how it affects our perception of the world today. Much of our adult experience is reenactment or reaction to these childhood experiences. Prisoners of childhood or breaking free of those bondages we carry." Additionally, what does the album sound like? For example, *Lux Eterna* has firm roots in the sound of their debut album, *Kill 'Em All* – which turns 40 in 2023, coincidentally – and its verses are constructed around precise, breakneck riffing, along with Lars Ulrich's a-little-louder-than-necessary drum mix. In short, it's the sort of thrash anthem that *Stranger Things* hero Eddie Munson would drive recklessly to.

## ***The Super Mario Bros. Movie Overview***

By Lily Mohrbacker

When *The Super Mario Bros.* movie trailer came out in November 2022, everyone was skeptical about the film. The biggest problem people were concerned about was that Chris Pratt was casted to voice Mario. Despite its rocky start, the movie has made over 700 million dollars in the box office. It was named the biggest film of the year so far. Though, our favorite movie critic Rotten Tomatoes gave it a score of 58%, it got a 96% score from audience reviews. Even the infamous "Peaches" song by Jack Black has broken into the U.S. charts and made its debut on the Billboard's Top 100. This movie is a perfect thing to go see over the weekend, and it's great for all ages. If you're bored and need something to do, go check out *Super Mario Bros. Movie* in theaters.



## SOCIETY

### **Emma Pabrazinsky: PA Blind School**

By Mercedes Mull

Emma Pabrazinsky, a former Conemaugh Township student, has recently transferred to the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children in Pittsburgh. She is a residential student but spends her weeks immersed in courses with other students with sight impairments. Her family and advisors hope that this experience will provide her with better navigation and opportunities for her future and help build her independence as a young woman.

On March 21, 2023, Emma began her schooling at WPSBC. She gets transported there Sunday night and comes back home on Friday evening every week. Her education plan will last until she's 21, in which she will attend courses to develop her skills. Some of the classes she has are horticulture, baking buddies, and music. She is taught hands-on skills that she can utilize in her daily life. The school also offers a more independent approach for her life. She has vision therapists, mobility instruction, PTs, OTs, and nurses to assist her and is encouraged to develop a more independent lifestyle. The school will also provide help finding her a job after she graduates. They try to hone in on the skills she is best at, like her memory and love for reading, to find a job she would enjoy doing in her future. She is also offered clubs she can participate in such as a walking club and also has a swimming class as a form of physical activity throughout her day. The school offers community field trips for her to attend as well, and they are also offering a prom for the students to enjoy!



Emma's mother, Sarah Pabrazinsky, seems glad that her daughter has this opportunity in her life. She emphasizes the amount of independence it will build for Emma and hopes that it will build her skills to develop a promising future.

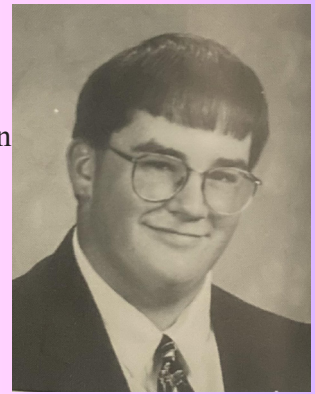
### **Jean: Our Loving Lunch Lady**

By Katie Wiley

Jean Jones, our lunch lady, has stuck with this community for so long, but after 38 years she has recently decided to retire to take a break to enjoy the life she has. Conemaugh Township was blessed to have such a special lady *article continued on page 10...*

## **Alumni Of The Month...**

Jesse Stuver graduated from Conemaugh Township Area School District in 1997. After graduation, he went to work in the family business as a landscaper. During the winter of 1998, he completed all courses at the Northwood Institute of Taxidermy. He married his wife Tammy in 2003, and currently has three step daughters, Tamara, Katie, and Hannah. They are now living in Conemaugh Township along Somerset Pike. Jesse and his wife became owners of Stuvvers Riverside nursery in 2013. Jesse's father, Eric, (C.T. class of 1967) is very active at the nursery. Jesse states, "We are blessed to learn from him every day." Jesse also states, "We look forward to having Hannah (C.T. class of 2015) and her boyfriend Levi work alongside us this spring!"



During Jesse's school years, there were quite a few teachers who left a lasting impression on him. His favorite teacher he quotes was, "Mr. James Hemphill." Jesse states as well, "I'm fortunate to still be in contact with many of them today!"

Jesse's fondest memories at Conemaugh Township were the football games every Friday. He would enjoy going to support the Conemaugh Township Indian football players. Another memory of his was in biology class when they would take hikes into the woods right behind the high school. He had many fond memories that stuck with him, but another wonderful memory included Mr. Rummel's shop classes.





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## ***The Indians Corral the Mustangs***

*By Jenna Brenneman*

The Conemaugh Township Varsity Baseball team secured a non-conference game win after traveling to Portage on Monday April 17th, 2023. The Indians mercy ruled the Mustangs 17-3 after five innings.

Junior Larry Weaver went 3-for-3 with two homers, three runs scored, and six RBIs to lead the Indians. Freshman Colin Dinyar had one homerun and three RBIs along with senior Tyler Weber who had one homerun, two hits, three runs, and four RBIs. Junior Luke Haight also contributed by going 3-for-4 with a double, along with pitching a complete game. Senior Tanner Shirley finished 3-for-4 and senior Aiden Prior added two hits.

When Larry Weaver was asked about the game he stated, "We came out swinging and finally broke out the bats. Luke suffered from an injury last year and to see him pitch a great game was really uplifting for the team. The rest of the season looks very promising and we hope to continue our rally." The boys record improved to 6-1.

## ***E-sports at the Reservation?***

*By Ashlyn Fetterman*

Are E-sports coming to Township? E-sports are video games that are played in a highly organized competitive environment. These games can range from popular, team-oriented multiplayer online battle arenas, to single player first person shooters, to survival battle royales, to virtual reconstructions of physical sports. E-sports has become an officially sanctioned high school sport, and players across the country are changing what it means to be a student-athlete.

E-sports requires teamwork, communication, critical and strategic thinking, creativity, sportsmanship,

## ***Esports at the Reservation Continued...***

and leadership. It requires a lot of the same qualities as traditional sports do too.

Like any other high school sport or activity, students who participate in E-sports will attend team meetings, practices, and official matches. However, since E-sports is played online, there is no travel required throughout a regular season.

There are many benefits from E-sports. Some of the benefits are a sense of community, character development, increase in participation, and STEM engagement. E-sports also provide different scholarship opportunities. The addition of E-sports to Conemaugh Township would get kids that may not do a sport now into a sport. Students will use the skills they acquire playing E-sports to help them throughout life and ultimately become more successful.

## ***Yet Another State Record for Ethan Black***

*By Larry Weaver*

The trip to United for Ethan Black was nothing short of historic for the senior track star. He set a new "All-Weather" state record in the 100 meter race with a blistering 10.22 as well as a 21.18 in the 200 meter race.

Ethan broke out as a star last year when he won the AA state gold medals in the 100 and 200 meter races with times of 10.78 and 21.45. Obviously these times were crazy fast, but the amount of improvement each time in the past year shows the hard work Ethan pursued in the offseason.

While there is still a lot of track left, Ethan does not look to slow down and he hopes to continue his success with another district and state gold medal in the 100 and 200 meter races. When asked about his record he stated, "It has been a great season so far and the work I put in during the winter is really starting to show. Without my coach, friends, family, and track members I wouldn't be able to do what I have done. All of my success is because of them." Go defend the gold, Ethan, and good luck!



### Athletes...

Brook McDermott is very involved with the school both academically and athletically. She lives with her father, Daniel McDermott, and her step-mother, Melissa Fisher, in Johnstown. She has participated in swimming and track and field at Conemaugh Township Area High School. Brook is a four year letterman in swimming.

She is actively involved in the school community by being a part of the National Honors Society, Rotary Interact Club, Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions Club (SADD), Spanish Club, Serving Our Neighbors Club (SON), TSA, and the Scholastic Quiz team. In her spare time, Brook enjoys reading, watching TV, spending time with friends and family, and playing with her dogs.



A quote from Brook is, "Sometimes you've just got to listen to yourself and be ok with nobody else understanding."

After graduation, Brook plans to attend Saint Vincent College to study Psychology to hopefully become a Forensic Psychologist. Also, Brook will be furthering her swimming career at Saint Vincent College and joining their varsity swim team.



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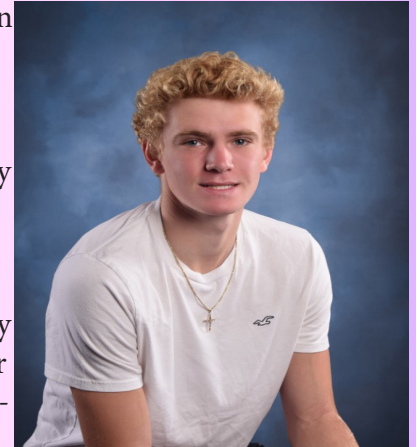
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### ...of the Month

Ethan Black is the son of Gary and Leisha Black in Seanor.

Ethan has been a member of the varsity basketball and track team for two years, while he has been a member of the varsity football team for four years. Ethan is a four-year letter winner in



football, and a two-year letter winner in basketball where he is also a 2-time District V Champion. Ethan is a two-year letter winner in track and also the 2022 PIAA 100m and 200m state champion.

In school Ethan is a very active student. He is an active member of Student Council, S.O.N club (Serving Our Neighbors), S.A.D.D. club (Students Against Destructive Decisions), and National Honors Society. In his free time Ethan enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time with friends and family.

After graduating, Ethan plans on continuing his



football career at Penn State University while also pursuing a career in anesthesiology. A quote from Ethan is "Good is not good when

better is expected." This has motivated him to be the best he can be and to never let anyone outwork him.