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Downtown Johnstown's History of the Christmas Tree

By Asia Zwick

Every holiday season, families and friends search for a lot of holiday activities and tradition to do. However, there is one specific Christmas festivity that seems to draw in the attention of the people of Johnstown: the Central Park Christmas Tree. Not only does a phenomenal lit-up Christmas tree stand, but many mini villages are built surrounding the tree.

The Discover Downtown Johnstown Organization began around 1998 and was always trying to do good in the Johnstown community. But around 2013-2014, the organization began thinking of something that would draw a lot of attention. The idea of enhancing the Christmas experience downtown came to mind. Discover Downtown Johnstown states, "Major builders who own a construction company in Johnstown donate their time and equipment to help us put the tree into the park each year. They provide two cranes and operators to be able to get pieces in and out and erect it over the fountain. The 36-foot Christmas tree sits on top of a three-foot platform and has a four-foot-tall star. It consists of 400 branches, 72,000 red, white, and green lights, and 100 strobe lights." The tree gets put up just before Thanksgiving, and is taken down in January. Along with that, there are 42 houses this year. Individual businesses build and sponsor them. During the offseason, the people of the organization store them, and the city moves them in and out of the park when they need them. A member of the organization says, "My favorite part of the tree is the fact that it brought a sense of community pride into Johnstown. It was a huge risk for our organization to take, but it was well worth it because we have seen downtown blossom since then."

To conclude, the Discover Downtown Johnstown Organization is a prime example of bringing in fun to a small city and its surrounding communities. Not only is a 42-foot light-up Christmas tree an amazing sight, but it is a great activity that

draws families and friends together to spread holiday cheer! The hard work and dedication that gets put into this does not go unrecognized.

DonorsChoose

By Alison Matera

DonorsChoose is a funding site that works to help teachers get what they need in the classroom so students have better tools for a great education. Their team works to inspire as much support as possible for teachers and schools in need.

Conemaugh Township's video production classes are holding a fundraiser through this program. DonorsChoose is a non-profit organization, that enables donors to donate directly to classroom projects. The classes are hoping to buy a new camera, lens, and a stabilizer with the money donated. Mrs. Feathers shared, "I am so hopeful that we'll be able to meet our goal for this. My students have amazed me with their creativity and passion for this field, and I have absolutely loved learning all about video production along with them. They've been using my family camera to film so many events, and I would like to get them the equipment they need to continue to provide high quality productions to showcase the truly amazing skills they have and the amazing accomplishments of our district."

The classes will only receive the new equipment if the project is fully funded by March 29th. As of December 6th, the project had 24 donors and raised \$1,902.50.





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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



PJ Spirit Day!



Hannah Gregorich and Zack Petree at the Christmas Dance



Jeremiah Elliott with the Grinch!



CT cheer supporting our basketball teams!

PHOTO JOURNALISM



Jackson Temyer dribbling down the court



Ava Byer running out to start the game



Daniel Turley and Alonna Bracken playing in our band's winter concert



Maya Denault competing at a rifle match



Zoey Furman and Maura McCall singing in the junior high choir



Colten Huffman pulling a reversal on his opponent



Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

SOCIETY

Disney Trip

By Gracie McCall

On December 7th through December 12th, the CT Music Department went on a Disney Trip to perform at Disney Springs. All senior high members of the CT choir and band had the chance to go. The music department did multiple fundraisers for each student to make enough money to go on this amazing trip! On Thursday, December 7th they started their trek on a 22-hour bus ride to Walt Disney World. They arrived there on Friday, December 8th in the morning. They left Disney World on Monday night and drove throughout the night to return home on Tuesday night.

Each day, they had something super special planned for the students. On Friday morning, they performed a concert at Disney Springs. For the three full days they were there, they visited Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, Magic Kingdom, and Universal. The CT Music Department stayed at the All-Star Sports Resort. The students learned many values there and their days were filled with many fun activities.

This was a great opportunity for our CT students. Some of these students don't have many chances to do something special and amazing like this. Alexa Gardenhour, a sophomore who is a part of the senior high choir, band, and marching band, said, "I am really excited to be able to have had this opportunity to perform at Disney Springs and spend several days there with the music department. This was an exciting experience and truly a once in a lifetime opportunity."



Alumni of the Month...

Michael Muir is a 2007 Conemaugh Township alumni. Upon graduating from high school, Michael went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in actuarial science at Penn State University in 2011. Today, he is a Senior Associate in the Health and Benefits consulting practice of Willis Towers Watson—a renowned global financial services firm. There, he serves as a strategic advisor to large employers in the design and management of their health & benefit programs. Before joining WTW in 2021, Michael was responsible for quantifying the financial value driven by Quantum Health's healthcare navigation and care coordination program for large, self-funded employers. Prior to Quantum Health, Michael began his career at an insurance brokerage firm where he advised mid-to-large market employers on the financial aspects of their benefits strategies. Outside of the office, Michael is a licensed pilot and an Airbnb "Superhost". Since 2013, he's logged almost 1,000 hours as pilot-in-command and has hosted over 700 guests from 16 different countries.

Selecting a single standout teacher is challenging for Michael. During his time at CT, he was able to learn and bond with many of the teachers, who in turn shaped him into the person he is today. In Mr. Cable's world cultures class, the weekly current event quizzes served as enlightening gateways to the global community, cultivating a rich appreciation for cultures around the globe. Mr. King delved into the world of literature, emphasizing the value of thoughtful debate. The analytical thinking skills learned in Mr. Kendig's calculus and Ms. Risch's physics classes became invaluable in his actuarial pursuits. As for Mrs. Bartoletti's Spanish class, while he didn't achieve fluency, she brought big energy to the classroom that made every lesson memorable and fun. Even in Mrs. Lehman's home economics class he mastered the culinary delight of French toast. Each educator, in their unique way, played a pivotal role in shaping his academic trajectory and personal development.

Memories are made at CT. For Michael, his favorite memories were made at Friday night football games, basketball playoff runs, school dances, but above all, it's the laughter, inside jokes, and the lifelong friendships that he cherished the most.





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Wrestling Preview

By Lilly Oakes

Winter sports are off to a great start. The Conemaugh Township wrestling teams kicked off their season this past Tuesday, with almost double the typical number of athletes. The team is ready to fight for victory!

This season, there are 14 members on the varsity team. The varsity team consists of athletes from high school grades 9-12. The team practices each day after school to prepare for their season. The members range in all of the weight divisions. Freshman Landon Ray-Romesburg says that he feels that “We have a good wrestling team and we are going to do well this season.” He also feels that the team “has a lot of talent,” and that both the team as a whole, and the seniors individually will go far this season. Senior Colton Huffman says that he thinks, “We’re going to do pretty good against Marion Center... Our team just won a match at North Star Tuesday, and we expect to get our second team win Thursday... I can guarantee a pin at 189 pounds, but the entire team has to show up and wrestle hard.”

As this shows, both the younger, and older athletes on the wrestling team have confidence, and courage going into this season.

As long as they continue practicing long and hard, they are sure to push their way along far though this season.



Bocce Insight

By Ava Byer

The Conemaugh Township bocce ball team is starting up their season with practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays in homeroom. The team



will start their season at 4pm at Bedford on Monday December 18, 2023. The team’s coach is Addy Dull, a 2023 graduate of Conemaugh Township.

Bocce ball usually consists of two teams. There are typically two players on each team on opposite sides of the court. Each team has two large balls called bocce. The balls are colored according to the team. A smaller ball,

called the pallino, is the target. The winner of the previous game throws the pallino down the court. Once it stops rolling, the two players playing at the time have to then try to put their bocces as close to the pallino as possible. The team that gets the closest to the pallino wins that round. Julia Thomas, a junior on the team, says, “I am very excited to start the season! Last year’s season went very well and it was so much fun to play.”



The bocce ball team will continue practicing and getting ready for their first meet. The team is continuing to get better every practice and is hoping to have a winning season. The team is very excited for this upcoming season. Good luck to our bocce players! We can’t wait to see how your season goes!

SPORTS

Athletes...

Sam Sharbaugh is the son of Steph and Lee Sharbaugh of Davidsville. He has played golf for ten years. In his high school years, he is an individual district champion, and a two-time team district champion. He finished in the top 25 at states in State College. Also, he is the 2023 Ebensburg Country Club High School



Invitational Champion. Additionally, he was a three-time all WestPAC selection, along with three-time WestPAC team champion. He has scored the lowest score at states in Conemaugh Township history

and scored the lowest nine-hole match score in Conemaugh Township history.

Sam is involved in golf, Grill Team, and SADD Club here at Conemaugh Township. Sam had also lettered four times in golf throughout his high school career. In his spare time, Sam likes to hunt and fish with his friends and family. He also enjoys taking his dog, Smalls, for walks, watching movies, and hanging out with friends.



Sam's future plans include taking his academic and athletic career to Penn State Altoona where he will major in Business and play on the golf team. A quote from Sam is "Pain is temporary, greatness is forever."

GO ET!

... of the Month

Lydia Boring is the daughter of Stephanie and Joseph Boring. Lydia is a member of the varsity rifle and track and field team. She has been a part of rifle for four years and is a three-year

letterman. She competed in states for three years, was a top five shooter, and won WestPAC three times.

Lydia has also been a member of the track and field team for four years and is a three-year letterman. Her efforts at districts

helped her to place in both javelin and discus.



Outside of sports, Lydia attends the construction program at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center, where she also is a member of the Shotgun League. She is a part of the Buddy's Club at school and has attended SkillsUSA for construction, where she placed second at Districts.

In her spare time, she enjoys repairing and upgrading her Jeep, building things, and working. Her favorite quote is by Helen Keller, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." After graduating from high school, Lydia plans to join the Army National Guard as a 15T, Airplane Technician, and work her way up to Crew Chief. She also intends on going to the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics.





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Dog Virus

By Matalyn Mauzy

Unfortunately, this year has been hard for the canine community. There is an unknown virus going around that has been affecting dogs. This virus is spreading throughout the states. The virus affecting dogs across the country is called Atypical Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex. (ACIRDC)

This virus targets dogs through the lungs. Dogs may start coughing then turn for the worst. It may cause pneumonia, struggling to get enough oxygen, and, worse case, death. Jordyn Snyder knows first-hand the effect this illness has on dogs. Her puppy, she got recently, a few months ago passed away suddenly, causing the vets to believe that it was a virus. Jordyn stated, "I am sad to say I know what the dog virus is and the harm it may cause to many dogs." The best solution for your dogs is to keep them at home and not allow them around dogs that they haven't been around for a while. Keep them away from dog parks for their safety.

2023 has not been easy for the furry four-legged animals. The new year is around the corner and hopefully it brings some answers for a mans best friends.

Christmas Presents for Ukraine

By Alison Matera

On October 12th, the Rotary Interact officers went to the Rotary district 7305 conference meeting. At this conference, they learned about tons of projects and other ideas on how to give back. One project the rotary officers felt strongly called to was the Ukrainian Orphan Project.

The Ukrainian orphan project helps hundreds of people get necessities of all kinds. The Rotary members were divided into groups and split up the items needed. After the members purchased the needed items, they were given to a church to then be shipped to Ukraine.

Addison Gindlesperger shared, "It's extremely upsetting that the orphans are going through, and I am so happy to be able to have this opportunity to help those in need!" This project is just one of the many projects our Rotary Club has done this

Rotary's Selfless Acts of Kindness

By Asia Zwick

While Conemaugh Township is involved in many clubs and activities, there is a specific one that tends to stand out around Christmas time. The Rotary Interact Club has three separate events that benefit the community and teenagers in need. Twelve Interacts of Kindness, Rotary Wishes for Christmas, and supporting Orphans in Ukraine with Christmas presents are all a part of their rewarding wish to give during the holidays.

The Rotary Interacts of Kindness had a main message of spreading positivity and spreading holiday cheer. On day one, Rotary students decorated at Laurel View Village, day two students posted positive social media posts, day three consisted of a red cross blood drive, day four the students gave the secretary plants, day five students made cookies for the community first responders, and day six donuts were given to staff members. On day seven students traveled to the elementary school to read to kids, day eight consisted of giving out thank you notes, day nine an organization day at St. Francis Sharing and Caring was held, day ten students put up post-it notes of kindness, day eleven CT Rotary plaques were given, and day twelve candy canes were out on cars. All of that being said, Rotary Interact's Twelve Days of Kindness was a great representation of doing little things making a big difference. Next, the Rotary Interact Club donated Christmas presents to four orphans who were sponsored. These Ukrainian kids were unfortunately put in an orphanage because of the Ukraine conflicts happening. The club collected gifts, distributed them, made lists for necessities, and gave kids toys. The third and final act Rotary has done is pay for utilities and bills of families who are in need. One of two Rotary leaders, Ms. Kasun stated, "It is a great way to give back to families in need, not just with toys, but for winter necessities."

In conclusion, the Rotary Interact Club's acts of kindness and good will does not go unnoticed. Twelve Days of Kindness, Rotary Wishes for Christmas, and giving Christmas presents to orphans in need are all great ways to spread Christmas cheer. Recognizing there are people in need not only around the world, but locally, is a great way of giving back.

Best Gift Alternatives

By Kendra Huber

With the holiday season approaching, many people become stressed thinking about what to give others. Gifts can have lots of meaning behind them and don't have to be expensive. Gift Alternatives are a great way for people to express their love for others.

DIY gifts are a great way to get creative. Even if you are not the most artistic, DIY crafts are a great way to express your creativity. Sweet treats are another great alternative. Baked goods and snacks are a cheap and meaningful gift for this holiday season. A secret Santa or gift swap game is a fun way to exchange gifts. It is a great way to get people active and constantly thinking, and it is a great way to keep children busy and occupied. One of the most heartwarming gifts for this holiday season is to donate or sponsor a child in need. Helping others is such a rewarding way to spend Christmas. The most popular gift alternative is to travel. A vacation can be more than a gift; it is a great way to create memories with loved ones. Not all gifts have to be expensive, but anything can make loved ones smile.

Gift alternatives are the best way to surprise others. Giving to others is not only a great feeling for the one receiving the gift, but also for the one giving.

Snow Activities

By Alexa Gardenhour

With the winter season right around the corner, the temperatures start to drop and the snow starts to fall. Many people enjoy the snowfall and cold weather, while many do not. There are many different fun activities that you can do involving the snow. Below is a list of just a few things you can do when the temperature drops!

1. Sled riding
2. Snowball fight
3. Snowboarding
4. Skiing
5. Build a snowman
6. Snow tubing
7. Building a snow fort
8. Make ice cream/cones/slushies
9. Ice skating

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FEATURES

Christmas Traditions

By Braylin Petree

Many families have different and unique Christmas traditions each year. Tradition is defined as the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation. Some of these traditions have been passed down from generation to generation, and others have just been started. A few of these traditions often include decorating the tree, baking cookies, writing letters to Santa, and hanging lights. Any of your traditions could have been going on for years, from where you celebrate the holiday, what you eat, and what you wear.

During Christmas in Japan, a very unique tradition started after World War II. Residents often eat fried chicken, which demonstrates that people are doing well and they can afford to have nice, luxurious foods like fried chicken, eaten to celebrate foreign festivities. In Latvia, people in a village would drag a log or a tree stump through the village at the winter solstice and then at the end burn it. These traditions have been going on for years and no one even questions it. The top traditions for Christmas in our country are building gingerbread houses, singing Christmas carols, exchanging gifts, and wearing ugly Christmas sweaters.

Everyone has different traditions that they have been doing for generations. The whole world has unique traditions. Traditions are what makes our holiday celebrations so special. It's nice to have something you do every year to look forward to for the holidays.





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Wish Movie Review

By Marly Teeter

Disney has always come out with fun animations for everyone to love and remember to be nostalgic. Recently, they came out with a new film, *Wish*, and it didn't have quite the same effect. This new animated film had lots of people excited since most of these types of movies end up being kids' favorites, but according to reviews, *Wish* didn't turn out how they thought.

Wish is about young Asha who essentially makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force. The force is basically a ball of boundless energy called Star. With Star's help, Asha had to save her kingdom from King Magnifico. The resolution to the story is when she connects to the stars, wonderful things happen. Now, according to the audience, the wonderful things that happened weren't very amazing. Most negative comments said how the movie felt "rushed" and could've had a lot more creativity. One said it felt like the creators were taking the "easy way out" of finishing the movie and it felt more like a video game. Although there were a few negative reviews, there were also some great reviews and people who loved the production.

After evaluating the movie, I don't know if it's really worth the watch. It could still be fun to go and give the movie your own review. Seeing it yourself can make an entirely different approach than reading the reviews, and maybe it will become another one of those nostalgic Disney movies that you love.



Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting

By Luke Haight

The Rockefeller Christmas tree lighting is an annual event when a large Christmas tree is placed in Rockefeller Center, in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. The lighting of the tree always happens on the Wednesday evening following Thanksgiving. Also, every year since 1997, the ceremony has been broadcast on television where millions of Americans tune in to watch. Furthermore, the tree is always lit by the current mayor of New York City. Finally, before the tree is lit there are live concerts by many pop singers, and here is a list of this year's performers:

- Chloe Bailey
- Adam Blackstone
- Cher
- David Foster
- Liz Gillies
- Darlene Love
- Seth Macfarlane
- Barry Manilow
- Katherine McPhee
- Keke Palmer
- Carly Pearce
- Manuel Turizo
- Kelly Clarkson

Duets:

- David Foster and Katherine McPhee
- Seth Macfarlane and Liz Gillies
- Adam Blackstone and Keke Palmer
- Cher and Darlene Love

This event continues to be a tradition enjoyed by all!



POP CULTURE

Elf 20th Edition

By Kaydence Forish

When Christmas movies come to mind, *Elf* is obviously one of the most popular Christmas movies that everyone and anyone can enjoy. *Elf* has become a Christmas staple in many homes and, for the first time in years, big news is surrounding this instant classic!

This year, *Elf* is returning into theaters to celebrate its 20th anniversary starting on November 17. *Elf* first came out in 2003 and earned \$220 million worldwide against a \$33 million budget. In 2023, the return to the theaters has earned the movie \$173 million. *Elf* is about an elf that came from the North Pole as a baby and grew into an adult and goes on a long search for his biological father.

Relive the laughs and loving moments of one of the most popular and well-known Christmas movies. Go celebrate and take advantage of the holiday movie with buttery popcorn in your local theater.

Percy Jackson Review

By Luke Haight

Disney fans are very excited as something new is coming to the big screen. Disney is releasing a live-action fantasy TV series entitled *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. The series will be directed by James Bobin, starring Walker Scobell, Leah Sava Jeffries, Aryan Simhadri, Dior Goodjohn, Charlie Bushnell, Virginia Kull, Glynn Turman, Meagan Mullally, Olivea Morton and Timm Sharp. Streaming is starting December 20, 2023 on Disney+. The series is about a teenage demigod named Percy Jackson who comes to terms with his newfound supernatural powers when the sky god Zeus accuses him of stealing his master lightning bolt. Now, Percy must trek across America to find it and restore order to Olympus.

Furthermore, in the TV series, season one will consist of eight episodes, with a two-episode premiere on December 20, 2023 and weekly releases thereafter. The episode's titles are taken word-for-word from chapters of the original *Lightning Thief* book, highlighting the show's faithfulness to the source material. Season one will only cover events from *The Lightning Thief*, suggesting that the show will likely run for five seasons,

Musician of the Month

Landon Weeks is the son of Ashlee Kerekes and Robert Weeks. They all live in Davidsville, PA. Landon is a senior at Conemaugh Township High school and is in the band. He plays two instruments, which are the trombone and the guitar.

Some of Landon's greatest accomplishments include participating in district band, regional band, and district jazz. Landon has been a part of many marching band shows. The band shows include "Out of this World," "Good for the Soul," "Mardi Gras," "The Heist," "Dancin' in the Streets," and "The Ultimate Quest."

Landon's future plans consist of attending IUP and pursuing a major in music. One of Landon's favorite quotes is, "There are no two words in the English language more powerful than 'good job'".



Artist of the Month

Destiny Baker, a resident of Davidsville, PA, lives with her mother, aunt, uncle, four dogs, two younger cousins, and her little sister. Destiny is a senior at Conemaugh Township High school and is also a member of its Art Club. She is in Art III and has accomplished many amazing things.

With an art style that is very experimental, Destiny has a very fun time in class. It isn't about winning awards, but just letting her creativity shine. The art that inspires her most is music and renaissance. Outside of art, some of her best accomplishments are being selected for the county chorus, the honor roll, and being on the cheer team.

After graduating high school, Destiny plans to attend college and live on her own. One of Destiny's favorite quotes is, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." -Vivian Greene





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Angel vs. Star

By Kaitlyn Wiley

As there is a lot of controversy on whether to put a star or angel on the top of the tree, there is history behind each one. In one study, 46% of people put a star on the tree, 27% put angels on their trees, and 18% were other toppers, like fairies. Although it is said the angels are the most traditional, the stars are the most common. I put an angel on the tree.

The religious story behind the angel is from the original Christmas story. The angels are represented on the tree because, on the first Christmas, they visited Joseph and the Virgin Mary to announce the soon birth of Jesus. The night he was born, angels made a presence in the sky over Bethlehem to publicly announce his arrival to the world. Putting an angel on the tree is also viewed as a protector, to protect their house from evil spirits. The star signifies the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem and revealed the birth of Jesus. My family puts an angel on the tree because it was from a relative that was passed down and it has great meaning to it. Putting the angel up can also make decorating for Christmas more fun. Each year someone gets the role of placing the angel on the tree.



There is no correct topper to put on your tree, both have religious significance, so it is more based on which one you like better or which one has more significance to you and your family. They are both very classic choices and both look very nice. Which one do you put on your tree?

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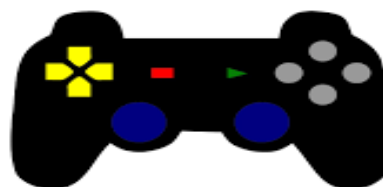
Should we have Esports?

By Luke Haight

I believe there should be an Esports team. Esports or competitive gaming, is quickly gaining popularity in the United States, and is creating a large presence on college campuses and high schools. I think Esports share many similarities and benefits of traditional athletics like sportsmanship, leadership, communication, and teamwork. Also, I think there is an advantage of Esports when it comes to that there is no travel for practices, or games. Also, there is no risk for injury. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Esports continued like normal.

Furthermore, I believe that Esports Has many benefits and one of them is building community. Esports is ideal for students who aren't interested in traditional athletics, but want to be a part of a team and learn valuable life skills. Esports also offers a unique opportunity to build connections across diverse populations. Esports openness to everyone encourages inclusion. Playing Esports in a virtual space or physical arena establishes community, friendship, school spirit, and the sense of belonging.

To continue, another benefit that I think is great about Esports is learning social skills. Regardless of how good you are at Esports or gaming, players can learn valuable social skills as they make teams, collaborate, and compete among themselves. Like any team, players must be willing to overcome obstacles and failure. This helps them develop perseverance and encourage teamwork.



JUNIOR HIGH

Best Snow Day Activities

By Arabella Seibert

There are so many fun snow day activities to do if you have a snow day! These will keep you busy all day long!

1. Layer up and go outside! Build a snowman or go sled riding if there is enough snow (or if it's even thick enough).
2. Go to an ice skating rink with family or friends!
3. Make some hot chocolate and build a fort inside!
4. Watch a movie and eat some popcorn (if it's too cold out).
5. Go shopping for some Christmas presents, or just go shopping for fun.
6. Have a friend over and play a board game!
7. Take a nap and relax the whole day.
8. Go for a ride and look at Christmas lights around town!
9. Listen to some festive music and read a book.
10. Bake sweet treats for family and friends (cookies, brownies, muffins, cake, etc.)

A Christmas Comic

By Caroline Baroni



Junior High Girls Basketball

By Molly Hunsberger

The junior high girls basketball season has started. They are currently 0-2, and their next game is on Friday, December 22. They've been working very hard by running new plays and working with new teammates. The lead scorers are Quinn Moser, Gina Hagen, Leah Kordell, and Peyton Lasure. The girls are so excited to continue the basketball season. Good luck, girls!

The Greatest Christmas Songs

By Julianna Sodano

As we get into the Christmas season, it's time to listen to some festive music! If you're not sure what songs to listen to, here are some good ideas: "All I Want For Christmas is You" - Mariah Carey
"Last Christmas" - Wham!
"Frosty the Snowman" - The Ronettes
"Under the Tree" - Kelly Clarkson
"Snowman" - Sia
"Christmas Wrapping" - The Waitresses
"Feliz Navidad" - Jose Feliciano
"It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas" - Michael Buble
"Santa Baby" - Eartha Kitt
"Santa Tell Me" - Ariana Grande
"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" - Fred Astaire
"Winter Wonderland" - Ella Fitzgerald

New Years Resolutions

By Jayla Feathers

New Years resolutions are very important because you get to make new goals for yourself. Resolutions are usually made to better yourself by doing good things more often. Some activities you can do more of are: exercise more, drink more water, read more, be more friendly, study more, and even get some more sleep. There are also habits that you can do less to better yourself. Some ideas include: procrastinate less, eat less junk food, and, the most important one, use social media less. All of these ideas are very helpful to make the new year better, and maybe even more interesting for you as you try new things! Good luck with your new year!



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Academic Calendar

- January 1.....New Year’s Vacation
- January 12.....Act 80 Early Dismissal
12:00 Middle/High School
12:45 Elementary
- January 15.....M.L King Day Holiday
- January 17.....End of Nine Weeks
- January 24.....Report Cards Issued

Upcoming Events

- January 10-12.....District Band @ Johnstown
- January 18-19.....PMEA District 6 Jazz Festival
@ Tussey Mountain
- January 24-25.....PMEA District 6 Choir
@ Westmont



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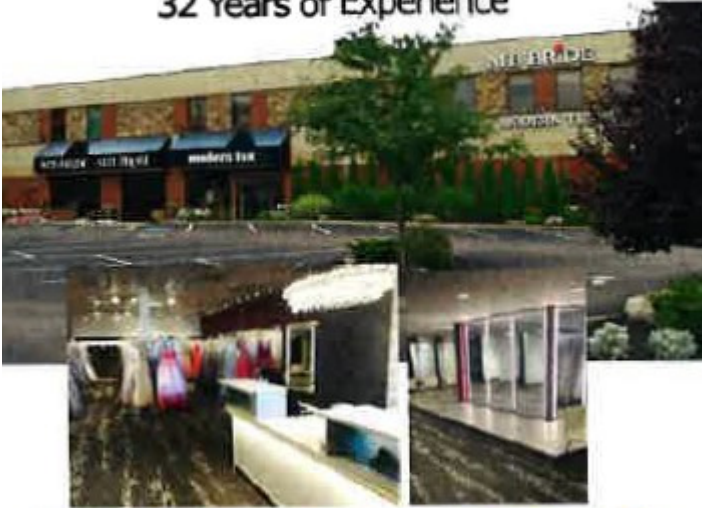
- Superintendent.....Nicole Dull.....479-7575
- Business Manager.....Brandon Studer.....479-7431
- Food Service Director.....Adam Thomas.....479-2328
- Director of Curriculum.....Stacy Dabbs.....479-7575

Middle/High School 6-12

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- Vice Principal/Athletic Director...Jarod Feathers.....479-4014
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- MS Guidance Counselor.....Kellie Hankinson.....479-7886
- School Nurse.....Cassey DeBiase.....479-2324



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