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### ***Alex Davis: Wins the Best Warrior Competition***

*By Lydia Boring*

Alex Davis, a senior at Conemaugh Township, competed in the Best Warrior Competition this year. Before his senior year, Alex decided to join the Pennsylvania National Guard. Alex officially joined the National Guard on August 15, 2022. As a part of training for the National Guard, Davis attends drill one weekend out of each month, up until the day he graduates.

According to Sargent Tyler Landis, the National Guard Recruiter for Conemaugh Township and other schools in the area, "The Best Warrior Competition consisted of a 10-course obstacle, a board interview, a test on their military knowledge, a physical therapy test, and a 3-mile march."

Out of the other 7 RSDs there, his RSD did the best and won

the competition. Davis completed the obstacle course and did well in the tests and interview. Davis also successfully completed the PT test and the 3-mile march. Alex Davis plans to go on to be a 91B diesel mechanic through the National Guard, and plans to go on to get his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering after his basic training has been completed.



### ***Mental Health Awareness Month***

*By Asia Zwick*

Mental Health Awareness Month falls in the month of May. It has been observed in the United States since 1949. NAMI, (National Alliance on Mental Illness), created this movement to raise awareness about mental health and to show the importance of it.

To raise awareness in May about mental health, the National Council for Mental Wellbeing urges you to contact your local elected officials and help them to address the behavioral health workforce shortage crisis. You can sign up to receive updates and opportunities to advocate for better access to mental health and substance use care nationwide. Also, individuals can show their support and compassion by using social media for everyone to see. By doing this, others will see that their health means something to others. Statistically, 1 in 5 adults have experienced mental health issues since 2021. Suicide rates are 13.42 per every 100,000 individual. Males are 3.5 times more more likely to die by suicide than females. On average, there are 132 suicides a day. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-14 and the third leading cause of death among those aged 15-24 in the U.S.

To conclude, mental health is a very important topic that humans do not talk about enough. Checking on loved ones, and showing compassion for people can easily lead somebody to having a great day/week. It's the little things that add up, so be kind! Mental health battles do not have to be fought alone!

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Staff Editorials

***Is College Necessary?***

By Brianna Shetler

***Should Township Provide Buses for After Finals?***

By Kendra Huber

During the week of finals, students have the option to go home early after finishing their daily finalials. Getting the opportunity to get more studying hours is a fabulous opportunity, but can cause problems with getting transportation home.

I believe school buses should not be provided because of pricing and inflation. Providing your own transportation should be mandatory. School bus drivers are in high demand, and in our area, we are struggling to find people willing to drive. Whether you stay in school or go home, I feel you can find a way to study to prepare for the upcoming finals. Although many students would prefer to go home, many do not have a choice because they cannot drive. But, school buses should not be provided for students to get out early during finals week.

Overall, it is too expensive and not practical for our school. While going home early is a privilege, students must find their own transportation.



College is not necessary for everyone, as the necessity of college education depends on individual circumstances and goals. While college offers numerous benefits such as expanded career opportunities, higher earning potential, and personal growth, it is not the only path to success. Some individuals may find alternative routes more suitable, such as trade schools, vocational programs, entrepreneurship, or self-employment.

Firstly, alternative education and training options provide valuable skills and qualifications without the need for a traditional college degree. Vocational programs and trade schools offer specialized training in specific industries, equipping individuals with practical skills that directly translate to employment. Online learning platforms and certifications provide flexibility and affordability, allowing individuals to acquire knowledge and credentials in their chosen fields at their own pace.

Secondly, entrepreneurship and self-employment present viable paths to success for those who possess an entrepreneurial spirit or have unique talents or ideas. Starting a business or pursuing self-employment may require a combination of practical skills, networking, and continuous learning. Some successful entrepreneurs have achieved remarkable success without a college education, relying on their drive, innovation, and determination to succeed.

Lastly, financial considerations play a significant role in determining the necessity of college. College education can be expensive, and student loans can create long-term financial burdens. For individuals with limited financial resources or concerns about student debt, exploring alternative paths that offer cost savings, such as vocational programs or apprenticeships, may be a more practical choice.

In conclusion, while college can provide valuable benefits, it is not necessary for everyone. Alternative education options, entrepreneurship, and financial considerations should be considered when determining the necessity of college for each individual. Success can be achieved through various paths, and it's essential to consider personal circumstances, goals, and available alternatives before deciding about higher education.

# A SPECIAL FAREWELL TO STANKAN, CONTOWNSHIP ADVISOR

Mrs. Loni Stankan has been teaching for 20 years. In those 20 years, she has impacted and inspired hundreds of teachers and students. Numerous individuals taught by Mrs. Stankan have gone on to be well-respected members of society and according to many, she is unforgettable.

Out of those 20 years, 16 of them Mrs. Stankan has spent at Conemaugh Township. Many students, teachers, and members of the community have felt impacted by Mrs. Stankan. She is an inspiring role model, a confidant, a leader, a mentor, and a guiding light. Undoubtedly, Mrs. Stankan's departure is a loss for the Indians; however, we must congratulate Somerset, because they are gaining a stellar educator. She is more than just an exceptional teacher- she is also a local author, myth, and legend.

Recently, Stankan has also become an author of her own book called *The Broken Bride: Rede-*



*fining the Church.* Stankan wrote the book in hopes to rally the American church to focus more on community instead of the more superficial aspects of the church. She was also recently featured in the *Tribune Democrat* and has recently been given the opportunity to be interviewed and publicized on a national television network.

Along with becoming an impressionable teacher and author while at Township, Mrs. Stankan and her husband Jeremy have also welcomed three children: Rourie, Ivan, and Sukey Stankan. Rourie and Ivan both currently attend Conemaugh Township just down the hall from their mom.

Mrs. Stankan is passionate about her students and she is a remarkable teacher. Everyone here at Township will miss her dearly. We all wish her the best of luck in her journey at Somerset!

“One of the most important things that I search for in the hiring process is hiring an outstanding human being. Loni Stankan perfectly fit that mold throughout the hiring process and continued that throughout this phase of her career. I wish her luck moving on to the next chapter of her life and hope her successes continue.”

- High School Principal, Mr. James Foster

“Mrs. Stankan has been an incredible mentor. She would drop everything she is doing to help her students and that’s what makes her so special.”

- Senior Editor-in-Chief Hannah Sodano and Junior Editor-in-Chief Giavonna Bambino

“The Lorelai Gilmore to my Sookie St. James. Words could never adequately express what Loni Stankan means to Conemaugh Township and our community. The halls will darken a bit next year without her sunny smile and the radiant positivity that she exudes. Although she may be decked out in orange and black next year—on the outside—we know that in her heart Mrs. Stankan will always be an Indian.”

- English Teacher, Mrs. Jodi Forgas

“We love that we can see our mom during the day and if we ever need her she is right there. It was always nice just to go and visit her throughout the day. As much as we will miss her, we know she will do great at Somerset.”

- Rourie and Ivan Stankan

## FROM ALL OF US AT CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP, THANK YOU MRS. STANKAN!

LOVE,

*Giavonna Bambino*  
*Adrian Bindepuzo*  
*Joshua Sharningo*  
*Emily Corolla*  
*Sam Miller*  
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**Callie Parker**

**Position:** Society Editor

**Plans To Attend:** Saint Francis University

**Major:** Social Work

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Hair Stylist

**Extracurricular Activities:** Marching Band (Woodwind Section Leader), Project Manager Rotary Interact Club, Girl Scouts, National Honors Society, Softball, Musical, Camp Counselor, Band, Choir, Sign Language Club, Society Editor of Contownian Newspaper, Bocce Ball

**Awards and Achievements:** Girl Scout Silver Award, Girl Scout Bronze Award, Honor Roll Four Years



**Tanner Shirley**

**Position:** Sports Editor

**Plans To Attend:** University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

**Major:** Civil Engineering

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Sports Broadcaster

**Extracurricular Activities:** NHS Secretary, Class Vice President, Student Council, SADD Secretary, SON Club, Grill Team, Vice President of computer club, 3 time district V champion in basketball, high honor roll

**Awards and Achievements:** 4 letter winner in football and basketball, 3 year letter winner in baseball, 2 year letter winner in golf.



**Andrew Roles**

**Position:** Pop Culture Editor

**Plans To Attend:** Film School and Work Force

**Major:** Film

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Filmmaker

**Extracurricular Activities:** Varsity Football

**Awards and Achievements:** Lettered in Varsity Football



**Lexi Defibaugh**

**Position:** Little Contownian

**Plans To Attend:** Westmoreland County Community College

**Major:** Dental Hygiene

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Teacher

**Extracurricular Activities:** Varsity Cheerleading, SON Club, and Junior Achievement

**Awards and Achievements:** Honor Roll, NHS, Ken Lantzy, and Cheer Captain

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### HIGH SCHOOL



*Luke Weber pitching an inning*



*Alayliah Reynolds throwing to a base*



*Kendra Huber clearing the high jump bar*



*Prom photobooth fun!*



*Nevaeh Hochschild dancing the night away*



*The alto section singing for the spring choir concert*



*Students participating in post prom activities*



*Our senior track members*

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## ***Teacher Appreciation***

*By Kendra Huber*

Teacher appreciation week is held yearly from May 8th to May 12th. Schools all around the country take this time to recognize teachers for all they do for their students.

From September to May, teachers are shaping and helping children constantly. Having patience and being able to connect with kids is not something everyone can do. With many different obstacles coming at them, teachers always try their best and have their best foot forward. At Conemaugh Township, we celebrated our teachers by bringing them snacks and drinks.

Thanking teachers should be a gesture that we do every day! This week allows us to bring attention to all teachers across the nation! Thank you, teachers, for all you do!

## ***Military Appreciation Month***

*By Lexi Defibaugh*

May commemorates Military Appreciation Month. As Memorial Day approaches, there are many ways to honor the veterans or active-duty service members in your life. Initiated by the United States Congress, National Military Appreciation Month is held each May as a time to thank service members for all their hard work and bravery, and honor those who have died in the pursuit of freedom.

“Joining the military is a perfect opportunity to serve my country while benefiting myself and my family. I appreciate everyone who served before me,” says senior Alex Davis, who is joining the Army National Guard. Maria Thurlow says, “I am so grateful for everyone who served in our military. I am joining the National Guard and can’t wait to celebrate this month.” Both students are joining the military and the people of Conemaugh Township are so excited to support them during this month!

## ***Summer Activities***

*By Brianna Shetler*

Have the Keystones and Finals left you with no time to think of any summer plans? Has the school year come to an end faster than you had anticipated? Well, don’t worry; your summer doesn’t have to be boring! If you are having some trouble coming up with a complete summer bucket list, this list will be everything you need to have a summer packed full of fun!

- Go to the beach with your friends or family
- Have a picnic with your friends
- Go camping with family and friends
- Take a hike
- Try out water sports
- Enjoy a backyard barbeque
- Visit an amusement park or water park
- Have an outdoor movie night with friends
- Take a road trip
- Go for a bike ride with your friends
- Play outdoor games like cornhole
- Go to farmers markets and festivals

With this list, your summer will be fulfilling and enjoyable for you, your family, and friends. Instead of lying around and wasting your summer away, take initiative and get outside! Find ways to make your summer great, and don’t let it waste away!





**Adelyn Dull**

**Position:** Business Manager

**Plans To Attend:** Penn Highlands

**Major:** Cyber Security

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Teacher

**Extracurricular Activities:** NHS, Concert Band, Choir, Rotary, Musical, Marching Band, SADD, Stage Crew, Tribe Time, and Girl Scouts

**Awards and Achievements:** PMEA Festivals and All-Conference Recognition for participation in Marching and Concert Band



**Jack Ankeny**

**Position:** News Editor

**Plans To Attend:** Penn State Altoona

**Major:** Kinesiology

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Professional Golfer

**Extracurricular Activities:** Golf, Painting, Fishing, and Farming

**Awards and Achievements:** 2x Westpac individual champion/3x team champions. Heritage Individual Champion. Ebensburg Invitational individual Champion. 2023 PIAA state Qualifier.



**Emilee Roman**

**Position:** Photo Editor

**Plans To Attend:** Penn State Altoona

**Major:** Kinesiology/Communications with plans to play soccer

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Lawyer

**Extracurricular Activities:** FCA, TSA, Rotary, SADD, Band, Choir, Grill Team, SON, Spanish Club, Scholastic Quiz, NHS, Student Council President

**Awards and Achievements:** District V soccer champion, 2x Track West Pac champion, TSA achievements, Writes/photographs for Daily American, Honor Roll



**Cameron Berloff**

**Position:** Feature Editor

**Plans To Attend:** Chatham University

**Major:** Nursing

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Nurse

**Extracurricular Activities:** Musical, Dance, Colorguard, Girl Scouts, Rotary Interact Club (Vice President), Speech Team, NHS

**Awards and Achievements:** Girl Scouts' Bronze and Silver awards & Honor Roll

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!

Best Wishes,  
The Contownian Staff

## ***MEET THE SENIOR EDITORS***



**Hannah Sodano**

**Position:** Editor in Chief

**Plans To Attend:** Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Major:** Chemistry Secondary Education

**Grew Up Wanting To Be:** Athletic Trainer

**Extracurricular Activities:** Contownian Newspaper and Yearbook Editor, Volleyball

**Awards and Achievements:** Honor Roll, District V and WestPac Volleyball Champion, Sweet 16/Elite 8 Volleyball State Finalist



## SOCIETY

### **SHOFCO**

By Matalyn Mauzy

The 4th annual SHOFCO tournament will be held on May 30th of this year. This is a big soccer tournament that doubles as a fundraiser. Teams are required to get forms filled out and turned in to Mrs. Durica, then they are able to pick their own shirt color. Each team may have eight people on it, but they can have no more than four actual soccer players.

While on the field, the teams must have at least two boys and two girls. There may only be two actual soccer players on the field at one time. If a team wins, they are able to move up in the winner's bracket. If a team loses, they will move down to the loser's bracket. The team that wins the winners bracket will play the teachers' team at the very end of the tournament. This game is usually held after school.

Students every year cannot wait for SHOFCO to come. They love to participate and have fun with friends before the school year ends. SHOFCO is a fun and friendly competition and fundraiser for all students to participate in.

### **Band & Choir Concert**

By Kaitlyn Wiley

Conemaugh Township's Music Department put on their spring concert on Wednesday, May 3rd. The senior high choir opened up the evening at 7 pm with a variety of songs, with the band following. This was all made possible by the school's choir director, Ms. Lingenfelter and band director, Ms. Kasun.

To open the night, a piece by Arr. Narverud was sung by all students called *The Wellerman*. The second song was *I See The Light* from a Disney film. Ms. Kasun played the piano and there were a few soloists. The soloists were Cassandra Wagner, Hayden Lingenfelter, and Heath Moser. On piano for the third song, was freshman Daniel Turley with all of the choir singing *Will There Really Be a Morning. You Will Be Found* from *Dear Evan Hansen* was up next performed by Jaylynn Moyer, Tanner Hunsberger, and Katie Troxell. To close the night for the choir everyone sang *The Rhythm of Life*. Up next was the band starting off with *Alegre*, a piece by Tania Leon.

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

Lexi Lonas graduated in 2017 and started her undergraduate degree at Penn State, Altoona. She received her degree in political science, then moved to Washington D.C. on a yearlong fellowship to work for *The Hill*, which is a national news outlet. She worked as a breaking news journalist and was hired full-time after her fellowship. She then switched from the breaking news team to the social media team for a few months before starting her current position as the education reporter for *The Hill*.

During her time here at Conemaugh Township, she had one specific favorite teacher, Mr. Sechrengost. He was Lexi's favorite teacher because she loved science. Lexi and "Mr. S" always shared a good conversation over biology. Her fondest memory from her days spent in the halls of CT comes from her group of friends. Whether they were at lunch, roaming the halls, or hanging out for after school activities, they made her four years really enjoyable. Anytime she thinks of her fondest memory from high school, she thinks of hanging out with her friends at CT and how they were always right beside her, either thriving or getting in trouble. Lexi says, "There was never a dull moment."

Overall, Lexi enjoyed her days spent here at CT. Once she received her education reporter position, she decided to move back to the area. While still having to visit Washington D.C. at least once a month, Lexi is still proud to call Township her home.



*Lexi and her family*

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## Baseball Recap

By Jenna Brenneman

The Conemaugh Township baseball team concluded the regular season with a win against McConnellsburg with a score of 3-1 on Friday, May 19th. The game concluded after seven innings and the boys improved their record to 14-6.

The Indians started off the scoring in the second inning. Luke Weber came up clutch hitting a sacrifice ground ball that brought in two runs. The game became neutral until the fifth inning when the tribe attacked again. Larry Weaver grounded out with bases loaded to bring in another run. Luke Haight had two hits in the contest and contributed as one of the runs scored, Aiden Prior had two hits and scored a run as well. Freshman, Colin Dinyar, added another stellar pitching performance to his status for the year only giving up one run from the Spartans in the sixth inning. Zack Petree closed out the game in the seventh inning allowing no hits and securing the win for the Indians.

The boys took Meyersdale on Tuesday, May 23rd in the first round of the District 5A playoffs. Unfortunately, the boys fell short 4-5, but Tanner Shirley shared, "It was a great season. We had a disappointing finish, but I enjoyed my senior year of baseball. I wish future success for the upcoming seasons."

## Track Recap

By Ashlyn Fetterman & Jenna Brenneman

On Wednesday, May 11, 2023, the boys and girls track team hosted the WestPac Championship. Both the boys and girls competed against the following schools: Windber, Berlin Brothersvalley, Meyersdale, Rockwood, and Blacklick Valley. The boys were just short of claiming the title, and took second overall. The girls, however, were able to take WestPac championship for two consecutive years in a row.

The boys finished out the meet with a score of 154. They were just short by 10 points of Meyersdale's (164). The girls team finished their regular season undefeated 10-0 and the boys were 9-1.

On Wednesday, May 17, many Conemaugh Township Track and Field athletes also competed in the District 5-2A championships at Northern Bedford. At districts, there were many athletes who placed and some are headed to states.

Ethan Black, Izzy Slezak, Jackson Sotosky, and the boys 4x100 meter relay (Black, Garrett Tunstall, Cameron Dunn and Jon Updyke) had stellar performances. Black repeated as champion in the 100 and 200 meter dash. He set a District 5 record in the 100 with a time of 10.48 seconds and ran a 22.05 in the 200. The boys 4x100 meter relay set a D5 record with a time of 43.21. Black explained, "I'm just excited our four-by-one got to states," he added. "We have all new guys this year. This is a great experience for them." Izzy Slezak repeated as a district champ in the 200 with a time of 25.54 and took second in the 100. "I'm always looking forward to running this event at districts," Slezak said of the 200. Jackson Sotosky was the winner of long jump with a distance of 21 feet 4 inches to earn his spot at states. Sotosky also placed second in high jump and third in triple jump. Sotosky stated, "I am excited for states. I am going to try my hardest and hope for the best. It would be wonderful to get top 10, but setting a PR would be great."

Good luck state qualifiers!

## Softball Recap

By Gia Bambino

The Conemaugh Township Lady Indians softball team finished the season with a 4-13 record. The girls and coaches faced a season of adversity with new coaching and various changes towards the end of their season. Taylor Jarvis, starting pitcher, was injured during the last couple of weeks of the season, forcing junior Haylee Thomas and freshman Rourie Stankan to take the mound. Although the girls lost in the first game of playoffs to the Shade Panthers, the young team is looking forward to future success in the upcoming season. Coach Brittany Risch shared, "We did the best we could. They played. They had fun. At the end of the season, that's all that mattered."

**JUNIOR HIGH**

*Summer is Coming...*

By Maura McCall

There are only a couple days left of school, so you might need to start thinking of some ideas for you to do during the summer time. If you are struggling to come up with some fun plans, here are 10 things to get you started!

1. Go swimming
2. Sleep on your trampoline
3. Draw with chalk
4. Have a picnic or a campfire
5. Visit the PPG Zoo & Aquarium
6. Go to an amusement park
7. Discover new coffee shops
8. Go shopping with friends
9. Go fishing at the Que
10. Try running around the track

While these are just a couple of ideas, there are many more places and things that are fun to visit and do, so go enjoy your summer!

*How to Finish the School Year Strong*

By Grace Mitchell

We are on the home stretch of the school year, which means that everyone needs to make sure that all their school assignments are done. While this can be a very stressful time for students, there are many ways to relieve that feeling in order to finish strong. The best way to stay stress-free is to avoid procrastination, at all costs! This is truly the main reason why students tend to feel overwhelmed toward the end of the school year. Do not stress! Tell yourself that it is going to be okay, because it will be. Realize that it is not the end of the world if you do not ace your exams. Try to plan out what future exams you have to feel better prepared. Afterwards, try to get a good amount of sleep each night, and be sure to eat healthy meals each day. Also, as the temperatures in our area continue to rise, make sure you are drinking enough water throughout the day. If you maintain these simple factors, you may feel a lot better about the last few weeks of school. Just try your best to relax during these weeks, and remember, summer is just around the corner!

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| icecream | summer        |          |           |

*Time for BizWorld!*

By Leah Kordell

As the end of the school year approaches, there is one thing that many 6th graders can look forward to: BizWorld. This event takes place each year during the last few weeks of school and is known to be the biggest project of 6th grade. BizWorld is a great project as it teaches the younger generations all about the responsibilities associated with entrepreneurship. BizWorld also acts as an introduction to the class taken by 8th graders, known as BizWiz. Students get the chance to learn how to handle money as they manage their own business with some of their peers. They spend weeks creating flyers, posters, invitations, and even a commercial/jingle. Then, they have to decorate their booth for the “Market Day,” when 3rd and 4th graders come to shop around. The main goal is to become the business with the highest profit. It can be a very fun and enjoyable experience as students learn to work together with people they do not normally work with. It can also be very rewarding if the students’ businesses succeed! In the end, BizWorld can be super exciting as it marks the end of 6th grade year!



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**School Calendar**

June 1st.....Commencement/Last Day/Graduation



*Band & Choir Concert Continued...*

To close the night, *Take on Me*, an upbeat song was performed. Ms. Lingenfelter and Ms. Kasun both stated how they have been preparing for this since the Christmas concert and how everyone has worked so hard.

This was an especially amazing last concert for the seniors, who have been performing ever since middle school. Ms. Lingenfelter and Ms. Kasun are both so proud of their seniors and are so excited to see what next school year holds for the music department.



*Delgrosso's Amusement Park*

*By Kaydence Forish*

Summer is right around the corner, so why spend the summer at home, hot and bored, when you can spend days at Delgrosso's Amusement Park! At Delgrosso's, you can get on fun rides and even get cooled off at the waterpark with friends and family. This year, Delgrosso's opened for the summer season on May 20th.

Delgrosso's rides and the waterpark opened on May 20, 2023. With over 30 rides to enjoy, here are a few to try out: The Tilt-A-Whirl, Carousel, Scrambler, Dizzy Dragons, Rock Star, Pharaoh's fury, and Crazy Mouse. The waterpark includes fun attractions like the Super Slide, Shotgun Slide, Twin Twister, Wave Oceano, Midnight Express, and the Gravity Groove.

Check out these fun attractions at Delgrosso's Amusement Park, 4352 E Pleasant Valley Blvd, Tipton, PA. Don't spend the summer at home, in bed, wasting time on TikTok, when there are so many fun things to do at Delgrosso's.

## SPORTS

### *Athletes...*

Sierra LaPorta is the child of Chuck and Bridget LaPorta. She grew up in Seanor, Conemaugh Township.

Sierra participates in both Rifle and Softball for Conemaugh Township. In the 2020-2021 season, Sierra won first place in states for rifle, and in the 2021-2022 season Sierra was second place



in states for rifle. Sierra has been shooting for the Conemaugh Township rifle team for the past 3 years. She has received

3 letters placed second in kneeling in the previous season. Sierra is also a two-year letterman in softball, where she had 127 strikeouts, 21 RBIs, 1 homerun, and a batting average of .418. Academically, Sierra is a member of the National Technical Honors Society for GJCTC. She is currently enrolled at GJCTC in the Health Assistant program to start her path to becoming a nurse.

After high school, Sierra plans to attend LPN school to further her medical education and wants to earn more certifications in her career. Sierra shared that one of her favorite quotes is, "If you want it bad enough, and you're willing to make the sacrifices, you can do it. But first, you have to believe in yourself."



### *...of the Month*

Aiden Prior is the son of Jeff and Heather Prior of Seanor. Aiden has been heavily involved in Conemaugh Township's baseball team for the last 3 years. Aiden has won 2 letters for baseball



the last two years, as well as helping the team win the Gene Schultz tournament last season. Aiden is looking forward to continuing his senior season for baseball.

In school, Aiden participates in Conemaugh Township's Art Club and is a leading contributor for Video Production. When Aiden

is not involved with the school, he enjoys lifting weights and playing video games. Aiden is also involved in the Highland Baseball League in the summer, where he plays on a team with players from all around Somerset County and Cambria County.

After he graduates, Aiden plans to move to Texas. In Texas, Aiden will work for DPR Construction as an operations manager. Good luck Aiden! The future is very bright for you!





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## Met Gala Looks

By Carson Harbart

For the 2023 Met Gala, the dress code was “in honor of Karl.” Karl Lagerfeld was the inspiration for the event. Karl was a German Fashion Designer who designed for Balmain, Patou, Chloé, and his main fashion house, Chanel. Karl is known as one of the fashion industry’s most decorated designers. He is known for pearls, cats, and intricate fabrics, which is why the exhibition was named “Karl Lagerfeld: A Line of Beauty.”

Some of the largest names at the Met Gala this year were Kylie Jenner, Kendall Jenner, Dua Lipa, Kim Kardashian, Rihanna, and Lil Nas X. All of them had extremely different looks, however they all honored Karl. Kylie wore a two tone dress that also turned into a cover up. The two colors were a bright red on the outside and a blue on the inside. Kendall wore a black glittery body-suit with a collar and long sleeves that reached the ground. Dua Lipa wore a full gown with white fabric and black detailing. Kim Kardashian wore a nude body-suit and was covered in pearls. Rihanna wore large white roses surrounding her face, which were designed by Valentino. She also wore cat eye sunglasses that had large false eyelashes on them. Karl wrote his will to his cat in 2015, so many people were carrying cat purses or had cat-like accessories. Lil Nas X was covered head to toe with silver rhinestones.

## Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3

### Overview

By Lily Mohrbacker

The *Guardians of the Galaxy* movies have to be one of the best film series in the Marvel franchise. In 2014, the first movie came out. Three years later, the second installment was released.

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It has been 6 years since the last movie, so the anticipation for the movie has been very high. At the end of *Avengers: Endgame*, the Guardians were joined by Thor, who departs from them in *Thor: Love and Thunder*. Though, we do get to see bits and pieces of their adventures in *I Am Groot* and the holiday special, these let us see into each one of the Guardian’s backstories except for one crewmember: Rocket Raccoon. This movie is solely centered around the little mercenary and his past. By the end of this action packed movie, you are left with a bittersweet ending that makes you want to watch it again. It is a must see that is great for any age.



## Top 10 High School Movies

By Aubrey Johns

One of a high school students favorite thing to do is watch movies, especially ones they can relate to. With the year coming to an end, let’s wrap up with some of the best high school movies of all time.

10. Juno
9. The Edge of Seventeen
8. American Graffiti
7. Back to the Future
6. Booksmart
5. Hairspray
4. Say Anything
3. Hoop Dreams
2. Lady Bird
1. The Last Picture Show



## POP CULTURE

### **Luke Combs' Pittsburgh Concert**

By Luke Haight

On April 30, 2023, Luke Combs on his fifth trip to Pittsburgh, became the fourth country singer to headline Acrisure Stadium. Having scored his first hit in 2014, it hasn't taken the 33-year-old from Asheville, North Carolina, long to reach playing to a sold-out crowd at a stadium. Luke said about Acrisure Stadium being sold out that, "This is the most tickets I ever sold to a show: Sixty-one thousand yinzers!" For many hours, Combs sang a couple dozen songs, from quiet ballads to anthems, to proper stadium sing-alongs. The fans loved it, and they weren't just casual fans either. They knew every word to every song, and when they weren't singing, they let Luke Combs sing his heart out. Unlike Chesney and Bryan, Combs is a big man, and more of a lumbering presence on stage. He didn't run the ramps like those athletic front men. He strolled, sometimes carrying his blue Solo cup while he belted out his vocals. Soon after that, with a little over a half hour to go, Combs and company cranked it up with a run of more energizing hits: "She Got the Best of Me," breakout single "Hurricane," "1, 2 Many" followed by chants of "Kenny! Kenny" and with a big, heavy, set-ending stomp, "Beer Never Broke My Heart." Luke Combs ended the night returning with a flashy Steelers jersey and sang the last song, "Brand New Man" by Brooks & Dunn.



### **Musician of the Month**

By Carson Harbart

Kassandra Wagner is the Musician of the Month for May. Kassandra has accomplished many great things in her high school career. She is a senior at Conemaugh Township High School and is from Hollsopple. Kassandra is the daughter of Wanda and Christian Wagner. Kassandra is very involved with the musical department of Conemaugh Township. An instrument she enjoys playing is the recorder, and she is a member of the chorus. Kassandra is also a participant of the Conemaugh Township musicals. She had an important role in the musical *Footloose*, which was a great musical to top her high school career off as a senior. After high school, Kassandra plans to attend Gannon University in Erie, PA. She hopes to major in freshwater and marine biology. One of Kassandra's favorite quotes is, "Music can't be seen, but can be felt, and can be more beautiful than anything the eye can see."



### **Artist of the Month**

By Luke Haight

Maeve Cullen is a Senior at Conemaugh Township Area High School. She lives with her parents Maxine and Kieran Cullen in Hollsopple. Maeve is in Art II and is very passionate about art. She is inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's art when creating her masterpieces. Also, she loves the art of architecture in the real-world. Her favorite kind of art is working with ceramics. Furthermore, Maeve placed 2nd in the Laurel Arts County High School Art show with her Prisma color pencil drawing of a "Kit-Kat". Maeve's future plans are to continue an art career as she plans to go to La Roche University and Major in Interior Architecture and Design. She also plans to minor in graphic design. Finally, Maeve's favorite quote is by Vincent Van Gogh, "Art is to console those who are broken by life."

