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Mr. Marteeny

By BriElla Harnett

Mr. Marteeny is the new teacher at Conemaugh Township. He plans on teaching woodworking classes, video production classes, TSA classes, and agriculture classes.

Mr. Marteeny has been teaching for approximately twenty years. He received his Bachelor's degree from Penn State and later returned to get his teaching degree. Mr. Marteeny commented on his goals, "My goal is for the students to be involved in making things they need or want to make for themselves or the school and that they understand the safety procedures of the equipment." When asked how Mr. Marteeny felt about the equipment provided and Conemaugh Township, he said, "This school has a lot of neat and interesting things that help to get the students involved."



Mr. Marteeny

National Honors Society

By Nick Grosik

The National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization that was established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students nationwide. NHS honors students who demonstrate excellence in each of these four pillars: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. In order for students to be inducted into NHS, a form detailing such accomplishments is required.

After a form is filled out, members of the CTHS NHS faculty council may vote on who to induct into the National Honor Society. The NHS faculty council at CTHS are as follows: Mr. Wayne Adams, Mrs. Kelly Birkhimer, Mrs. Tracy Durica, Mr. Kenneth Kusher, and Mr. Fred Mainhart. The induction ceremony was held on May 18, 2021 at the Conemaugh Township High School at 6:00 PM.

An anonymous student said, "NHS is a great program to apply for and just generally be in. Although there are some time and effort requirements to join, the pros definitely outweigh the cons. Especially in terms of applying for college, it can help you stand out from the majority. Being inducted into the NHS proves that you have characteristics of leadership, service, and character, and I recommend for everyone to apply for the program."

CT PRIDE



Should The Olympics Be Canceled?

By Kadiya Lingenfelter

When Covid-19 started appearing in the news in March of 2020, I think most people would agree that no one could predict the effects on the world that would follow. Schools, businesses, and events shut down for two weeks, in hopes that we would all resume our daily activities after those few weeks. However, the pandemic caused a world-wide shut down that stunned communities world-wide. It was shocking to see places like Disney World shut down and world events like the Summer Olympics canceled.

Now that vaccinations have become available and socialization restrictions have lessened, Disney World is open again and Japan plans to reschedule the Summer Olympics for this July. As athletes and fans are excited to get back to normal, should Tokyo really host such an event that includes athletes from all over the world?

Presently, Tokyo and many other Japanese cities are still in a state of emergency with only 1-2% of their population fully vaccinated. Just this week, the Tokyo Medical Practitioners' Association is pleading with the International Olympics Committee (IOC) to cancel this year's events as they do not want to spread Covid-19 and cause more illness and deaths. Even though the IOC was warned, the IOC made a public statement this week commenting on their precautions and plans to continue this summer's Olympic Games. They believe that over 80% of the athletes in the Olympic village will be vaccinated and there will not be any international spectators allowed at the events. They are looking into other precautions and plan to continue the games in a safe manner for all athletes and guests involved.

With two major organizations on opposite sides, what is the best decision for everyone involved? Should the games continue with a risk of spreading infection, or should the IOC take the advice of the Tokyo Medical Practitioners' Association?

I believe that the Olympic athletes need to have their moment to experience the "thrill of victory or the agony of defeat". The Olympic village is typically a secluded area for just the Olympians. I would hope that all of the athletes would be kept in that area without having socialization with local Japanese communities. If this seclusion can take place, the games could be held without a possible spread of germs.

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I personally think that it should be a requirement for any athlete to be vaccinated to be able to participate in the events. I believe that any athlete that has devoted their life to their sport would agree to be vaccinated to have the ability to participate in the Olympics.

There is going to continually be a risk of Covid-19 for quite some time to come. However we need to keep moving forward with school, businesses, and events such as the Summer Olympics.

A Journey To The Future

By Casadie Miller

As the summer is approaching the upcoming senior class will be preparing future plans. Junior year is a great time to begin planning for the future. Although, for some students it will be a process of finding out what they do not want to do. Throughout this upcoming summer the upcoming senior class will be job shadowing and preparing for the senior project. The senior project will be continued in senior year.

Starting junior year, students begin looking for jobs that will fit their personality by taking personality tests, looking at jobs that involve something that they excel in, and much more. At the end of their junior year, students are required to write a short research paper on two careers that spark their interest. This research paper will include the following for each career chosen: job description, expected earnings, education/ training required, and the job outlook for Pennsylvania. This paper may be a major role in deciding whether or not those careers are for you. For example, a student may believe they are set on a career until they do further research and find it is not the one for them. Students are also required to start looking for job shadowing opportunities before the end of junior year.

Jumping into senior year, students will work on a presentation including information that they had learned over the last summer. This presentation will include information on the career of their choice, what the experience was like, will they be continuing with this career, and much more. In order for students to graduate high school they must pass the senior project.

Overall the senior project is a useful source to begin or to finalize future plans for after graduation. Although this may seem stressful and overwhelming to many, this project will be spread out throughout the students senior year. The main purpose of this project is to help students excel in the future.

PHOTO JOURNALISM

HIGH SCHOOL



Congratulations to the senior class for winning the 20-21 Powderpuff game with a score of 15-12.



Aaron Kaufman and Erin O'Connell showing off their pretty faces in a selfie at prom!



Students are packing up and getting ready to finish this crazy year!

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HIGH SCHOOL

Rainy Day Activities

By Casadie Miller

Have you ever had plans ruined by a rainy day, and you are left with nothing to do? Although you may have been looking forward to your fun-filled day of outdoor activities, there are so many other activities you can enjoy! Many parents have heard, “I’m bored! There is nothing to do! Why is it raining?” However, there are many fun activities to do while summer lets loose some rain.

Sometimes on a rainy day you just want to be lazy, but what is there to do? Well on a lazy, rainy day, there are all sorts of things to do, including reading a book, binge watching a new series, listening to the rain, and even taking a nap. Rainy day activities include playing hide and seek, board games, making a fort, creating crafts, making fun desserts, and others. Overall, there are so many fun activities for your rainy days.

To conclude, there are many ways to turn a boring, rainy day into a fun-filled day. Although this may not be the way you wanted to spend your day, you can at least make the best out of it. So, what are some things you do on a rainy day?



Importance of Mental Health

By Brynlyn Berkey

As the school year reaches this point of the fourth quarter, most begin to feel very overwhelmed as if all life is crashing down on them in the time frame a few months. It is important to consider the mental health of students and staff, for it is very difficult to keep motivated in these trying times. Mental health is responsible for an increasing epidemic of harm to young students and can influence many later in life.

The pressures in schools are unforgiving and can sometimes be too much to handle for certain students. During this time, some students begin to shut down and the motivation to complete schoolwork starts decreasing. Many even start to pull away from friends or even socializing in general. It is important for you to reach out and to take the initiative to start a conversation with these students that you may see are struggling. In most cases, it is not that they are unwilling, it is simply because they feel somewhat hopeless and as if they can not.

Schools are in need of further training on developing good mental health and access to better services. Even though schools insist that a guidance counselor is always available to talk, it is not always enough. Most students are too embarrassed to be caught entering, and some simply want to hide their deteriorating mental health or pretend it is not there.

Mental health is a serious issue in today’s society. Many of these problems later in life are a result of when you are a young student in high school. It is important that we remain vigilant for those that may need help during the school year. You can make a difference in someone’s day by reaching out and helping prevent negative outcomes that may swallow someone’s thoughts.



SOCIETY

HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Spotlight

By Oliva Boring

Haley Fetterman is a senior at Conemaugh Township Area School District. She is the daughter of Beth and Clifford Fetterman. Haley is an active member of the varsity rifle team at Conemaugh Township. She has also been actively involved in the Serving Our Neighbors Club. Haley was sworn into National Honors Society as a junior. Outside of school Haley participates in 4-H. In 4-H she volunteers at the Somerset County Fair where she shows steer and pigs.

Haley's favorite subject is science and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Forgas. "What I will miss most about high school is the rifle bus with Ruby Korenoski, Logan Marisa, and Alex Zakucia. We had so much fun it was always a good time when we were all together," says Haley. Her favorite food is smoked beef brisket sandwich from the Somerset County fair.

After high school Haley will be attending Penn State Main to obtain a degree in animal science. She plans to become a large animal veterinarian. Her advice to undergraduate students is to enjoy all the little moments because high school goes a lot faster than they think it would.

A quote she lives by is, "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."



Haley Fetterman

Alumni Of The Month...

Nicole Chynoweth graduated from Conemaugh Township in 2009. Since then, she attended Point Park University and graduated in 2013, Summa Cum Laude, with highest honors. She pursued a degree in journalism and multimedia. Nicole worked for many newspaper and news media companies, such as the *Pittsburgh City Paper*, as a freelance writer. She reported on the *Ligonier Valley* for the *Tribune-Review* and its former sister paper, *The Ligonier Echo*. Chynoweth also covered breaking news, features, and managed social media at *The Evening Sun*. She served as the web and social media editor at the *Central Penn Business Journal*. In her career so far, she has achieved many awards including the first-place Keystone Press Award for an article she wrote on the research that Powdermill Nature Reserve was doing concerning the effects on biodiversity created by tornadoes.

Currently, Nicole is working as the manager of marketing, public relations, and social media, at Carnegie Science Center. She focuses on museum exhibits, Buhl Planetarium, and the Rangos Giant Cinema. Additionally, she is a freelance writer for the *Central Penn Business Journal*, and she writes stories for *Women in Leadership*, an e-newsletter. Nicole has been a lover of writing and storytelling from a young age. She knew she wanted to pursue a career with her love of writing when Mrs. Vigna told her she was made to be a professional writer someday. "She was right, and I'm so glad I believed her," says Nicole.

In her days at Conemaugh Township high school, she especially loved doing stage crew and speech team alongside her lifelong best friend, Britain Long. She and Britain were nominated "Dynamic Duo" for senior superlatives, "for a good reason!" she says. Some of her favorite teachers were Mr. Andolina, who taught her to never settle, and many lessons about growing up. She also loved learning about the world, and history with Mr. Berzonski and Mr. Cable. Chynoweth mentions that her love for reading was due to Mrs. Kimmel. In addition, Nicole played the clarinet. She enjoyed marching and concert bands, and learning about music with Mrs. Gardenhour.

Currently, Nicole is living in Pittsburgh, with her husband, Matthew Steck, who she married last October. Together, they enjoy collecting records and browsing antique malls for midcentury modern home furniture.



Nicole Chynoweth



District 5 Track and Field

By Ben Cotchen

Last Wednesday, a few members of the Conemaugh Township varsity track and field team competed at the 2021 District V Track and Field Championships. This year's meet was held at Northern Bedford High School, and CT was very well represented, with many stellar performances by our athletes!

For the boys, freshman Dylan Giffin placed 5th in long jump. The 4x100 team, consisting of Seth Rosey, Emilio Ruiz, Dylan Giffin, and Ethan Black, placed 3rd. Sophomore Ethan Black also did a fantastic job at his individual events, placing 2nd in triple jump, and 1st in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. He will represent Conemaugh Township next Thursday at the State Final in Shippensburg. For the girls, freshman Lydia Boring placed 5th in javelin and sophomore Kaylee Frederick placed 5th in the 1600-meter run. Our 4th place finishers were sophomore Maeve Cullen, who placed in javelin, and junior Brielle Ciarimboli, who placed in pole vault. Kaylee Frederick continued her solid day, placing 3rd in the 3200-meter run.

Overall, the CT track team did very well at Districts, and District Champion Ethan Black hopes to continue his success at the State Championships. Great season everyone, and good luck to Ethan!

Since the writing of this article, Black placed in the top 10 in his events in the State and broke 2 school records in the 100 and 200 meter dash.



Brielle Ciarimboli



Sarah Favreau



2021 Softball Team



Sierra Laporta

Baseball Playoffs Begin

By Tyler Poznanski

The Conemaugh Township Indians Baseball team wrapped up the final game of their regular season in May. The Indians are headed into the playoffs with a 14-4 record as the number three seed in the district.

The Indians were led by senior captains: Tyler Poznanski, Conner Szapka, and Colten Lewis. Head coach, Sam Zambanini stated, "We are anxious to get out there and get after the 4-peat. Teams are coming for us, so we must be ready and prepared to play."

The squad is looking forward to going for their 4th consecutive District 5 Championship. All the hard work and practice all year long has been for this, and the Indians will certainly not disappoint." Conner Szapka stated, "We are ready to get after it and get our fourth D5 Championship. Let's do this!" The Indians will travel to Mcconnellsburg for their first round playoff game on Wednesday, May 26.

Since the writing of this article, the Indians traveled to the number two seeded Mcconnellsburg, where the season came to a disappointing close.



Jackson Byer



Tanner Shirley

Athletes...

Bradley (Brad) Robinson, Son of Andrew and Summer Robinson, lives on Somerset Pike. Brad participates in many extracurricular activities that include football, track, SON club, Spanish club, Rotary Interact Club (secretary), computer club, and National Honor Society. He is a two-year letterman in both football and track. Brad plans to attend University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and major in computer science.



Brad Robinson

...of the Month

Hollsopple's Morgan Showalter, Daughter of Glen and Kim Showalter, is a stellar scholar. She has been on the honor roll and student council for four years. She is also the National Honor Society secretary.

Not only does she excel academically but she also excels athletically too. Morgan plays both Track and Volleyball. She lettered in Track two years, and she lettered in Volleyball in three years. For the 2018 and 2019 seasons, her volleyball team was the runner-up district champions. In 2020, they captured the title!

Inside of school she is a part of the SADD, SON, and Rotary Interact club. Morgan is class secretary, secretary of NHS, and she is a member of student council.

She also participates in many activities outside of school. She was an OYW finalist, she is part of her local youth group, and she volunteers at the local St. Francis Sharing and Caring thrift shop. She also continues her volleyball outside of school on a travel volleyball team.

Her future plans are to attend a four-year university to major in middle level social studies education.



Morgan Showalter



Graduation

By BriElla Harnett

Graduation at Conemaugh Township High School will take place June 4th at 7:00 pm. It will be held inside. All seniors will be given six tickets. Extra tickets will be allotted as needed.

The graduation ceremony will begin with the opening remarks. The opening remarks will be presented by Riley Figard. The graduation will proceed with the following speeches in no particular order: Master of Ceremonies, Principal and Vice Principal speeches, board member speech, NHS speech, closing remarks, student speeches, musical performers, and diplomas. The Master of Ceremonies will be presented by Cameron Stumpf. Principal and Vice Principal speeches will be presented by Mr. Foster and Mr. Feathers. The board member's speech will be presented by Christine Troxell. The NHS speech will be presented by Gillian Berloff. The closing remarks will be presented by Ian Harrington. The student speeches will be presented by Morgan Showalter, Madison Showalter, and Korina Pebley. The student speeches are original speeches based on a quote. This year, the quote is, "Your life is your story and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential." This quote is from Kerry Washington. One student will be discussing how your life is your story. Another student will be discussing how adventure is ahead of you. The last student will discuss that now is your time to embark on a journey to fulfill your purpose and potential. The musical's performers will be Gillian Berloff and Kadiya Lingenfelter. Gillian will be performing the piece "Somewhere Only We Know". Kadiya will be performing the piece "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman. Lastly, diplomas will be presented by Mr. Kakabar.

The day before graduation is the Baccalaureate service. It will be held on June 3rd. Musical performers, Madalyn Malicki and Kadiya Lingenfelter, will be performing the piece "Some Things are Meant to Be" from the musical *Little Women*. Graduation is a memorable moment for seniors. When a senior was asked how she felt about graduation, Erin O'Connell said, "I am glad we get to have a graduation despite all of the complications that arose because of the Coronavirus."

Good luck to the Class of 2021!

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School Calendar

The following dates are subject to change:

June 3Baccalaureate
 June 4Commencement/Last
 for Students (Makeup Day for Feb. 18)

Check calendar dates on ctasd.org

POP CULTURE

Billboard Music Awards 2021

By *Sasha Tarabrin*

The 2021 Billboard Music Awards were held on Sunday, May 23rd at the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles. Despite being one of its lowest rated and viewed shows, the awards were a success having multiple big winners for the night. The show was hosted by Nick Jonas and included performances from P!nk, The Weeknd, and The Jonas Brothers.

The Weekend, Pop Smoke, and BTS were among big winners for the night, earning awards in their respective categories. The ceremony honored P!nk with the Icon award and Drake as Artist of the Decade. Other wins included Machine Gun Kelly for Top Rock Artist, Megan Thee Stallion for Top Rap Female Artist, and Taylor Swift for Top Female Artist.

Upcoming Albums

Summer 2021:

** Lana Del Rey, Rock Candy Sweet - June 1st*

** Maroon 5, Jordi - June 11th*

** Lana Del Rey, Blue Banisters - July 4th*

** Migos, Culture III - July 11th*

** Polo G, Hall of Fame - July 11th*

** Billie Eilish, Happier Than Ever - July 30th*

** Prince, Welcome 2 America - July 30th*

** Bleachers, Take the Sadness Out of Saturday Night - July 30th*

** Don Toliver, L.O.A.D (Life of a Don) - July
TBD*

Upcoming Sneaker Drops

June 2021:

1) New Balance 574 “Everybody’s Welcome”

2) adidas NMD R1

3) Air Jordan 1 “Court Purple”

4) PUMA x Rugrats Suede

5) Nike Dunk High “Game Royal”

6) adidas Yeezy 500 “Taupe Light”

7) Coral Studio x Nike Air Max 95 V2

8) Nike SB Dunk Low “Classic Green”

9) Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG “Light Fusion Red”



10) sacai x Nike Blazer Low Orange & Green

11) Nike Air Max 90 PRM

12) Nike Dunk Low SE “Oil Green”

13) Undeafated x Nike Dunk Low

14) Dior x Nike Air Max 95

15) Nike Dunk Low “N7”



JUNIOR HIGH

Summer

By Elanor Luscher

Summer break is approaching soon. Summer vacation means more free time. During the last weeks of school, research a list to make for activities to do this summer. During the pandemic, it is important to plan ahead.

Traveling has become very difficult. However, there are still various different activities. During summer, swimming, hiking, and going to the beach are popular activities. Remember to have fun and be safe this summer!

Gym is the Best

By Garrett Jacobs

Spring weather is finally here! Now, my class can go outside for gym. On the track, we must complete two laps around the track. I have to run for most of it. Afterward, I am so tired. Then, the class can play football, baseball, or tag.

In stormy, rainy weather my class still does two laps around the gym. After the laps, the class sits in the middle of the gym. My gym teacher tells the class the game we are playing. My teacher briefly goes over rules.

When there is class in the gymnasium, we play soccer, pinball, flicker ball, or basketball. In my opinion, gym is the best class. I can not wait to have the class every day in high school!

Conemaugh Township Cheer

By Madison Bennett

The Conemaugh Township cheer program is amazing. The team flourishes in dancing and cheering! The team brings a lot of school spirit and pride. Lilly Oakes is a Conemaugh Township cheerleader. She was able to ask questions regarding cheer. When asked why she loves cheerleading, she replied, "I like to hang out with my friends while spreading cheer/joy and this is my time to be loud and happy!" When asked if the program should be changed, she stated, "I think the youth should have the same pom poms and similar uniforms because youth has a different color and when we do activities together with them it looks strange." For Lily's final statement about cheerleading, "I feel like more people that have never tried it should give it a shot because if they try, they would be great at it! And if you focus it is not too hard."



Summer Word Search



- BEACH, CAMP, FUN, HOT, SUMMER, SUN, SWIM, WATER



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