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Student Council

By Alison Matera

Student council is a great way to be more involved with our school. This group runs various fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for the school. Some events are for different students, field trips, homecoming, and dances.

Every year, students get to choose whether they would like to be a part of it or not. For those who want to be in student council, they will need to write an essay and get multiple signatures from both students and teachers. Usually there is a vote at the end of the year that will determine who got in. In addition to just being a part of the council, there are also options of being the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. All of those positions have different responsibilities during the year that help make the club a whole.

Student council has the opportunity to make the school a better and more enjoyable place for the students. Kendra Huber, president of student council shares, "I have been a part of the student council for years and I love helping the school and the community."

National Honor Society

By Matalyn Mauzy

Students have the ability to try to be selected to be a part of the NHS. However, not all students will get in. NHS is definitely achievable but with a lot of hard work put into it. Students will want to obtain good grades while being in extracurricular activities as well as serving their community. NHS or National Honors Society has four ideal accomplishments that are looked for in the members: character, leadership, service, and scholarship.

The ceremony started out with the already current members sitting in the front row of the auditorium as the inductees were on the stage. Sophia Stango sang "I'll Never Walk Alone"

while Katelyn Turley played the piano. The inductees then would repeat the pledge of National Honor Society. The new members made it official when signing the book and reviewing their papers of confirmation. The seniors received a sash and a certificate while the juniors and sophomores received a certificate, waiting for their sash when it comes to their senior year.

This program is very achievable and excellent on college applications. Each student has the chance to strive to become a NHS member. This is an honorable and impressive accomplishment. Congratulations to all National Honors Society members.

SHOFCO

By Alison Matera

It is everyone's favorite time of year again... SHOFCO! SHOFCO stands for Shining Hope for Communities, which was started by Kennedy Odede in 2004. All she had was passion, 20 cents and a soccer ball. The main mission of SHOFCO is to grow urban promise from urban poverty.

This year we will be celebrating our 5th annual SHOFCO soccer tournament on May 28, 2024. Grades 6-12 are all allowed to participate. Each team will consist of five to eight players, both boys and girls, while only having up to four soccer players on their team. This is a very fun and energetic way to end the school year with people smiling and having fun with their friends. It will start early in the morning and end in the evening with the winners of the whole tournament playing against the teachers who choose to play. Izzy Slezak shared, "I am so excited to be with my friends and play a sport that I love!"

SHOFCO has four main approaches: education, health, economic and community empowerment, and water and sanitation. These approaches have helped them raise lots of money and have helped multiple people and their communities. So, grab some friends and end your school year on a good note for the start of summer.

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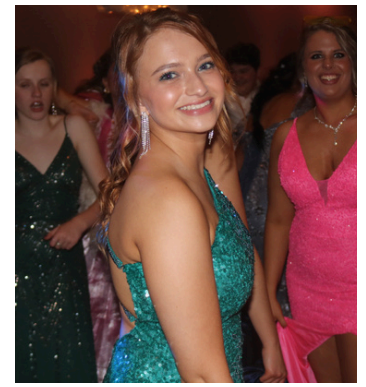
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Jaxon Crum at the Flight 93 Memorial.



Sophia Stango making a stress ball before finals!



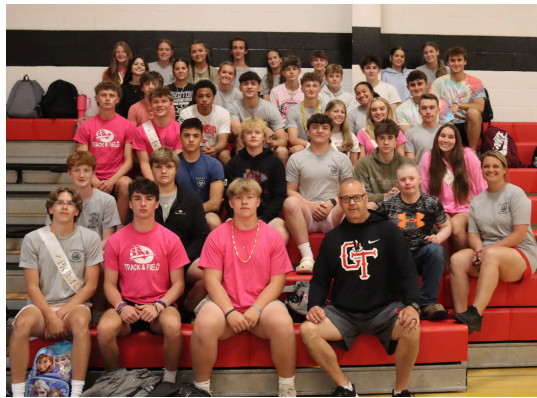
Gia Bambino dancing the night away at prom!



Charlotte Worst playing with the high school concert band.



Our 2024 undefeated junior high baseball team.



FCA members at their last huddle of the year.

Grant Dombrosky soaking up the sun!



Our studly Powder Puff cheerleaders. #CTSPIRIT



Addy Gindlesperger living it up at prom!



Alexa Gardenhour singing in our spring music concert.

Off to Nationals!

By Gracie McCall

The Conemaugh Township Speech Team has made it on to nationals. The students that have advanced to nationals are two Sophomores, Ella Mankamyer and Karly Brenchak. The nationals this year are in Chicago. It will be held on May 24th-26th.

The girls will be doing a public forum debate. The debaters will use their common knowledge, reasoning, and evidence from third-party experts to support and substantiate their arguments. The main component of public forum debate is the resolution, which is the topic that the students debate. Each side presents their resolution for the topic they are debating. The debate will take about 40 minutes and it's an ongoing debate between two groups of two people. A winner of the debate is then chosen based on how well they presented their side and the evidence they had to support them as well as their debating skills.



Alumni of the Month



Arek Zambanini graduated from Conemaugh Township in 2003. He grew up in the Hollsopple/Jerome area with his parents Samuel and Valerie Zambanini. After graduation, Arek attended the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Allegany College of Maryland, and Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) where he obtained a Bachelor's of Science with a major in kinesiology, a minor in history, and he even played in the JUCO World Series in 2006. He was an assistant

baseball coach at Texas A&M International University from 2008-2010. He then became the head softball coach at Texas A&M International University from 2010-2021. In 2021, TAMIU Softball received votes in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association top 25 poll for the first time in school history. He is now currently employed by United Independent School District as a special education inclusion teacher and assistant baseball and swimming coach. Arek is married to Mayra Garcia who is also an educator and employed by Laredo Independent School District as a college, career, military, and readiness coordinator. They have one son Arian Zambanini, who is 13, and one daughter, Alahna, age eight.

During Arek's high school years, he was a 4-year letterman in football and baseball. He was involved in student council, yearbook club, and art club. Mr. Arek Zambanini wants to thank the following coaches: Pat Berzonski, Joe Kimmel, Dave Jordan, Chuck Lesko, Jim Foster, Chad Rinninger, Pete Kuharchek, Don Haines, Robert Bambino, Ron Telenko, Rod Jarvis, Barry Thomas, Craig Andrews, Rick Matsko, Ms. Maria Pepoy, Mrs. Kelly Birkimer, Mr. Bridgewater, Mr. Kendig, Mr. Adams, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dave Koba, Mrs. Telenko, Mr. Rummel, Mrs. Keifer, and Mr. Andolina for making his experience at Conemaugh Township so memorable.

Arek's favorite memory from Conemaugh Township is Friday night football games, baseball playoff runs, and school dances. He would like to say, "Enjoy your time in high school. It will be some of the best days of your life. You will make lifelong friends and memories. CT is a great school and a great community. I am thankful to have attended such a supportive school with a lot of spirit."



Karly Brenchak said, "It is a great experience that is fun. We never thought we would be a part of the speech team, let alone do so well. We're undefeated and so excited for what nationals have to bring. It's very nerve-racking in the moment, but it provides an experience that school couldn't teach us. It takes a lot of time and research, but in the end, it's so worth it."

Memorial Day Band Concert

By Gracie McCall

Our Conemaugh Township Senior High Brass and Sax Ensembles will play at the Jerome Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27th at 9:30am. Conemaugh Township has been going there to perform for years. It is a great way to connect with the community and show our respect for those who lost their lives for our country.

Sophomore, Alexa Gardenhour and Junior, Eli Sodano will be playing Taps at the ceremony. The Sax ensemble will be playing "God Bless This Land", "Grand Old", and "SSB" (Shenandoah). The Brass ensemble will also be playing a few of the same songs including, "My Country Tis", "Amazing Grace", "America The Beautiful", "Grand Old", and "SSB" (Shenandoah).

Miss Kasun said, "CT has been going to this ceremony to perform for years! We are happy to support our community and remember those we have lost. It is such a great honor to do this."



Little Contownian

All About BizWorld

By Arabella Seibert

BizWorld is an amazing project at the end of the year for 6th graders. It is a very big project for 6th graders to teach them how to create their own businesses! Students have plenty of days to work on creating their companies. They have to create a slogan, pitch, poster, invitations, thank you papers, an advertisement, and a jingle! To get money to buy materials to make the products, students have to earn it by doing good things such as complimenting someone, helping a teacher or student, or just working hard and having pride in your work. The money for BizWorld is called BizBucks. After setting up the businesses, the third and fourth graders come up to the high school to shop for the items! The most important part is ending with a good profit and making enough products for everyone. For the stand, a bunch of fun decorations, music, and other themed things can be used to spice it up and attract customers. At the end of the day, whichever team has the most profit is the winner!

6th Grade Field Trip

By Ava Boyle

On May 13, 2024, the 6th graders were taken on a field trip to Flight 93 National Memorial. They also stopped at Patriot Park, a park filled with 7,054 flags dedicated to the lives lost during the War Against Terror.

At Flight 93, the students walked from the wall of names at the bottom of the memorial to the Visitor Center where they listened to the phone calls passengers had made. The students also found the name “Welles Remy Crowther”, a civilian turned hero during the attacks of 9/11. After going to the Visitor Center, the students returned to their respective buses and were transported to the Tower of Voices.

At the Tower of Voices, the students all sat down and reflected. They were courteous to those around them and remained quiet and respectful. Many of the students had their phones with them and they took a picture of one of

the QR codes to be able to hear the wind chimes.

When arriving at Patriot Park, the students all got into six groups and walked with their teacher or volunteer to the main part of Patriot Park. Most of the students went to the list of names immediately to try to find a name of a relative or family-friend. There were boards of information made by high school students from all over multiple counties.

Overall, this trip was very educational. Every student learned something new. I feel that it gave everyone the opportunity to learn more about our country and its history.

Things To Do in the Summer

By Alison Naugle

Are you excited for summer and can't wait to do fun activities when you're bored? Well, here are some activities to do in the summer:

- Go swimming in a hot tub or pool
- Go on your dream vacation
- Have a sleepover with your best friend
- Try your hand at gardening
- Jump on a trampoline
- Have a cookout on the grill
- Have a party with all your friends and family
- Go shopping
- Exercise or go on a walk
- Go to a local swimming pool
- Go to an amusement/water park

Staying active during the summer is very important because once we go back to school, we have upcoming sports and activities every week. Have a great summer and enjoy those three months of happiness!



Early Dismissals

By Ava Byer

The Conemaugh Township Junior/Senior High School only gets out of school early on certain days. They have Act 80 days that allow students to get out of school early typically at noon. There are many benefits to early dismissals and they should be considered to happen more often.

Other schools, like Richland get out every Friday an hour early. This not only benefits the students, but also the teachers. The teachers get more time to work on their lesson plans and any work they need to get done. The teachers also can use the extra time to plan meetings with other teachers or parents of students. The students can work on their homework or hang out with their friends and just overall have a break. School can be very tiring for some students and being able to get out early can be very helpful for most. Early dismissals can help prevent children from burnouts. Especially with all the homework that kids get, the early dismissals can give them extra time to work. I think that Conemaugh Township would benefit in many ways from getting out early every Friday and not just every once in a while.

To conclude, Conemaugh Township could use more early dismissals to help everyone in the school. There are many benefits to early dismissals and there are other schools that do it and find it to be beneficial.

Prioritizing Summer for Teenagers

By Taylor Jarvis

As summer approaches, teenagers can't wait for the freedom from school routines. However, this free time often raises concerns for parents about how their teens will spend it. Instead of spending endless hours on screens, summer should be a chance for us teenagers to explore new interests, gain real-world experiences, and enjoy a well-deserved break.

Encouraging teens to engage in activities like sports, volunteering, or part-time jobs can be beneficial for their future. These experiences help them develop important life skills, such as teamwork and responsibility. Being involved in the community and

interacting with others in person can provide a sense of accomplishment and build social skills that are incredibly important for their future.

At the same time, it's important for teenagers to have some time to relax and unwind. Downtime allows them to recharge and can spark creativity and new interests. By balancing structured activities with relaxation, parents can help their teens make the most of their summer, leading to personal growth and a more enjoyable break.



Best Vacation Spot

By Alexa Gardenhour

There are many interesting places to visit in our world! Going on vacation is something that most people look forward to. The most popular place for vacation is usually the beach. There are many fascinating places I'm sure many people would like to visit, but haven't before.

In my opinion, one of the best places to go on vacation is Iceland. Although I've never been there before, I have seen and heard many amazing things about it. Iceland is one of the prettiest places in the world, and I would love to have the opportunity to visit this place. Iceland is a very peaceful nation that is willing to welcome anyone new. The people in Iceland are very respectful and take care of their country like it's their child. During the summer season, the sun never goes down. The sky displays a beautiful picture with all of the colors that appear in it each day. You are also able to see the northern lights very clearly, which are harder to see in many other countries.

Iceland is one of the prettiest, peaceful, and most respectful places in the world. Everyone should try to go visit Iceland at least once in their lifetime. Many of the landscapes are untouched, which is why they are so breathtaking!

Senior Advice

By Kendra Huber

With the school year coming to an end, many students become anxious about the upcoming years and look toward the seniors for advice. Below is a list of advice seniors have given underclassmen throughout the year:

- Try out different classes that interest you.
- Get involved!
- Don't beat yourself up over the little things.
- Get your work done early.
- Find a good way to manage your time.
- Do it now because you may never get a second chance.
- Make as many friends as possible.
- Set aside time for studying and homework.
- Enjoy high school with no regrets!

Overall, high school is such a small part of your life and taking advantage of every minute is so important. Before you know it, you will be an upperclassman giving advice to your younger peers.

Journalism: Why It's a Scheduling Must

By Alexa Gardenhour

Journalism is a writing and editing class that is very beneficial! There are five different categories of writing, which are features, society, pop culture, news, and sports. A writing assignment is given each week, and you have until that Friday to complete it. Once you are in journalism for more than one year, you may be an editor, meaning you can assign articles and be a part of yearbook. There are many great reasons you should join journalism, here are some:

1. You get a whole week to write ONE article
2. You can join photojournalism or be a Facebook editor
3. It looks good on college applications/resumes
4. Your articles can get in our school newspaper
5. It is very fun environment because you are with people from different grades
6. It is a good way to get involved with our school
7. Editors compile the yearbooks

Overall, journalism is a very beneficial class that everyone should consider joining! It gives you many opportunities, and definitely looks good on college applications.

Summer Activities

By Taylor Jarvis

Summer is all about having fun and making memories that will last a lifetime. Get out in the sun and enjoy every second of it. Complete every activity and never taking a day for advantage. Enjoy everyday like it's your last because before you know it, it will be a school night again. Some activities are:

- Swimming
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Picnic
- Biking
- Camping
- Water Balloon Fights
- Slip N' Slides
- Bouncy Houses
- Water Parks
- Vacations (Beach)
- Fires



Scholarship Application Information

By Braylin Petree

Finding scholarships to apply for can be stressful. There are a lot of things that go into applying to scholarships that you want. From Mrs. Duplin and CT students these are the most important things to do:

1. Find all your potential scholarships (national, community, regional, school)
2. Meet all application deadlines
3. Request letters of recommendation early
4. Write a professional essay
5. Keep checking and be patient!

Mrs. Duplin has information and deadlines on her Google Classroom about scholarships. If you need help with yours, you can ask her for help! Remember, it's never too early to start your scholarship applications!

Northern Lights

By Matalyn Mauzy

This month there was an extraordinary spectacle in the sky. On May 10th there was a rare sighting of the northern lights that happened in Pennsylvania. Although the sky was a different shade than it usually is, the naked eye made them hard to see. Many people however compromised and took a photo making the sight very beautiful.

The Northern Lights are also known as the Aurora Borealis. They are vibrant, colorful lights that light up our Earth's sky. Most commonly they are seen in the Northern regions such as Iceland, Canada, Sweden, and Alaska to name a few. PA residents were able to experience these lights because of the strong geomagnetic storm. This can happen because of solar fares or coronal mass ejections which disrupts the flow of the solar wind. Residents were only able to see these beautiful lights with the help of a camera due to the sensitive lens of the camera and the dark atmosphere.

This was a once in a lifetime experience that all who saw it will never forget. The Aurora Borealis is genuinely a once in a lifetime thing to see unless you plan on traveling to the Northern countries anytime soon.



Mental Health Awareness Month

By Matalyn Mauzy

May is Mental health Awareness Month. The purpose during May is to show that many people are struggling with their mental health issues and you do not have to do it alone.

Many people recognize that there is a stigma around mental health, so to combat that there is a month dedicated to the issue to help people know it is not silly or stupid, it is a real thing that is hard to deal with alone. Here are some things you

can do to help with your mental health. Exercise is always important, being in nature, or going for a run helps clear the mind and is proven to show better mental health. Having a good sleep schedule and getting enough sleep is important so you're able to start your days bright and early. Every human needs eight hours of rest each night. When you sleep, it allows your body to rest and your brain to reset. Staying positive is a key to a better mindset. Having a positive outlook on life or just your day will make life easier and more enjoyable.

Do not be afraid to reach out and seek the help you need. May is the month of mental Health awareness in hopes to take the stigma away. Mental Health is so important to make sure it is the best it can be. Help others and yourself by spreading awareness and celebrating May.

Nebraska Tornadoes

By Jema Calasara

As of last Friday, there have been a few different outbreaks of tornadoes in Omaha, Nebraska. They have been extremely strong and even have wind speeds up to about 165 miles per hour. The National Weather Service sent out storm survey crews and have been monitoring the strength, how wide and long they were, and when they first touched the ground all week.

The first tornado started Northeast of Lincoln and had peak winds of about 160 mph, 700 yards wide and was about 8.6 miles in track. Eight other tornadoes that followed right after the first. After having all of these storms, everything around the towns is ruined and people don't know what to do with any of their things. Five days into the cleanup and everything still looks like a mess. A quote from an impacted person, Laurie Dondelinger, stated, "We're just so busy with all the things to do," and "Insurance checklist, clean up and salvage what we can, especially pictures." The Dodelinger's father stated, "It was great to have a couple of hours to watch my kids dance, let loose, and forget". Their family has lived in their home for 13 years and the house was filled with memories, but with the first tornado it took out the entire top floor of their house and everything inside.

There have been many other families who have stories and memories in their homes affected, losing everything. The tornadoes have completely changed the state of Nebraska and it will be a while before everyone feels like they're back to the way they were before the storms.

Is Electronic Officiating Bad for Sports?

By Jenna Brenneman

Every decision you make in an activity as emotionally charged as competitive sports is subject to an intense amount of scrutiny. Refereeing is not an easy job. From high-school sports to professional sports, referees experience backlash on every level.

Sporting events are high-pressure environments where players, coaches, fans, sports experts, and sponsors are rooting for their preferred team. This creates pressure for referees from all sides of the game which then leaves officials susceptible to human error and bias. Technology on the other hand lacks emotions and opinions. It offers an unbiased perspective that could allow for a more equal competition. In some areas, technology offers more accurate information because it can view and measure the action in replays, closeups, slow-motion, and more. However, when it comes to the decision making, humans ultimately should have the final say. Sports were designed by humans, not technology, so when it comes to the calls, technology can offer more details and information to make a better decision, but humans should provide the concluding verdicts. When it comes to fouls and technical calls, electronic devices don't have moral standards so when attitude and violence gets involved, technology won't catch sportsmanship.

Using technology can improve competitions' consistency, but it also has its downsides. Nothing is foolproof, and either way people will always have their own opinions about the call a human official makes or an electronic official makes. Ultimately, electronic officiating may be a very real possibility for sports in the future, but in human-designed games and competitions, humans shouldn't be eliminated completely from the decision-making.

Girls Heritage Track

By Jenna Brenneman

On Tuesday May 7, 2024, the girls track and field team traveled to United High School to compete in the Heritage Conference Championship. The girls finished first overall as a team and claimed the 2024 Heritage Conference Championship title. There were many great showings, broken records, and personal goals exceeded. Baylee Sleek broke the meet record, school record, and won first place with a high jump of 5-4, Izzy Slezak broke the meet record and took first in the 100 and 200, and the girls 4 x 100 relay consisting of Layla Overly, Ellie Speigle, Danika Black, and Izzy Slezak broke the meet record and took first place with a time of 51.42 seconds. The 4 x 400 relay consisting of Danika Black, Briar Berkey, Izzy Slezak, and Ellie Speigle took first place.

In second place, Baylee Sleek in the 100 hurdles, Ellie Speigle in the 400, and Laikyn Reynolds in the javelin. In third place, Ava

McCann in the high jump, Ellie Hunsberger in the 3200, Katrina Speigle in the 200, and the 4 x 800 relay consisting of Briar Berkey, Andie Hunsberger, and Lydia Hostetter. Fifth place finishers consisted of Layla Overly in the 100, Katrina McCann in the javelin, and Ava Berkey in the triple jump. Finally, our sixth place finishers were Briar Berkey in the 800, Katrina McCann in the shot put, Madee Roman in the long jump, and Danika Black in the 400.

The girls will be moving on to Districts on May 15 at Northern Bedford High School to continue their successful season in hopes of going to states after.

Boys Track Championship

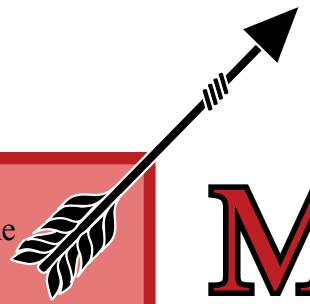
By Lilly Oakes

Spring flew right past us and took spring sports along with it. As spring sports seasons come to a close, schools fight for the ultimate gold, winning and making records in the championships. On May 7th, the Conemaugh Township track team took a number of athletes to United, where they held the Heritage Conference Track Championships. Here, a number of our male track athletes came home with podium-qualifying times and records. brought home a handful of podium-qualifying times and records.

The first-place finishers for the boys were Cameron Dunn in the 100, the 4x100 relay team which consists of Garrett Tunstall, Liam Dean-Neil, Jon Updyke, and Cameron Dunn, and Jackson Sotosky who placed first in the high jump, long jump, and triple jump. Second place finishers for Township consisted of one of our co-op members, Dominik Hanik, who placed second in the 800 and the 3200. Our lone third place finisher was Jon Updyke, who placed third for javelin. Fourth place boys finishers were the 4x800 relay team which was run by Cameron Daugherty, Erik McClemens, Grant McClemens, and Caleb Shaffer, Dominik Hanik in the 1600, and Cameron Dunn in the long jump. There was one member of the team who placed fifth, and it was Chris Yoder in the 300-meter hurdles. There was also only one sixth place finisher, Gentry Sotosky, in the high jump.

The Conemaugh Township Track team has made quite a name for itself, claiming many of the podium positions in the Heritage Conference. The team has put in lots of hard work and dedication throughout this season, and it surely shows from their placing in the Heritage Conference Championships.

ATHLETES OF THE



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Haylee Thomas is the daughter of Shane and Janieann Thomas. She plays soccer and softball. Her soccer career started in AYSO, and she has been playing for 12 years ever since. She was a varsity captain, two-year letterman, a District V and Heritage Conference Champion in 2023, an All-Somerset County Soccer Honorable Mention in 2023, and she played in the Cambria-Somerset Senior All-Star Classic. She began playing softball in her 7th grade year in junior high and was a four-year letterman. She was also a varsity captain her senior year.

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Outside of sports, Haylee is a student at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (GJCTC) in the cosmetology program. She has attended SkillsUSA for cosmetology, where she placed sixth at Districts. She is the secretary of the National Technical Honor Society at GJCTC, a member of the National Honor Society, Student Against Destructive Decisions, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Student Council. She also holds the titles of Business Manager of journalism and yearbook and is the vice president of Technology Student Association. In TSA, she received second place in Photo Technology and third place in Pennsylvania Illustration at Regionals. Additionally, her team received first place in On Demand Video at Regionals and States.

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In her spare time, she loves camping, listening to music, spending as much time as possible with her family and friends, getting coffee, shopping at TJ Maxx, practicing photography, and taking naps with her dog Georgia. Her life advice would be, “You aren’t defined by the sports you play, the success you have, or the mistakes you make. You are defined by the love you give, the kindness you show, and the chances that you are willing to take.” Her future plans are to take a gap year and pursue a career in cosmetology.



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Larry Weaver is the son of Jennifer Weaver and the late Larry Weaver, Jr. Larry lives with his grandfather Larry Weaver, Sr. in Paint Township. Larry is a senior member of the Conemaugh Township baseball team. He has lettered in baseball all four years of his high school career. He also claimed many high achievements in his sports, such as being named the Gene Shultz Tournament MVP, a part of the all-county team, as well as the Gene Shultz All Tournament team. Larry played travel baseball for Mustangs Baseball, as well as for Highlands. He also plays for a AAABA team. Some of Larry’s other sports include golf, where he was a two-year letterman, and his team won districts, and football where he was also a two-year letterman.



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In school, Larry is a part of many clubs. Larry is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Rotary Interact, National Honor Society, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He is also a senior editor in yearbook and is the Chief Graphic Editor in journalism. His future plans include attending Triangle Tech in Greensburg to earn his associates degree in Specialized Science (HVAC).

In his free time, Larry enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, bowling, watching dirt races, going riding, shooting, and drawing. Larry’s favorite quote is “Trust in God with everything you do.”

Kendrick and Drake Diss Tracks

By Marly Teeter

Over the past few months, there has been lots of controversy or “beef” between two popular rappers: Kendrick Lamar and Drake. While they both have become extremely successful in their own right and have lots of number one hits to establish their hip hop prowess, Kendrick and Drake have created an extensive online feud which has now trickled into their artistry.

Around the end of March, Kendrick first came out with the song “Like That” featuring Future and Metro Boomin, which became the Hot 100’s number one song for three weeks. This rap was basically what started the diss tracks between Drake and Kendrick. After that song came out, Drake came back with the songs titled “Push Ups” and “Taylor Made Freestyle.” Kendrick then struck back with “Euphoria.” Kendrick’s lyrics have become most popular on TikTok. “Euphoria,” specifically highlights their feud when it states, “It’s always been about love and hate, now let me say I’m the biggest hater / I hate the way that you walk, the way that you talk / I hate the way that you dress / I hate the way you sneak diss, if I catch flight, it’s gon’ be direct.” After this, Kendrick also released “6:16 in LA.” The most recent tracks from Drake were “Family Matters” and “THE HEART PART VI” and Kendrick’s were “Meet the Grahams” and “Not Like Us.” They both have been going back and forth producing defamatory tracks about each other and people were really enjoying keeping up with it.

After all of these were released, they both are starting to settle down, but people are still adding to the conflict. Online, there is a huge debate determining if someone’s “Team Kendrick” or “Team Drake.” There’s no telling when the argument will start to settle down, but right now, it’s an extremely hot topic in the music industry.

Artist of the Month



Adrian Luscher is the artist of the month for May. Adrian, a junior at Conemaugh Township, lives with their mom and stepfather Brad in Davidsville. Their parents' names are Andria and David Luscher. Every other weekend, they visit their dad and stepmother Alicia in Maryland. Adrian is a student in the Art III class and is inspired everyday by other’s work. Adrian does Art II projects because of their personal art skill and style. The style they enjoy the most is realism, realistic cartoon, and comic book style. Realism is the attempt to represent accurate, detailed, and unembellished depictions of nature or of contemporary life. Although this type of art is their favorite to create, Adrian says that all art inspires them. They say everyone’s art is unique and beautiful, giving them light to design more of their own art.

After high school, Adrian plans on attending the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design before becoming a freelance artist. Adrian has found inspiration in the following Louis Bourgeois quote: “An artist can show things that other people are terrified of expressing.” Congratulations Adrian on becoming artist of the month for May!

Musician of the Month



Tanner is a senior at Conemaugh Township Area High School. She lives in the wonderful town of Davidsville with her parents Reuben and Jeri Hunsberger. Tanner has proven herself to be exceptionally talented musically. She plays two instruments which include the clarinet and piano, but her strongest suit is her beautiful and powerful singing voice, which is backed up by her impressive accolades. Her accomplishments include being offered a position in district jazz and both district and regional choir in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Also, she was presented with the opportunity to perform in the state A Cappella Vocal Ensemble this year, and won the West Pac choir award. Tanner has also been in six high school movies and amazed the crowd with each performance. Her most recent high school musical was *Mary Poppins*, in which she held one of the lead roles. Her future plans are not decided as of now, but she is excited for the future and for plenty of opportunities that lie ahead. Her quote is “although the result of your work may only be a few minutes long, the time that you put in to get there is what really matters.” Congratulations to Tanner for being the musician of the month! Conemaugh Township wishes her the best of luck with life after graduating high school!

Deadpool & Wolverine

By Luke Haight

Deadpool & Wolverine, a sequel to the previous two *Deadpool* movies, is only a few months away from releasing, and Marvel fans are itching to see the Marvel Cinematic Universe in action once again. So far, Marvel Studios has released a couple of trailers, which gave us some hints as to the plot. Given some interesting cast announcements and some intriguing set leaks, the Marvel phase five movie looks like it might be the most meta-take yet. Furthermore, Marvel hasn't released an official plot for this movie yet, but we do have some idea of what happens in the sequel. Most of this comes from the movie's first trailer, which was released during the 2024 Super Bowl. This showed Wade Wilson reuniting with his friends to celebrate his birthday before being pulled through a time door by the Time Variance Authority. He's met by Matthew McFadyen's Paradox, who has a secret mission for him, giving him a chance to be a hero among heroes. *Deadpool & Wolverine* arrives in the UK cinemas on July 25, 2024, before hopping over the pond to U.S. theaters on July 26, 2024. This is a slight delay from its original release date of May 2024, caused by delays from SAGAFTRA and WGA strikes last summer.

Drake and Adele Follow Taylor Swift

By Lindsay Knieriem

Everyone knows the rapper Drake, a generational icon, as well as Adele who has created an empire in the pop soul genre, creating many emotions in all of her audience. Taylor Swift is currently the hottest pop star of our time, so any connection between these three stars can drive the media into a frenzy. Hollywood's top music label, Universal Music Group (UMG) and TikTok both agreed to a new licensing agreement following a months-long dispute that previously eliminated the use of the songs of many top artists, including Taylor Swift, Drake, Justin Bieber, and Adele. The lack of uses and streams on the world's top used social media platform forced mega music label UMG to backtrack on this decision. UMG has recently stated that it struck a joint agreement with the social media giant as they saw a huge benefit from it. In a press release, the label described the deal as a "new era of strategic collaboration... built on a shared commitment to help UMG's artists and songwriters achieve their creative and commercial potential." TikTok

CEO Shou Chew said in the release that the company is "committed to working together to drive value, discovery and promotion for all of UMG's amazing artists and songwriters, and deepen their ability to grow, connect and engage with the TikTok community." The two entities said they're "working expeditiously" to return to the music of artists and songwriters represented by UMG "in due course." With many UMG music super stars and producers continuing to join the platform to interact with fans, the connectivity among artists and between these same artists and their biggest fans is at an all time high. Hopefully these interactions will continue to strengthen friendships and improve future chances for collaborations and better career opportunities.

Twisters

By Luke Haight

Twisters, the sequel to the cult classic film *Twister*, is bringing back the same thrilling action and immersive experience with a new cast of characters. Notably, the ever-popular Glen Powell is starring in the film along with Daisy Edgar-Jones, Anthony Ramos, Samantha Ireland, and Manini Gupta. Haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado, Kate Cooper gets lured back to the open plains by her friend Javi to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. She soon crosses paths with Tyler Owens, a charming but reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures. As storm season intensifies, Kate, Tyler, and their competing teams find themselves in a fight for their lives as multiple systems converge over central Oklahoma. This much-awaited film is set to release on July 19, 2024. The movie will be opening amidst a crowded month of blockbusters that also include Marvel's *Deadpool & Wolverine* and Illumination's *Despicable Me 4*.



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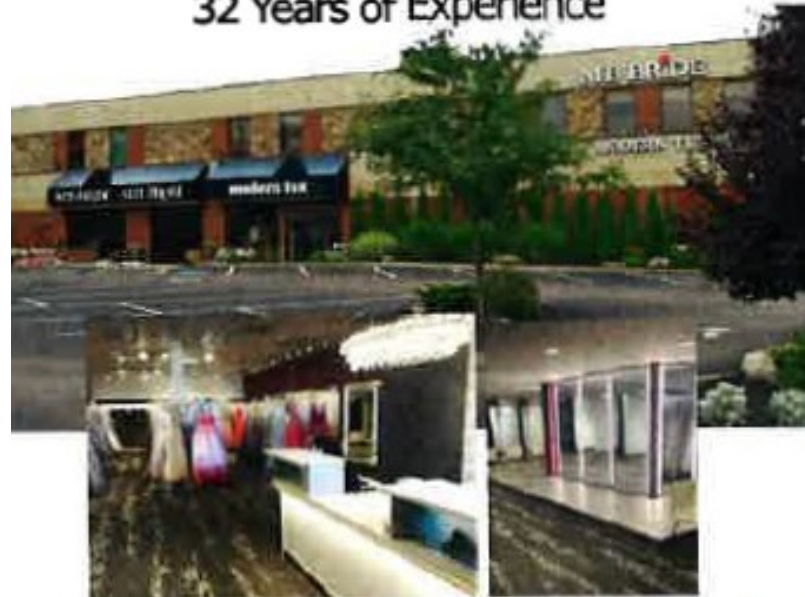
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Meet The Senior Editors



Giavonna Bambino

Position: Editor-in-Chief

Future Plans: Attend Altoona Beauty to become a cosmetologist

Extracurricular Activities: Editor of video production, SADD Club president, choir, county choir

Awards and Achievements: Senior class best smile, honor roll, scholarships, NHS

Favorite Journalism Memory: Having fun with all of my friends



Emily Corella

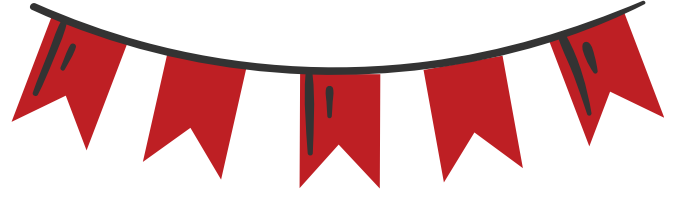
Position: Photography Editor

Future Plans: Attend Penn State University and major in psychology

Extracurricular Activities: soccer, Rotary, SADD Club, treasurer of NHS

Awards and Achievements: District V Soccer Championship, National Rural and Small Town Recognition for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Honor roll

Favorite Journalism Memory: Yearbook work days



Addison Gindlesperger

Position: Sports Editor

Future Plans: Attend Saint Francis University for PA school

Extracurricular Activities: NHS, Rotary Interact Vice President, Senior Class Treasurer, SADD Club Treasurer, volleyball, Student Council, Spanish club, FCA, current event team, student mentor, AAABA Ambassador, Sunday school teacher, soccer, cheer, wrestling statistician

Awards and Achievements: Honor roll. service above self scholarship, most school spirit

Favorite Journalism Memory: Being yelled at for not working on the yearbook



Zack Petree

Position: Pop Culture Editor

Future Plans: Attend Penn State Altoona and major in cybersecurity

Extracurricular Activities: baseball, golf, playing guitar, fishing, hunting

Awards and Achievements: Honor roll, NHS, lettered in baseball for four years, football one year, golf one year

Favorite Journalism Memory: Yearbook work days



Samuel Sharbaugh

Position: News Editor

Future Plans: Attend Penn State Altoona to major in business and play on the golf team

Extracurricular Activities: Golf, SADD Club, FCA, grill team

Awards and Achievements: District V Golf team championship 2020 and 2023, District V individual champion, WestPAC conference championship (2020,2021, 2022), Ebensburg CC Invitational Champ, State Finalist

Favorite Journalism Memory: Yearbook work days



Sophia Stango

Position: Society Editor

Future Plans: Attend IUP to become a speech language pathologist

Extracurricular Activities: soccer, musical, district and regional choir, district jazz, county choir, Spanish club

Awards and Achievements: Lettered in soccer and track

Favorite Journalism Memory: Yearbook work days



David Stanley

Position: Features Editor

Future Plans: Attend UPJ for environmental science and biology

Extracurricular Activities: Football and art club

Awards and Achievements: NHS

Favorite Journalism Memory: Every single yearbook meeting!



Haylee Thomas

Position: Business Manager

Future Plans: Pursuing cosmetology at a local salon

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer, softball, FCA, Student Council, SADD Club, cosmetology at Vo-Tech, TSA, NHS, National Technical Honors Society

Awards and Achievements: Two year letterman in soccer, District V and Heritage Conference Champion in 2023, All-County Honorable Mention, four year letterman in softball, second in Photo Technology and third in Pennsylvania Illustration at regionals, first place in On Demand Video at regionals and states

Favorite Journalism Memory: Taking pictures at football games with my friends



Larry Weaver III

Position: Facebook Athletics

Future Plans: Attend Triangle Tech in Greensburg for RHVAC

Extracurricular Activities: Golf, baseball, football, grill team, SADD Club, Rotary Interact, Student Council, FCA

Awards and Achievements: Brian Thomas Scholarship, Arrowhead scholarship, three time Second Team All County Baseball, District V team golf championship, Gene Shultz most valuable pitcher and player

Favorite Journalism Memory: Making Facebook posts that are so much better than Mr. Foster's



Asia Zwick

Position: Facebook Athletics

Future Plans: Attend beauty school at L&D Multicultural Academy of Beauty and Barber Science in downtown Johnstown

Extracurricular Activities: Track and field for two years and volleyball for four

Awards and Achievements: 4x100m second place at states sophomore year,

Favorite Journalism Memory: Taking pictures at sporting events

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