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## ***SHOFCO & Powder Puff Location***

*By Eleanor Luscher*

Recently, the location for the Powder Puff and SHOFCO tournaments was moved. Usually it is held on the football field, but this year is going to be on the soccer fields in the front of the school rather than in the stadium. The reason behind this change is due to the school's decision to update the track and field. As it ages, the turf begins to crack and causes issues in the track. They started this in mid May, meaning students will not be able to go up on the track at all during repairs.

SHOFCO is one of the big school events that occurs during a school day. Like the dodgeball and the volleyball tournaments, this competition gives students the option to participate in a sport with teams of their choosing and face off against teachers and other students. Students usually pay a small fee before SHOFCO, which helps with fundraising and covering the costs of tournament supplies for Rotary Interact. The Powder Puff game, on the other hand, is a football game between our female seniors and juniors. It occurs yearly and is a fundraiser for student council while also being a fun event for our students. During Powder Puff, some male students dress up as cheerleaders to cheer on the girls playing football. The same goes for SHOFCO which is during school on June 2nd. In past years, the school has taken safety measures to make sure only students and staff are able to get into the stadium to watch the games played so it is a big question as to what the school plans to do for safety this year if anything. Aside from that, everything else with the games will stay the same.

Overall, the only change this year is the location being moved to the front of the school. SHOFCO and Powder Puff may look a little different this year, but the events will be fun for our students nonetheless!

## ***State College School Arrest***

*By Kennedy Lehman*

20-year old Braeden Phillips was planning a deadly attack on State College Area High School. He is charged with conspiracy to commit murder and unlawful possession of a firearm. He is now being held at the Centre County Correctional Facility. This was not just an idle threat muttered in passing, but rather a planned act of violence. On Friday April 11th, the police were tipped off by a concerned citizen and executed a search warrant in his home that day. He was arrested on April 11, 2025. He was planning to attack the school on April 21, 2025, the day after the 26th anniversary of the Columbine High School Massacre.

This threat was directly at this high school and no others. Phillip says that the school failed his educational needs and failed him. Phillip told witnesses that the shooting would be on the main staircase once the class change started. He also planned to place bombs in the bathroom. Witnesses also knew that he had a "hit list" of individuals he was targeting. He found in possession of glock-style handguns. In response to this, the school has increased their safety measures while still using their metal detectors. Students are also required to have their student ID on them at all times while on the campus. Matt Hertlein, the school resource officer states, "School safety is imperative for us." The superintendent stated, "With the potential threat thwarted, we wish to express our gratitude to our school resource officer, Matt Hertlein, and the State College police for their swift response and coordination to protect our high school community."

Luckily, this planned attack was prevented because a citizen followed the mindset of "see something, say something." If you hear or know something, it's always best to speak up.

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Our 2025 prom royalty!



Cameron Fisher leaping for gold!



Smiling for the photobooth at prom!

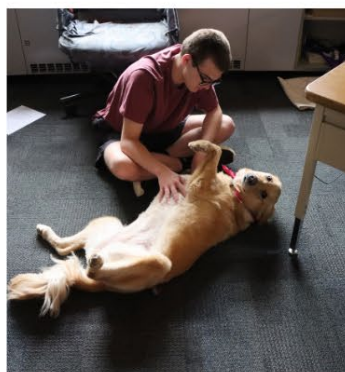


Our ten committed seniors on signing day!

Julia Thomas and Amelia Mitchell share their talents at the band concert.



Ava King singing the night away.



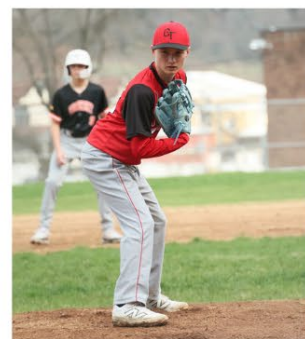
Ben and Charlie play time!



Lily Mohrbacker shares math knowledge with our 7<sup>th</sup> graders.



"Gettin' low, low, low" at prom!



Devin Lohr with his eyes on the prize.

## ***NHS Induction***

*By Addison Lasure*

On Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, Conemaugh Township welcomed 26 new inductees into NHS at the NHS Induction Ceremony. NHS, or National Honor Society, is an organization that honors students who excel in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. To be inducted, each student must show evidence of each of these qualities.

This year's inductees include Noah Getson, Izabel Slezak, Chase Diamond, Joshua Baker, Alonna Bracken, Karly Brenchak, Aidan Burnworth, Colin Dinyar, Conner Hawkins, Jaeden Holsopple, Andie Hunsberger, Lindsay Knieriemi, Grayson Kusher, Ella Mankamy, Olivia Ryan, Julian Thorne, Kaden Valentine, Christopher Yoder, Danika Black, Anna Hunsberger, Addison Lasure, Greta Mock, Lilly Oakes, Emily Purdy, Averie Seibert, and Charlotte Worst. All of these students have proven their skills in leadership, scholarship, character and service to be selected as an inductee into the society. The ceremony, held in the auditorium, consisted of opening remarks and words of what it takes to be an NHS member from the current NHS members of Conemaugh

Township, the candle lighting, and a song titled, "Be A Candle Of Hope," performed by the choir members of NHS.

Congratulations to the 26 new members of the National Honor Society. NHS is a wonderful opportunity for students to be honored who excel in leadership, scholarship, service, and character. The National Honor Society encourages students to make sacrifices for others and stand out in their community.

### **Alumni of the Month**



Alexa Fetterman, a former Conemaugh Township student, graduated in 2017 with big goals for life. After graduation, Alexa attended the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and received a degree in secondary education and applied mathematics. Alexa played soccer at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg for four years. Before teaching at Conemaugh Township Middle-High School, she taught at Northern Cambria for one year. Currently, Alexa is in her third year as a sixth grade math and spelling teacher here at Conemaugh Township. Alexa is also the varsity soccer and high school cheerleading coach.

Alexa's favorite teacher was Mrs. Durica, who still works at the high school and teaches mathematics. She said, "Mrs. Durica was such a great teacher and she was also my track coach throughout high school." Alexa's most fond memories at Conemaugh Township were hanging out with all her friends, having wonderful teachers, and playing and watching all of the sports. When Alexa was a senior, she was a part of the homecoming court. Alexa currently lives in Davidsville, PA. One of Alexa's favorite things is spending time outdoors with her family.

Overall, high school was one of the liveliest points in Alexa's life. She enjoyed every moment and is so glad she is back in the tribe again teaching! Alexa is so glad she gets to be a part of the building of young minds in the place she grew up.



### ***Rotary Cleans Up***

*By Maya Denault*

On April 25th, students who are members in the Conemaugh Township High School Rotary went to the local retirement home, Laurel View Village. The students started off the day early in the morning. Before leaving for the retirement home, the members cleaned out the gardens between the track and school. Once the bus arrived at the school at 8:30 a.m., the students got their gardening tools and left for the day.

Once at Laurel View Village, the students were broken up into groups and sent off with some of the residents. A group of 20 people headed out into the wooded area of their walking trail to clean up broken trees and bushes. Another smaller group went out and cleaned out all of the pavilions to help the retirement home get ready for all of their banquets and outdoor activities. After working for four hours, the volunteers were fed and then sent out with a trash bag to help pick weeds and dead leaves from around the building. Finally, the volunteers got to help transport some fruit and vegetable plants to their community garden.



Isaac Marsh stated, "Getting to help the residents of Laurel View Village was truly a fun experience. Getting to help them prepare for spring while also hearing their stories is something fascinating."

### ***Spring Concerts***

*By Conner Hawkins*

Towards the end of the year, the senior high choir and band have their second concert of the year in the spring. This year, that date was on May 7th at 7pm in the auditorium.

The choir section of the concert featured seven songs in total, some of the more notable ones being: "Silhouettes," "And So Did I," "You Raise Me Up," and "The Storm is Passing Over." Both Daniel Turley and Greta Mock were featured on piano for one song. Many of these songs featured the seniors, allowing them to really emphasize their passion in singing.

According to Ms. Lingenfelter, "We are looking forward to showing our skills that we have built up in the past couple months and display at the final concert of the year. It will be sad to see the seniors' final concert, but I know that they will likely keep music as a side-hobby for the rest of their lives."

The band section of the concert featured nine songs in total, some of the more notable ones being: "Semper Fidelis," "Pure Imagination," "Simpsons Theme," "Selections from Wicked," and "Come on Eileen." For some of the songs, members of the concert band swapped instruments, taking on the unique challenge of playing multiple instruments in a limited time frame.

To summarize, the spring concerts offer a unique contrast to the Christmas concerts in the sense that they can bring more experimental pieces and not have to have a specific genre requirement. Singing or playing an instrument is a unique hobby that can enhance many different aspects of the individual's life.

### ***Carnegie Art Field Trip***

*By Conner Hawkins*

The Carnegie Museum of Art is a museum that shows over 100,000 historical artworks throughout and additionally shows a lot of history about art over the centuries. It is a place specific to Pittsburgh, and many schools plan field trips to go to this museum.

On May 16th, many sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Art II & III went to see the Carnegie Museum of Art. They left the school around 8 a.m. and arrived around 9:30 where they would have a guided tour of the museum. Furthermore, the students got to explore the exhibits and even got to shop at the souvenir shop. Ms. Spengler was the planner for this trip, accompanied by Mrs. Kissel and Ethan Phillipi. Ms. Spengler commented about the trip saying, "This tour aims to help the art students develop a deeper appreciation for the arts, broaden their understanding of culture and history, and inspire their creativity."

To conclude, pursuing subjects like art can be integral for many different things, such as: understanding the culture of different ethnicities, broadening one's educational horizon, and/or enriching one's history.

### ***NHS Food Bank***

*By Maya Denault*

Conemaugh Township's National Honor Society is an honors organization that is built off the grounds of people who use their skills, talents, and time to take on leadership roles in the community and actively seek ways to better this community. Recently, members of NHS gave demonstrated at least two of the founding pillars of this organization, service and character, by giving back to CT.

Members of NHS helped the Somerset Mobile Food Bank on April 12th, 2025. Students supported this cause through both food contributions and volunteer efforts. Alexa Gardenhour, Gracie McCall, Ethan Matera, Kieran Kane, Julia Thomas, Addie Miller, Ashlyn Fetterman, Johnny Bihun, Carson Harbart, Katie Wiley, Katrina McCann, Briar Berkey and Emmy Alison were all representatives of CT and stepped up to help out with the food bank. According to Ms. Lingenfelter, NHS advisor, "One of the most noble ways to serve others is to be able to take time out of your day and help in-person. The students get to see the benefits of why organizations like this are necessary."

In conclusion, NHS is a great organization to promote community service and helps instill in students the most valued principles in our society. Great job making this world a better place!

## ***Iced Coffee vs. Hot Coffee***

*By Grasyon Kusher*

Iced coffee or hot coffee? The timeless debate remains for which is better. Both have their positives and drawbacks but which is truly the right answer if there is one. Coffee has been around for five centuries, but iced coffee, only introduced in the 18th century, has quickly risen in popularity especially in the younger generations.

Coffee is the staple to every good morning throughout history with its caffeine benefits. No matter which way you choose to drink it, coffee is the most common way to start your day world wide. There are many ways to have your coffee, iced to hot, decaf to half caff to full caff, sweetened to unsweetened, small to large. All of these factors have an influence on the enjoyment of the drink and the person drinking it, but the main focus today is on iced versus hot coffee. As a barista, there are a few things you learn from working at a coffee shop and drinking coffee regularly. One of these is about the flavors added to the coffees. If you are a person who wants to be able to taste the flavors more than the coffee, then an iced coffee would be better for you since it allows you to taste the flavors more than a hot coffee would. If you prefer the natural coffee taste more, then a hot coffee with less flavor syrup would be likely better for you.

Overall, the largest factor that plays into the decision between hot and iced coffee is the season or the weather. I find that hot coffee is better during the colder winter and fall months, and iced coffee is better during the warmer spring and summer months.



## ***The Mountains vs. the Beach: Where to Go This Summer***

*By Olivia Ryan*

When you think of summer vacation, do you think about the beach instantly? This year, try switching it up and try something outside of the box. There are many national parks and beautiful nature spots in or around Pennsylvania that you can go to with friends and family for your summer vacation.

If you are interested in going somewhere nearby, Ohiopyle is an amazing destination in PA with lots of hiking trails and little places to stay for a long weekend. It is only an hour and a half away and is totally worth the trip. Also, another popular place to go if you still want to swim and lay by the water is Deep Creek, Maryland. There are many fun activities to do such as zip lining, swimming, and hiking trails. There are even sandy areas that can be fun for the kids to play in and still have the opportunity to build sand castles and dig holes. If you are willing to travel further, but don't want to fly, Ohio and Tennessee have many state parks and beautiful places to stay. Tennessee has the Great Smoky Mountains along with an active nightlife and live music in nearby cities. Gatlinburg is always a great place to find shops and restaurants when you are getting hungry. A place to look into if you don't want to travel as far but still get out of PA is Hocking Hills, Ohio. There are a lot of reasonably-priced cabins that come with personal hot tubs and fire pits that make you feel almost at home while staying somewhere new.

If you are looking to switch up your vacation vibes this summer, there are so many benefits to hiking and getting out into nature if you stay somewhere in the mountains. Many places even have lakes and swimming holes if you want to still have a beachy feel to your stay!





## ***How Juniors Should Prepare for Senior Year***

*By Bray Petree*

As the end of the year approaches, upcoming seniors begin preparing for their final high school chapter. This preparation involves finalizing college plans, choosing the right courses, and setting personal and academic goals. It's a time to focus on what's ahead while balancing the excitement and challenges of senior year.

Senior year is not just about academics; it's also a time for memorable experiences and fun activities. Many seniors look forward to events like football games, homecoming, prom, and senior spirit week, which all allow them to celebrate their final year with friends. Senior trips and class retreats help create lasting memories, while traditions like senior pranks and class projects add excitement. Despite the pressures of college applications, these activities offer seniors a chance to relax and enjoy the key moments of their last high school year.

Senior year is a time to reflect on the past while looking forward to the future. Balancing college preparation with fun traditions and memorable moments makes this year special. From events like prom to senior trips, it's a chance to celebrate accomplishments and enjoy the final months of high school.

## ***Mental Health Awareness***

*By Izzy Slezak*

CT offers a variety of mental health resources for students throughout the school year, and even during the summer. Township's very own Sarah Mientus, our REACH counselor, provides an in depth interview on the different programs readily available within and outside of our school. "REACH provides FREE mental health counseling IN SCHOOL throughout the year," Sarah shared. Additional services include IMPACT Drug and Alcohol Counseling, DBHS School-Based Counseling, and CBITS, a program designed to reduce symptoms of PTSD, depression, and behavioral problems. Students can also access TRIBELINE to connect with a REACH counselor and receive help for themselves or their families. The CARE Team and Safe2Say are also in place to help identify students in need and connect them with appropriate resources.

Since mental health concerns aren't always visible, teachers, peers, and family members play a crucial role in identifying when a student may be struggling. "Some signs of deteriorating mental health show in hygiene, attendance, mood, grade changes, etc.," Sarah Mientus states. Safe2Say offers another layer of support, allowing students to report concerns anonymously. "Ultimately, the adage 'if you see something, say something' can help a lot in helping your peers receive the help they need."

To reduce stereotypes and promote awareness, CT staff participate in educational programs like the 7th grade Botvin class and mental health check-ins. "I think this is a very easy way to inform students about mental health and reduce stigma," one counselor noted. Fun, stress-relief days during exams or testing also support student mental wellness. "CT has SO MANY fun dress down day activities for staff and students," and the phrase "Handle With Care" is used in emails to remind teachers to be extra mindful when a student is struggling.

While staff support is strong, the school also encourages peer involvement. "I feel like SADD is always up to something in the school. I would love to see more peer support programs and student-led mental health initiatives more frequently throughout the school year," said Mientus. When it comes to involving families, updates are provided based on age and consent. In cases of crisis, CT uses the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale to determine the level of risk and take the necessary steps to keep students safe. "When students and adults can talk about these thoughts and feelings, we can do something about it!"

To conclude, Conemaugh Township truly values its students and protects them both physically and mentally. Students have access to several platforms to seek help, and keep them safe. The REACH program is a great way to get mental health counseling in school throughout the year.



## ***Varsity Baseball Gets Back Against Northern Cambria***

*By Averie Seibert*

On Tuesday, April 29th, the Indians baseball team took on the 14-1 Northern Cambria Colts and faced a humbling loss. However, the team sought revenge for the following Thursday, where they were able to flip the script and leave with a mercy rule, this time in their favor.

On Tuesday, the Indians got down early to the Colts, and unfortunately they were not able to recover late on in the game, resulting in a mercy-ruled loss. Colin Dinyar had the only hit of the game, a double off of the left-field fence, scoring Kaden Valentine. Luke Weber and Reed Conn combined for five strikeouts over five innings. However, our Indians were able to come out with the win against the Colts on Thursday with a thrilling 11-0 win. Junior Colin Dinyar led the Indians in the thrilling game with nine strikeouts over six innings, only giving up one single in the first inning. The Indians were sharp on the other side of the bat as well. The Indians combined for 11 hits throughout the six innings, including doubles from Colin Dinyar, Brennan Lohr, and Gabe Valentine. Reed Conn and Kaden Valentine also added two hits each.

The Indians showed their talent and determination to have a very successful season this past week. Since this game, the Indians have closed out their season with a successful 16-5 record.

## ***NFL Draft***

*By Liam Richardson*

On Thursday, April 24th, the NFL Draft for 2025 started. The draft consists of seven rounds, with only the first round of 32 picks being on April 24th. The second and third rounds happened on the 25th, followed by the fourth to seventh rounds on April 26th. It is safe to say that this year's draft was very interesting and had many surprises for many of the people watching, along with the players themselves awaiting a life-changing phone call.

This year, the draft was held in Green Bay, with over 100,000 people attending. The draft was held outside of the stadium, but many people were even sitting in the stadium to watch the draft. Going as the number one overall pick was Cam Ward, from the Miami Hurricanes. This was no surprise, up until three linemen were drafted in the top ten picks, which is an unusual result for NFL drafts. The wildest element and talk of the draft was Shedeur Sanders. Sanders, Colorado QB and son of NFL legend Deon

Sanders, was said to be a first round pick, with many analysts speculating that he would go to the Pittsburgh Steelers. However, Sanders would not be drafted until the 5th round and 144th pick, going to the Cleveland Browns, whom had already picked up Oregon's quarterback, Dillon Gabriel, earlier in the draft. The reasoning behind all 32 teams passing on Sanders multiple times each is chalked up to his intolerable ego and unprofessional locker room presence shown in pre-draft interviews.

Overall, the 2025 NFL Draft held many surprises and raises many questions about how the upcoming season will play out. It was a very entertaining event that drew large sums of spectators both in person and on TV. After this draft, it's safe to say that many teams around the league have improved their rosters with exciting young talent, and are looking scary to compete with during the regular season.

## ***Girls Track & Field Invitational***

*By Lilly Oakes*

On April 26th, a select few members from the Conemaugh Township varsity track and field team went to South Fayette High School to compete in the 2025 South Fayette Invitational Meet. With over 40 teams in attendance, the girls faced tough competition, and worked hard to accomplish all that they did.

From the Conemaugh Township team, there were a total of 13 girls that went to the invitational. Of those girls, six managed to place. Three of the girls who placed were a part of our co-op program with North Star. Those girls are Baylee Sleek, who placed first in the High Jump, Ellie Speigle who placed sixth in the 400-meter race as well as the 4x400 relay, and Lydia Hostetter who was also a part of the 4x400 relay. The girls who competed from Township include Katrina McCann who placed third in Javelin, and Danika Black and Mayce Kordell who were, again, part of the 4x400 relay.

There were 48 different schools competing in the 2025 South Fayette Track and Field Invitational Meet. A handful of the Conemaugh Township girls were able to place, even with the hard competition, and only eight places being handed out. The team worked hard individually, holding places, as well as being able to claim 11th out of the 48 different teams there. The girls have been dedicated all season, and show no signs of slowing down to finish out this season.



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Jackson Sotosky is the son of Erin and Steve Sotosky. He lives in Davidsville with both of them. Jackson is a senior member of our track and field team this season. He has been running track for five years, but those five have been filled with success. He is a four-year letterman, along with a four-time District V Champion. Jackson also achieved six conference championships, placed in the state championships four times, and was the Latrobe Invitational Field Most Valuable Player. Jackson also joined the football team in his junior year as the kicker and is a two-year letterman. Jackson was a senior member

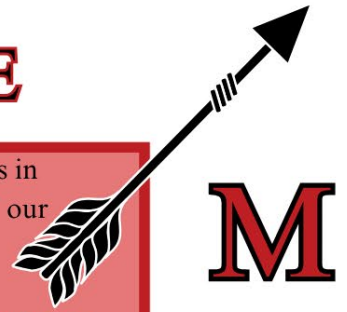
of our Indians soccer team this past fall, where he also created a name for himself. He's played soccer for 10 years, and is a four-year letterman. Throughout his four years, Jackson and his team won three conference championships, and one District V championship. Jackson also won two Daily American Player of the Year awards. Jackson's skills go farther than the field, however. He is president of our Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of our Students Against Destructive Decisions club, and a part of our grill team at Conemaugh Township. In his spare time, Jackson enjoys golfing, fishing, playing poker, hanging out with friends, and playing his guitar. After graduation, Jackson will be attending Shippensburg University to continue his track career. When asked for a quote Jackson said, "If you ain't first, you're last."



Kaitlyn Wiley is the daughter of Liz and Wayne Wiley of Hooversville. Kaitlyn is a senior athlete this year, as well as being involved in a number of different clubs and activities around the community. Kaitlyn has been a part of the soccer team for four years, and lettered all four years. She won Somerset County Defensive MVP two different years. She also was awarded Somerset County first team defense and Somerset County Sweet 16 selection. She was also a part of a District V championship team. Kaitlyn has also played basketball for four years and lettered for

three of those years. She has been a part of the track team for four years and lettered all four years, as well as being a part of the Heritage Conference championship team.

The last sport she is a member of is cheer, which she did for one year and lettered. Outside of sports, Kaitlyn is a member of NHS, student council, SADD, the secretary of Rotary Interact, and is the senior class treasurer. In her spare time, she coaches a U8 AYSO team, hangs out with her friends and family, and works. After high school, she is going to attend UPJ to major in Early Childhood Education and continue playing soccer. Her favorite quote is Philippians 4:13 which is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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## ***Love on the Spectrum Season 3***

*By Izzy Gunby*

The Netflix special “Love on the Spectrum” has recently released the third season of the hit series. The show follows people on the autism spectrum around as they look for a forever partner. With the third season’s release on April 2nd 2025, the show quickly shot up to Netflix’s top 10 trending shows.

The new season features some couples from the previous season, including Abbey Romeo and David Isaacman, who are still going strong. Connor also returns from the previous season, having his first on-screen kiss this season. This season, Dani breaks up with her partner from the previous season, while others, like James, try speed dating. We also meet new cast members like Georgie, Madison, Pari, and more. This season focuses more on personal growth, with everyone overcoming a new, unique struggle. The new season shows the upsides and downsides of trying to find love while being on the spectrum.

The show has amazing reviews, with fans loving many couples and how the series highlights the struggles and successes of finding love. Many viewers have exclaimed how much they appreciate the authenticity of the show and its positive representation. Make sure to tune in for this season!

## ***Kyren Lacy Death***

*By Marly Teeter*

Kyren Lacy was an American football player who played as wide receiver for the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns and LSU Tigers. Recently before the NFL Draft, he was a potential draft pick, but his stock plummeted after being arrested for his involvement in a fatal car crash. The once promising young football player is now dead at 24 after an apparent suicide.

Lacy was accused of causing the crash that killed a 78-year-old man and fleeing the scene without calling the authorities. Lacy was facing charges of negligent homicide, felony hit-and-run and reckless operation of a vehicle. On January 12th, he turned himself into the police and was jailed, but then bailed out for \$151,000. After all of this came out, he wasn't able to participate in football events for LSU, and his top pick spot for the NFL soon

disintegrated. These troubling events took a toll on Lacy's mental health, and he passed away tragically on April 12th due to suicide. Representatives have just asked for others to be respectful towards his friends and family during this time.

Kyren Lacy's untimely death shocked football fans and followers nationwide. He was a very talented athlete and will forever be remembered by fans and loved ones. If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, remember that resources are available to help you. Text or call 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

## ***Trevor Bauer Sues Against Accusations***

*By Akira Irizarry*

Trevor Bauer is a former Major League Baseball (MLB) pitcher and a Cy Young Award winner. Bauer has been in the middle of a highly publicized legal battle that follows accusations of sexual misconduct. The accusations surfaced in 2021, which led to a severe consequence for his career, including a suspension by the MLB according to their domestic violence and sexual assault policy. However, Bauer denied the claims against him on multiple accounts, stating that the interactions between the two of them happened with full consent and that the only victim is him for being put under false allegations. In response to this, he filed several lawsuits against his accuser and multiple social media outlets, stating that they were out to harm his reputation and his livelihood.

While he is now facing claims from a second accuser, his primary accuser is a woman who accused Bauer of committing a non-consensual act of violence during their time together. These allegations have which then caused a great controversy around the case, specifically with claims of legal and public bias. She claimed that Bauer caused physical harm during two separate occasions, forcing her to get a restraining order against him in 2021. After a judge reviewed the evidence which included a text message and a testimony, the judge declared that she would not be allowed the restraining order due to a lack of proof of Bauer being a threat.

Bauer's situation has been affected severely by the social media presence, where the accusations against him quickly gained attention and caused a widespread public debate. Different social media platforms have become a



battleground for users sharing and amplifying details about the accusers and the accused, often without the full story or factual support. Time will tell what will come of these allegations against Trevor Bauer.

## ***Ginny and Georgia New Season***

*By Izzy Gunby*

The new season of *Ginny and Georgia* is coming out soon! The expected release date is to be on June 5th of 2025 on Netflix. Last time we left off in the show, Georgia Miller, played by Brianne Howay, was arrested for murder during her wedding to her fiancé Mayor Paul Randolph, played by Scott Porter. He had no knowledge of Georgia's past life, which is something she is trying to escape. Georgia is known to ensure that her family has stability, which in her case meant a multitude of marriages and a violent past to protect her children at all costs.

The show is centered around a young girl named Virginia "Ginny" Miller who grapples with the societal norms of struggling to be a teenager while overcoming problems with love, racial profiling, and overprotective parents. The show also circles around her mother Georgia Miller who has an eventful past of money laundering, running away, gang affiliation, childhood struggles, and love. Both women are able to love each other because they are family but they both have no real understanding of what the other goes through in her daily life.

The show also brings to light many other societal issues that teenagers may face such as: unhealthy friendships, anxiety, depression, self-consciousness, self-harm, and the struggles of having divorced parents or parents who don't understand you. The show promotes awareness towards those who suffer mental health issues.

## **Artist of the Month**



Kyra Kimmel is the Artist of the Month for May! Kyra, a junior at Conemaugh Township, is the daughter of Tara and Joe Kimmel. She lives with her mom and dad in Hooversville. Kyra is a student in the Art III class and has put lots of thought and effort into her work.

Kyra has created a variety of different types of artwork over her high school career, but the pieces that stuck out to her the most would be digital art and two-dimensional art. Other than these types of artwork, contemporary art, which focuses more on photography and fashion, inspires Kyra. She has also attended the Laurel Arts Show in Somerset County as a participant and was an all conference artist for the Heritage Conference. Her creativity and passion definitely shows in her artwork and always has heads turning.

After Kyra goes through the rest of her high school career, she plans to pursue a profession as a language interpreter and translator. She will continue to be very creative and also help others out in her everyday life. Congratulations and enjoy the rest of your high school career, Kyra!

## **Musician of the Month**



Our Musician of the Month is Daniel Turley! He is the son of Angela and Steven Turley and lives with them in Johnstown, PA. Daniel has been chosen for this role for his exceptional playing of the clarinet and the piano along with his roles in the school musicals.

He noted that his accomplishments began in 2023 when he won the PFMC State Piano Competition for medium level. He took his success with him into 2025 when he played in the PMEA State Wind Ensemble. He also notes his role in the most recent marching band show, *The Ultimate Quest*.

After high school, he plans to go on a two year mission for his church before going to school to be an engineer or something in the field of robotics. Daniel has lived by one quote his whole life. This quote by Claude Debussy states, "Works of art make rules: rules do not make works of art." This quote emphasizes the creative process of the artist's role to define new standards in life. Congratulations on all of your successes, Daniel!

## ***Pope News***

*By Csege Szabo*

Pope Francis was head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of Vatican City from March of 2013 until his passing on April 21st, 2025. He died at age 88 in the Saint Martha House, located in Vatican City. The Roman Catholic Church has recently elected a new pope at Pope Francis's passing.

For two days, the black smoke rose out of the Sistine Chapel, signaling that the cardinal-electors had not yet reached a decision to elect a new pope. According to *NBC News*, "The 133 cardinal-electors must come to a two-thirds majority vote to reach a decision. This is the second black smoke signal after three rounds of voting." The past two conclaves that elected Pope Francis and Benedict XVI lasted two days. In this recent trend of timely selections, the tourists and the faithful were presented with white smoke and the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church was elected that very evening. His name is Robert Francis Prevost and he is the first pope from the United States. According to the *New York Times*, electing a pope from the United States "defies a longstanding belief that church leaders would never select a pope from a global superpower that already has considerable influence in world affairs." The *New York Times* also stated, "Ideological camps tussled before the conclave over whether to continue the inclusive agenda of the last pope, or return to a conservative doctrinal path. In St. Peter's Square, Leo put great emphasis on the need to build bridges."

While the Roman Catholic Church mourns the great loss of Pope Francis, many have instilled a sense of hope in his successor. We don't know exactly what he will bring to the table, but he is favored among many people which shows that they believe Pope Leo XIV will be great after Pope Francis' passing.

## ***Baseball Fan Injured Falling Off Stands***

*By Kennedy Lehman*

During the seventh inning of the Pittsburgh Pirates game against the Chicago Cubs at PNC Park on May 2nd, a Pirates fan was hospitalized in critical condition after falling from the stands onto the field.

Kavan Markwood fell 20 feet onto the right side of the field after tumbling over the railing of the bleachers. Medical assistants, coaches from both teams, and the PNC Park personnel immediately came to his aid before he was transferred from the field to Allegheny General Hospital. The Pirates manager, Derek Shelton, witnessed the incident. Shelton stated, "The fact of how it went down and then laying motionless while a play is going on ... it's extremely unfortunate. I mean, that's an understatement." Markwood is still receiving treatment for his life-threatening injuries. When the fan fell, a second person, later identified as a friend, jumped out of the outfield wall to help him. The game paused for about 10 minutes to help the him. Another fan, Bobby Kettler, captured the fall on his phone while filming a crucial play. Bob Nutting, principal owner and chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh Pirates, stated, "We are all deeply saddened and truly heartbroken after the terrible accident that occurred last night. It was one of the most difficult moments many of us have ever experienced."

The incident has brought into question the safety of the fan sections within the professional stadium, specifically regarding the height of the safety rails and barriers. The Pirates organization and fans worldwide are praying for a full recovery after the shocking incident.





# Little Contownian

## Summer Break To-Do List

By Mya Nemeth

Summer is known for long, sunny days, warm weather, and outdoor activities. A lot of people also go on vacation around this time of year because children get out of school for two or three months, and parents need breaks from their jobs. Most of the time, people get that long break and don't know what to do with it. So, here are some ideas for summer break!

- Go lay out in the sun and tan.
- Go swimming.
- If you have a trampoline, go jump on it.
- Go for a walk, jog, or run.
- Go on vacation.
- Hangout with your friends.
- Go shopping.
- Binge watch a show.
- Ride your bike.
- Have a summer picnic.



Some of these are fun outdoor activities and some are indoor. No matter where you are, you can still have a fun summer break, even if you are doing these things alone! Have a fun summer break, and if you get bored, just check this list!

## Little Contownian

By Heaven Coleman

Have you ever wanted to write freely? Well, say hello to The Little Contownian. It is a place where you can write freely, eat snacks, and have fun! They also are giving rewards for students who make it in the newspaper, so you might want to get started. Please don't waste their time, so write good articles. You can be creative in whatever way you want. To let you know, the girl who runs Little Contownian is Lilly Oakes. We meet up in Mrs. Feathers's room. Make sure to sign up next school year to get involved!

## The Harms of Video Games

By Claudia Shaffer

Do you wake up in the morning yearning to get on a video game? Or, while you're at school, can you only think about going home to play on your computer? If so, you might want to rethink your decisions. According to a study in the *Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, "A single session of video game play in healthy male adolescents is associated with an increased food intake, regardless of appetite sensations." If you think about this idea, gaming could be one of the many reasons why some people in America are obese. Obesity is a real problem in the United States, and that is not a good thing. When you sit on a couch, and play video games for hours on end, go take a break and do something productive.

Another piece of evidence, from [pewresearch.org](http://pewresearch.org), states that "97% of teens between the ages of 12-17 play computer, web, portable, or console games." This proves that most teens already play video games, even with some of the negative impacts computer games can have. Excessive violence and aggressive behavior can be some of the side effects of gaming. A lot of video games contain some sort of violence and give teens an upsetting example of bad behavior. Violence isn't the only bad result of playing video games. Physical damage such as bad eyesight can come from looking at the computer screen for hours upon hours. Some people argue that video games can be a good way of communication, but studies have shown that people who play video games have a lower social participation than those who don't play computer games.

In summary, video games can be very harmful. Don't waste your time forming an unhealthy obsession. As Demi Lovato once said, "It doesn't have to take over your life. It doesn't have to define you as a person." This proves that you can overcome anything, including any obsession. You only have one body, and one life. Use your time wisely!



## Academic Calendar/ Upcoming Events

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June 3.....Baccalaureate  
June 4.....Commencement/  
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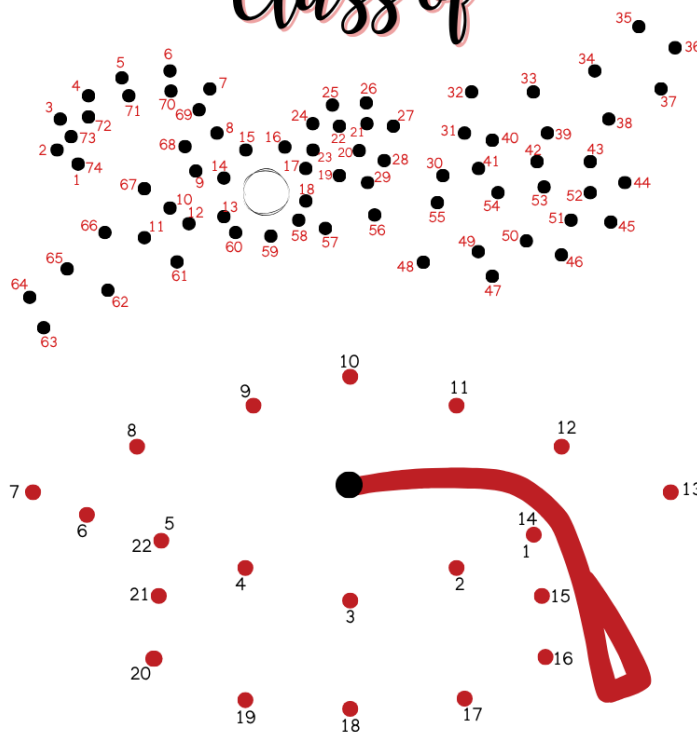
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## Meet The Senior Editors



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**Future Plans:** To attend Saint Francis University and major in Business

**Extracurricular Activities:** Soccer Captain, Basketball Captain, Track & Field, Senior Class President, NHS Vice President, Treasurer of SADD Club, Rotary Interact Club, Grill Team, Student Council, Spanish Club, and FCA



**Lily Morhbacker**

**Position:** Photography Editor

**Future Plans:** To attend Penn Highlands for two years and UPJ to major in English Literature

**Extracurricular Activities:** Musical





**Brianna Shetler**

**Position:** Sports Editor

**Future Plans:** To attend Pitt Greensburg and major in Business Management

**Extracurricular Activities:** Thrifting, Driving around, and Spending time with Family



**Carson Harbart**

**Position:** Pop Culture Editor

**Future Plans:** To attend High Point University in order to obtain a bachelor's degree in Public Relations with a minor in Interior Design

**Extracurricular Activities:** NHS Treasurer, Student Council, Rotary Interact Club, SADD Club, Grill Team, FCA, Volleyball, Photo Staff, Boating, Shopping, and Cooking



**Jordyn Snyder**

**Position:** News Editor

**Future Plans:** To attend UPJ for Early Childhood Education and continue my athletic career in soccer as well

**Extracurricular Activities:** Soccer Captain, NHS, Grill Team, Rotary Interact Club, SADD Club, Flag Runner for FNL, and an AYSO Soccer Coach



**Kaitlyn Wiley**

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**Future Plans:** To attend UPJ to major in Early Childhood Education and play soccer

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**Future Plans:** To attend PennWest California University and major in Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Extracurricular Activities:** Rotary President, Girl Scouts, Marching Band, NHS, SADD Club, Musical, Softball Captain, Bocce Ball, Adapted Music Teacher, and a Tribe Time Mentor



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