



# The Contownian News Magazine

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## ***District Chorus***

*By BriElla Harnett*

On October 17th, online auditions for PMEA District 6 Chorus were held. Fourteen Conemaugh Township students auditioned through video submissions. Thirteen of the students are advancing to The District Festival in February. It is currently unknown if the District Festival will be held online or in-person. After the District Festival, these students will then audition again to advance to Regionals.

The following students advancing to The District Festival are: Sophia Stango, Casadie Miller, Kassandra Wagner (Soprano 1), Katie Troxell, Emma Mitchell (Soprano 2), Abby McGinnis (Alto 1), Tanner Hunsberger (Alto 2), Sam Worst, Aaron Kaufman (Tenor 1), Jonathan Fochtman (Tenor 2), Evan Gardenhour (Bass 1), Jensen Korber, and Hayden Lingenfelter (Bass 2). When asked how he felt about District Chorus, Evan Gardenhour said, "I went to District Chorus last year and I really enjoyed it. Last year, it was online and I liked submitting my audition through video. However, it was a tad difficult because you had to film your song in one take. I'm really looking forward to this year, especially since it will be my first time performing the concert in person." Good luck to all our participants.

## ***Speech Team***

*By BriElla Harnett*

The Speech Team is a school organization for students run by Mrs. Custer and Mrs. Kopp. Students interested in public debate or formal argumentation compete in local, regional, and state competitions.

Students practice every Tuesday and Thursday throughout November. At these practices, students will memorize,

practice pieces, and perfect their techniques. There are a variety of speeches that can be given. A few of them include improv, form debates, persuasion, etc. According to Connor Baca, "Waiting in the room with five other people and a judge is the scariest part of speech meets."

Speech team is not for everyone. Everyone's experience is different. Connor Baca said, "The actual experience is something you won't forget. You go to these meets with 200 students all dressed up and just as nerdy as you are. Everything around feels like a mixture of amazing and chaotic energy. The atmosphere of it all is just so great that you automatically love it."

## ***Language Exploration Club***

*By BriElla Harnett*

The new school year has brought many new additions. One of them being new clubs. The Language Exploration Club is a student-led club founded by Maggie McCutcheon and Maddison Rensko. This club was built off of the old French club.

However, it has been expanded to include the exploration of other languages and cultures.

Every student is required to have at least one year of a language at Conemaugh Township High School. Maggie McCutcheon said, "Since our school has acquired more online language programs, Maddison and I have seen that students are curious about languages other than French and Spanish." During club times, Maddison and Maggie plan on checking in with the club members to see what they would be interested in exploring. Club members are able to choose languages that they would like to learn and are able to discuss the languages and cultures during their club meetings. Maddison and Maggie also plan to have snacks during these club times that relate to the languages and cultures they are discussing.





## ***Daylight Savings Time: a Waste of Day and Time***

*By Natalie Kimmel*

Daylight Savings Time dates back to the early 1900s during World War I. All credit, *or fault*, goes to Benjamin Franklin who thought to reset clocks in the summer months to conserve energy. By moving clocks forward, people could experience days with longer periods of daylight. This concept was continued on and is still seen today. Farmers fought to end this act because it meant they would lose an hour of daylight in the morning for their crops, and maybe we should have listened. But this was not the case. It was brought back in WWII and has remained ever since.

This concept seemed completely reasonable back then, considering their lack of artificial light and energy. However, there is currently no reason for this annual process other than tradition. It seems there are actually more drawbacks than benefits. Not only are there negatives involving mental and physical health but also societal impacts. It has caused: sleep deprivation, mental health issues, an increase in workplace injuries, a greater risk for cardiovascular conditions, and an increase in car accidents. It has also been said to result in: loss of motivation and productivity, excess energy usage, and money being carelessly spent. It is apparent that there is more harm than good, which leads people to believe how pointless it is.

We have electricity and we are able to conserve our energy even without that extra hour of sunlight. Simply put, Daylight Savings Time alters our lives dramatically. It throws off our daily rhythm, including sleep schedules. We then have to adjust to this not once, but twice every year. So what is the solution to this dilemma? Get rid of Daylight Savings Time.

It offers no true benefits and was proven to have resulted in many setbacks. There is no real reason that this is still apparent today, other than the fact that Americans have always done it. Some states have previously decided that they did not want anything to do with this. So why would we keep this in some states and not others? By getting rid of this time entirely, we can eliminate unwanted disturbances in our daily lives. Furthermore, if we abolish Daylight Savings Time, we can hope to avoid a number of problems that are associated with it.

## **Staff Editorials**

### ***Should We Keep the Indian Mascot?***

*By Callie Parker*

The Conemaugh Township Indians! You can just hear the screams and chants. Conemaugh Township has been a school since 1938 and has always been the Indians. But since then, things have changed and it is time that we change with it. The steelhead Indian, our most represented symbol, is also highly offensive to the Native American community. I believe that the name of the Indians is an acceptable name for our school right now, but I feel eventually it will need to be changed. I think that the symbols that our school uses right now are the main problem because they do not accurately represent the Native Americans that lived in this area. So, if we change our representations then it will make us more respectful to the Native American population.

The idea of being the Indians is 100% reasonable to use because our school is located in an area that was once inhabited by Native Americans. The problem is that our mascot is not this particular tribe of Indians. The tribe of Indians that lived in our area did not use full headdresses; they used a single feather instead. Another problem is calling our school "The Reservation" because that was such a demeaning time period in their history and we use it as a place for celebrations. The Connumach Indians did not have horses to ride on and they did not live in tepees, instead they mostly lived in longhouses. Another problem that is presented with this topic is that people are uneducated on the history of The Connumach Indians so they just believe whatever they have been told.

However, I believe that this issue can be resolved by altering different things here and there. I think that the main issue that needs to be fixed is the usage of the Indian headdress. How this can be fixed is asking different activities to stop putting this representation on shirts and instead put arrowheads on them because the Connumach Indians did use those. A lot of the problems could be stopped by not calling the football field "The Reservation" and discontinuing the usage of saying that teams are "On the warpath" because the Indians around here were peaceful and were not warriors.

We live in a great community, and I am proud to go to Conemaugh Township, but we need to make our school respectful to the people who came before us. I realize that getting rid of the steelhead Indian is not economically ethical, but there are some things that are easy fixes. I believe that if everyone was educated on the history of the Connumach Indians, then people would understand that some things that have been accepted in the past are disrespectful and should be changed in the upcoming future.

**PHOTO JOURNALISM**

**HIGH SCHOOL**



**Leonela Nichols and Chloe Bidelman**

**The Ladies Volleyball Team had a teal out theme to spread awareness for ovarian cancer, while defeating North Star in 3 sets.**



**Ava Byer**



**Johnathan Fockman, Gia Bambino, and the marching band put on a beautiful show at Johnstown Stadium, placing 3rd in the competition.**

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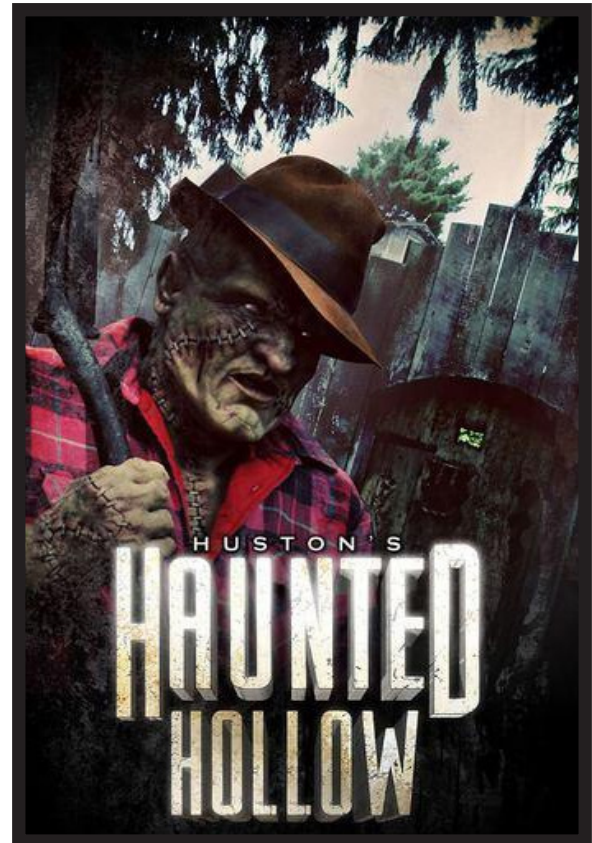
## HIGH SCHOOL

### *New Horror Film*

By Sasha Tarabrin

Netflix is due to release a new horror movie, *There's Someone Inside Your House* this month just in time for Halloween. The movie is adapted from a popular young adult novel of the same name by Stephanie Perkins. The story follows a young girl named Makani who - in light of her parents' failing marriage - is sent to live with her grandmother in Nebraska. Whilst there, a serial killer begins hunting people living around the area and Makani fears that a mysterious incident from her past will make her a target.

The cast for the movie is consisting of some fairly new faces along with two Nickelodeon stars: Sydney Park of *Bella and the Bulldogs*, and Dale Whilby of *Make It Pop*. Early audiences of the film on the infamous review website, Rotten Tomatoes, have given it a 65% rating – which is considered fairly average. The movie will be available to stream exclusively on Netflix, October 6th – and for those who prefer to read before they see, there are copies of the book available in our school library!



### *Haunted Houses*

By Hunter Hartnett

Halloween in Pennsylvania is a great place to be! Amongst other festivities, there are a plethora of haunted houses, hayrides, and corn mazes.

Some options for fun haunted activities include: The Haunted Acres in Sidman, PA; Huston's Haunted Hollow in Rockwood, PA; and Wicked Woods in Richland, PA. For convenience, Wicked Woods is close to home and free of charge for the community. In Pittsburgh, Kennywood Amusement Park also hosts a spooky night of their own: Fright Night. Many different Halloween activities take place at Kennywood, along with being able to access all of the rides!

If you are in Johnstown, the options are endless for Halloween activities! To find a haunted house near you visit: [pahauntedhouses.com](http://pahauntedhouses.com).

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### HIGH SCHOOL

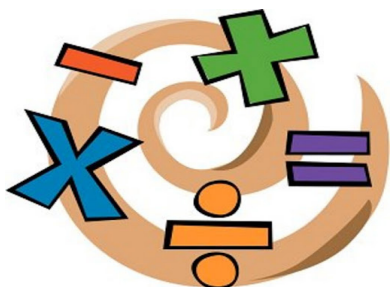
#### *Mathcounts*

By Sydney Thomas

Math Counts is a math problem-solving competition for grades 6-8, where students compete individually and in teams. In the competition series, students can advance from one competition to the next with competitions at the school level, chapter level, state level, and national level. There have been students that excel in Math Counts and advance to further levels of competition.

Math Counts was reestablished after a few years by Mr. Rising. "I have coached Math Counts for the past three years," shared Mr. Rising. "Last year I joined Math Counts as a co-coach," stated Mr. Kramer. The first competition is here at Conemaugh Township in either December or January. How students do in the school competition determines who will represent Conemaugh Township at the Johnstown Chapter Competition in February. This is held each year at UPJ, where twelve students are selected to attend. The top four students from the Chapter and the top team will advance to the state competition in Harrisburg, PA. The most recent student to qualify for the State Competition was Evan Thomas in 2019, after he won first place at the Chapter Competition.

Students can sign up at any time. Math Counts meet on Wednesdays during club period and explore new and interesting kinds of math problems each week. This year there are three eighth-graders, eight seventh-graders, and six sixth-graders. Having a young group is great because it means that there will continue to be many returning members in the following years to keep the program thriving.



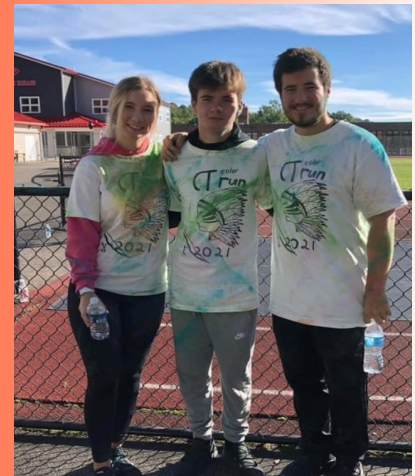
### *Alumni Of The Month...*

Matthew Phillippi is a 2013 graduate from Conemaugh Township. After graduation, he majored in Business Account at the UPJ. After realizing that Business Accounting was not for him, he decided to switch to Secondary English Education. He enjoyed attending UPJ because of the small class sizes and few people. He was able to establish close relationships and make many friends, which made his experience more enjoyable.

After graduating, he got a teaching job to be an 11th grade English teacher at North Star High School. After two weeks of being at North Star, a job opened here at Conemaugh Township. Matt decided that he wanted to teach at the school where he grew up and teach 9th grade English and facilitate French, German, and Sign Language. When asked about what his favorite part about his occupation is, he said, "Getting to know the students and working with great people."

Matt currently lives in Jerome, Pennsylvania. He just recently purchased his childhood home, where he lived as a young boy. Matt has not left the Township Area in his lifetime and considers himself to be a "life long resident" of Township.

In high school, Matt recalls his favorite teachers to be Mr. Mainhart and Ms. Gall. He states, "They were both more than teachers and they were there for me more as a person rather than a teacher." Through the tough times of high school, Matt said



***Matthew Phillippi***

Ms. Gall was always there to help and support him through everything he needed. He stated, "She was always there for me."

When asked his favorite memory, he stated that he dislikes this question because all the memories blend together to make one good memory of a great high school experience. During high school, Matt was a part of the golf and baseball team, where most of his fondest memories come from. He enjoyed playing golf and baseball with his friends and remembers all the fun times they had at sporting events. In all, spending time with friends, along with enjoying high school itself, make his fondest memories. We are glad you are back!



## Fall Sports Playoffs

By Owen Tomb

Fall sports are completing the 2021 season as we head into November. To kick things off this year, volleyball is 12-4 and third in the conference. They are trying to defend the District 5 title from last year. Captain Riley Maldet stated, “We are working very hard this year. We have had a few bumps in the road, but we are still working hard to defend our title.”

This football season is a different one; they will not be in the playoffs this year. The reason they will not be in the playoffs is because they have merged with Shade, which makes them ineligible for playoffs.

This year's boys' soccer team holds a record of 11-6. They have been working very hard to meet goals that they set for this year. Captain Ben Cotchen said, “We have a solid team this year, which brings me to believe that we can make a run in playoffs and hopefully come out with a District Championship.” As they finish up the regular season, seeding will be crucial for home field advantage.

The golf season has come to an end. The team repeated the WestPAC championship title for the second year in a row at Somerset Country Club. The Indians were also WestPAC regular season champions. The squad was seeking a back to back District 5 title at Iron Masters, but fell short to Bedford. Bedford was the runner-up last year, behind the Indians.

Finally, the girls' soccer team has a record of 12-4 and is looking to start playoffs towards the end of October. The team is excited and looking forward to a long playoff run. They are hopeful to make up for their first round loss from last season.



*Dakota Patton looks to shoot in a non-conference game against Cambria Heights.*

## Athletes

Chloe Bidelman, honor roll student and star volleyball player, is this month's Athlete of the Month. Chloe is a very involved student athlete and likes to spend her free time either with friends, family, or just playing volleyball. She has been playing since 6th grade for travel and 7th for school. She fell in love with the sport so much that she plans to continue her career at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, where she will major in Psychology or Speech Pathology. Chloe has achieved multiple awards that include: The All-Area Ladies Conference 1st Team, and 2020 District 1st Team, 2020 All Somerset County Team, 2019 District Runner Up, and lastly 2020 District 5 Champions. Not only is she involved in volleyball, but she also is a member of Rotary Interact, SON, and SADD. When asked about how she is feeling towards the season, Bidelman responded, “I'm excited for what's to come. After coming off a District 5 win, the expectations are high, but I have faith in all of the girls on the team.”



*Chloe Bidelman*

## SPORTS

### *Golf Postseason*

*By Ben Cotchen*

The Conemaugh Township Varsity Golf team had another successful season this year. The team won 14 matches on the year and carried their winnings into the postseason.

On Friday, October 1st, the teams top four golfers, which consisted of seniors Austin Ricotta and Jackson Byer, junior Jack Ankeny, and sophomore Sam Sharbaugh, traveled to Somerset Country Club for the WestPAC Championship Tournament. The four played very well and placed first in the tournament, which meant they were WestPAC Champions. Jack Ankeny led the tournament, shooting a 79. The team hoped to take this success into the District 5 Championship Tournament, where they hoped to repeat as District champs.

The tournament was held on October 5, 2021, at Iron Masters Country Club. The team played very well, but fell just short of defending the title. Jack Ankeny and Sam Sharbaugh both shot an 81, which tied them both for 2nd for the Individual bracket. In the girls tournament, freshman, Alex Boring, placed first overall individually, which made her a District champion. Overall, the Conemaugh Township golf season had another very successful season.



*Austin Ricotta shows off an impressive swing.*



*Chloe Bidelman gets ready to serve the ball in a conference set against Ferndale.*

### *...of the Month*

Dakota Patton, a senior at Conemaugh Township High School, excels in and out of the classroom. He lives in Hollsopple, with his grandparents Diann and Richard Schubert. Dakota is involved in the baseball, soccer, and ski club at Township. He has been playing baseball for nine years and soccer for six, lettering in both this past school year. When he is not playing sports, he enjoys skiing and playing video games in his free time. When asked about his experiences here at Township, Dakota said, "My favorite teacher is Mr. Berzonski because I liked the way that he taught and he's very comical." After high school, Dakota plans to attend a trade school to become a lineman of a substation.



*Dakota Patton*



### *The Heist*

By Sara O'Connell

The marching band is directed by Ms. Catherine Kasun. Aaron Kaufman, the commanding officer, takes the lead in the show. Emma Mitchell is the assisting commanding officer. Other notable characters in their show include drum majors: Samuel Worst, Abby McGinnis, and Addy Dull.

“The Heist” is the marching band show this year. The plotline follows Aaron Kaufman, the heist master and commanding officer. He “steals” a golden soprano saxophone with the help of Mackenzie Delosh, who plays a double agent. They play their songs in the format of a story. The marching band finishes their show with Aaron Kaufman escaping the detectives and playing his “stolen” saxophone.

After asking Aaron Kaufman about the show, he said, “It’s very interesting because this year is the first year we incorporated a storyline into our show.” Additionally, he said, “About ten people play multiple instruments, which can be challenging.”

They recently placed first on October 2nd and October 9th at their Tyrone competition and Homer Center competition. The band is currently ranked 12th, which is impressive. Good luck to our band in future competitions!



*The CT Marching Band performs “The Heist”*

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## School Calendar

The following dates are subject to change:

November 8.....Report Cards Issued  
November 9.....One-Hour Early Dismissal  
November 10.....Parent Conference Day  
(No School for Students)  
November 11.....Veterans Day Vacation  
November 24.....One-Hour Early Dismissal  
November 25-26.....Thanksgiving Vacation  
November 29.....Deer Season Vacation

\*Check calendar dates on [ctasd.org](http://ctasd.org)\*



## POP CULTURE

### Harry Styles “Lights Up” Pittsburgh

By Sasha Tarabrin

After two long years of waiting, Harry Styles finally brought ‘Love on Tour’ to Pittsburgh on October 14th. After getting rescheduled twice due to Covid, nearly 20,000 fans piled into the PPG Paints Arena on a breezy Thursday night to watch the former One Direction member perform his first solo show in the Steel City. With a sold-out concert, Harry, alongside opener Jenny Lewis, gave the fans everything they had been waiting for - and a little bit more.

With a set of just over an hour and a half, the eccentric performer danced across the stage to songs from his freshman and sophomore albums - along with a surprise *One Direction* cover - which sent the crowd into a frenzy. Styles, whose fans clearly adore him, showed them his gratitude within the electric artistry he put on display for the evening. Few performers pay attention to the fans in the crowd, let alone get personable with them - something that Harry Styles can say he certainly does do. From singing happy birthday to a young girl in the crowd to congratulating another for being cancer-free, Harry let the fans know that he appreciates them just as much as they do him.

To say the show was a success is to say the least. As concert-goers exited the arena after the show, you could practically see the elation and excitement glowing around them. Some laughed, some cried, and some even looked somber to see the night fade so fast - but then again, that is how you know that the concert was a truly great one.

## Upcoming Albums

### November 2021:

- \* Voyage - ABBA
- \* KID A MNESIA - Radiohead
- \* The Season - Steve Perry
- \* Nevermind (30th Anniversary Super Deluxe) - Nirvana
- \* Hall of Fame 2.0 - Polo G
- \* The Tears Of Hercules - Rod Stewart
- \* An Evening with Silk Sonic - Silk Sonic
- \* Algorithm - Snoop Dogg
- \* 30 - Adele
- \* Red (Taylor’s Version) - Taylor Swift
- \* DR TRAP - Joey Trap

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## Upcoming Sneaker Drops

### June 2021:

- 1) Keni Harrison x adidas NMD R1 GW8899
- 2) Katie Ledecky x adidas Ultra Boost 2.0 DNA
- 3) Nike GTS 97 “Koromogae”
- 4) Nike Air Force 1 Fontanka “Have A Good Game”
- 5) Nike Blazer Mid ‘77 Jumbo: “White/Black”, “Glaze Powder”, “Dark Russet”
- 6) Nike Dunk Low “Championship Grey”
- 7) adidas Trae Young: “SO SO DEF”, “So So Def ATL”, “Snakeskin”, “Peachtree”
- 8) Nike Air Max 95 SE “Running Club”
- 9) Under Armour Curry Flow 9 “Street Pack”
- 10) Air Jordan 1 Retro High OG “Bordeaux”
- 11) Air Jordan 11 “Animal Instinct”
- 12) Nike Dunk Low “Goldenrod”



## 8th Grade Spotlight Athlete

*By Madee Roman*

The athletes of the month in eighth grade are Laikyn Reynolds and DJ Bambino. Laikyn Reynolds plays soccer, softball, and volleyball. She loves to lead her sports teams into victories. Every time Reynolds is on the court or field, she works hard to impress her fellow coaches. When Reynolds is on the soccer field, she uplifts and helps her teammates with assists for them to score goals. In the wintertime, she practices hard to get ready for softball and volleyball season. Laikyn balances softball and volleyball with a great amount of effort. She perseveres her way on the court and the field.

The other athlete of the month is DJ Bambino. DJ Bambino plays football and baseball. He always is trying to help his teammates succeed in all of his sports. When he is on the football field, he loves to scrap it out and place a couple of touchdowns on the board. When he is not playing football, he practices baseball in his backyard with his dad. He likes to get ahead in his sports to outplay all of his opponents when it hits baseball season.



## 7th Grade Spotlight Athlete

*By Madee Roman*

The athletes of the month for the seventh grade are Gentry Sotosky and Macey Kordell. Macey Kordell plays soccer, basketball, and possibly volleyball this year. She loves to drive to the net and put goals on the scoreboard on the soccer field. During the winter, she plays basketball with her friends at East Hills. This year she will join our Lady Indians to have a great season. When she is scraping it up on the court, she is at home playing basketball with her little sister in her driveway. She always shows her sister how to shoot threes and juke people out left and right just as she does.

The other athlete of the month is Gentry Sotosky. He plays on our Junior High Soccer team. He loves to play outside defender and stop all the runners on the outside. Whenever he is not playing defense, his coaches for Junior High put him at the mid-field position to score goals from the eighteen. When he is not playing soccer, he spends time with his brothers, Josey and Jackson, and neighbors.



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# THE LITTLE CONTOWNIAN

## JUNIOR HIGH

### *Cinnamon Apple Pie Cupcake Recipe*

*By Alonna Bracken*

Cinnamon Apple Pie Cupcakes are the perfect dessert to celebrate the autumn season. By following these steps, a delicious dessert can easily be served. To start, preheat the oven to 350°F. Line muffin pans with baking cups. Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, baking soda, ginger, and allspice in a medium bowl. In a large mixing bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla; mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream, beating well after each addition. Continue beating for one minute. Divide batter evenly into cups. Bake for 20 - 24 minutes. Remove cupcakes from the oven and place the cupcake pan on a cooling grid to cool for 5 minutes. Remove cupcakes from the pan and put them on the cooling grid to cool completely.

**Prepare apple pie filling.** Stir together brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, salt, ginger, and allspice in a small bowl until well-combined. In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add apples, lemon juice, and zest, and cook for 3-4 minutes until the apples are tender. Add sugar mixture and cook, stirring constantly, 1-2 minutes until liquid is thick and thoroughly coats the apple pieces. Pour apple mixture into a bowl and let cool completely, stirring mixture occasionally.

**Prepare to frost.** In a small bowl, combine cream and cinnamon—microwave 30 seconds. Let it cool in room temperature (it will thicken to a paste-like consistency). In a large bowl, beat butter and cream mixture with an electric mixer on medium speed for 30 seconds. Add vanilla and salt; beat together. Add sugar, 1 cup at a time.. Beat 1 minute longer, until light and fluffy. Assemble apple pie cupcakes. Core a 1” piece out of the middle of the cupcake using a paring knife. Fill each cupcake with about 1 tablespoon filling. Prepare a decorating bag with tip 1M and cinnamon buttercream frosting. Lastly, pipe a rosette of icing atop the cupcake, then sprinkle with additional cinnamon, if desired. Happy eating this Autumn!

### *Ingredients:*

#### Cupcakes:

- 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 cup firmly-packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/4 cups sour cream

#### Filling:

- 1/4 cup firmly-packed light brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 2-1/2 cups peeled, diced honey crisp or gala apples (from about 3 medium or 2 large)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice (from 1 small)
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest

#### Cinnamon Buttercream Frosting

- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, plus more for garnish (optional)
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups sifted powdered sugar (confectioners' sugar)

#### Tools

- Muffin Pan
- Measuring Spoon
- Electric Mixer
- Medium Bowl
- Large Bowl
- Small Bowl
- Tip 1M
- Decorating Bag

