

March 2026

newsletter



Community Foundation

The Conemaugh Township Area School District Foundation has recently become active again after an eight-year hiatus. The CT Foundation started in 2012 as a way to provide scholarship opportunities and supplement educational and extracurricular activities. The foundation, which is run by volunteers who truly love the community, uses donations accumulated through fundraisers to give back to students in the school district. One of their most recent projects was the construction of the school's golf room in 2018.

Christine Troxell, a board member of the foundation and one of the main proponents of getting it running again, said, "We want everyone to know how great our students and staff are," highlighting the main goal of the foundation: to promote and support the community. To achieve this, the foundation has recently started multiple projects and promotions, such as creating new bylaws, designing a new flyer, and providing the school with four new ViewSonic projectors.

With the foundation's return, students can expect to see more opportunities and activities around the school district. To make their goal achievable, the foundation is accepting donations from community members and appreciates any aid they receive. The return of the CT Foundation marks the beginning of new opportunities and continued growth for Conemaugh Township students and teachers alike.



What's Happening in the Tribe?

Luck of the Dodge 🍀

This month, the TSA Club will host its annual Heroes Benefit Dodgeball Tournament on March 18th. This exciting event is a fundraiser that supports our local fire departments and the Conemaugh Township Police Department.

The tournament is organized using a bracket system. The winner of each game advances to the next round, continuing until the final match takes place in the evening. The student team that wins during the school-day competition will return at 6:00 p.m. to compete against volunteers from the local fire and police departments to determine the overall grand champion.

Last year, our school proudly raised \$2,639 to give back to our community. This year, we hope to raise even more and make an even bigger impact!



Golden Speeches of March

The CT Speech Team has been working hard all season to perform at their very best, with the guidance of their coaches Jennifer Custer and Lee Salem. The team's dedication has already paid off, as this year's tournaments have brought impressive results, including several top placements and personal bests.

On January 13th, Issac Marsh and Gracyn Bittner earned first place in Public Forum Debate. Loie Oliszewski placed second in Prose, and Alex Ames took fourth in Poetry. Most recently, at a meet hosted at CT, Renata Savignone placed second in Informative Speaking.

In March, the team will travel to Saint Francis University to compete in the regional tournament. If they qualify, they will then advance to the state competition at Bloomsburg University on March 20th-21st.

When asked about her experience, Renata shared, "My favorite part of being on the team is seeing everyone prepare and being all dressed up for their own speeches. We all do very different speeches, so it's really interesting to see them in their element."



What's Happening in the Tribe?

Suit Up for Stories and Act-ivities

Reading Night is a special event held at Conemaugh Township Elementary School that encourages younger students to develop a love for reading. It also hosts the Scholastic Book Fair, which takes place at the reading night event.

This year, Reading Night will be held on March 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the theme is "Reading Can Give You Superpowers!" The event is free and open to the entire community, as well as surrounding communities.

Throughout the school, different rooms will feature a variety of activities and learning opportunities. Since every child learns differently, the event is designed to provide many engaging and accessible ways for students to explore reading. There will also be chances to win free prizes in several rooms, and a café will be open with affordable food options for families to enjoy.

Profits from the Scholastic Book Fair go directly back to the students, helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive a book of their very own.



"What has truly made reading night so successful for so many years is the dedication of all of our volunteers, as well as support from the school district and elementary teachers and staff." – Michelle Wozniak

Steps Toward the Pot of Gold 🌈



Co-op is a valuable opportunity for Vo-Tech students to gain real-world experience by working for local companies during their Vo-Tech school hours. Students who have completed at least a year and a half in their program are eligible to participate.

Through co-op, students apply the skills they have learned in their trade classes while earning money and building hands-on experience. This not only helps prepare them for future careers, but also gives them a strong advantage when applying for jobs. Having real work experience shows employers that students are responsible, skilled, and ready to contribute to a company.

Junior Jayden Miller shared, "Co-op is a great opportunity because you get a lot of real-world experience that is one-on-one, and you also get to make money."



Hard Workers in CT



MATILDA - By CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP

The Conemaugh Township Music Department will be putting on their production of *Matilda* on March 12th-15th (Thursday-Sunday). This will feature Anna Hunsberger and Abby Shropshire as the dual-cast Matilda, Daniel Turley as Ms. Trenchbull, and Addison Lasure as Miss Honey. The productions will start at 8 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday, with a matinee on Sunday to start at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase from the QR code on the poster hung up around the community or the link on the school website.

“The whole cast has been working so hard to bring this show to the stage, and we’re so excited to share it with the community!” -Addison Lasure

PMEA Region III Band

On February 4-6, Alonna Bracken, Daniel Turley, and Greta Mock had the opportunity to perform in the District 5 band. The three musicians auditioned for Region 3 band on the 4th and all succeeded in making it to that festival.

The regional choir festival will be held on March 19th-21st at Penns Valley. There, our outstanding performers will have the chance to audition for states.



PMEA Region III Choir

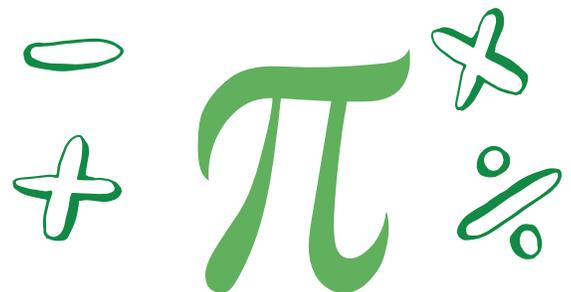
On February 18th-20th, three of our CT Music Department members performed in the Region 3 Choir festival. The students that performed were, Greta Mock (Alto 1), Anna Hunsberger (Alto 1), and Daniel Turley (Bass 1).

On the 18th, the students had the chance to audition for the PMEA All-State festival. Our students all scored very well, but will not be advancing to the state festival. Congratulations to the students on their achievements and a great regional festival.



MATHCOUNTS

On February 21st, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., a team of 14 Mathletes from our Conemaugh Township MathCounts club, traveled to UPJ to compete against schools from Cambria, Fulton, Bedford, and Indiana counties.





CT SPORTS

Softball



The Conemaugh Township softball team began open gyms in February and will open their season on March 30th, with an away game at Conemaugh Valley.

“We have a lot of new faces this year, but a few have proir experience. I’m looking forward to seeing what this team can put together when game time comes.”

-Junior, Lena Dull

Baseball

The Conemaugh Township baseball team will start their season on March 17th, with an away game at Penns Manor.

“Last year, we had a lot of regular-season success, but ended up short of our goal for Coach Doyle’s first year. This looks to be a promising season, as we return eight starters and all of the staff. We start practice soon and can’t wait for the year to kick off.” - Senior, Kaden Valentine

Winter Playoffs Recap

The boys basketball team won the district semi-final game against Berlin on Friday February 20th with a score of 65-45. The team then played McConnellsburg on Thursday February 26th at UPJ and ended their regular season with a score of 48-51. They compete against Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in the first round of state playoffs on March 7th.

Conemaugh Township wrestling team competed at districts on February 14th. Carter Christ placed second, while Landon Ray Romesburg, Nathan Dail, and Landon Huffman all placed 4th.

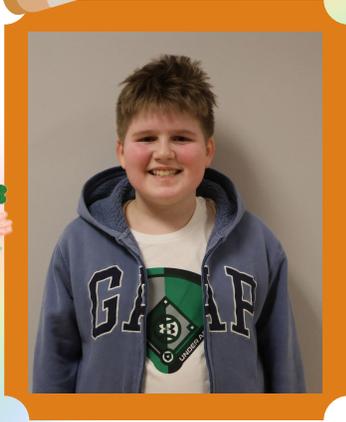
The rifle team competed at states on February 21st in Dubois. Micah Lehman shot the highest score on the team with a 550, followed by Roy Oswalt (511). They also went on February 25th to compete in the state prone competition in Everett, where Micah Lehman, Roy Oswalt, and Maya Denault were the top three of their team. The team places 11th overall in the state, and Micah individually placed 38 out of 112 people.

Aidan Burnworth and Damirr Thomas represented CT at the District Swimming Championships. Damirr had an amazing time drop in his 50 freestyle and placed 12th in the 100 butterfly. Aidan came home securing the district title in the 50 freestyle for the third year in a row and district title in the 100 freestyle for the second year in a row. Aidan will now move on to the State Championships in March. In addition to these accomplishments, Aidan also secured his ticket to the YMCA Nationals Championship by swimming his 50 freestyle in 21.87 seconds.



Our Charming Students

Middle School Students of the Month



"Zachary Shaffer is a beacon of kindness, always ready to lend a helping hand. Not only does he consistently complete assignments, but his cheerful demeanor and sweet smile make him a joy to be around."

"Brady Lasure shows great character and is a hard worker. She is a student leader and is the Jr. High Student Council Vice President. She's a delight!"



"Cameron Fisher is great in class, as he's consistent with work completion and participating in classroom discussion. He is polite and a great reader. Cameron is good-natured, too!"



Senior High Students of the Month

"Greyson Studer is always kind to others and treats all of his teachers respectfully. He's a leader in the classroom and on the athletic courts and fields."



"Avalee Bosnick is an excellent student with a high level of respect for her peers and her teachers. She is personable and kind."



"Greta Mock finds ways to encourage those around her to think critically and improve their skills. She's a leader in her service organizations and academically and musically."



"Addie Miller gives up so much of her time in helping others. She's a natural leader and she always has a smile on her face. She actively makes CT a better place."



Our Golden Teacher: Mrs. Parker



Mrs. Rebecca Parker has been a part of the CT community since the fall of 1988 with the IUO8, and began her employment with CT in 1991. Since her hiring, she has taught Special Ed in every grade, K-12. She is currently providing learning support to grades 10-12.

Mrs. Parker was raised in Weston, WV, with her brother. As a child, she was active in her community, taking part in Girl Scouts, 4-H, and church. At her high school, Lewis County High, she took up the roles of school mascot and athletic training assistant, graduating in the class of 1983. Continuing her roles of leadership, she became the student manager of her college cafeteria at Marietta College in Ohio. She graduated from college with a double major in psychology and elementary/special education.

Outside of school, Mrs. Parker is married to Steve Parker, a school baseball coach volunteer, and has two children who have graduated from Conemaugh Township: Josiah (24), a student at Ashland Seminary, and Callie (20), a student at Saint Francis University. Mrs. Parker has also been a Girl Scout leader for 13 years and enjoys participating in any type of missionary activities.

Overall, she enjoys her time here at Township, especially being surrounded by the students. "Some students are more memorable. Watching the bravery of Austin Nail is my most significant memory. I enjoy being the school mom to my Scouts and neighbor kids."

"Mrs. Parker has been one of the most influential people in my life. Not only does she provide a space for people to feel welcomed and accepted, but she also makes sure that you are comfortable and confident in your work inside of school, but most importantly, in yourself. She has taught me what it is to be hardworking and kind, but most importantly what it is to be a good person." – Charlotte Worst



"Mrs. Parker is a teacher that truly deserves the honor of being recognized as teacher of the month. She is so sweet, caring, and is always there when you need her. Thank you Mrs. Parker!" – Amelia Mitchell

"Mrs. Parker is an excellent teacher. She made a transition from the little school to the high school, and the high school is better for it. She brings not just the wisdom of her years of experience, but also an unwavering love and commitment to the CT students." – Mr. Kusher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 16th | Act 80 Day
Wednesday, March 25th | End of 9 Weeks





Jr. Editor

Emily Purdy

Emily Louise Purdy is from Davidsville, PA. She participates in soccer, golf, hockey, bocce ball, basketball, track, softball, and is a cheer captain. She also has been a part of four musicals. Emily has participated in District Choir for one year and is a part of numerous clubs including Girl Scouts, Rotary, NHS, Student Council, and SADD. Her interests include singing, reading, writing, traveling, ice skating, and volunteering. Emily is also an active member at Camp Parc and is an Adapted Music teacher.



Sr. Editor Maya Denault



Maya Lynn Denault is from Hollsopple, PA. She is the captain of the rifle team, a dedicated dancer both recreationally and competitively, and has also participated in many musical productions. Maya has lettered twice in rifle, competed at Nationals twice for dance, and is actively involved in leadership and service as the runner / editor of two newsletters, a member of the National Honor Society, and Vice President of Rotary. Her interests include photography, volunteering, crafting, reading, gardening, and, of course, dancing.

Jr. Editor

Hannah James

Hannah Grace James is from Jerome, PA, where she actively contributes to her community through involvement in organizations such as Rotary Interact, Spanish Club, and Tribe Time. Beyond her community contributions, Hannah has a passion for playing piano and singing. She also likes to spend time with her friends during her free time. Additionally, Hannah is eager to explore new experiences, always striving to learn and grow both personally and academically.