



Collegiate Athletic Signing Day

By Emma King, Kennedy Lehman, and Savannah Stutzman

From the class of 2026, there are eight collegiate signings from Conemaugh Township athletes. Senior collegiate signings mark an exciting and meaningful milestone in a student-athlete's journey. After years of hard work, dedication, and balancing academics with athletics, seniors officially commit to continuing their sports careers at the college level. It's not just about talent, it reflects perseverance, discipline, and passion for the sport.

Colin Dinyar is planning on following in his father's footsteps at UPJ where he will play baseball. He will pitch and play on the field. Jacob Bartis will play football at St. Francis University. He will play defensive tackle. He may also contribute on the offensive line if needed. Madee Roman will play volleyball at Slippery Rock. According to *The Daily American*, "Roman will serve as an outside hitter or an opposite and play all six rotations in coach Sara Spielvogel's lineup." Kaitlyn Hillegass is going to cheer at St. Francis. She is looking forward to continuing doing what she loves at a college level. Brennan Lohr is going to play football at St. Vincent University. He is eager to continue his success with the Bearcats. Josh Baker will play football at St. Vincent as well. He will play on the defensive end as a linebacker. Aiden Burnworth will be swimming for St. Vincent. He has represented Conemaugh Township well in swimming with the Greater Johnstown YMCA program. Nathan Dail is going to wrestle for Penn Highlands. He is a 2026 National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American, and a Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-State selection.

Overall, each student is thankful for the opportunities that they have been given. These students have gone above and beyond in their respective talents, and their hard work has paid off. They have all had successful careers, and have set the bar for future students at Conemaugh Township. Senior collegiate signings are more than just a commitment, they represent the beginning of a new chapter and the continuation of a dream.

CT Euro Trip

By Noah Nagy

After two years of planning, the Conemaugh Township Euro Club is set to leave for a ten-day trip through France, Germany, and the Alps. The excursion is scheduled to run from June 10th to June 20th and will include over 40 participants. Mr. Rising is leading the group along with a team of four other chaperones, including Mr. Phillippi, Mrs. Custer, Mrs. Mowery, and Mr. Byer. This trip marks a major milestone for the club as they prepare to take their learning beyond the classroom and into a whole new continent.

To make this trip possible for all who joined, the club hosted a wide variety of fundraisers over the last two years, such as food sales, a basket party, and a Christmas wreath party. Each student had the opportunity to fundraise at their own pace, which allowed some participants to raise enough money to pay for the majority of their travel costs. Mr. Phillippi, one of the chaperones, stated, "This will be a great opportunity for students to see the world and make incredible memories. I have never travelled out of the country myself and am very excited for this enriching learning experience," showing his sentiment that students and teachers alike will both learn and grow from this experience.

The growth and success of the Euro Club's planning shows the level of commitment from both the students and the Conemaugh Township community. By visiting these locations, each with its own rich history, students will gain a firsthand look at the culture they have studied for years. With the departure date set for early June, the group is finally ready to see their hard work pay off. The ten-day trip is sure to leave a lasting impression on participant.

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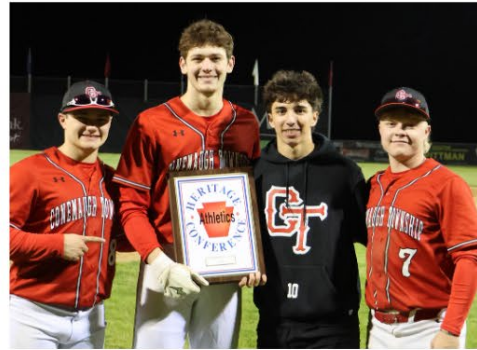
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Abram Mayak on the saxophone.



Having fun at the Outdoor Grill!



Our baseball seniors celebrating their Heritage Championship!



Brandon Petrilli and Kat McCann are Prom King and Queen!



Seniors celebrating victory at Powder Puff!

Ethan Matera and Emmy Allison ready for the Outdoor Grill.



Daniel Turley performing at prom.



Vayda Korenoski and Mayce Kordell at Powder Puff!



Kat McCann and Makenzie Miller dissecting a pig.



Having fun at the Adapted Music Concert!

Conemaugh Township's SHOFCO Tournament

By Lyla Mauzy

One of the most anticipated student events of the school year is the annual SHOFCO tournament; a thrilling all-day event of student-run soccer games. The competition not only serves as an exciting athletic opportunity, but it also assists with fundraising for underserved communities around the world. A great deal of the planning for the event came from the Conemaugh Township High School's Rotary Interact group, which was heavily involved in organizing and managing essential components of the tournament through various committees.

On Monday, June 1, the SHOFCO soccer tournament is scheduled to take place during and after the school day. The annual competition began 7 years ago when a former Rotary advisor was inspired by the novel, *Find Me Unafraid: Love, Loss, and Hope in an African Slum*, an account of SHOFCO's founders and their mission to raise awareness for the dangers that young girls may face in the urban poor. Our school's participation in the event contributes to worldwide fundraising for various charities, such as Shining Hope for Communities (SHOFCO), Build-a-Chair Tanzania, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The SHOFCO tournament helps provide underserved communities with essential services, educational and leadership opportunities, community programs, and polio vaccinations. The Conemaugh Township Rotary Interact group has been focusing on preparations (scheduling the times, order,

Alumni of the Month



Brittney Snyder, a former Conemaugh Township student, graduated in 2020 and has many fond memories from high school. After graduating, she enrolled in and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Snyder plans to pursue her master's program this upcoming winter.

Reflecting on her time spent at the Conemaugh Township High School, Snyder mentioned several of her most treasured moments. One of her favorite memories involved the many connections with others that she built throughout her high school experience, all of which taught her the "lasting importance of building strong relationships." During her student career, she was a member of the varsity soccer team for three years. She was also involved in a wide variety of clubs, such as S.O.N., F.C.A., the Yearbook Committee, and the Grill Team. Snyder noted that her favorite teacher was Mrs. Stankan (a former Contownian Network advisor and teacher), stating that, "she always helped me become very individualized in my work, and she helped me find my true skills and enjoyment within my academic studies. Mrs. Stankan was always a shoulder to lean on and showed so much love to all of her students. I am forever thankful to have built a long-term relationship with her, and I will forever cherish everything she has done for me."

Brittney Snyder currently lives in Westmont with her fiancé, who is also a Conemaugh Township graduate. She now works as a first-grade teacher at the Westmont Hilltop Elementary School and is in her second year of teaching.

and brackets for the games) for the event through several student committees and sponsorships. According to Ms. Lingenfelter, a Rotary Interact advisor at the Conemaugh Township High School, "Rotary's motto is 'Service Above Self,' and is something that—through this kind of event—we hope to spread all across the Conemaugh Township community." Many Rotary members have already volunteered for committees assisting with video production, t-shirt designing, announcing, check-in, and more.

Overall, many Conemaugh Township students are looking forward to participating in the SHOFCO soccer tournament with their teams. Through this program, our school aims to assist in aiding women and vulnerable girls in urban slums in Africa, provide accessible wheelchairs suited for the terrain in Tanzania, and to eradicate polio worldwide. The Conemaugh Township High School has had several previous successes, raising upwards of \$30,000 for such charities, and intends to continue fundraising for many years to come.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

By Madee Roman

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, more commonly known as FCA, is a meaningful club that provides students with a place to grow spiritually, build friendships, and reflect on how faith connects to everyday life. Meeting every Thursday during homeroom, FCA creates a welcoming environment where students can come together, enjoy snacks, and take a break from the stress of school while focusing on something deeper. The club's main purpose is fellowship and spiritual growth to build their relationships with God and one

another.

During each meeting, FCA members listen to a speaker, a student representative, who shares a Bible verse that relates to school, sports, or life in general. These messages are meant to be practical and encouraging, helping students see how scripture can apply directly to the challenges they face. After the speaker finishes, students split into small groups where they discuss the message more personally. In these groups, they talk about how they can apply the scripture to their own lives and how they can remember to turn to God in every situation, not just during church or FCA meetings, but in daily routines. This small group time allows for deeper conversations and stronger connections among members.

This year marks a period of growth for FCA. With a new advisor, Mr. Conley, taking over, there is a strong focus on encouraging more students to join and become involved. The club is supported by dedicated mentors, including Josh Baker, Lilly Oakes, Addison Lasure, and Danika Black, who help guide discussions and create a positive, supportive atmosphere. Their leadership plays a big role in making FCA a place where students feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and growing their faith.

FCA is more than just a club, it is a community centered on faith, encouragement, and personal growth. Through weekly meetings, meaningful discussions, and strong mentorship, students are given the tools to apply their beliefs to real-life situations. As FCA continues to grow this year, it offers an opportunity for even more students to experience the value of fellowship and strengthen their relationship with God in a supportive and welcoming environment.



NHS Induction Ceremony

By Lyla Mauzy

The National Honor Society is a student organization in which members across the country are recognized for their leadership qualities, academic achievement, and community service. To become a part of this esteemed group, it is essential to attend the induction ceremony, an event where current members introduce the four pillars of National Honor Society and their requirements to the inductees. The event was recently held for the Conemaugh Township High School, where nominees were officially recognized as members of the NHS.

On Thursday, April 30, at 7 PM, the induction ceremony began in the high school auditorium. Numerous students, ranging from grades 10-12, had the exciting opportunity to participate and become official members of the National Honor Society. Seniors had the opportunity to wear their graduation gowns and received their sashes during the ceremony. Throughout the course of the event, officers discussed the four pillars of the National Honor Society (including Character, Service, Scholarship, and Leadership) and lit candles representing each one. Prior to the ceremony, inductees submitted an application to showcase how multifaceted they are in each of the four sections. To formalize the induction, each member gave a pledge and signed their name in the NHS roster.

Overall, participating as a member of the National Honor Society requires dedication, generosity, and hard work. Isaac Marsh, the current president of NHS, was thrilled to introduce the new members, stating, "I'm excited to welcome this year's inductees. Their hard work, dedication, and character have truly earned them this honor, and I can't wait to see the impact they will make as members of NHS." To remain members, inductees will be required to maintain a 92% or higher GPA, perform two annual group service projects, and complete one individual community service project.



Advice For Upcoming Upperclassmen

By Anna Hunsberger

As the 2025-2026 school year wraps up its final few moments, the students of Conemaugh Township will be riding the pre-summer high leading up to graduation and - at long last - sweet, sweet freedom. We'll be wishing our seniors the best as they head out to do great things for themselves, but those returning once again this August would be wise to keep a few things in mind over the short months of summer in order to be fully prepared for another year of success at CT:

1. Do summer readings/assignments, y'know, **OVER THE SUMMER** - Don't wait until the last minute to complete things you were given in May. Either grind early and get it done, or spread it out evenly so that you're not rushing to finish everything the night before school starts. It'll feel much better to start your year being ahead rather than falling behind.
2. Get involved - If you attend CT, you have to know of the wide variety of clubs and unique opportunities that the school has to offer. Next year is your chance to get involved in a group that interests you. This is a great way for you to meet new people you wouldn't have otherwise talked to, try something new, show leadership, support the community, spice up your resumes/applications, ... and take a break from school for a day or two. ;)
3. Do your own homework and **TRY** - Resist the temptation to Google, use AI, or copy someone else's paper the period before it's due to get the answers for your assignments. You've heard it before, but **THIS DOES NOTHING FOR YOU!!** Homework is a pain, but that doesn't mean it's useless. Believe it or not, it will actually help you understand the stuff you'll be tested on. Be smart. Don't settle for the easy, effortless A.
4. Keep your life organized - Things will inevitably get chaotic in the later years of high school. Having some way to keep track of things (Oh, like ... a calendar??) will save you. It's super important to stay on top of due dates, sports, events, and anything else going on in and out of school. Finding your own way to keep things straight will give you a method to the madness so you can

manage and prioritize all the things in your life.

5. Take care of yourself - There are so many things that play into your overall well-being, and paying attention to that will actually help you next school year more than you realize. Sleep is a necessity. If you want a working brain and an approachable mood, try sleeping more; it does make a difference. Besides that, take it upon yourself to check up on your physical and mental health so you don't put yourself through more than you can take.
6. Keep a good headspace and stay positive! - You know you're allowed to be happy in school (every once in a while), right? It's totally acceptable to go to a class and not complain about work, to participate in something and not drone on and on about the little things that made it "So terrible!" to get in a little argument with someone and not hold petty grudges and judgments, or to self-critique without dragging yourself down. You've undoubtedly heard the negativity and even engaged in it yourself; it's going to happen. Don't let it define your last few years of high school. If you actively look for and radiate positivity in every situation, it will make the experience all the more bearable...and maybe even fun!

Your time in high school is only what you make of it. So, take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way, and put in the effort to make the best of every experience. It'll all go faster than you think, so don't waste a single second. Pave your own unique way to success! You can do it! Now, go, enjoy the break, soak it all in, and come back ready for another great year. Happy summer!!



Top 10 Summer Songs for 2026

By Jacob Bartis

Summer always has a certain sound. It's the feeling of driving with the windows down, hanging out with friends, or just relaxing without a care. Some songs capture that energy perfectly and come back year after year, no matter how much time passes. These are ten songs that truly define what summer sounds like.

10. "Head Over Boots" by Jon Pardi- A laid-back country song that feels like a warm summer night and good company.
9. "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz- One of the most recognizable chill songs ever, perfect for beach days and easy drives.
8. "Drive" by Incubus- A smooth track, perfect for late night drives or laying out under the stars.
7. "Island in the Sun" by Weezer- This song gives off pure sunshine vibes and has remained a summer favorite for years.
6. "Party in the U.S.A." by Miley Cyrus- One of the most recognizable summer anthems, it's impossible not to sing along.
5. "Rocksteady" by 77 Jefferson- A chill, reggae-inspired track that fits perfectly with warm weather and relaxed summer afternoons.
4. "Closer to the Sun" by Slightly Stoopid- This track brings a relaxed, beach-style energy that defines the carefree side of summer.
3. "Amber" by 311- A classic chill song that feels like a sunset by the water.
2. "Santeria" by Sublime- Timeless and instantly recognizable, this song has become a staple of summer playlists.
1. "Banana Pancakes" by Jack Johnson- No song captures the laid-back, carefree feeling of summer better than this one. It's simple, relaxing, and perfect for slow mornings or easy days.

Summer songs come and go, but the best ones never really leave. Whether it's upbeat anthems or laid-back beach vibes, these tracks capture what makes summer special. No matter the year, this kind of music keeps that feeling alive.



Juneteenth

By Mya Kane

Juneteenth takes place every year on June 19. Juneteenth is a federal holiday that marks the end of slavery in the United States. This day is used to commemorate the end of slavery and reflect on the ongoing pursuit of equality.

Juneteenth became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. The day slavery ended took place on June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, announcing that all enslaved people were free. This forced emancipation in the last Confederate state, Texas. While July 4, 1776 represents the nation's independence, Juneteenth marks the day when freedom was promised to all Americans. What once started as local gatherings to celebrate the day later turned into a national holiday for all to honor. There are many ways that people like to celebrate such as parades, festivals, cookouts, family reunions, poetry, and musical performances. Juneteenth is a day to celebrate, reflect, and honor African American history.

Juneteenth is an important day to meditate on the courage, strength, and perseverance shown by African Americans in the fight for freedom and equality. By celebrating and recognizing this holiday, people can take pride culturally for the survival and resilience it took to earn freedom not only for African Americans, but everyone.



Baseball Captures the Title

By DJ Bambino

On Monday May 11, 2026 the boys varsity baseball team competed in the Heritage Conference Baseball Championship game against the Marion Center Stingers. The game was held at First Commonwealth Field in Homer City and the first pitch was thrown at 7:00 pm. The boys would go on to win 8-7 in thrilling fashion.

Colin Dinyar started the game on the mound for the Indians. Once again their ace delivered another strong performance; Dinyar faced 25 batters and only allowed 6 hits. Greyson Studer finished the game for the Indians. He threw 2 innings and allowed just 2 hits. Offensively the Indians' bats were hot. The team tallied 13 hits throughout the game. Colin Dinyar led the team going 3 for 3 with 4 RBIs. Dinyar hit a single, triple, and home run, leaving him just a double short of the cycle. Brothers, Brennan and Devin Lohr, both added 2 hits for the team. In the bottom of the seventh inning, however, Bryce Conn supplied the most clutch hit of the season. While tied 7-7, Conn roped a double off the wall to drive in Kaden Valentine, put the Indians ahead of the Stingers, and win the game in walk-off fashion.

The boys varsity baseball team has finally captured the long-awaited Heritage title after losing in the championship game just two years ago. The win improved the team's record to 18-0. The team ended the season with a record of 19-1 after falling short to Windber on May 22 in the District V semi-final game.

NFL Draft

By Peyton Lasure

Conemaugh Township's Brennan Lohr was offered the experience of a lifetime when he was selected to be one of the many western Pennsylvania students to take the stage at the 2026 NFL Draft in Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Steelers hosted these student-athletes to honor schools that have produced drafted NFL players, presenting them with custom footballs and highlighting their achievements during the weekend's events.

On April 25, over 100 students wore their school jerseys to honor local football history. The event celebrated the rich football heritage of the region, allowing local athletes to witness the draft process up close. Participants met NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, helped announce picks, and received commemorative footballs for their school's trophy cases. Many players represented schools that produced historic NFL talent, including 22 gold

helmets given to schools with Pro Football Hall of Fame alumni.

Overall, Lohr's experience at the 2026 NFL Draft was more than just a moment on stage, but it was a reflection of the pride and potential within the school and the community. Stepping onto stage and being part of the spotlight on one football's biggest nights is a rare opportunity and one that will stand out amongst all others long after the draft has passed.

Heritage Conference Track Meet

By Gentry Sotosky

On Tuesday, May 5, the Conemaugh Township Varsity track team competed in the Heritage Conference Championship meet at River Valley. Both the boys and girls teams placed third overall; the boys scored 107 points and the girls scored 110 points.

As for the boys, Hudson Lease finished first in both of his events, the 1600 meter and 3200 meter. Second place finishers include Gentry Sotosky in high jump, Cash Hawkins in the 400 meter, Sean Hemminger in the 300 meter hurdles, and Luke Hall in the 3200 meter. Third place finishers were Carson Cauffield in the long jump and the boys 4x800 meter relay team. Fourth place finishers consisted of Chris Yoder in the 110 meter hurdles, Cayden Dail in the 400 meter, boys 4x400 meter relay team, and the boys 4x100 meter relay team. Fifth place finishers were Carson Cauffield in the high jump, Gentry Sotosky in triple jump, and Chris Yoder in the 300 meter hurdles.

First place finishers for the girls were Molly Hunsberger in the 800 meter and Baylee Sleek in the high jump. Second place finishers include Jayla Feathers in the pole vault, Baylee Sleek in the 100 meter hurdles, and Molly Hunsberger in the 3200 meter. Third place finishers were Cora Oswalt in the high jump and the girls 4x400 meter relay team. Fourth place finishers featured Laikyn Reynolds in the javelin, Anna Hunsberger in the 1600 meter, Braxtyn Sleek in the 300 meter hurdles, Danika Black in the 200 meter, and the girls 4x800 meter relay team. Fifth place finishers comprised Kailee Coddington in the 400 meter, Mayce Kordell in the 300 meter hurdles, Katrina McCann in the shot put, and the girls 4x100 meter relay team.

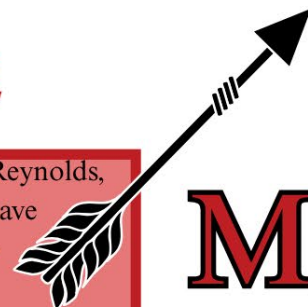
Overall, both the boys and girls' teams did very well, earning multiple podium finishes. They had a strong season, and took that success to the next level at the meet.



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Laikyn Reynolds is the daughter of Fran Sauter and Thomas Reynolds, and she currently lives in Davidsville, Pennsylvania. Athletics have played a major role in her life and have helped develop her into the person she is today. Laikyn has played volleyball for six years and is a four-year letterman on the varsity team. Laikyn was a member of the 2022 West Pac championship team and was the district runner-up team in 2023 and 2025. Additionally, she, alongside her team, won the Heritage Conference Championships in 2023 and 2025. Laikyn was selected for the all-county team in 2023, 2024, and 2025, while also receiving an all-county honorable mention in 2023 and 2024. To top off her career accolades, she made the all-county second team in 2025 after finishing her senior season. Laikyn is also a three-year member and letterman of the track and field team. Laikyn has individually been a two-time district runner up and two-time conference runner up in javelin, while also being a member of the two-time conference championship team. Laikyn is additionally a four-year statistician for our boys varsity basketball team. Outside of sports, Laikyn is a member of the National Honors Society, Rotary Interact club, Students Against Destructive Decisions club, Random Acts of Kindness club, the grill team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is the student council treasurer. She is also an All-A Honor Roll student. In her free time, she enjoys going on drives, lifting, hanging out with friends, going outside, and reading the Bible. After graduating high school, Laikyn plans to attend East Stroudsburg University for nursing and to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She then plans to further her education and become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. When asked for a quote, Laikyn recited Dr. Seuss's, "Sometimes you'll never know the value of the moment until it becomes a memory."



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Colin Dinyar is the son of Sherri and Eric Dinyar. He lives with both in Davidsville, Pennsylvania. Colin has played both basketball and baseball since Kindergarten. On varsity, he has earned varsity letters all four years in both sports. Colin has achieved great honors in his athletic career including multiple All-Conference, All-State, and Somerset County awards. He has most recently been named the 2025 Somerset County Most Valuable Baseball Player and the 2026 Somerset County Most Valuable Basketball Player. Colin has also won two District V titles in basketball and one in baseball. Colin is also

very involved in school. He is a member of the Grill Team, Connumach Chapter of the National Honor Society, and SADD Club. In his free time, Colin enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games, lifting weights, going on late-night drives, and cooking. Colin plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown next fall to pursue a degree in Computer Science. One quote Colin lives by is from Anthony Edwards: "How bad do you want it? If you truly want it, you must want it more than comfort, fear, or excuses."



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D4vd Case Update

By Emily Purdy

In recent months, online speculation surrounding the death of teenager Celeste Rivas Hernandez has intensified after investigators released a detailed timeline connected to the ongoing case. Authorities allege that evidence links popular music creator D4vd, whose real name is David Anthony Burke, to the events leading up to the 14-year-old's disappearance and death.

According to investigators, Rivas Hernandez's body was discovered on September 8, 2025, inside the front trunk of a Tesla that had reportedly been abandoned for several days before being taken to an impound lot in Los Angeles, California. Employees at the lot noticed a strong odor coming from the vehicle, leading authorities to inspect the car and uncover the remains. Court documents released by prosecutors claim that Rivas Hernandez was likely killed on April 23, 2025, shortly after an alleged argument between her and Burke. Prosecutors say that Burke acted out of fear and anger of a threat by Hernandez to go public with their relationship, resulting in the fatal stabbing of the teenager.

Following the alleged killing, Burke attempted to conceal evidence by purchasing several suspicious items, including two chainsaws, heavy-duty garbage bags, a body bag, and an inflatable pool. Forensic investigators reportedly discovered traces of DNA inside Burke's garage that reportedly matched the victim. Additionally, fragments of blue plastic alongside the body were said to be consistent with material from the inflatable pool supposedly purchased by the suspect shortly after the estimated date of death.

Burke was arrested in April and formally charged with murder and sexual abuse. During his arraignment, he pleaded not guilty to all charges. The case has quickly become one of the most talked-about criminal investigations in the entertainment industry currently, with supporters and critics closely following every new development. As of May 10, 2026, he is being held without bail pending further court proceedings.

Coachella Recap

By Sarah Swank

Thousands of fans gathered in Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival for two weekends of music, fashion, and unforgettable moments. Known for setting trends and showcasing some of the biggest names in the industry, this year's festival delivered a mix of iconic performances, surprise guests, and popular highlights. Coachella showcased a wide range of artists across different genres.

This year's festival featured a mix of major headliners, rising stars, and surprising guest appearances. Artists delivered high-energy performances with impressive visuals, drawing massive crowds and creating viral moments across social media. Special guest appearances added excitement, as fans were treated to unexpected collaborations on stage. Justin Bieber made a memorable appearance, exciting fans with his return to the stage. One of the most emotional moments came when Billie Eilish joined him on stage, showing the strong connection between artists and fans at the festival. Adding to the excitement, Sabrina Carpenter drew attention with her performance, showcasing her growing popularity and strong connection with the crowd. On the final night, Karol G closed out the festival with a high-energy performance that celebrated Latin music on a global stage. Despite the excitement, some challenges remained. Festival-goers reported long lines, high food prices, and transportation delays. However, many agreed that the overall experience made up for these issues.

The performances at Coachella 2026 showed how diverse the music industry has become. From emotional pop ballads to high-energy dance music, the festival offered something for everyone. With standout performances, surprise collaborations, and global representation, this year's artists helped make Coachella one of the most memorable yet.



Harry Styles's Ticketmaster Scalping

By Mary Matera

In late April 2026, Ticketmaster had to cancel thousands of tickets for famous singer Harry Styles, due to the recent identification of a major scalping operation. The canceled tickets were for his upcoming New York City residency at Madison Square Garden.

Saumil Mehta, President of Ticketmaster, revealed the confirmed news that the scalpers use fake identities and multiple accounts to get past the ticket limits. The operation was particularly focused on the more affordable seats to increase the resale margins. Mehta disclosed that for these shows, 19% of tickets were priced at \$50, 77% under \$95, and 100% under \$130. The recovered tickets are being released back to fans at their original prices, as low as \$50.

The scalping operations show how advanced technology has gotten and how easy it is for people to bypass the ticket limit. Ticketmaster's attempt to release the original tickets back to the consumers shows how they take action immediately to reduce the effect on the paying consumers. Although this is not the first time this has happened, hopefully Ticketmaster will improve their security to decrease the chances of it happening again.



Artist of the Month



A sophomore, Zach Ruiz, here at Conemaugh Township, was selected as Artist of the Month. Ruiz lives with his mom, Jonette, in Jerome. He plans to attend college to become a teacher, although he is really interested in pursuing a musical career.

Ruiz is in Art II, and one of his accomplishments is that his mom proudly displayed one of his art pieces on the fridge, turning it into a beloved centerpiece in their home. Ruiz's art style is more abstract. He uses his mental aspirations to complete his drawings. David Bowie, Elliot Smith, Frank Ocean, and Kanye West serve as inspiration for Ruiz's artwork. His favorite artists are George Condo, Mark Ryden, and Gregory Ferrand. One of Ruiz's favorite quotes is, "Each step is a move up, but don't forget the journey that took you to the top."

Ruiz stands out as a diverse and motivated person due to his creative abilities and love of both music and art. His commitment to using many forms of art to express himself is likely to contribute to many opportunities for his future as he develops. Ruiz's journey is only getting started, and his potential is obvious, no matter the path he takes.

Musician of the Month



Anna Hunsberger is a junior at Conemaugh Township High School, who is being recognized as the Musician of the Month because of her hard work and performance in music. She lives in Johnstown, PA, with both of her parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Hunsberger, alongside her sisters Ellie and Molly.

She is in her 11th year and she stands out for playing the flute as her main instrument, but she also plays piano and ukulele as a hobby. She has done three years of County Chorus and County Band, participated in Regional Chorus for a year and she currently is part of Jazz Band, Concert Band and Chorus. Her musical participation is remarkable, both for her voice and her dancing skills. She started with *Footloose* playing Teen/ Country Kicker, then *Mary Poppins*, playing Annie, last year with *High School Musical*, playing Kelsi Nielsen, and this year with *Matilda* playing the lead role of Matilda. Her future plans are to go to college and study engineering.

Anna Hunsberger gave an inspiring quote to end: "I am incredibly grateful to the Conemaugh Township Music Department and its directors for giving me so many amazing opportunities to learn and grow in a place that embraces my talents and makes me strive to be my best in doing something I will forever love. It's truly a special and meaningful experience."

White House Shooting

By Noah Nagy

On April 25, 2026, Cole Tomas Allen rushed the Terrace Level, located below the International Ballroom where the White House Correspondents' Dinner was being held. Allen, who is 31, ran past metal detectors while carrying a shotgun and pistol, firing the shotgun once at a Secret Service officer. The buckshot was stopped by the officer's vest, allowing the officer to draw his weapon and fire five shots at Allen. After the shots were fired, the suspect was tackled and taken into custody. Allen is innocent until proven guilty, but investigators continue to gather evidence against him. Although no one was seriously injured, the shooting marks the third assassination attempt against Donald Trump since 2024, highlighting the growing divide in the nation.

After Allen was taken into custody, federal investigators discovered that Allen had sent an email titled "Apology and Explanation" to his family and friends before the attack. In the email, Allen called himself "coldForce" and "Friendly Federal Assassin" while revealing his plans. The email showed his political grievances with the current administration and explained that he had lied about a personal emergency to travel to Washington, D.C. The message is now being used as primary evidence in the case regarding his intent and premeditation.

Allen is facing four felony charges, including the attempted assassination of a U.S. president and the assault of a federal officer. Prosecutors are using his digital footprint, travel history, and receipts to show that the attack was planned weeks in advance. While Allen is currently being held in custody, the Department of Justice is gathering evidence and taking precautions to ensure that similar attacks do not occur in the future. This assassination attempt has caused the country to question the party divide and if, or when, it will be resolved.

PowerSchool was Hacked

By Kennedy Lehman

A major data breach on PowerSchool exposed the personal information of 60 million children and 10 million teachers nationwide. Matthew Lane, a 19-year-old college student, is responsible for this crime. He is now serving four years in a federal prison.

PowerSchool is an app that manages student data, performance, and attendance records. Lane used stolen credentials that he found online to access the system. The consequence of this breach can last for years, especially when the identifying information of minors is involved. This breach can have an immense and long-lasting impact. A former FBI official stated, "It was one of the worst I've seen here when you talk about financial impact. You talk about the forever impact that these students and faculty will have for the rest of their lives." During this time, Lane was going through drug and mental health issues, and he blames these struggles for contributing to these catastrophic decisions. Lane shared that this lifestyle of hacking can be very appealing for tech-savvy individuals. Lane states, "It's a very toxic and edgy corner of the internet, and like not a lot of people know that. And you realize you're good at this thing that can make you money, in a bad way, it's easy, easy money even though it's dirty. As a young kid you're like I'm gonna do that. And that's how I fell into it." Lane is thankful he was caught, because if he didn't, he would have never stopped.

More and more teens are falling into hacking. There is a group in London called, "The Hacking Games." It is working to build an ethical group of Gen Z hackers. It tries to show that hacking is not the problem, but rather the issues are in how individuals go about hacking. The FBI is trying to put a stop to this and stop more kids from hacking.

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Personal Growth Before Summer

By: Amiyah Cortese

Summer is almost here and it's finally the month of June, so it's time to take a moment and do a wellness check on yourself. Personal growth is very important and this is the perfect time to do it. Our bodies need to be taken care of mentally and physically. We don't just want to focus on our physical appearance because it all starts with what's happening on the inside.

We want to put the right things in our bodies, stay active, and try to keep clean but balanced with eating habits. It's also important we take care of ourselves physically, too, through good hygiene, and making ourselves presentable and put together. If you struggle with self-esteem or confidence, try romanticizing your life more. You should be able to fall in love with your everyday routine. One thing you could do is upgrade your daily rituals and routines. You can do this by dressing up more regularly. Now I'm not talking about showing up to school in a suit and tie or a full gown, but wear something presentable and fashionable that suits your style. Even though it's just school, that doesn't mean you can't dress nice to improve your confidence.

Another thing that you can do for personal growth and romanticizing your life is taking yourself on solo dates. Even though many of us can't drive, that doesn't mean we can't go for a walk or go swimming or even take a day to ourselves completely. Spending time alone can deepen self-awareness, lowers stress levels, teaches you stronger independence, and in a way can create stronger relationships with others! This can create stronger relationships because it's setting a boundary for yourself. When you value your time alone, you don't rely as much on others for validation, which makes you a better family member or friend. A way solo dates can lower your stress levels is by resetting your mind privately, you can relax and not have to focus on the people and world spinning around you, almost like you're escaping reality for just a little while and recharging your mind for the next day!

My point is, even though we are young it is so extremely important to take care of ourselves and become more present mentally and physically in our daily lives. Summer is almost here and we need to get our bodies and minds in check! Don't stop taking care of ourselves! Let's make the summer of 2026 the best one yet!

Beat the Heat

By: Alison Naugle

With the summer quickly approaching, days can typically be anywhere from 68 degrees to 88 degrees during a summer day. Summer can also be a time to make lots of memories with your close ones. Families often go on vacations, have backyard cookouts, or get ice cream after a long day. Some people like early morning activities like riding bikes in your neighborhood, watching a sunrise, or, for night activities, many people watch fireworks for the Fourth of July.

A popular activity to do outdoors to get away from the heat is swimming. Many people go to lakes, pools, or the ocean to cool off. If you don't like this idea, you could have a water balloon fight with friends or family, and also run through sprinklers.

Sometimes it becomes too hot for us to even stay outside so people could think of productive activities to do inside. Some people like to go to the movies, go bowling, go shopping, and much more! Either way, there are many activities to do at home, like watching a movie, baking, or playing a board game with friends and family. Sometimes staying indoors can be a good way to stay away from the heat and still have a good time.

Even though summer can be very hot during some days, there are still many fun activities that make these three months off school memorable.





Academic Calendar/ Upcoming Events

- June 1.....SHOFCO Soccer Tournament
- June 2.....Baccalaureate
- June 3.....Commencement/Last Day
for Students



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- Business Manager.....Brandon Studer.....479-7431
- Food Service Director.....Randy Walker.....479-2328
- Director of Curriculum....Stacy Dabbs.....479-7575

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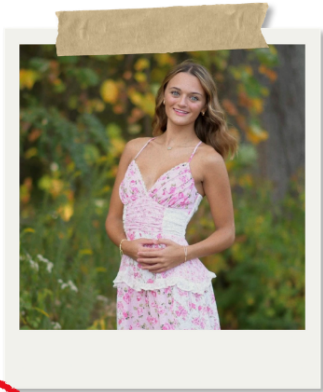


Name: Katrina McCann

Position: Editor-in-Chief

Future Plans: To major in both psychology and criminal justice in order to become a forensic psychologist

Favorite CT Memory: Playing Rummy during school whenever we had the chance



Name: Lindsay Knieriem

Position: Photo Editor

Future plans: To attend UPJ and major in early childhood education

Favorite CT Memory: Spending Friday Night Lights cheering on the sidelines



Name: Grayson Kusher

Position: News Editor

Future plans: To attend UPJ for civil engineering with a minor in environmental sustainability

Favorite CT Memory: Track and Soccer practice



Name: Alexa Gardenhour

Position: Features Editor

Future plans: To attend Saint Francis University to become a physician assistant through their five year program

Favorite CT Memory: Friday night football games in the student section and running as an Indian





Name: Olivia Ryan

Position: Pop Culture Editor

Future Plans: To attend UPJ for civil engineering while doing tattooing on the side

Favorite CT Memory: Yearbook workdays and playing cards with my friends after we finish all our work

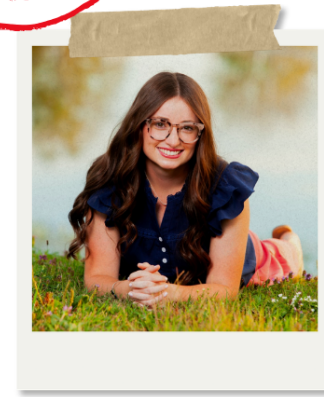


Name: Kaden Valentine

Position: Sports Editor

Future Plans: To attend West Virginia University for marketing and accounting

Favorite CT Memory: Conversations with friends at the lunch table



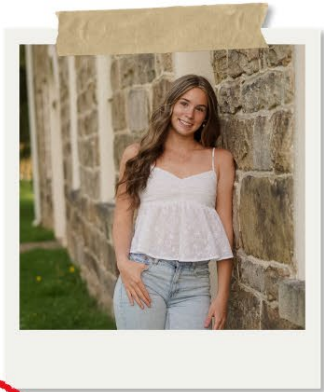
Name: Gracie McCall

Position: Society Editor

Future Plans: To attend Saint Francis to obtain a degree in marketing

Favorite CT Memory: Pep rallies, homecoming weeks, and hanging out with my friends in my favorite teacher's room, Mrs. Debarito



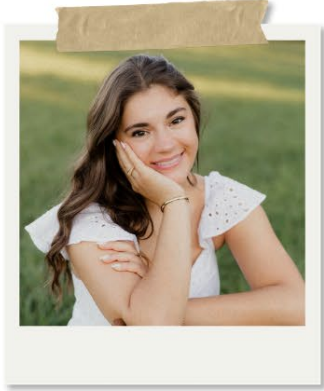


Name: Laikyn Reynolds

Position: Business Manager

Future Plans: To attend East Stroudsburg University for nursing

Favorite CT Memory: walking through the halls and being able to just laugh and talk to all the teachers and other students



Name: Madee Roman

Position: Business Manager

Future Plans: To attend Saint Francis University and study physical therapy to eventually get my doctorate

Favorite CT Memory: Playing volleyball my senior year, winning the Heritage Conference Champs, and being the Division 5 runner-up



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