



Volleyball Marathon Success

By Amelia Mitchell

This November, the Conemaugh Township SADD club held the tenth annual volleyball marathon. This year all proceeds went to Ethan Matera and this family. The students, staff and community members came together to show support for one of our own Indians.

Ethan is a senior bravely battling cancer. Ethan was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma back in May. Students from 8th to 12th grade were able to participate this year. Games started at 7:50 AM and everything finished up at around 9:30 PM. There was also a fundraiser called Save It or Shave It. There were 12 adults and nine students who participated in this fundraiser. In a surprising turn of events, some of the teachers here at Conemaugh Township like Mr. Philippi and Mr. Lesko along with students Brennan Lohr, Gavin Davis, Alex Ames, Josh Baker, Grayson Kusher, and Jaeden Holsopple even shaved their heads for Ethan. During the day, the senior members of SADD club went down to the elementary for a showdown against the elementary teachers in front of the elementary students where they won! There was also a duck toss and 50/50 raffle. Both of the winners of those games donated that money back to the Matera Family. Senior Jacob Bartis said, “It was genuinely a blast to see the community come together to have a blast playing volleyball while supporting a close friend. I’m so glad I got to be a part of this event and be able to see the massive support for Ethan and his family.”

Conemaugh Township SADD club held a fun event for the students, staff, and community to show support for one of our own. We are proud to announce that we raised \$8,600 through this fundraiser to directly benefit Ethan and his family. It is great to see our community come together to have fun and support Ethan.

Chick-fil-A Coming to Johnstown

By Savannah Stutzman

Recently, the announcement that a Chick-fil-A might be coming to Richland Township has caused a lot of speculation. Fortunately, plans have been finalized. The site for the new fast-food restaurant will be located on Scalp Avenue where the former Wolf Furniture was located. Luckily, many locals are not opposed to the idea and many are excited that there will be a Chick-fil-A location closer to them.

On Wednesday, October 2027, the Chick-fil-A company officials made the proposal to open their business to the Richland Township Zoning Hearing Board, who ended up approving both of their requests. According to WJAC, now that they have the permission to move forward with the restaurant, company officials have announced that it is projected be open in 2027. Moreover, many locals are excited about a Chick-fil-A coming closer to where they live. However, many have counter arguments, believing that the vacant building that is being demolished for the opening could be used for better purposes.

Overall, this has been a long-awaited project for both the company and those who live in Richland Township. Hopefully, this endeavor will bring more business and maybe inspire other businesses to move to the area as well.



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The 6th graders compete in Kahoot.



Laikyn Reynolds decorating Laurel View!



Aidan Burnworth and Liam Richardson having a “food fight” at the pep rally!



The Volleyball Marathon Champions!

Ethan Matera and Mr. Lesko reminding us what the Volleyball Marathon is all about.



Lilly Oakes and Quinn Moser performing their pre-game handshake.



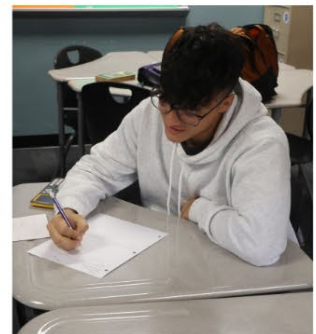
Greyson Studer running for the touchdown at the D5 Championships!



Lindsay Knieriem cheering at the pep rally!



Mr. B commands the classroom.



Julian Thorne working on his math homework.

Impressive CT Marching Band Season Comes to a Close

By Lyla Mauzy

Our Class and Taste Marching Band had an incredibly successful season filled with excitement, competition, and school spirit. From extensive practices in summer to the final events of the season, the group was able to both support the community, by performing at senior nights, soccer games, football games, and Laurel View Village, as well as achieve high rankings in several important competitions around the state.

The group's selected performance this season was, "In Every Key... Jazz Speaks," a classic, speakeasy theme with several well-known songs from the jazz genre. This spectacular production was showcased at Tyrone during one of the marching band's earliest competitions in which they took first place. It proved to be an exciting win that propelled them into the next part of the season. Shortly after this promising success, the group went on to take second place at Johnstown, increasing their overall score by six points. Chapter Championships occurred the following week at River Valley, where the Class and Taste Marching Band increased their score once again by winning second place. The performance at this competition in particular was incredibly engaging for each marching band and color guard member, and it garnered much positive feedback from spectators. The season came to a close with the last competition occurring on Saturday, October 25 at Mansion Park in the State Band Championships. It was a thrilling day that celebrated the music, creativity, and dedication of all 17 bands who participated. During this competition, our Class & Taste Marching Band had their best performance overall, earning 4th place and receiving the highest score of the season. The full ensemble moments of the group's performance were deemed most impressive by the judges of the competition. Our marching band members have thoroughly enjoyed this year's season and performance theme. Adah Konieczny, a talented and devoted member of the marching band, gave an inside look at what she appreciated about this season in particular, stating, "I feel like this year was my favorite show I've ever done in marching band. Everyone in the band is so energetic

and willing to learn or help whenever needed. I loved the music and theme this year, and I think we all did a great job of telling the story and just enjoying the show."

Alumni of the Month



Lisa M. Lesko, a former Conemaugh Township student, graduated high school in 1992 and has many fond memories from her experience attending CT. Following her student career, she began working as a teller at Moxham

Bank. In 1994, Lesko then went on to work as a court clerk at the District Court in Boswell.

When reflecting on her time spent at the Conemaugh Township High School, Lesko noted that her favorite memory was her experience of transferring to CT from St. Andrews in 9th grade. She was immediately impressed with how large the high school seemed to be. Lesko also mentioned that her favorite teacher was Mr. Michael Debias, a former geometry teacher at Conemaugh Township. According to Mrs. Lesko, he "always took his time to explain something if you didn't understand it, and he made geometry fun to learn."

Lisa Lesko currently resides in Hollsopple, PA with her husband of 12 years, Chuck E. Lesko. The couple has four dogs whose names are Percy, Presley, Billy, and Jackson.

Overall, the Class and Taste Marching Band had countless performances this season that were nothing short of spectacular. Mrs. Grove, the director of the Class and Taste Marching Band, was exceptionally impressed with her students and their dedication, stating, "The marching band worked hard this season to bring the different styles of jazz to life through this show. I am so proud of how hard they worked to build this show together. Jazz, music, and marching band are always evolving. Each performance builds on the skill and energy of the one before it. It was fun seeing everyone build that excitement through the season, and I was happy to see them enjoying the music together!" Year after year, this exceptional group always puts in an immense amount of time, dedication, and effort to ensure that their performances are absolutely unforgettable.

Rotary Decorates Laurel View

By Madee Roman

The Rotary Interact Club at Conemaugh Township High School enjoys lending a helping hand to the Davidsville community in any way they can. On Monday, November 10th, the club members went to Laurel View Village to decorate for the Christmas season. They do this every year on the Monday they are out of school before Veterans Day. Each rotary student is assigned a resident to spend the morning with, and they get to go to a certain area and decorate for the holidays. They volunteer to give the residents something to look forward to as the holiday season comes around.

Since the complex of Laurel View Village is so broad, there were many groups to divide and conquer in the spaces that needed decorations. Some students got to go outside to put lights and wreaths up, while some were inside putting up trees and holiday decorations. They got to completely transform Laurel View Village into a “Winter Wonderland” to get ready for their holiday weekend of “Christmas in the Village.” The students volunteered from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.. The residents were very kind, and invited many of our Conemaugh Township students for lunch after a long morning of holiday decorating.

Gracie McCall, one of volunteers from the Conemaugh Township Rotary Interact Club, said, “I look forward to going and decorating Laurel View Village every year because I’ve made so many friends with the residents. I always look forward to decorating with my favorite partner, Patty. Every year we decorate all the trees in the independent living apartments and hallways. It is always such a fun day getting ready for the Christmas season.”

In conclusion, the Conemaugh Township Rotary Interact Club enjoys volunteering at Laurel View Village and giving the residents something to look forward to. They love extending a helping hand to anyone in need. They are a true representation of how involved Conemaugh Township is with the Davidsville community.



2025-26 Musical Production: Matilda

By Lyla Mauzy

After much anticipation from all in the Conemaugh Township Music Department, the 2025-2026 show has been revealed to be Roald Dahl’s *Matilda: The Musical*. The selection was disclosed in October and was met with much excitement from those wishing to participate. Based on Roald Dahl’s 1988 children’s novel, *Matilda*, the production is centered around a young girl who uses her extraordinary abilities to fight against the injustices she and her peers face at school.

After the careful review of countless auditions, 59 cast members (featuring students from grades 7-12) have been selected to perform onstage. The lead role of Matilda is double cast and will be played by Abbey Shropshire and Anna Hunsberger. Matilda’s friend, Lavender, is also double cast and will be portrayed by Kyla Rowe and Charlotte Worst. Daniel Turley will appear as Miss Agatha Trunchbull, the evil headmistress of Matilda’s school. Additionally, Chris Yoder and Alexa Gardenhour will play the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood, Matilda’s parents.

Overall, our school musical is a commitment that requires patience, dedication, and, most importantly, teamwork. Members of the cast and crew are looking forward to the exciting musical season ahead, as our productions each year never disappoint. Ms. Lingenfelter, the director of the musicals at Conemaugh Township, is exceptionally enthusiastic, stating, “I’m really excited that we have an even larger cast than in our previous years, and we are going to be able to feature so many different students across different grade levels. It’s going to be a hit that everyone will love!” Tickets will be available in the coming months, and the production will run from March 12-15, 2026 at the Conemaugh Township Middle and High School Auditorium.



Home for the Holidays

By Peyton Lasure

Christmas is one of the best times of year filled with lots of joy and cheer. Families perform annual traditions and many other festive activities. It is commonly argued whether it is best to enjoy the time off of school and work with a vacation or if it is better to stay home with your family. In my opinion, home is the best place to celebrate the holiday season.

One reason that I believe this is because the thought of not having our Western PA weather on Christmas would make it seem as if it wasn't even Christmas. Snow is a symbol of the holidays that creates a cozy, magical atmosphere in which many Christmas songs, movies, and books portray. Another reason why I would want to be home for the holidays is so I can spend the time with my entire family. It is not guaranteed that all of my family would be able to attend the vacation, and the day would not feel the same without them.

Many families travel to a warmer place for the Christmas holiday. While a warmer holiday would be nice, I feel that it is more important to spend the majority of my holiday with my family. If I wasn't home for the holidays, I wouldn't have the sense of peace and tradition in these couple weeks of the holiday months.

Christmas is the best when one is in the comfort of their own home, surrounded by the people they love the most. If I spent Christmas away from my family, in a different state, city, or country, it would not be as magical of a Christmas for me. Though thoughts on this decision vary for everyone, I believe it is best to remain at home for the holidays.

Real Christmas Trees

Daniel Vanfossen

Real Christmas trees offer a warmer, more cozy experience that artificial trees simply cannot match. The scent, appearance, and tradition of a natural tree bring a sense of warmth and home to the season. The unique characteristics of each tree make the holiday feel more personal and meaningful, creating memories that families carry for years.

Real Christmas trees are grown on farms specifically for Christmas. During their growth, they provide homes for wildlife and help clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide. After the holidays, they can be recycled into mulch or compost. This is

much different than artificial trees, which are typically made from plastics and metals that last in landfills for decades. Health is another major reason why I prefer real trees. Artificial trees often contain chemicals used in manufacturing that can be harmful over time. Many artificial trees contain PFAS, also known as "forever chemicals" because they do not break down easily. These compounds have been linked to various health concerns, making real trees a safer choice for households. Another benefit of real trees is economics. Purchasing a real tree supports small businesses rather than large manufacturers overseas. The money spent on a fresh Christmas tree often stays within the community, strengthening local economies and keeping holiday traditions alive.

While artificial trees may seem more convenient, they do not have the natural charm and environmental benefits that real Christmas trees provide. Whether it is the smell of fresh pine, or the joy of choosing the perfect tree, real trees create a more meaningful Christmas with your family. For those who value tradition, sustainability, and overall wellbeing, real Christmas trees remain the better choice.

The Best Chilean Tradition

By Renata Sagnivone

During the entire month of September, Chile turns into the most beautiful place to be. Houses have a Chilean flag outside, classrooms are decorated with red, blue and white garlands, and supermarkets are decorated with straw bales, *huaso* hats, flags and balloons. Most Chileans await September 18th more than Christmas, since that is our patriotic holiday.

It's the date of our First Government *Junta*, the first step to independence from the Spanish crown, back in 1810. From there, we've grown to have a lot of traditions. It is common for families to get together to celebrate with an *asado*, which is similar to a barbecue with music, dancing our traditional dance, the *cueca*, and playing traditional games. There's also fairs that are usually organized by a community called *fondas*. They are big celebrations where people gather and have fun. At school we have the *ramadas*. It's another fair where people sell food. There's a *cueca* dancing competition and *yincana* games, which is a bunch of typical games made into a contest.

It's hard to explain everything, and it's even harder to picture it if you've never seen it. The feeling of September is like a big party at home where you'll always have fun. It's a part of me and my culture, and that's why it's my favorite holiday tradition.

“Mo”vember

By Jacob Bartis

Every November, guys all over start letting their facial hair grow wild, and it is not just because they forgot to shave. It is Men's Mental Health Awareness Month, and the mustaches you see popping up everywhere often have a bigger purpose than just looking funny or cool. The movement, often called Movember, is all about starting conversations that do not get talked about enough, like men's mental health, depression, and suicide prevention. For a lot of guys, growing a mustache becomes a symbol, a small way to show support, raise awareness, and remind others that it is okay to talk about what is going on inside.

The truth is, men's mental health has been overlooked for a long time. Society tells men to tough it out or be strong, and that kind of thinking makes it harder for guys to open up when they are struggling. That is where this movement makes a difference. It gives men a reason to talk, laugh, and connect over something as simple as facial hair, but behind that is a powerful message. Every mustache grown, every conversation started, and every story shared helps break down the stigma. It is not just about raising money for research or awareness, it is about changing how we see mental health altogether.

In the end, the mustache is more than just hair on a face. It is a reminder that men's mental health matters just as much as physical health, and that showing emotion or reaching out for help does not make someone weak. It makes them human. So when November rolls around and you see someone rocking a new mustache, remember what it stands for. It is not about style, it is about strength, support, and starting the kind of conversations that could save a life.

Combating the Holiday Blues

By Mayce Kordell

Although the holiday time is full of a lot of joy and excitement, it can also be a time of stress. It gets stressful from trying to get everything ready and prepared. Christmas is such an exciting time for kids and even adults. There are ways to boost your spirits when the holiday blues set in and here is how you can make your Christmas very merry.



First, holiday blues happens when you have extra stress, unrealistic expectations or even difficult memories that accompany the season. There are things you can do to help this temporary sadness. You could practice self-care. This includes getting more sleep and creating a healthy routine for yourself. This is very important because if you want to get everything done, practicing a good routine will help you boost your productivity and improve your mental health, which includes a good and clear mindset for yourself. Another thing you could do is set a budget. Especially around the holiday time, you could get really sucked into getting so many things and spending money that you don't need to spend. Setting a budget is very good because without a clear budget, it is easy to lose track of your spending. Lastly, setting realistic expectations for yourself or others can be a meaningful way to maintain mental health and enjoy the festivities. Holidays can sometimes set a “perfect” image in someone's brain, and with those expectations, it can cause stress and you can get down because it's not what you expected.

During the holidays, everyone should be able to enjoy Christmas with no stress. Above you have three amazing things to practice when December rolls around the corner. So, get ready to have a stress-free Christmas to enjoy this loving holiday and yourself!

Top 10 Christmas Songs

By Halen McKool

With Christmas right around the corner, people are getting into the holiday spirit. One part of the spirit is the holiday music. Christmas music is a key part of celebrating the holidays, so here are the top 10 most listened to Christmas songs:

1. “All I Want for Christmas Is You” - Mariah Carey
2. “Last Christmas” - Wham!
3. “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” - Brenda Lee
4. “It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” - Michael Bublé
5. “Jingle Bell Rock” - Bobby Helms
6. “Santa Tell Me” - Ariana Grande
7. “It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” - Andy Williams
8. “Holly Jolly Christmas” - Burl Ives
9. “Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!” - Dean Martin
10. “Underneath the Tree” - Kelly Clarkson.

This selection of songs is a classic part of the Christmas season. If you want to get into the holiday spirit, listening to Christmas music is the best way to do so. These songs are sure to ring in the holidays for anyone!

Volleyball Finishes Strong

By DJ Bambino

The 2025-26 season for our lady Indians volleyball team turned out to be a very successful campaign. Despite losing players at some key spots, the young Indians roster didn't skip a beat from the prior year. The team finished the 2025-26 season with a record of 20-3-1.

However, their success can't be summed up by their record. The girls brought home some hardware including the Heritage Conference Championship and a second place finish in the District 5A bracket. Senior captain Madee Roman said, "My senior season was one to remember. Coach always told us that a volleyball team is a family, but I never felt that love until this year. We went into this season not knowing what it would bring, so we didn't have any expectations but Coach Durica and Coach Swank did. They knew we were good enough to make it far. They trained us and put confidence into us when we didn't see the potential we had. This senior year was more than I could ever ask for."

The team achieved many milestones throughout the course of the long season. Madee Roman, Sarah Swank, and Laikyn Reynolds all achieved 500 digs and kills. Averie Seibert and Mary Matera both reached 500 setter assists as well. The Conemaugh Township girls volleyball team had a strong season, and finished off the season very successfully.

Football Just Short of District V Title

By DJ Bambino

On Friday November 7, 2025 the Conemaugh Township Indians varsity football team played their last game of the season. The Indians had a successful season finishing second in District 5A with a record of 7-5.

The team's campaign was led by ten passionate seniors who two years ago were a part of Coach Brandon Studer's first season as head coach. The boys finished 0-10 that year, losing every game. For that same group of kids to lead a team to an opportunity to play in the district championship game is impressive nonetheless. Senior football player Jacob Bartis said this: "We had a great group of guys this year. Even though we didn't finish the way we would have liked, we feel as if we set the precedent

for future championship winning teams to come through the program." The team excelled offensively this year rushing for over 2,500 rushing yards as well as tallying 30 rushing touchdowns. They also threw for over 1,000 passing yards and 13 passing touchdowns. However, the team was not one-sided. The dominant Indians defense tallied 675 tackles, 94 tackles for loss, and six interceptions.

Overall, the Indians varsity football team will be losing many key players who left a legacy for seasons to come. The boys came a far way from the start and showed what dedication truly looks like.

Women's College Basketball

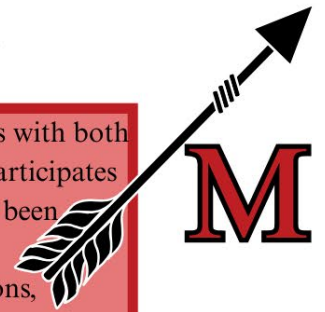
By Lena Dull

Women's college basketball is off to a hot start this year. As of November 14th, there were four outstanding teams who hold the top three spots. UConn was first, South Carolina in second, and then UCLA in third. Though the rankings can change, these teams seem to hold high positions in the Women's college basketball league.

On the UConn Huskies, Sarah Strong is their best player. She averaged 16.4 points, 8.9 rebounds, and 3.6 assists as a freshman, leading UConn to a national title. Sarah holds UConn's freshman record for rebounds and ranks second in freshman scoring behind Maya Moore. She was the number one pick in the Women's 2025 WNBA draft and has a long list of career achievements. In South Carolina, Ta'Niya Latson is their current best player. She transferred to South Carolina after being the nation's leading scorer last season with Florida State. Her ability to score is undeniable and she is expected to be a primary offensive player for the team. Lastly, for UCLA, Lauren Betts is their most recognized player on their team. Lauren is the first UCLA player to record at least 600 points, 300 rebounds, and 100 blocks in a single season during the 2024-2025 season. She also won multiple national defensive player of the year titles in 2025.

As the Women's college basketball season moves along, the teams are all playing to be the top ranked in the league. Every team has their best player, most points, and great agility that puts them above. As their seasons go on we will see who is placed on the top.

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Madee Roman is the son of Michelle and Eric Roman. She lives with both in Davidsville, Pennsylvania. Madee plays volleyball and also participates on the track and field team. On the volleyball team, Madee has been a part of the most successful rosters in recent school history.

These include the 2023 and 2025 Heritage Conference Champions, the 2022 WestPac Champions, and the 2022 District V Champions. She has lettered in volleyball all four years and was named to the 2025-26 All-Somerset County First Team. She is also a two year All-Somerset County Honorable Mention. Madee has gone to the conference and district

championships all three years so far for the track and field team as well. Besides being a standout athlete, Madee also shines in the classroom. She is the vice president of the Connumach Chapter of the National Honor Society as well as the secretary of the Student Council. She is also a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions club, Rotary Interact, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Outside of school, Madee enjoys shopping with her sister, hanging out with friends, fishing, swimming, and tubing. In her future, Madee plans to attend Slippery Rock University to study Physical Therapy, and also hopes to play Division II women's volleyball for the school. Madee lives by a quote from her father, Eric Roman, "Play for the team on the front of the jersey, so they remember the name on the back."



DJ Bambino is the son of Domenick and Tonya Bambino. He is currently living with both in Jerome. DJ is involved in many extracurricular activities, including football and baseball. He has had many successes throughout his career at Conemaugh Township, and has received many accolades along the way. DJ is a senior member and team captain of our football team. He has been playing for 12 years and he has lettered all four years of his varsity career. Throughout those years, he has earned himself a spot on the Somerset County Top 30 List.

Additionally, DJ is also a member of our baseball team. He has played baseball for 12 years and has so far in his career earned three letters. As previously received in football, he again earned his name on the Somerset County Top 30 List. Outside of sports, DJ is a four-year member of our Students Against Destructive Decisions club. In his spare time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, fishing, and supporting other sports. After graduating high school, DJ plans on attending West Virginia University to receive his Doctorate of Pharmacy. When asked for a quote, DJ recited Antonio Brown's, "The battle of getting better is never ending."



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Diane Ladd's Passing

By Emily Purdy

On Monday, November 3rd, American actress Diane Ladd passed away in her home in Ojai, California. Ladd sadly died of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis at the age of 89 years old. According to the National Institutes of Health, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a chronic (long term) disease that takes over the tissue surrounding the lungs. It develops when lung tissue becomes stiff for an unknown reason. This disease is considered rare, with about 25,000 cases diagnosed each year.

Throughout her acting career, Ladd worked on over 200 movies and television shows, gaining three Academy Award nominations for her roles. Her most famous role was the waitress, Flo, in *Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (1974) for which she won a BAFTA award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role. She also won the Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Female for her role in *Rambling Rose*, and the Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress in a Series, Miniseries, or Television Film for her role in *Alice*.

While it's sad to see a beloved actress pass, it is important to remember the accomplishments she made while she was in fame. Rest in peace, to a lovely woman and role model to many.

Regretting You

By Mary Matera

A new romance movie for young adults came out on October 24, 2025, leaving everyone to talk about it. This movie is called *Regretting You* starring Mckenna Grace and Mason Thames. The story is by Colleen Hoover and directed by Josh Boone.

The movie is about a daughter named Clara and her mom trying to navigate life, after a tragic accident leaves them broken. Then, a mysterious boy named Miller meets Clara and their love is undeniable. Clara is played by Mckenna Grace and Miller is played by Mason Thames. The stars are dating in real life, which makes their chemistry in the movie so much more believable and real. The young actor, 18-year-old Mason Thames, is in three new big movies, which are: *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Black Phone 2*, and *Regretting You*.

With his rising popularity, many new people are becoming fans of him. McKenna Grace is only 19 years old and has been acting for over 13 years. She has over 80 acting credits to her name and is known for playing wide ranges of roles, often in high profile projects.

Overall, *Regretting You's* emotional narrative, passionate performances, and unmistakable on-screen connection between Mckenna Grace and Mason Thames have swiftly won over young fans. The film is both devastating and inspirational because of its wonderful exploration of love, grief, and healing. McKenna Grace and Mason Thames are clearly growing as one of Hollywood's most promising young stars, as seen by their increasing list of significant films and their sincere bond with each other. Fans are excited to watch what they do next.

Taylor Swift: End of an Era and The Final Show

By Renata Savignone

Taylor Swift had one of the biggest tours in music history, *The Eras Tour*, which started in March of 2023 and ended in December of 2024. It went through five continents, 21 countries, and had 149 shows in total. It was a total success, making around \$2 billion in ticket sales from the 10,168,008 people who attended. The ones who couldn't make it to the stadium were found on *Instagram* and *TikTok* lives, enjoying the show from home.

Fans thought a tour as big as that one deserved a documentary that showed the backstage life of a showgirl; all the effort and dedication that was put into every single show, and the performer herself talking about her life on tour. Swift, always the pleaser to her audience, gave into the fans desires, and, on October 13, announced on all her social media platforms the upcoming Disney Docuseries, titled *Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour The Final Show*, will premiere on December 12, 2025. It will have six episodes with the first two coming out December 12 and two more each following week.

The excitement of the fans is growing with each passing day. They are thrilled to finally see some of the performances, interviews and never before seen footage of the last section that was added to the setlist of the tour, the "The Tortured Poets Department" era. With this documentary, Taylor gives closure to one of the most

remarkable chapters in her career and leads to an opening of what's to come in the future for her.

Rylee Arnold Dancing with the Stars

By Sarah Swank

Rumors have spread that the beloved *Dancing with the Stars* pro, Rylee Arnold, will be replaced by rising stars. Rylee, who is the sister to the longtime pro Lindsay Arnold, was cast on the show when she was 18 years old. Many viewers have complained that Rylee bypassed the traditional troupe process due to her sister being a pro.

Hailey Bills, is rumored to replace Rylee Arnold in the next season. Hailey Bills is a 19-year-old who has become very popular since joining this year. While being in the dance troupe does not guarantee a spot as a pro, it has been the path to *Dancing with the Stars* stardom for many of the pros. According to The US Sun, many people have stated, "Rylee needed to step it up this year, and she didn't." Meanwhile Hailey, has gained nearly 200,000 Instagram followers from her brief time on the show. Hailey has also impressed producers so much that she might have granted herself a bigger role in the next season. It is too early to confirm who Hailey would replace, however, the show mentioned that its more than likely that Hailey would take the place of a newer star rather than older pro.

The idea surrounding Rylee Arnold's possible replacement have not been confirmed. Whether Hailey Bills takes her place or not, it's clear that both dancers have bright futures ahead of them. While some fans are disappointed by the idea of Rylee leaving, others are excited to see what new talent Hailey Bills could bring. In the end, the show will continue to evolve and keep audiences hooked with new talent.

Artist of the Month



Olivia Ryan, a senior here at Conemaugh Township, was selected as Artist of the Month. Olivia is the daughter of Heidi Ryan and James Ryan, and lives in her parents' homes in Davidsville. She plans to attend either Pitt Main or Pitt Johnstown for business, to hopefully own a coffee shop one day.

Olivia is in Art III and has many accomplishments, including: a Mural Chalk Drawing in Somerset, a Mural painting for a disability clinic in Hooversville, and two 1st places in Chalk the Block. Her art style consists of crosshatching during pen drawings and painting, semi-realism, and linelessness. A lot of her inspiration comes from Studio Ghibli, Wes Anderson, and tattoo artists. Her favorite tattoo styles are woodcut style, American traditional, and semi realism. One of Olivia's favorite quotes is, "How happy is the blameless vestal's lot! The world forgotten by the world forgot. Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind! Each pray'r accepted, and each wish resign'd." This quote shows her devotion on how her art is her self expression and will always guide her through her future.

Ultimately, Olivia Ryan is the best pick for Artist of the Month because she is very talented and has many accomplishments. Even at her young age, she has already started her own pet portrait painting business. All of her hard work and commitment is seen in the community. People not only love her for her art work, but also for her sweet, bubbly personality.

Musician of the Month



The November musician of the month is Daniel Turley, a 12th grade student of Conemaugh Township High School. He lives with both of his parents, Angela and Steven Turley, in the city of Johnstown. He's part of the school's marching band, and he's been in three of their shows: *The Ultimate Quest*, *As Seen On TV* and *In Every Key-Jazz Speaks*.

He's an incredibly talented musician who plays the clarinet, piano and mellophone. Some of his biggest accomplishments so far are being advanced to the PMEA regionals on clarinet as 1st chair, qualifying for the All-State Festival, and getting Performer of the Week Award at first band competition out of seven bands. He also enjoys participating in the school's musical. This year he's part of *Matilda*, as the main antagonist, Miss Trunchbull.

His plans for the future consist of going on a two-year mission trip for his church, followed by going to college for computer engineering. A quote that inspires him tremendously is by Theodore Roosevelt, "Believe you can and you're halfway there." His ambition and achievements in his musical career are truly inspiring.

Hurricane Melissa

By Emma King

Hurricane Melissa struck the Caribbean in late October 2025, emerging from a tropical wave on October 21st. It rapidly intensified into a Category 5 storm with sustained winds of about 185 mph and an astonishingly low central pressure of 892 mb. Making landfall in western Jamaica on October 28, it became the strongest hurricane on record to hit the island. As the storm plowed through, it destroyed homes, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands, and severed lifelines in remote regions such as St. Elizabeth.

Melissa formed quickly and became extremely strong in just a short time, breaking records when it hit Jamaica. Today, communities are still recovering from the destruction. Homes, farms, and power lines were wiped out, and many families are struggling to rebuild their lives. Aid workers continue delivering food, water, and supplies. One volunteer explained the situation clearly, saying, “People are trying to salvage what they can, but many will be starting from nothing.” This shows how serious the damage truly was.

Looking to the future, experts warn that storms like Hurricane Melissa may become more common as ocean temperatures rise. Countries in the Caribbean will need stronger buildings, better warning systems, and more support to stay safe from future disasters. Melissa serves as a reminder that preparation is key and that rebuilding now can help protect communities from the next dangerous storm.

Louvre Jewelry Heist

By Noah Nagy

On October 20, 2025, France was stunned by a daring robbery at the Louvre Museum in Paris. In broad daylight, thieves made off with eight of the nation’s most treasured crown jewels, sending shockwaves through the country. The suspects arrived shortly after the museum opened and used a vehicle-mounted lift to reach a first-floor balcony overlooking the River Seine.

Two of the thieves cut through a window with power tools and entered. In just four minutes, they smashed display cases, grabbed the jewels, and escaped on two scooters waiting outside. Investigators later revealed that nearly a third of the targeted gallery lacked CCTV coverage, highlighting serious problems in security at one of the world’s most famous museums. The stolen treasures, all from the 19th century, had once belonged to the French. Among them were tiaras, necklaces, earrings, and brooches encrusted with thousands of diamonds, emeralds, and sapphires. Empress Eugénie’s crown was later found damaged on a nearby street, though it’s unclear whether it was dropped intentionally or by accident. Experts worry the thieves may break apart the jewels to sell them with more discretion. This means recovery will be even more difficult than anticipated. Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez described the stolen items as “priceless” and “of immeasurable heritage value,” showing the worth these items hold to the French people and government.

The heist has left the nation both angry and shocked, a stark reminder that things can change very fast, even with supervision. While authorities continue to investigate and pursue the suspects, it is still unknown whether the stolen jewels will ever be recovered. For France, the robbery is not just a theft of gems; it is an attack on French history itself, highlighting the ongoing challenge of protecting priceless heritage in a world where criminals are always evolving.



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Principal for a Day

By: Maitlyn Smith

If you were the principal for a day, what would you do or what would you change? I asked some 6th grade girls what their response would be to this question, and here is what they had to say.

One student, Iris Mock, stated, “I would make lunch longer and make time in the courtyard for some fresh air.” Another student, Avery Del Signore, said, “I would put pencils in the hallway for students who don’t have one.” Another 6th grader, Brooklyn Lasure, stated, “Students can pick what they get to learn, there is nap time, and you can leave school if you are hungry, whenever you feel the need to, but you can only get a break for 15 minutes a day.”

Then, I got some 6th grade boys to think about this question as well. Brantley Moyer stated, “I would make a huge football tournament and the winner would get a huge trophy and an ice cream party.” I personally think this would be pretty entertaining for the school to watch. On the topic of sports, Hudson Ott stated “I would make a giant soccer tournament where the winner would get infinite robux.” Brantley Smaltz also stated, “I would add a turf baseball field to the school as principal.”

Turns out that the boys surveyed wanted new sports activities or equipment, and that the girls wanted to change some classes around to make the school day even more enjoyable. Now take some time and think about what you would do as a principal for the day!



Thanksgiving Do's and Don'ts

By: Tatum Nicholson

Most people know that during Thanksgiving, you put down your devices and talk to your loved ones. Although, at times, you may do something that is rude or impolite without realizing it. In this entry you will learn about some helpful Thanksgiving do's and don'ts.

The first thing is Thanksgiving do's. First, socialize with the people around you and be sure you thank the cook, even if the food isn't as tasty as imagined. Next, be sure to interact with family members to make memories that last a lifetime. Most importantly, respect your elders and make sure to listen to all of their stories. Another must is to sneak dessert before dinner. Finally, be sure to enjoy yourself at Thanksgiving dinner!

These are the Thanksgiving don'ts. First, don't chew with your mouth open. Also, don't be on your devices during dinner. That includes listening to music through earbuds or headphones. Next, don't ignore the other guests at the gathering because it could make you come off as rude and ignorant. Most importantly, make sure you don't refuse any dessert. Lastly, don't mention any sensitive topics if you want another Thanksgiving dinner next year!

These are the most important do's and don'ts about Thanksgiving. If you follow these simple steps they'll definitely lead you to a successful and an enjoyable Thanksgiving!





Academic Calendar/ Upcoming Events

December 1.....	Deer Season Vacation
December 6.....	Christmas Dance
December 9.....	Junior High Chorus and Band Concert
December 12.....	Act 80 Early Dismissal 12:00 Middle/High School 12:30 Elementary
December 19.....	One Hour Early Dismissal
December 22-31.....	Christmas Vacation

Telephone Numbers

Administrative Numbers

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

Middle/High School

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