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Township's Homecoming Recap

By Noah Nagy

On September 25, 2026, Conemaugh Township held its 2026-2027 Homecoming, celebrating its 75th anniversary. Known for its rich homecoming tradition, Conemaugh Township did not fail to deliver with a win over Portage. From a parade down Main Street to the painted hallways in the school, Homecoming this year was nothing short of phenomenal.

The couples were announced to the entire student body on September 18, during the outdoor grill. They were announced to be Lilly Oakes and Gentry Sotosky, Charlotte Worst and Landon Romesburg, Averie Seibert and Luke Kaufman, Vayda Korenoski and Bradon Mack, Mayce Kordell and Colton Shippey, and the Homecoming King and Queen, Anna Hunsberger and Rocco Hagan. The homecoming court members made the most of their week, with events such as spirit week and building the bonfire, although there was one major difference this year. Typically, the court attends the elementary school's Marathon Funday. This year, however, mildew spread throughout the elementary school, which led to the cancellation of the event, leaving both the couples and elementary schoolers alike disappointed.

Although the seniors could not spend time with the elementary students, they still had fun, with Prom King Rocco Hagan saying, "Homecoming was a lot of fun, and it's a night I will remember forever." Between the win over Portage and the packed bonfire dance, the 75th anniversary was a day to remember. Although this year may not have been the same as past, Conemaugh Township's Homecoming traditions have stood strong!

War Memorial Ascension Presentation

By Kennedy Lehman

Ascension is a science fiction mystery drama. A U.S. space mission launched in 1963 sent people to a different planet on the starship Ascension. One woman's murder makes the crew question the purpose of their mission when they get to the point of no return.

Guidance took a few students to go see this film at the War Memorial on September 23, 2026. The War Memorial was hosting a Mental Health event. Emma Benoit, a mental health advocate and suicide survivor, shared her story with the 800 high school students that attended. The film Benoit presented showcased the difficult situation of the ongoing youth suicide crisis. One of the students that attended was Cooper Price. Cooper Price states, "Personally, I believe the event was an opportunity that raised awareness to understand how impactful suicide is on the community, especially in our youth. The presenter, along with the many R.E.A.C.H members, did an amazing job exploring the consequence and lifelong impacts suicide attempts and suicide have on our lives. I found the event very informational, but very persuasive and up-lifting. I believe every school should have the opportunity to be presented with this amazing group of people."

Overall, the event was very impactful, as it promoted mental health and suicide prevention. They mentioned important resources like the 988 support line and shared that suicide is the third leading cause of high school student deaths. The goal of this event was to help others get help to build mental health and seek help.

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Mya Nemeth hard at work in science!



Our three rowdie Indians are all smiles!



Our football boys running out to dominate against the Stingers!



Our Volleyball Seniors and their parents at Senior Night.

CT Rowdie spirit in full force!





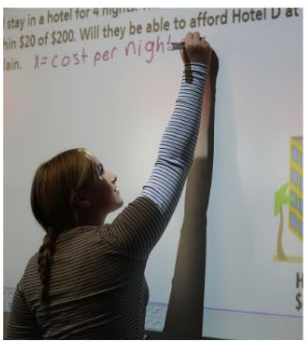
The marching band performing their show at Johnstown.



Peyton Lasure showing off her skills against Westmont.



Josey Sotosky running in for a goal.



Abbey Shropshire solving a math problem.



Tagir Valeev chasing down the ball.

Teal Out

By Ella Brotz

Our volleyball team comes together to raise awareness for ovarian cancer through special events and activities during September, which is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Players, coaches, students, and families showed their support by showing up to the Teal Out game.

Special Teal Out volleyball games give teams an opportunity to raise awareness beyond the court while honoring survivors, remembering loved ones, and supporting Marianne Pauley, who is affected by the disease. Along with the volleyball game, the volleyball players held a bake sale to help raise money for Marianne Pauley. Students and families contributed by donating their homemade baked goods and encouraging others to participate. Along with the bake sale, the girls on the volleyball team also tied teal ribbons throughout the community, which are a reminder of the cause. Each ribbon represents hope, support, and remembrance. These efforts demonstrate how sports teams, schools, and local community members can make a difference when they work together.

Whether the girls of the volleyball team wear teal for a volleyball game, donate to a bake sale, or tie a ribbon around a community pole, every act of support helps spread awareness. Through teamwork, fundraising, and community involvement, the students of the volleyball team and the community's support can help keep the message alive and remind those affected by ovarian cancer that they are not alone.

Alumni of the Month



A former student, Robert Pipta, graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1976. Upon graduation he entered the Navy, where he spent 4four years before exiting and getting a full-time job in government, where he was stationed at Fort Knox. During his time at Fort Knox, he worked hard as he was given an oversight of 118 cemeteries, including the Post Cemetery. Prior to Pipta's oversight, the post cemetery was in complete disarray. Through his hard work, he was able to completely overhaul the cemetery into what it is today. It has earned the distinguished status as a national shrine, which was a huge accomplishment. This cemetery was featured in an Army documentary currently housed in the Library of Congress. This level of achievement also earned him the distinguished honor of Fort Knox's employee of the year.

Pipta has many fond memories from his time in Conemaugh Township. One of his favorite memories was beating North Star his senior year in football. He vividly remembers playing in the mud and rain and winning 6-0. He's also quoted as saying, "anytime you beat North Star, it's a good day." Pipta's favorite teacher was named Mr. Burnsworth. He loved that class because they always did fun projects and work.

Pipta currently lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky with his wife, Dora. His daughter, Ally, and her husband, Danny, have two children, Louie and Rory. Additionally, Pipta's son, Isaac, resides with his wife, Sarah. Robert Pipta has achieved many notable recognitions through his career, and will always be a great alumni representation of Conemaugh Township.

Speech Team

By Evelyn Mock

Speech Team is a great way to learn new public speaking skills, and also another great way to get involved. There are a total of 12 categories that you can choose from. Recently, there was an opportunity to travel and go and watch a demonstration meet to become more familiar with the categories.

The categories that you can participate in are labeled as: Persuasive, Informative, Program Oral Interpretation (POI), Public Forum Debate (PFD), Commentary, Extemporaneous, Oral Interpretation of Poetry, Oral Interpretation of Prose, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, and Declamation. While these titles might seem strange, they can be a lot of fun. For example,

PFD is a partner debate against another group of partners. Mrs Custer's comments on the Speech Team are, "Speech and Debate Team is an invaluable opportunity for students. In an era when we communicate less with humans, it gives students a chance to learn soft-skills like active listening, clear and effective writing, and networking. Students will also gain a new level of self-confidence practicing speaking in public. Public speaking is the number 1 fear of Americans. This is an opportunity to tackle that fear and learn an incredibly important skill that you will utilize for the rest of your life." Speech team is one more way to stay involved while still working on an important skill.

Treasured Traditions of Homecoming

By Danika Black

Homecoming at Conemaugh Township is a treasured tradition and a loved week to most students, teachers, and alumni. Though our homecoming traditions may not be the typical ones you see, it doesn't make this week any less special.

One tradition everyone can participate in is the spirit week. The week started off with PJ day on Monday. All the students love this day, and you get the most participation from the school. On Tuesday, students showed their creativity by dressing as different decades. Wednesday was a battle between the Surfers and Bikers. Thursday, they had the opportunity to dress up as a duo with a fellow peer. Lastly, students had the opportunity to show their school spirit and wear extreme red and black. The high school and middle school student councils work hard each year to pull off a successful homecoming week and game! Seniors got out Wednesday morning to make memories they will cherish as they built the bonfire for that evening. Wednesday night, students had the opportunity to go to the bonfire and meet all the fall sports seniors and the homecoming court members. After the bonfire, the student councils held a bonfire dance. During the dance, the court performed skits and the students got to pick their favorite one. To finish off the week, students who are members of the student council got out to decorate the school and community. This included painting windows in the school and community, decorating the stadium, making car signs, hanging up balloons, and hanging up pictures of our court members. The decorations and hard work helped to pull off a successful homecoming night and game. The parade began at six, and ran from St. David's Church to the high school. The band, homecoming court, fall sports, and teachers helped to spread school spirit during the parade. Our football team had a successful first half, setting the mood for halftime when our king, Rocco Hagan, and queen, Anna Hunsberger, got crowned. The 2026-2027 homecoming queen, Anna Hunsberger, shared how she felt about the week. "I loved getting to be a part of all the events prepared with much dedication by our student council. I'm so honored to have had the opportunity to represent Conemaugh Township, and am grateful to be the 2026-2027 Homecoming Queen. The pride during homecoming is intense. I carry a lot of love for this school, the teachers, organizations, and events our school provides." Our football team concluded the week with a 40-14 triumph over Portage.

Traditions are different for everyone. Homecoming will forever be a special time at Conemaugh Township and in the community. The hard work and dedication put into this week and the events don't go unnoticed and help the students, teachers, faculty, athletes, coaches, and community members really feel the true spirit and love for our school.



Online vs. In-Person Shopping

By Ella Brotz

Shopping has become easier with technology and the internet growing day by day. Today, many people choose shopping online over visiting stores in person. Online shopping allows customers to buy products from home, while in-person shopping allows customers to see items before making a purchase. Although both ways have benefits, in-person shopping is a better choice because of the ability to check product quality, receive help from employees, and take purchases home immediately.

One benefit of in-person shopping is that people can see and check out products before buying them. They can try on clothes, test electronics, and see the quality of items. Online shopping only shows pictures, which may not always look the same as the real product. Another benefit is getting help from store employees. They can answer questions and help customers find what they need. Along with that, shopping in person also saves time because people can take their purchases home right away without paying shipping fees or waiting for delivery. Although online shopping is convenient, shopping in person allows people to check products, get help, and enjoy the shopping experience.

In conclusion, in-person shopping offers several advantages over online shopping. The ability to see products, receive immediate assistance, and take things home without waiting makes shopping at physical stores a good choice. Although online shopping is convenient, it comes with risks such as misleading pictures, shipping costs, and delayed deliveries. Overall, in-person shopping provides a more dependable and enjoyable experience, making it the better option for many consumers.

How to Spread Kindness Effectively

By Maura McCall

In a world that moves too quickly, kindness and gratitude are powerful ways to bring people closer together and make life more enjoyable. There are many simple expressions such as a smile, a sincere thank you, a helping hand, or even just the thought of listening that can make anyone's day that much better. Though these actions seem small, they can create a domino effect throughout the community, your family, classmates, or coworkers.

Kindness is the act of treating others with sympathy and respect. To spread kindness to people, you have to identify the needs and feelings of others around them. Gratitude, on the other hand, is the ability to understand and appreciate the good things in our lives. To spread kindness and gratitude effectively, people have to be thoughtful and consistent. A small sincere act each day, instead of just on a special occasion, can show you care. Over time, these actions will become natural to everyone's everyday life. When people witness thoughtful, respectful behavior, they may be encouraged to act the same.

All in all, kindness and gratitude do not have to be difficult, and can simply be shown through effortless actions. So, you should choose to be an individual who helps create a world where everyone has the opportunity to feel respected and cared for by applying kindness and gratitude.

The Importance of Voting

By Zolina Bittner

When a citizen of a country votes, their “small” vote matters much more than that citizen may think. A vote is not just a small, personal choice that has no effect on the world. Votes are one part in such a large change, and that change can impact so many across the nation.

Voting to elect a politician into an important position in government is something that some brush off as unimportant, but really, their small contribution adds to a decision that gives a singular person immense power over people. If someone is elected into power and their decisions become hurtful to the nation’s citizens, the harm that is brought to the country could have been prevented by voting. Many across the nation believe that they do not have a say in how their country is governed, but voting is the first step into gaining that voice. That small vote is the voice of a group of citizens with the same beliefs, and that voice can make a true difference if it is heard and projected through a politician that stands for the beliefs and values of that group.

Personal votes from citizens of a nation are just one part of a citizen’s ability to become involved with the governing of their nation. Voting is a way for citizens to support what they believe in through the voice of a politician who will advocate for their values.

Tips to Stay Warm While Hunting

By Abram Mayak

As the archery portion of the deer season is underway, and with rifle season beginning in November, many hunters are thrilled to head out into the woods to chase their next big buck. When getting geared up to hunt, it is important to take extra precautions, such as staying warm, so you are safe from the chilly temperatures. There are some ways hunters can stay warm, such as:

- Dressing Cold: When walking to your spot, make sure to cut a few layers of clothing so you do not sweat and freeze from it.
- Avoid Cotton: Cotton holds on to your sweat, causing your clothes to freeze from the hold on moisture.
- Keep Your Boots Looser: If your boots are super tight, they can restrict bloodflow, leading to your feet becoming frigid.
- Use a Windproof Layer: Windproof layers prevent cool breezes from penetrating through your insulation
- Drink Hot Liquids: Tea, coffee, or hot chocolate, served in a reliable thermos, is bound to keep your internal temperature warm when you keep sipping on it throughout the day.

Being freezing cold during a hunt is no fun, and feeling the cold is bound to happen. These tricks may not completely prevent the cold, but they will surely assist in comforting you while you sit in a stand or blind for long periods of time.

Day of the Dead

By Mya Kane

The Day of the Dead is a two-day holiday celebrated annually on November 1 and 2. People celebrate Day of the Dead by spreading bright colored flowers, making food, and building altars. While this holiday is full of bright colors, food, and memories, it is an important time for people among Mexican-heritage communities to pay respect to their loved ones who have passed away.

The Day of the Dead is a holiday that is primarily celebrated in Mexico and is called Dia de los Muertos among people of Mexican descent. This holiday traces back to about 3,000 years ago to pre-Columbian Mesoamerican cultures. This culture viewed death as a natural part of life rather than the end of existence.

The Spanish people had taken the Mesoamerican practices and combined them with Christian observances of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. From this, it is believed that the gates of Heaven open for the spirits on October 31 at midnight. Then, the spirits return to earth and receive gifts from the altars that family members make.

There are many different traditions and iconic symbols that go along with the Day of the Dead. One of the major traditions is creating ofrendas, or altars. Ofrendas can be built in homes or at cemeteries and usually include photographs, water, favorite foods, and personal items to welcome back the souls. Some more traditions include spreading bright flowers to help guide the spirits back to their families, making foods and sweet treats, and decorating with skulls around communities.

The Day of the Dead is a significant holiday that is celebrated by many people of Mexican-heritage. This holiday is a time to remember the lives of others who have passed away, show respect towards them, and celebrate the life that they had.

Best Fall Drinks

By Lexie Feathers

During the fall season, there are so many different events and festivals to celebrate. It is always nice to have and enjoy a delicious fall drink when attending these events. Many coffee shops and stores sell a wide variety of fall drinks. Listed below are some of the best fall drinks:

- Iced pumpkin cream chai
- Hot apple cider tea
- Iced pumpkin spice latte
- Cold apple cider
- Hot pumpkin spice latte
- Pumpkin cream cold brew
- Chai latte
- Iced pumpkin cream shaken espresso
- Pumpkin patch cloud latte
- Nutty pumpkin latte

Generally speaking, to help you enjoy your beautiful fall day you can take a fall-flavored drink along. Were any of your favorites listed as the best?



Volleyball Keeps it Rolling

By Peyton Lasure

As the Lady Indians volleyball team moves forward with their season, they continue to reach new milestones. With each game, the girls are tallying up their stats to win games and ultimately attain these goals.

Junior Sarah Swank reached 1,000 kills in a game against Purchase Line on October 6th, and was the first in Conemaugh Township history to ever do so. Additionally, in that same game, she topped 100 aces. Earlier in the season, Sarah Swank and Cora Oswalt both got their 100th blocks in a matchup against West Shamokin.

Senior Averie Seibert surpassed 1,000 career setter assists in a Heritage Conference match against Conemaugh Valley on Monday, October 12. In this game, Sarah Swank recorded 19 kills, while Cora Oswalt contributed ten kills and four blocks. Mary Matera provided 12 assists, and Danika Black tallied six blocks.

Overall, the Lady Indians have been putting in the work needed to conquer their opponents. The team is hoping to end their season with another title and continue to reach new milestones. On October 24, the girls competed at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania for the KCAC Heritage Conference Championships

Football Stuns Marion Center

By Landon Oakes

On October 2, 2026, the Conemaugh Township Indians sent a thank you to their elder teammates on senior night with an eventful 24-21 win over the Marion Center Stingers. Two freshmen took some pressure off of their seniors as Cooper Valentine led the team in receiving yards, and Abram Mayak contributed an interception, a fumble recovery, and 6 total tackles.

A scoreless first quarter opened the floodgates for the Indians in the second when they put 17 points onto the scoreboard compared to the Stinger's 7. Unfortunately, halftime iced the Indians and Marion Center took advantage with a kickoff return touchdown to start the 3rd quarter. With the gap in score slowly closing, the Indians defense came up with a couple defensive stops. With three minutes left in this very crucial game and the score within three, Greyson Studer made a heroic dive into the west pylon of the south endzone. A made extra point and touchback from Senior Gentry Sotosky spotted the Stingers at the 20-yard line while down 10. Marion Center made a quick drive down the field, scored the touchdown, and made the extra point to cut their deficit to three going into the final 30 seconds. A successful onside kick made the Indians defense hungry. The defense's passion was shown through freshman linebacker Abram Mayak protruding through the offensive line to get a sack, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery as the final seconds ticked off the clock. Junior captain Gabe Valentine affirmed the team's win by stating, "We stung the Stingers."

Conemaugh Township's inner-conference win spotted them with a record of 5-1 going into their week seven matchup against the Penns Manor Comets on October 9. Penns Manor was 1-5 going into their game against the Indians on the 9th. The Comets lost their week 6 match-up against the Portage Mustangs.

Indians Control Soccer Fest

By Lena Dull

On Saturday, October 3rd, the Conemaugh Township girls' and boys' varsity soccer teams hosted the Windber Ramblers in an important matchup. The Lady Indians delivered an impressive performance, earning a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the Ramblers, as well as the guys, ending with a score of 6-0. Conemaugh Township was now officially on a roll, as this was the team's third straight win.

Conemaugh Township's victory over Windber was an excellent example of their determination and making a difference in a close game. Gina Hagan's late game goal provided the offense the Indians needed, while Colbi Hunsberger and the defense helped secure the shutout, preserving the Indians' victory. Rocco Hagan and Gentry Sotosky both contributed two goals, and Colton Corella and LandonRay Romesburg added a goal each. This win improved the ladies' record to 10-1 and the guy's record improves to 11-0-1.

With another victory added to their seasons, the Indians continued to build momentum and demonstrate why they are such a great, hardworking team. The team's ability to maintain its composure and finish the game without allowing the Ramblers to make a goal was a major part of their victory.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Anna Hunsberger is the daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Hunsberger of Davidsville. Hunsberger is a four-year member, and so far, a three-year letterman of the varsity soccer team, and also serves as a captain. She has been playing organized soccer since a young age, starting with AYSO, and then moving on to the junior high and varsity level. In 2023, Hunsberger and her team won the District V championship and were then runner ups the following year in 2024. Hunsberger also plays for various teams in the Laurel Highlands Fútbol Club, including Vortex, Lightning, and Gators. Additionally, Hunsberger is a member of our track and field team. She began in seventh grade and is so far a three-year varsity letterman. Her main events are the 1600 and 3200 meter run, but she has competed in many other events, including the 400-meter, 800-meter, 4x800 meter relay, 4x400 meter relay, and triple jump. Hunsberger qualified for and competed at the district level in 2024, 2025, and 2026. In 2026, she placed in both the 1600 and 3200 meter, and was also a member of the silver-medaling 4x800 meter relay team. Outside of sports, Hunsberger is also an active member in the Conemaugh Township Music Department, including choir, band, jazz band, and the musical. She is the President of the National Honors Society, Secretary of Rotary Interact, a member of the SADD club, a yearbook staff member, a senior journalism editor, and an honor roll student. She was on the 2026 Homecoming Court and was voted Homecoming Queen. Hunsberger is also a two-time awardee of the College Board's National Recognition Program and the Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her family, playing with her dog, and baking. After graduating high school, Hunsberger plans to attend college to study engineering. Hunsberger stated, "Playing soccer has been an important part of me since childhood, and I have so many great memories of playing for CT's varsity girls' team. My years here wouldn't be the same without the amazing experiences I've shared with these girls and past graduates. I've learned so much about hard work, commitment, teamwork, and leadership over the years, and I will carry that with me forever."





Luke Kaufman is the son of Douglas and Tonya Kaufman of Davidsville. Luke has been playing soccer for fourteen years, and has been a member of the varsity team for four years. So far in his career, he has lettered three years, and he and his team won the District V Championship in 2023. Luke plans to wrestle this winter for the first time. Outside of sports, he enjoys going to the gym, playing soccer, and hanging out with friends. Luke works at Laurel View Village as a dietary aid during the school year, and during the summer he paints houses for Volk Painting. After graduating high school, Luke plans to attend college and obtain a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in supply chain management. Luke adds that his coach, Mr. Mainhart, has been a great inspiration in his life, and he is grateful for all of his teammates throughout his career that have become a family to him. When asked for a quote, Luke recited his teammate Garret Jacob's quote, " If you're early, you're on time; if you're on time, you're late; and if you're late, it's unacceptable."



Ed Sheeran Drops Macklemore from the Loop Tour

By Zolina Bittner

After a decade-long friendship, Ed Sheeran and Macklemore have cut long-lasting ties as a result of Macklemore's pro-Palestine protests on stage in one of Sheeran's openers during his *Loop Tour*. Sheeran's cut of the rapper from his tour has sparked major controversy from fans and critics alike, who disagree with Sheeran's attempt to be "unpolitical."

On September 15, 2026, Sheeran announced the removal of Macklemore from his tour as a result of Gillette Stadium's owner, Robert Kraft, pressuring Sheeran to remove Macklemore. Previously, Macklemore performed his song, "Hind's Hall," on September 4 and 5, 2026, which was a protest song for the ongoing conflict in Gaza, Palestine. Robert Kraft, the owner of the stadium where the tour was heading, threatened to cancel the tour after discussing with other stadium owners if Macklemore was not cut. Sheeran stated at a following Philadelphia show that he did not directly make the decision to remove Macklemore, and agreed that the conflict in Gaza was inhumane, but that has not stopped the public's criticism of his inability to intervene with the issue. Following Macklemore's removal, Finneas, Lukas Graham, Aaron Rowe, and other supporting acts dropped out the tour to stand with Macklemore. The rapper also announced that he was to donate his 1 million dollars in tour earnings to Palestinian support organizations.

Sheeran's choice of not backing Macklemore in his protest for support of Palestine has resulted in a loss of half a million followers on Instagram, his removal from many radio stations across the world, and the loss of many personal relationships according to Sheeran.

Dolly Parton Estate Controversy

By Savannah Stutzman

On September 22, 2026, controversy arose as Dolly Parton's nephew, Bryan Seaver was sued by his Aunt's Filing Entity, "She's Alive, LLC." He was sued due to many allegations of threats and extortion towards the company, its employees, and Dolly's overall legacy.

Just a month after music icon Dolly Parton's passing, this legal conflict erupted after Seaver, the head of security, was fired on September 15th due to allegations of harassment and unjustified threats against the estate. Due to his firing, his threats became worse, and included unfulfilled promises such as he was going to steal money from the estate. Because of the intensity of the allegations and many of Seaver's threats, many members of the company have reportedly resigned out of fear for their safety. Moreover, the longtime manager, Danny Nozell, filed both the lawsuit and the restraining order against Seaver. His hearing was scheduled for October 7, 2026, however, he is already denying all allegations. Seaver is also being publicly supported and fully backed up by Dolly Parton's sisters, sparking even more controversy.

Overall, this issue has sparked a lot of controversy and there are not a lot of provable facts. Many are just hoping that Dolly Parton's legacy isn't tarnished.

Olivia Dean Copyright

By Maura McCall

British pop singer Olivia Dean's song, 'I've Seen It' is in the middle of a federal copyright lawsuit filed by Mattie Music Group, which handles late icon Bill Withers catalog. Filed in California on October 1st, 2026, the case argues that the track copies the melody of Bill Withers' 1981 hit, "Just the Two of Us."

According to the complaint, Mattie Music Group believes the song reproduces significant parts of the melody from "Just the Two of Us," the original song co-written by Withers, Ralph MacDonald, and William Salter, reached No. 2 on the US Billboard Hot 100 and then became one of the era's best-known songs. The Mattie Music Group discovered the potential copyright issue in August of 2026 by hiring expert musicologist Dr. Alexander Stewart, who analyzed Dean's song and compared it to Withers' catalog. Los Angeles Times states, "Alexander Stewart to determine 'substantial' similarities between the two songs. The music group also said it notified the defendants on Aug. 17 of 'the material musical similarities' but that the defendants 'continued reproducing, distributing, licensing, publicly performing and commercially exploiting' Dean's 'I've Seen It.'"

All in all, the Olivia Dean copyright case is still open. Dean's popularity is still growing as she produces more

songs. The final decision of the case may dictate her career and popularity.

Bridgerton Spinoff

By Grace Mitchell

Netflix has many enjoyable series for viewers of all ages to watch. On December 25th, 2020, the first season of the Netflix classic, *Bridgerton* was released to the public to start being enjoyed by spectators. Since then, there have been three more seasons released, as well as the spinoff series, *Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story.*

As of October 8th, 2026, Netflix has officially greenlit the release of a series centered on the early life and romance of Lady Violet Bridgerton and her late husband, Viscount Edmund Bridgerton. Although this new spinoff doesn't have an official title, the Netflix team is looking forward to creating and building Lady Violet's character. Shonda Rhimes and Nicholas Nardini serve as writers, executive producers, and co-showrunners, with Tom Verica and Betsy Beers also executive producing. Meanwhile, the main series' *Bridgerton* Season 5 is currently in production in London and slated for a 2027 release, meaning the Violet spin-off will likely premiere after that.

Although the season is yet to come, fans of the Netflix classic are excited to watch. This series is loved by many. The show is currently ranked the fourth most-watched on Netflix. With the new season spinoff, the series will likely climb to a higher ranking.

Artist of the Month



Rydell Walylko, a senior who is currently enrolled in Art IV, has been selected as the Artist of the Month for October. Walylko is the son of Jenny Walylko and Ray Walylko, and he lives with his family in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. As he approaches graduation, Walylko plans to attend college and continue working toward his future goals.

Walylko's artistic style includes several different techniques, such as graphite, charcoal, realism, and hyperrealism. Through his attention to detail and commitment to his craft, Walylko has developed a unique artistic style that allows him to express his creativity in many ways. Walylko has created many stunning and original pieces that showcase his artistic abilities. One quote that represents his outlook on art is, "True art is most beautiful in the eye of the beholder."

Overall, Rydell Walylko is a talented artist whose dedication, creativity, and accomplishments have made him a deserving choice for Artist of the Month. Through his artwork and contributions to the school, he has demonstrated how art can be used to express ideas, share perspectives, and inspire others.

Musician of the Month



Anna Hunsberger, a senior, was chosen for Musician of the Month. Anna's parents are Nicholas and Elizabeth Hunsberger, who lives here in Davidsville. After high school, Anna plans to attend college to study engineering.

Anna has been in band since the 4th grade, and this year will be her fifth year in musical. In band, Anna enjoys playing the flute. She is also in Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Chorus. Anna's musical shows include *Footloose* (2023), *Mary Poppins* (2024), *High School Musica*l (2025), *Matilda* (2026), and she will end her senior year with one last musical. Some of her accomplishments are being District Chorus 2-Year Attendee, a Regional 1-Year Attendee, and that she will have participated in County Band for five years, and County Chorus for four years. Anna states that, "Being a part of Conemaugh Township's music department has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my high school career. I am incredibly proud to be a part of it, and I can't wait to soak up every last moment making music my senior year."

Anna plays a very important role in the Conemaugh Township musical department. Her hard work and leadership have been shown through performances and through the school community.

Recent Refugee Policy in the U.S.

By Kennedy Lehman

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed on executive order known as the "Realigning the United States Refugee Admissions Program" (USRAP). This order has paused the United States refugee resettlement program. Essentially, it is a presidential directive outlining requirements for the government.

So, what does this mean for those affected? According to Iraplegalinfo.com, the order mandates that the U.S. government halt refugee entries for an unspecified period and suspend decisions on pending refugee applications. Following its issuance, the government ceased accepting new refugees and put all existing cases on hold. They also canceled all travel arrangements that the refugees had made. On February 10 of 2025, IRAP filed a lawsuit against the government called Pacito v. Trump. This argues that the government broke the law by stopping USRAP and cutting its funding.

The case is still ongoing, and many are angry about this. However, the court has ruled that President Trump has the authority to pause the refugee resettlement program. For now, many refugees must wait.

White House Media Ban

By Noah Nagy

On September 18, 2026, President Trump announced that several media companies are banned from the White House complex. Trump's decision came after accusations of misrepresentation and misinformation, what he called "fake news," by CNN, MSNBC, and Politico. The highly controversial choice has already been challenged by the three news stations affected, with a joint lawsuit being filed on September 21, claiming the order violated the First and Fifth Amendments.

Just three days after the lawsuit was filed, U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly issued an emergency temporary restraining order that forced the White House to immediately restore press credentials of the affected news stations for two weeks. President Trump's team argued that access to the White House was a privilege, not a right, and that the ban was a matter of protecting national security by stopping the spread of misinformation. The plaintiffs contended that the ban was a targeted attack on stations critical of the president and that no due process was given, violating the Fifth Amendment. The media ban is not simply an attack against certain news stations, but also a precedent for future interactions between the media and White House. While the country waits for a conclusion, Judge Kelly ordered that all news stations be allowed on the premises temporarily until the federal court prepares to deliberate. All in all, the ban has acted as a test of the American Constitution and the country's fundamental ideas.

Potential PA Elk State Record

By Reed Conn

On September 15, 2026, Michael Skvarla may have had one of the best days of his life. He harvested a potential Pennsylvania state-record elk in Port Matilda, Pennsylvania.

As a birthday present to himself, Skvarla decided to go elk hunting for his 40th birthday. What made the hunt even more special was that he had obtained a rare elk hunting tag through a lottery. On his 40th birthday, he was lucky enough to win the opportunity to hunt elk and harvest a potential state-record animal.

Skvarla harvested the elk with a crossbow from 42 yards away. The elk received a preliminary green score of 428 inches. After the antlers dry and are officially scored, its net score is expected to be between 394 and 395 inches. If the final score is confirmed, the elk would surpass the previous Pennsylvania archery record of 381 ⅜ inches. The elk's body size was also impressive, with an estimated weight of 900 pounds.

Overall, Skvarla had an unforgettable 40th birthday. He won the opportunity to hunt elk through a lottery and harvested an animal that could make Pennsylvania hunting history. If the final score is confirmed, his elk could become the new Pennsylvania archery state record.

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What's Your Favorite Thing About Fall?

By Hudson Ott

Have you ever wondered what people think about fall? Well today I'm here to answer that question for you. In this article I will be interviewing teachers and staff about what they do or don't like about fall.

Mr. Swick: "I like the beginning of fall because I like that the leaves change color and it's not too hot or too cold."

Miss Fetterman: "I like when the temperature changes and fall festivals."

Mr. Berzonski: "Wrestling season is soon and I like a little bit of pumpkin spice."

Mrs. Feathers: "I like going to pumpkin patches with my kids and love everything pumpkin flavored."

Mrs. Spengler: "I love fall festivities."

Mrs. Conn: "I love football because I love watching my boys play."

Ms. DeBarto: " I love the leaves when they change."

Ms. Gall: "I love football season and the change of the leaves colors"

Miss. Kimmel: "I like to go on a fall birthday trip every year."

Well, there you have it: teachers' opinions of fall. For the most part, they seem to enjoy it! Be sure to maked the most of your fall season, and make some memories this year!

Hobbies To Do!

By Ella Risch

Some people are reading this and thinking, "Ugh… My life is so boring. I have no hobbies!" Well, lucky for you, this article will tell you great hobbies to jump into! I'll give you hobby ideas that will not only get you hooked, but can help you end your screen addiction.

Number one is art. Drawing, painting, molding stuff with clay, and so much more, allows you to explore your creativity! Also art can relax your mind. Studies show that art can amplify your dopamine more than that screen, so start now!

Next, number two is writing. Sharing your stories with the world, or just a small group, can help with stress and can help you look through your own struggles. This cal also potentially help others who are also struggling. Be your inner author.

The third hobby would be baking. Baking your favorite cake, bread, or baked goods can just put a smile on you and your loved ones' faces. Baking isn't just making something yummy, but it can expand your imagination to create something you never made before.

That's just a start of three out of a billion hobbies! Hobbies aren't just doing something fun, they're what makes you, you!



Academic Calendar/ Upcoming Events

November 2.....End of Nine Weeks

November 9.....Report Cards Issued
One-Hour Early Dismissal

November 10.....Parent Conference Day-No School for Students

November 17.....Volleyball Marathon

November 11.....Veteran's Day Vacation

November 25.....Three Hour Early Dismissal
12:00 Middle/High School
12:30 Elementary

November 26-27.....Thanksgiving Vacation

November 30.....Deer Season Vacation

Telephone Numbers

Administrative Numbers

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Food Service Director.....Randy Walker.....479-2328
Director of Curriculum....Stacy Dabbs.....479-7575

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