



Township's New Renovations

By Amelia Mitchell

The Conemaugh Township school campus has been booming all summer long and many changes have been made to these beloved buildings. Some renovations were immediately noticeable while others were a little more discrete. They are taking some time, but the changes are turning out amazing and will leave our school environment not only safer, but also more cosmetically appealing in the long run.

All of these renovations started at the beginning of the summer and many are still going on. The biggest changes that happened were the gymnasium floor was repainting and the addition of projection lights. The new, larger lockers were also a big addition, giving students additional storage for their personal items. Some of the technology changes included providing new smartboards in every classroom, and a new, state-of-the-art sound system and headsets for the auditorium. The campus updated its outside lighting as well, setting the stadium up with new overhead lighting and three new light posts in the student parking lot. Further changes were made outside of the building, including the steps outside of the gym and the masonry around the cement joints. Our roof also received necessary repairs. In addition to the technology updates, the auditorium also had cosmetic changes. Renovators added new seats in the balcony, replaced the green carpet on the back wall to black, changed the colors of the sound panels, and painted the trim black. The gym lobby will feature new renovations and fun technology. Two larger trophy cases are coming soon!

The school community has shared their love for the new renovations and are so excited to see all of the finished projects.

Donald Trump in Johnstown

By Izzy Gunby

On August 30th, 2024 Trump held a rally at the 1st Summit Arena in Johnstown, PA. Former President Trump arrived on stage at 4:55pm and spoke to over 5,000 people. U.S. Senator, David McCormick, came out before president Trump to deliver opening remarks. Later in the night, there was some disruption at the rally as a man tried to jump onto the stage.

Throughout the rally Trump discussed absentee ballots, the first amendment, Vice President Kamala Harris, and much more. Starting off his speech, Trump talked about winning Pennsylvania in the election which then led to the incident at Arlington National Cemetery. He then spoke about how he planned to defeat inflation and to make America affordable again. Trump moved on to show multiple videos of Harris's unsuccessful 2020 campaign. Trump stated if he is elected president, he will encourage drilling for natural gas and to bring back the cheap gas prices. "When we win, on day one I will tell Pennsylvania to drill, baby, drill," he said. Later in the night around 6:00 pm a scuffle broke out which led to an arrest. Trump told the authorities to not worry and said, "He's all right, he's on our side."

Overall, the rally showed support for Trump and his plans if he becomes president again. It will be interesting to see if he is successful in obtaining Pennsylvania's vote.



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Micah Lehman
readying to swing.



Briar Berkey working the
ball down the field.



CT cheer showing spirit
for the class of 2025!



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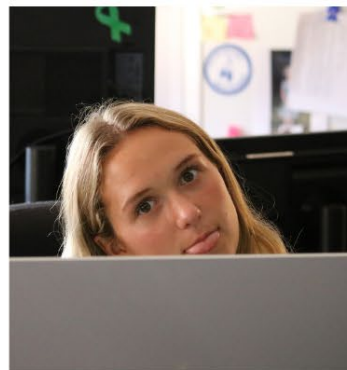
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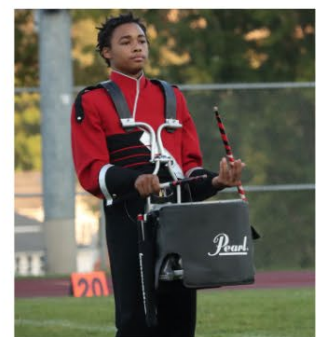
Izzy Slezak bringing the
entertainment and the
editing skills.



Jaylynne Moyer
and her family at
senior night.



Danika Black going for
another win.



Jeremiah Johnson
drumming away.

New Smiles at CT

By Gracie McCall

This 2024-2025 school year we have two new teachers. Ms. Pasierb and Mr. Ballarino have joined the CT Tribe! Ms. Pasierb is teaching Chemistry and Mr. Ballarino is teaching Physical Education and Health.

Ms. Lisa Pasierb, our new Chemistry teacher, wanted to join the tribe because she wanted to get back into Chemistry and

teaching. Before she came to CT, she worked at her cousin's dental office and she also used to work at Conemaugh. She is excited for a new experience with young kids. Ms. Pasierb said, "I am going to try and be a proton and stay positive all year!"

Mr. Ballerino is the new Physical Education teacher this year! He graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with his M.Ed. in Health and Physical Education. His goal for students is to promote an active lifestyle and a well-being that can take them into adulthood. He also wants to teach students on how to eat healthier each and every day.

We are so excited to welcome Ms. Pasierb and Mr. Ballerino to Conemaugh Township!



Ms. Pasierb



Mr. Ballerino

Alumni of the Month



Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscraft have been staples of the Township community for over 60 years now. Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscraft graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1951 and 1954, respectively. These high school sweethearts share a truly beautiful story. Today, they are enjoying a lovely retirement and living out their days to the fullest.

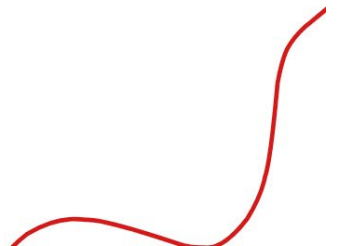
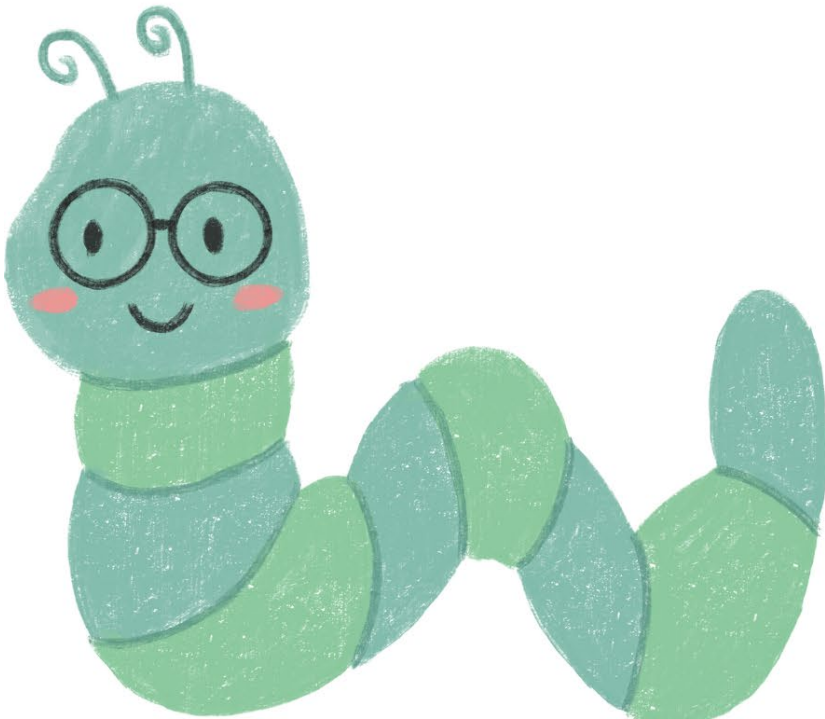
Mr. Ravenscraft, who is a proud veteran of the Korean War, graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1951 and went to work at Bethlehem Steel Mill in Johnstown, PA soon after. Mr. Ravenscraft grew up in Davidsville, where he resides today with his wife. In high school, Mr. Ravenscraft was very skilled on the wrestling mats, losing only one match his senior year. His fondest memories include this time spent wrestling for Township. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing while attending high school, and his favorite teacher was Mr. Greniner, the math teacher. If he had to give one piece of advice to current students, he would tell them to study hard.

Mrs. Ravenscraft, who grew up in Jerome, PA, graduated from Conemaugh Township in 1954, three years after Mr. Ravenscraft. After graduation, she worked at Bestform Foundations in the shipping department. Since she retired from Bestform, she has been "enjoying a beautiful retirement" with her husband. Mrs. Ravenscraft had many "favorites" in high school, but some of those memories include the dances at lunch and participating in the marching band during the football games. Some of Mrs. Ravenscraft's other favorites were her English teacher, Miss Will, as well as being a part of band, chorus, and Y-teens club. Mrs. Ravenscraft wants current students to enjoy their time in high school while they are still in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscraft fell in love in high school, making them high school sweethearts. They have been blessed to have the chance to live their lives alongside one another. The two were married on August 4, 1956, and have created a beautiful family for themselves in the last 68 years, beginning with the birth of their two daughters, Vicky Vann and Terri Lehman. They also have three granddaughters, Katie, Kelly, and Kelsey Vann, who are all alumni of Conemaugh Township as well. Luckily, the two were able to retire early from their jobs, which allowed them to create new adventures together through their travels. The Ravenscrafts traveled to their favorite place, Alaska, three times, spent 14 winters in Florida, and worked for four summers at Yellowstone National Park. When they aren't traveling, Mr. Ravenscraft still enjoys catching a Township football game when he can. The Ravenscrafts are very proud graduates of Conemaugh Township and they are very pleased to see how the school has kept up since their departure. Thank you for sharing your story of true love and success at Conemaugh Township with us!

Little Contownian

*Coming
Soon!*



New Cell Phone Policy

By Ava Byer

The Conemaugh Township Area School District has put a new cell phone policy in place for the 2024-2025 school year. This new policy is very strict about phone use and has been very different from years past. Many people have different opinions on this new rule. Personally, there are some things about the rule I like, and don't like.

Last school year, you were allowed to use your phone at any time you had free time and didn't have a class. This year is different, and you are not allowed your phone at any time except in between classes and at lunch. The new rule has its pros and cons. Some community members, teachers, and students are talking about how in future years the phone rule may be that the phones are completely banned and you are not allowed. So, it is nice that we still are even allowed to use our phones at some points because some schools take kids' phones for the whole day. I understand why this rule is in place, but I don't understand why we can't be on our phones during a study hall when there is nothing else to do. All of the teachers seem to be taking a very strict approach to the rule.

The new cell phone policy is working very efficiently, but is not in the best interest of some students. I believe that it has its pros and cons, but it makes sense why it is in place. Township's rule is not as bad as the schools who are locking kids' phones up until the end of the day.

Should We Start School Before Labor Day?

By Alexa Gardenhour

Every year, Labor Day is always the first Monday in September. Our school always starts before Labor Day, usually two weeks before. Most schools throughout Pennsylvania start before the holiday. I believe that we should keep this standard and continue to start school before Labor Day.

There are many benefits to starting school early. Although most kids probably are still in summer mode and not ready to jump into the school year,

starting before Labor Day is such a nice way to ease back into the school year. Usually most schools have the Friday before Labor Day off, or get out of school early. I personally enjoy starting before Labor Day because right off the bat there is a small holiday break. If we start school before Labor Day, that usually means the last day of school is early June, as opposed to starting after Labor Day. Starting this early also allows for more days off and longer breaks during the year.

Overall, I think that it is extremely beneficial to start school before Labor Day. Some of the benefits include easing back into school, longer breaks, and getting out of school early in summer. We already start school before the holiday, and I believe that we should continue this standard.

Prioritizing Budgeting for Air Conditioning

By Gracie McCall

Some people may view air conditioning as a luxury item. However, if you are a teacher or a student in a classroom during hot months of the year, you would argue that it is a necessity. In those sweltering classrooms there is no air flow whatsoever. It feels like you are in a sauna all day long. The stifling heat makes it very difficult to focus and learn throughout the day. When our school is thinking about their budget, one very important thing they should consider is installing air conditioning throughout the school.

Installing air conditioning would provide a much better learning environment for our students. Air conditioning would allow students to have much better focus and be more productive. If students were in a cooler environment, they would be more likely to participate and be more active in their learning.

Having air conditioning in our school would improve health conditions for our students and staff. It improves the overall indoor air quality, provides protection against seasonal allergies, and helps reduce heat-related health conditions. Air conditioning helps maintain a comfortable learning environment that is conducive to learning for students and teachers.

Ways to Pick Yourself Up

By Izzy Slezak

As the warm weather disappears, it can be hard to find motivation in everyday life. It is very important to take care of yourself, and find ways to do so. Here are some helpful ways to pick yourself up when you are feeling down.

First, going for a walk in nature can be a great way to release stress. You can bring your phone to listen to music while taking a walk at your favorite time of day. This would allow you to reconnect with nature and allow yourself time to think when you are in need of it. Next, you can have a spa night. This can consist of a bath, painting your nails, doing your hair, or applying masks. It is a great way to relax, while treating yourself and your mind. Lastly, you can try a new hobby or activity. This can be a sport, or a type of game, or even a form of art. This would allow you to challenge yourself in a different way, and overall could help alleviate stress.

To conclude, your mind and body are very important and should be taken care of very carefully. As the weather gets colder, it is easier to fall into a slump, but you need to make sure to stay strong, and find enjoyment in everyday life.

Best Fall Activities

By Braylin Petree

With fall right around the corner, many are eager to partake in fall activities. Fall is one of the most popular seasons that almost everyone enjoys. With fall comes Halloween, which adds even more excitement and activities to add to your schedule! Below is a list of activities to try this fall!

- Corn Maze
- Pumpkin Patch Trip
- Jumping in a Leaf Pile
- Fall Festivals
- Hayrides
- Haunted Houses
- Pumpkin Carving
- Apple Picking
- Trip to a Farmers Market
- Bake Fall Treats

There are so many fun things to do during the fall season. Fall is full of fun, excitement, and beautiful sights!

Suicide Prevention Month

By Braylin Petree

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time to remember the lives lost to suicide, acknowledge the millions more who have experienced suicidal thoughts, and the many individuals, families and communities that have been impacted by suicide. It's also a time to raise awareness about suicide prevention and share messages of hope.

Suicide Prevention Month is important because it aims to raise awareness about the alarming rates of suicide and to promote proactive measures to reduce these rates. September was first declared as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in 2008. Since then, September has been a time to acknowledge those affected by suicide, raise awareness, and connect individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services. Each year more than 41,000 individuals die by suicide, leaving behind friends and family members to face the tragedy of their loss. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the U.S. and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-24, and these rates are increasing.

It is crucial to remember that the efforts to raise awareness and provide support should continue year around. Help is always available, and reaching out for support is a sign of strength.

TO THE PERSON
READING THIS:
YOU ARE WORTHY
YOU ARE LOVED
YOU ARE ENOUGH
YOU MATTER
NEVER FORGET THAT



The Indians Take Down the ‘Stangs

By Liam Richardson

On Friday, September 20th, the Conemaugh Township Indians football team added a huge win to their record! They had a tough game against the Portage Mustangs, winning with a final score of 16-14. The Indians are ready for their next game on the road on September 27th, against Penns Manor.

On Friday, the Indians pulled out a tough win against their rivals, the Portage Mustangs, with a final score of 16-14. The game came down to the last seconds, ending with a huge stop by multiple Conemaugh Township defenders, while the Mustangs were on the 4 yard line, ready to score. Greyson Studer led the team in passing yards, totaling 62 yards, and a touchdown thrown to Dylan Hovanec. Hovanec also led the team in receiving yards, totaling 38 yards on 3 receptions. On the ground, the tailback led the team in rushing yards, getting 21 carries for 70 yards. Sam Shaffer added 16 yards, and a touchdown for the Indians, too. Kicker Jackson Sotosky added 3 points for the Indians, kicking a 38-yard field goal right down the middle. Luke Weber, Brennan Lohr, and Jacob Bartis lead the team in tackles, all having 5. Cam Dunn, Brennan Lohr, and Reed Conn all had interceptions as well, while Luke Weber and Sam Shaffer each had fumble recoveries. “We brought our best game for sure. We definitely could have won by more, but that’s just little stuff we’ll work on this week, so I’m not worried about it. Considering we haven’t beaten them since 2016, a win is a win,” stated the team’s defensive coach, Pete Kuharchek.

Overall, the Indians have a winning record of 3-2. They all know they can pick up another one the following week, they just have to prepare, and focus all week to get ready. The Indians are 6th in the conference, and have a really great shot to make district playoffs, too!



The Indians Beat the Blue Jays

By Lilly Oakes

The Lady Indians volleyball team of Conemaugh Township traveled to Conemaugh Valley for the battle of the Conemaughs on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. The girls were battling injury, as well as the Blue Jays, but still managed to end the night victorious.

The Conemaugh Township volleyball team fought the Conemaugh Valley Blue Jays for their fifth regular season game. The girls won the first set with the score ending 25-20. The Indians fell short in the second set, and lost with a score of 23-25. They used their loss as a reminder to keep pushing through their game, and ended up coming back, winning the next two sets with scores ending 25-22 both times. Freshman Sarah Swank led the team with kills, donating 19 towards the Indians’ score. She also had 14 digs. Madee Roman had 22 setter assists, and three serving aces. Senior Ava Byer had 12 kills and led the team with 18 digs, and freshman setter Mary Matera had 15 assists.

To wrap up, the Conemaugh Township girls’ volleyball team fought to win over the battle of the Conemaughs on Tuesday, September 10. The girls’ diverse playing and dedication to the sport paid off, and led the girls to victory once again. The girls’ record after this game improved to 4-1, with more games to win on the way.



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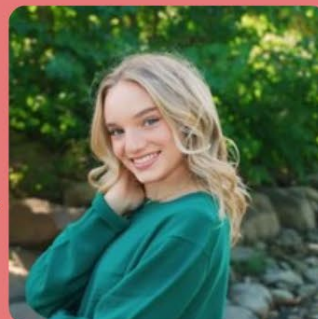
Dane Rouser, of Johnstown is involved in boys' varsity soccer at Conemaugh Township High School and is a four-year varsity letterman. He lives with both parents, Karen and Brady Rouser. Dane has been playing soccer since he was first able to in AYSO. He has loved the sport ever since and is still playing to this day, as a senior. Some of Dane's interests are fishing, hunting, lifting, and welding. He is involved in the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club and grill team with the school. In his free time, he likes to hang out with his friends and family or

sleep. Dane's favorite quote is by Mr. Mainhart, a teacher at Conemaugh Township, who said, "Big time players come out in big time games." Dane is a very active person and has lots of passion for soccer. Rouser has been working hard in soccer and it has been paying off. He has many interests and is very involved in his school and community. He is involved in the GJCTC program for welding and his future plans are to pursue a career in welding.



Briar Berkey is the daughter of Billie Johnson Berkey and Christopher Berkey of Davidsville. In her spare time, Briar enjoys going for coffee with her mom and friends, shopping, especially at Aerie, running, and reading. She is also involved in lots of extracurricular activities. Briar has been playing soccer since she was 5 years old. She played on varsity all four years of her high school career, and has lettered each year. She was a part of 1st Team All - County as a midfielder for the 2022-2023 season, and was part of the Sweet 16 All-Star County team in 2023. In 2023, she won D5 alongside the rest of her team, and also was

part of the Heritage Conference Team in 2023. As for track, she has been participating in events since she was 8 years old. She has spent all four years of high school, again on the varsity team, and again lettering all four years. For her 2021-2022 season, she and her team won WestPAC championships. In the following season, they won the Heritage Conference, and she also went to districts in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Other clubs that she participates in includes National Honor Society, which she got into in sophomore year Grill team, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Rotary Interact, student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Spanish Club. Briar's achievements include placing 3rd in Technology Student Association, winning 2nd at Mathcounts, participating in the 2024 Science Bowl, competing in the 2024 Physics Olympics, the AMC Math Challenge in 2023, and lastly the M3 challenge in 2024. After her highly successful high school career, Briar plans on attending UPJ School of Nursing to obtain a BSN. She then wants to go continue on in her career to become a nurse anesthetist later down the road. Briar's favorite quote to live by is "Love it or lose it."



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Cambria County's Ethnic Fest

By Marly Teeter

Every year in downtown Johnstown, there is a festival that takes place at the end of August, beginning of September, usually on Labor Day weekend. This festival is called the Ethnic Fest because it celebrates the city's ethnic diversity. This year offered different music and foods that came from all different cultures.

Normally, when people come down to the Ethnic Festival, they come to socialize over different beverages. But, it's more than just that. Some of the music that was around the ten block neighborhood included John and Laken Kurchak, Jazz in Your Face, The Platelets, Stonebridge Blues Band, and Pittsburgh's Forrest of Fanghorn. These include jazz, rock, blues, funk, r&b, etc. The music there really brings the older generations out to celebrate and catch up with old friends. The Ethnic Fest not only had cultural music, but also had versatile food. Some of the food offered included pierogies, kielbasa, kettle corn, and food trucks. These foods were mostly Polish and artisanal, and showcased the ethnic variety of the festival.

With all of the offerings at the Ethnic Fest, it's usually a good time for visitors of all ages. Lots of people came out for it and it ended up with a great turn out. The Ethnic Festival of Cambria City is a staple of Johnstown and celebrates the people in our community.

MTV Video Music Awards 2024

By Lindsay Knieriem

The MTV Video Music Awards or the VMAs is an award show presented by the cable channel MTV to honor the best in the music video medium. This year's VMAs was on September 11. VMAs are a whitelist event, limited to celebrities with certain factors and nominations. MTV is always able to bring in a huge crowd with this award show, as the nation watches their favorite artists on screen, along with watching many of these talented artists

Artist of the Month



Art is a very meaningful and important subject to incorporate into life. People are able to use art to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas into their own creations whether that's through a painting or even music. Art comes into many forms and for the month of September, Conemaugh Township's artist of the month is Marly Teeter.

Marly is from Johnstown and lives with her parents, John and Renee Teeter. Marly is a senior this school year. She is currently taking her second year of art to remain in touch with the creative side of herself. Her favorite art style and one she finds herself doing often is doodling. Marly chose to put herself into art classes because she was inspired by paintings she saw that she could interpret into different meanings. She plans to attend college for journalism as being creative is her way of life.

Congratulations on being the artist of the month, Marly! If you see Marly, be sure to congratulate her for her major achievement. Hopefully Marly's creativity and love for art will convince you to express yourself and give art a chance.

Musician of the Month



Heath Moser is the musician of the month for September. Heath, a senior at Conemaugh Township, is the son of Nicole and Andrew Moser. He lives with both his parents in Davidsville, PA. Heath has been an active member of the marching band and has contributed for many years.

In the band, Heath's chosen instrument is the drum set and the marching snare drum. A snare drum can be a really fun instrument to play and can also give you a good learning ability. Heath has played in many different shows over the years. Some of these include: *Good for the Soul*, *Marching Down Bourbon Street*, *The Heist*, *Dancing in the Street*, *Ultimate Quest*, and *As Seen on TV*. Heath also has made lots of different accomplishments throughout his band and chorus career which include district chorus, being selected for county band percussion ensemble, and selected for county chorus.

As Heath continues through his senior year, he does have plans for after graduation. After leaving high school, he plans on attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He wants to focus on History and Museum Studies. After this school year and leaving everything from the band behind, Heath used this quote from Mrs. Grove to capture the memories: "Play the airness!" Congratulations, Heath!

perform.

We all know and love Taylor Swift for serving us with over a decade of hits, ranging from her early career country era to her modern and well-loved pop songs. She once again swept the floor and won seven VMAs this year, leaving her with a total of thirty awards in her career, tying with Beyonce. Swift won in categories including, Video of the Year and Artist of the Year, this being the second year in a row she has taken these titles home.

“Your favorite artist’s favorite artist,” also known as the all known and loved Chappell Roan, won the title of Best New Artist. Roan really has proved herself as everyone’s favorite artist, hitting the charts numerous times in the past months with *Casual*, *HOTTOGO*, *Pink Pony Club*, and *Good Luck Babe*, which she got to perform at the VMAs. Lastly, the 21st century’s “Polly Pocket popstar,” Sabrina Carpenter won *Top Song* for her single *Espresso*. Carpenter dominated the summer; her music being heard all over the radio and throughout every social media platform.

Billionaire Island

By Kaydence Forish

Are you looking for a new tv show to get caught up in? Well, Netflix just released the first season of *Billionaire Island*. Does the title grab your attention? If so, keep reading to learn more about the show and story behind it.

Billionaire Island focuses on two families along a small coastal community in Norway that are competing against one another within the global salmon industry. The first season has been released on Netflix with six episodes. Reviews say about how great the cinematography is in the show, making it a worthwhile watch. After people found out that this show isn’t a reality show, unfortunately, they went in with low expectations, but were proven wrong after the show had such a grasp on them.

If you’re looking for something to occupy your time inside as the weather gets colder, take the jump into *Billionaire Island* and give it a shot. The cinematography and plot won’t disappoint you.

Kendrick Lamar’s Latest

By Marly Teeter

Kendrick Lamar has been quiet about the situation of him and Drake since the drop of the successful “Not Like Us” single. It quickly became one of Kendrick’s most popular hits to date, charting No.1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in May. There hasn’t been much to say about him and Drake’s feud over the summer, but now he announced that he’s releasing a new song, “Watch the Party Die.”

On Kendrick’s Instagram, he released the song in a clip. He referenced other rappers in the song like Lecrae, Terrace Martin, and DJ Akademiks. The reference was “The radio personality pushing propaganda for salary / Let me know when they turn up as a casualty.” The clip of the song also hinted at Drake and Kendrick’s “beef” possibly not being completely over. “Just walked that man down, that’ll do everyone a solid / It’s love but tough love, sometimes you gotta result in violence.” So will the new song reignite the issue between Drake and Kendrick more, or will Drake back down after it?

The song will also be performed at the Apple Music Super Bowl LIX Halftime show in 2025. It will be his second time performing in one, after Dr. Dre’s in 2022. Lamar stated, “Rap music is still the most impactful genre to date, And I’ll be there to remind the world why. They got the right one.”

Top 10 Best Fall Movies

By Lindsay Knieriem

Everyone loves the fall season and all that it offers. Whether it’s Friday night lights, pumpkin spice lattes, or the chilly weather, fall brings joy to almost everyone. Movies and theater are also great ways to enjoy the time of year. Year after year, many of the same movies are rewatched and have reached popularity as a key component to the fall season. Here’s a list of the Top 10 movies to watch during the fall season while surrounded by the smell of pumpkin and enjoying the sight of the falling leaves:

1. *Hocus Pocus*
2. *Hubie Halloween*
3. *Coco*
4. *The Addams Family*
5. *It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*
6. *Beetlejuice*
7. *Halloweentown*
8. *Casper*
9. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
10. *Nightmare on Elm Street*

Monkey Pox Virus

By Grayson Kusher

Most people have heard of the infectious virus called Monkeypox, but few know that it is still around and changing to this day. A recent article from the World Health Organization has been published disclosing the recent changes in the situation. The original strain has continued to adapt and in 2022 a strain known as clade II began in Africa and still plagues its countries, however recently this strain has been identified outside of Africa and people are worried for the future with us just coming out of a global pandemic.

In the article, written by the editors of the World Health Organization, they state that this virus can be spread through physically touching someone, breathing in close proximity to someone, or touching something that has been infected by someone with the virus. In addition, this plague also affects animals and by extension humans through eating or being bitten by an infected animal. In the article, “Mpox”, by the World Health Organization, the text states, “Mpox causes signs and symptoms which usually begin within a week but can start 1–21 days after exposure. Symptoms typically last 2–4 weeks but may last longer in someone with a weakened immune system.” The symptoms of this plague are: rash, fever, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, and swollen lymph nodes.

The most important thing to take from this article is that if you experience any of these symptoms and have visited a country in Africa or its surrounding areas recently, then please make contact with anyone unless necessary. If needed, contact a healthcare professional and schedule an appointment to help you get to full condition.

Starline Spacecraft

By Grayson Kusher

NASA has decided to bring back the Starline Spacecraft back to Earth to continue testing for data. They chose to bring back the spacecraft without its crew members in order to reduce any unnecessary risks. Astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore are now staying on the International Space Station to continue their research.

The spacecraft has previously been dealing with helium leaks and problems with its reaction control thrusters. NASA and Boeing stated in the article on NASA’s website that, “Spaceflight is risky, even at its safest and most routine. A test

flight, by nature, is neither safe, nor routine. The decision to keep Butch and Suni aboard the International Space Station and bring Boeing’s Starliner home uncrewed is the result of our commitment to safety, our core value and our North Star.” Their engineering teams have been working to figure out if the space station would be up to date with all its safety precautions before the spacecraft was supposed to leave, but it does not fit the agency’s safety and performance requirements for human spaceflight.

You might be wondering, what will the astronauts do now that they won’t be returning home on the Starliner Spacecraft? Williams and Wilmore were promoted to Expedition 71/72 to continue their research and will be able to return back to Earth on a Dragon spacecraft with two other crew members that are a part of the SpaceX Crew 9. They will be kept busy in the meantime doing activities and collecting more data aboard the International Space Station.

Biden Dropped Out, Harris Stepped In

By Hannah James

Democratic nominee President Biden dropped out of the 2024 presidential election. He then endorsed his vice president, Kamala Harris. Many democrats have openly spoken about backing up Harris in the future election. Others, like former President Barack Obama, have congratulated President Biden on all that he’s done as president, but have expressed some concerns about Harris. Although Harris has been the main new Democratic nominee, there is still room for others to express desire for a new contender.

President Biden had previously won the votes of democratic delegates by a landslide back in March, meaning that he could not have been forced out of his position. According to CBS NEWS, Biden said “he stepped down in the ‘best interest.’ of the Democratic Party and the country.” After the debate, his supporters became concerned about his ability to properly run a country. It’s now up to the democratic delegates to decide who to replace Biden with. Because Biden endorsed Harris, it’s unlikely that anyone who was strong competition will try to run against her in the 2024 presidential election.

Ultimately, despite everything that has come Biden’s way in these past four years, many argue that he has persevered. He will be finishing his term, which ends in January. Many of his supporters are confident in his endorsement towards Harris and trust his judgment on stepping out of the election.



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October 4.....	Homecoming Football Game @7
October 11.....	2 Hour Early Dismissal
October 14.....	Teacher In-service
October 20.....	Act 80 Early Dismissal 12:00 Middle/High School 12:30 Elementary
October 28.....	End of Nine Weeks
October 31.....	Halloween

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