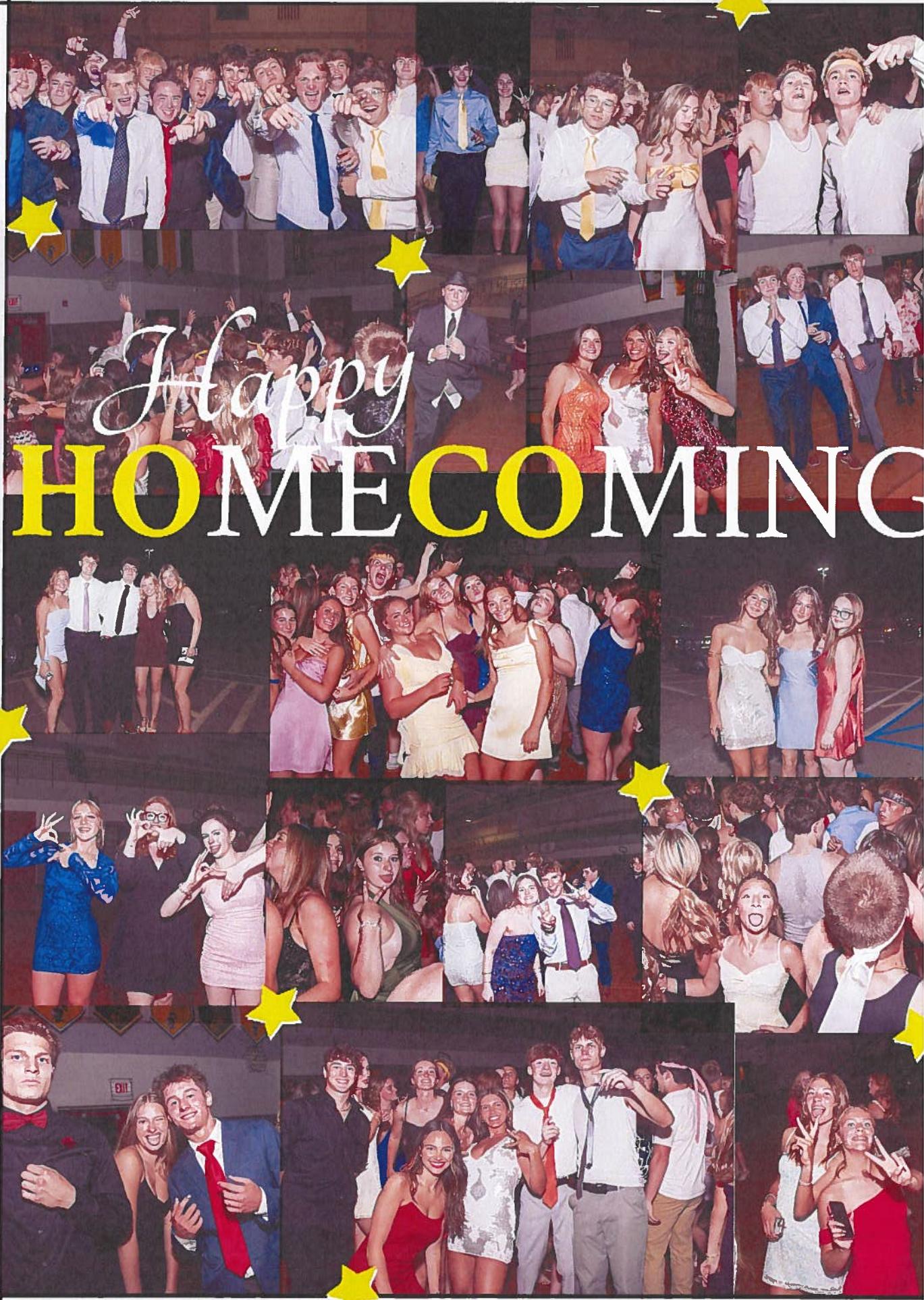


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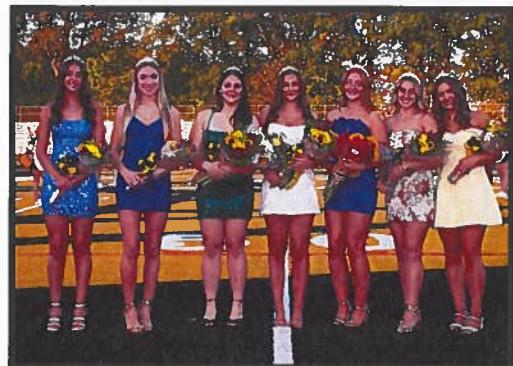
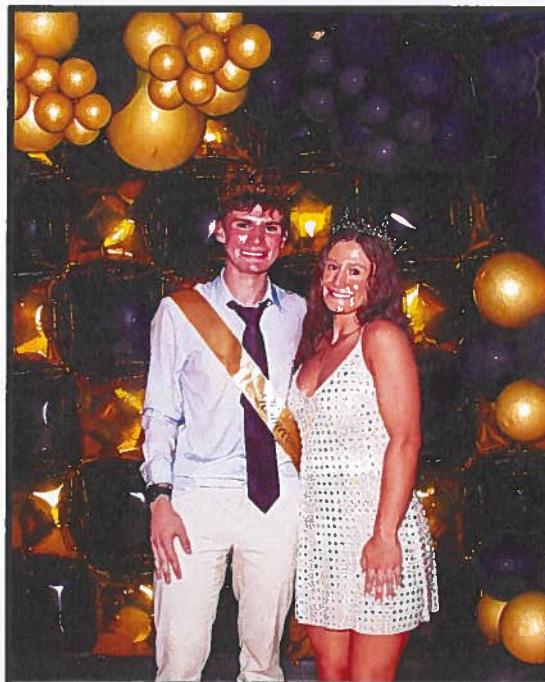
Homecoming week at the double L began with the Homecoming assembly on Tuesday. The event included the introduction of this year's court: queens court included Hayley Makarewicz, Gracie James, Cameron Janick, Adyson Perlis, Finley Norconk, Kaitlyn Marx, and Emmy Norconk, while the kings court included Jake Evans, Von Voelker, Stephen Martin, Bobby Gregor, Andrew Chapple, and Chris Yetter. The court members walked out as bios were read, cheerleaders danced, and peers applauded. The rain didn't stop the festivities on Thursday as Meet the Players Night was moved inside. The bonfire followed as the band played and students socialized with the burning fire behind them. The week continued with the football game on Friday evening. The game started off with a bang; Adyson Perlis was announced as the 2025 Homecoming Queen. The student section theme was "We Run This Beach". Fittingly enough the Knights ran home with a victory against Nanticoke, 42-0. The 1920's themed Homecoming Dance was filled with laughter, dancing, and fun the next night. The cloudy Saturday made for some great dancing weather. The final festivity was the announcement of the Homecoming King, Stephen Martin, at the end of the dance. No one does Homecoming quite like Lehman!



Editorial

Colby McDonald, 8th Grade

With the start of our new school year, festivities and celebrations come along. One of which is the homecoming pep rally and football game. Many of the students here at Lake-Lehman just think of it as a fun night where we stay up late at a bonfire or a football game and enjoy the last parts of summer. But, do students really know what the true meaning of homecoming is? By definition, homecoming is an annual event for current and former students of a high school, college or university typically featuring a football game and dance" (Oxford Languages). Synonyms include reunion, and coming back. Homecoming is an important celebration in which students come together and become united as one. Former students are welcomed back on their campuses. Since this event brings students together and recognizes our athletes, why do we not celebrate this in the spring and winter seasons? Although I believe Lehman does an exceptional job in honoring and representing our students, I think we should have homecoming in the spring and winter to honor the students that participate in sports that may not feel as recognized as others. A way that we as a school can do this is to get freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to organize different types of homecoming events throughout all of the seasons. Funds will be made by selling items like hot chocolate and pizza during the three different seasonal homecoming pep rallies. More pep rallies and all-grade events can be beneficial to everyone this school year, and what better way than a homecoming celebration to do this. Winter and spring athletes are often feeling left out during the uniting of our fellow knights. Overall, I think that this idea to give students more recognition is a needed event that we can all help to make real.



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FIELD HOCKEY *District 2 A* CHAMPIONS

Led by seniors Olivia Oliver, Gracie James and Addy Perlis, Lake-Lehman will began the road to states by playing Tunkhannock on Tuesday Oct 21 and Thursday Oct 24 versus Lackawanna Trail. By capturing the second seed, the Knights secured home field advantage, winning both games. Key players this season include Goalkeepers Gigi Kirkutis and Gabriella Palmioli, who combined for a shut out recently in a win against rival Dallas. Freshmen are playing a huge role in this year's team led by Lucia DeCesaris, Reese Jenkins, and Sophia Sparacio. Alexis Thompson, Sara Womach, Kate Hynick and Gianna DeCesaris all add to the team's assists and goals along with Oliver, Perlis, and James. Lake-Lehman was eager to avenge their overtime loss to Wyoming Area in the 2024 District 2 Class A Championship.

According to Maxpreps, "The latest District 2 Coaches Poll ranks Lake-Lehman as a legitimate contender, further solidifying their potential for a deep playoff run." This prediction became reality on October 29 when the Lady Knights defeated reigning champions Wyoming Area for the district gold. The final score was 2-1 with goals by Gracie James and Gianna DeCesaris. The ladies will now move into the state brackets facing harder challenges they will fight to overcome. Congratulations champions!

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This year was the 79th annual “Old Shoe” game, however the game has a more complex history than meets the eye. In 1948, head coach of Kingston High School Ted Zella, selected a shoe at random after practices. The shoe that was selected is said to be the cleat of the late Dean Johnson’s cleat; however no one could be sure.

Another account tells of a former Dallas High School teacher and principal, who stopped to see Dallas coach Robert Dolbear in search of a shoe. They went to his basement and threw all his old shoes in a pile. They picked one out, and had it bronzed. On the day of the old shoe game in 2020, Robert Dolbear passed away ironically.

That is how we got the trophy we use today. In the early years, the Old Shoe Trophy was awarded to the top high school football team in the Back Mountain among Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Lehman Township, and Westmoreland. The winning team was awarded a dinner provided by the Dallas Rotary. The losing coaches were also invited to give speeches. Through the years of consolidation, since the 1960’s the tradition evolved into the Dallas/Lake-Lehman Old Shoe Rivalry Game often played as the regular-season finale.

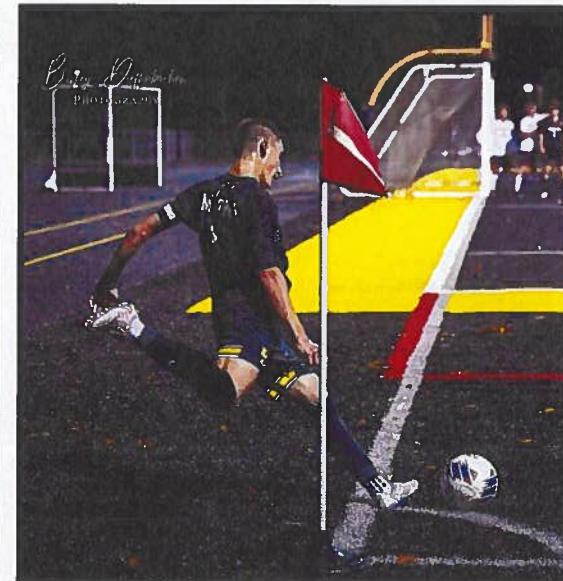
The last time Lake-Lehman won the show was in 2020. Black Knights won 42-0



BOYS SOCCER *District 2 AA* CHAMPIONS



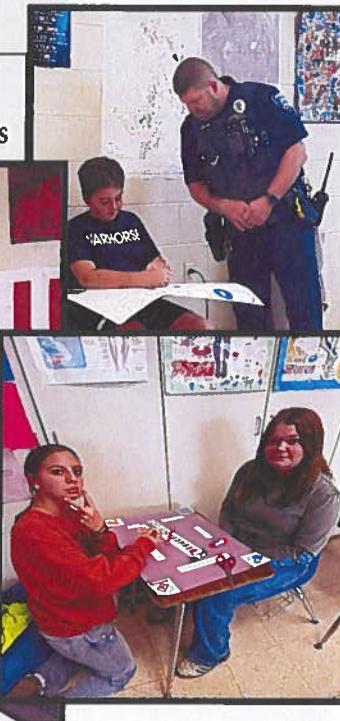
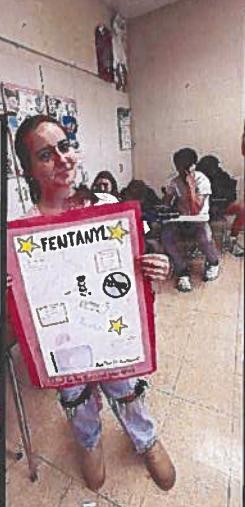
On Thursday, October 30, 2025, the Lake-Lehman Boys Soccer team won their first district championship title since 1998. The Knights beat out Tunkhannock 1-0. The only goal was scored by captain Andrew Mathes off of a corner kick. Shoutout to goalie Andrew Chapple for saving an intense 2nd half penalty kick with only 2 minutes left in the game. Congratulations Knights, next, onto states.



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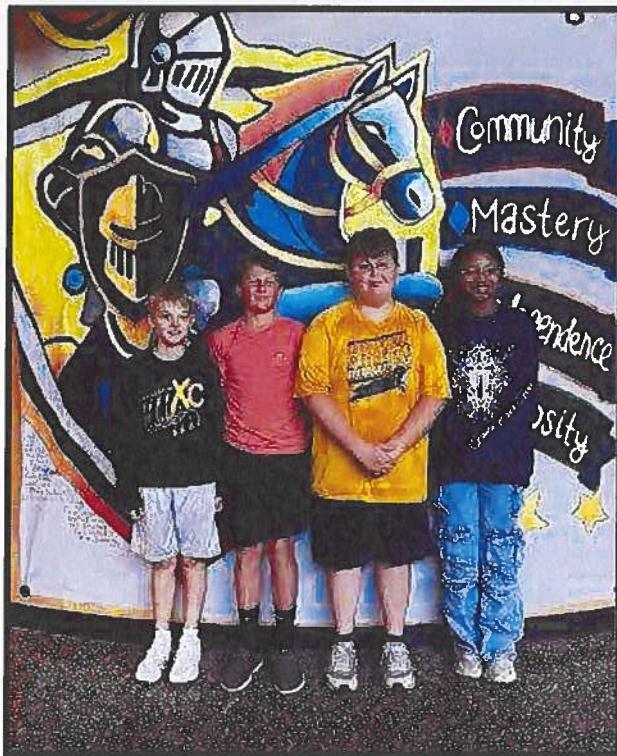


Mr. Hynick's
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Cafeteria Serves Up Scares





Class Officers

Campbell Yanuzzi, Freshman

On Friday, September 19, grades 7 and 8 gave their class officer speeches. In 7th grade, the president is **Noah Steele**, the vice presidents are **Alex Ward** and **Giuliana Wojtowicz**, the treasurer is **Paul Matresilva**, and the secretary is **Juliana Pockevich**. In 8th grade, the president is **Macie Sell**, the vice president is **Edward Kyttle**, the Treasurer is **Mackenzie Okane**, and the secretary is **Colby McDonald**. In addition, Macie Sell is the first female class president since Lucy Honeywell in the 2023-2024 school year!

On Wednesday, October 1, grades 9-12 presented their class officer speeches. In 9th grade, the President is **Cole Kashatus**, the Vice President is **Campbell Yanuzzi**, the Treasurer is **Sophia Tomasino**, and the Secretary is **Angelo Sicurella**. In 10th grade, the President is **Lucas Conte**, the Vice President is **Brynna Park**, the Treasurer is **Dylan Heinrich**, and the Secretary is **Aubriella Wojnarski**. In 11th grade, the President is **Anthony Magnotta**, the Vice President is **Grafton Yanuzzi**, the Treasurer is **Betsy DiGiovanni**, and the Secretary is **Sara Womach**. In 12th grade, we had the first-ever 50/50 tie in Lake-Lehman history for President! The Presidents are **Stephen Martin** and **Logan Hasset**, the Vice President is **Olivia Corcoran**, the Treasurer is **Hailey Bond**, and the Secretary is **Sarah Walp**.

It's not an easy thing to write a speech and read it to your whole class. Running for a class officer position is hard, too. Awesome job to those who ran, and congratulations to those who won! Lake-Lehman is so proud of you!

Bon Appetit Cookie Challenge

Tis the Season for Pumpkin

Mrs Reno-Gromniak's students created a taste of the season, iced pumpkin cookies. Teachers judged the cookies on appearance, aroma, flavor, texture and composition. The judges included Mrs. Knepper, Mr. Novorocki, Mr. Yankoski and Mrs. Honeywell. The final result was cookie #2 made by the team of Hailey Wallace, John Weaver, and Lilia Doughton. Judges stated, "the cookie had a nice balance of dough to icing. It was aromatic and easy to love this cookie." Another faculty judge said, "cookie number 2 was soft, light and evenly baked. Mrs. Honeywell stated in remarks, "This was a difficult decision. Both cookies would be perfect on a Thanksgiving dessert table. Mrs Reno-Gromniak graciously shares the winning recipe below--ENJOY!

Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice, plus extra for sprinkling
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 1/4 cups canned pumpkin puree
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Cream Cheese Frosting
8 ounces (1 brick) low-fat cream cheese, room temperature
3 tablespoons butter, room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice, and salt until combined. Set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream together the butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar on medium-high speed for 1 minute until light and fluffy. Add in the pumpkin, egg, and vanilla to butter mixture, and beat on medium-speed until just combined. Fold in the dry ingredients until just combined.

Drop on cookie sheet by heaping tablespoonfuls (I like to use this cookie scoop), then use your fingers or a spoon to flatten them slightly. (These cookies tend to poof up slightly rather than flatten during baking, so shape them beforehand however you'd like. They won't rise much.)

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the cookies are cooked through and bounce back slightly if you touch them.

Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool until they reach room temperature. Then frost or drizzle with cream cheese frosting, and sprinkle with an extra pinch of pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon if you'd like. Refrigerate in a sealed container for up to 3 days.

To Make Cream Cheese Frosting: with an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla together on medium-high speed until smooth. Gradually add in the powdered sugar until it is all combined and the frosting is smooth. If it is too thick, add in a tablespoon or two of milk (or water) until it reaches your desired consistency. If it is too thin, add in more powdered sugar until it reaches your desired consistency.

MOCK TRIAL



Tips and Trips for Junior High

Addyson Burkle, 7th grade

On Monday, October 6, 2025, the Junior High 7th and 8th grade took a field trip to the Kirby Center. The show they went to see was, "How to Survive Middle School". The message of the show was "Let the light inside you show" which means be who you are and don't let others change you. The show was directed by Robert Post and it demonstrated some true life lessons from Robert from himself talking about past experiences from when he was in middle school.

Robert Post stated that he would have never imagined himself on stage performing if you were to tell him when he was little. He stated that "Anything is possible and to be your true authentic self."

After the show ended the students took a trip to the Jackson Township Recreation Park once they got there they ate their lunch which they had to pack or was able to get dropped off at the park. They had a lot of fun at the park after the show. They were able to either sit down at one of the pavilions or they were able to sit in the grass or a bench. Students were able to play or just sit in the shade and talk with their friends. Some of the students also checked out a new smaller playground at the park which was just added in recent years. Thank you to our junior high teachers for planning this experience for us.



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E Pluribus Unum

The Luzerne Intermediate Unit and the Luzerne County Courthouse Judges partnered with local schools to celebrate Constitution Day. Observed on September 17, Constitution Day commemorates the signing of the US Constitution by the Delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

The Student Prompt: In 500 words or less, explain what E Pluribus Unum-- Out of many -we are one! means in the context of America's history and today's society. Essays should address why unity is important in a country made up of many different states and people. Use examples from history, current events, or your own experiences to support your ideas.

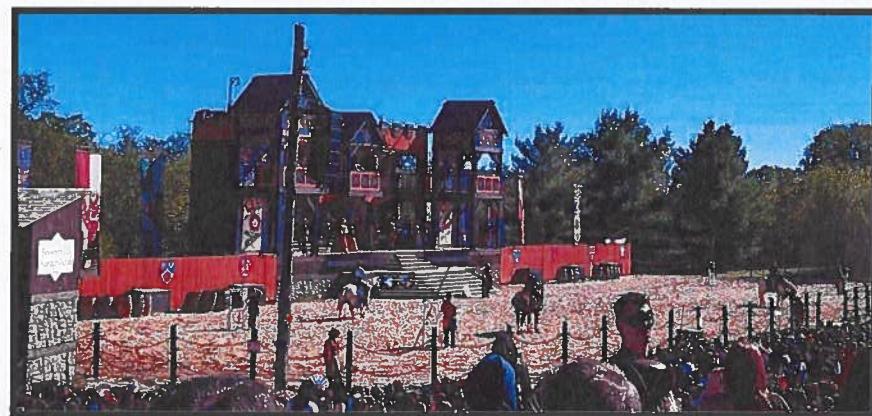
In the senior high, the **overall 1st place winner** in grades 9-12 was **Cadence Rindock Grade 12** a student in **Mrs Comstock's Language Arts 12 Class**. In the junior high division grades 6-8, **Juliana Pockevich Grade 7** was selected the **second place overall winner**, a student in **Mrs Honeywell's Language Arts 7 honors class**. Both students were honored at ceremony at the Luzerne County Courthouse with awards and a tour of the Luzerne County Courthouse by local historian Tony Brooks.



Renaissance Faire Fun

Madisyn Cox, Sophomore

Some of the sophomores, along with 4 chaperones, went on a trip to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. The 4 chaperones were Mrs. Ruddy, Mrs. Judge, Mrs. Kleyman, and Mrs. Goble. Mrs. Ruddy organizes the trip. We went on October 9, 2021. The weather was amazing compared to previous years. Some teachers said that it almost always manages to rain on the day the trip is scheduled; however, this year it was sunny and warm. The Renaissance Era is a period of time that followed the Middle Ages. The Renaissance correlates with the tales the Honors ELA 10 class was reading because it is the era that takes place after the period of time our tales take place in. The tales we read are *The Canterbury Tales* and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, both of which take place in the Middle Ages. The Renaissance Era was also considered the era of "rebirth"; recurring symbolism in both tales demonstrates the idea of rebirth. There were many events and shops to go to at the Renaissance Faire. At the end, there was a joust and a finale. There were shops where you could get clothing, jewelry, and other interesting items. The food was good, and my group did not have to wait very long in line. It was interesting and fun to see all the stands, shows, and people dressed up. I definitely recommend going to the Renaissance Faire.



Interact Club Continues Mission

This year club officers are:

President - Stephen Martin

Vice President - Olivia Corcoran

Secretary - Brianna Wright

Treasurer - Kaitlyn Marx

Publicity Officer - Olivia Oliver

So far we have organized a club fair in September to generate interest in our club and in other clubs that Lake-Lehman has to offer. We are currently holding a sock drive for SOCKTOBER. All socks will be donated to Ruth's Place for homeless individuals.

We held our first fundraiser on Friday which was super successful. A cookie bake sale, and with the money raised, we are going to purchase even more socks for Socktober.

Next Friday, we will be at the Old Shoe Game with our table for our sock collection "Sock it to Dallas", and the Rotary with "THE SHOE". Finally, we participated in a community

Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 27, 5-7 P.M. at Red's Pizza for kids in the area.

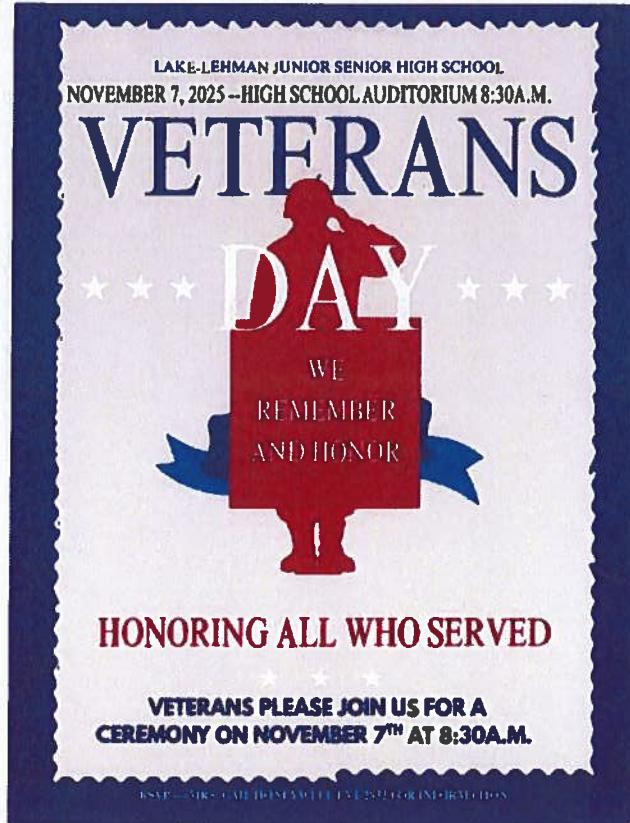


Key Club Continues to Serve

On Wednesday, October 29, Key Club held a sale of "Shirley Temple" drinks (\$1) or float (\$2) in benefit of raising money for a cancer research/supportive local organization for the month of October. To stay on with the "pink" theme, instead of selling baked goods the club prepared "shirley temples" (sprite, + cherry juice). These were sold for \$1, but students also purchased a "shirley temple float" (sprite, cherry juice, + vanilla ice cream) for \$2.



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EDITOR IN CHIEF - Stephen Martin
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Saturday, November 15, 2025

1:00 pm

(Doors Open at Noon)
Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School Gym
Old Route 115, Lehman

Tickets: \$25 (in advance)
\$30 (at the door)

(Advance Ticket Sale deadline is November 3rd)

Lake-Lehman Last Knight \$100 Visa Gift Card Bingo tickets cost \$25/advanced ticket.
Please make checks payable to Lake-Lehman Last Knight, 1128 Old Route 115, Lehman PA 18622.
Must be 18 to purchase.

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The Lake-Lehman Senior Class thanks VGI for your support!!!

