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Mr. Knight 2026: Sparking New Memories for the Graduating Class Stephen Martin, Senior

This year's Mr. Knight pageant was one for the books. The competition featured 8 contestants—Andrew Chapple, Andrew Morris, Logan Hassett, Stephen Martin, Greyson Dieffenbacher, Von Voelker, Nate Johnston, and Chris Yetter—who each were given the opportunity to strut their stuff throughout the 6 events of the assembly: Introductions, Formal Wear, Cupid Interview, Beachwear, Talent Portion, and the Final Questioning.

In the introductions, Chris Yetter made a bold move to pull ahead of the competition—Chris was rolled down the aisles of the auditorium in *Aladdin*-themed garb by his escorts. In the formal wear portion, he struck another unique move by handing the judges a rose using his teeth on all fours giving himself a quick advantage on the competition. Another striking move was seen from contestant Andrew Morris as he wore a bright orange dress as his formal wear outfit; the stance is not only bold, but also a deeper commentary on gender norms and the patriarchy.

The Interview portion was another interesting turnout; out of all events that day, contestants claimed this was the most difficult. The likes of Andrew Chapple, Nate Johnston, and Stephen Martin seemed to thrive in this quick witted environment, making their leaps toward the leaderboard. The Beachwear portion was met with quite generic outfits from all contestants except Von and Chris who flopped down the runway in scuba gear leaving a whimsical mark on the event.



The Talent Show, however, is where Mr. Knight was truly crowned. Andrew Chapple, Stephen Martin, Greyson Dieffenbacher, and Andrew Morris provided touching storytelling in their synchronized swimming performance. The movement highlighted notable themes of death and the afterlife, while also providing political commentary, remarks on true artistry, and a brief satirization of the pageant as a whole underneath stunning choreography. Logan Hasset danced, Chris Yetter kicked butt in a karate routine, and Von Voelker made an impeccable *Napoleon Dynamite* reference, yet true stardom was only seen in one—Nate Johnston. As soon as his guitar strings were plucked and his voice radiated over the auditorium speakers singing “Champagne Supernova,” the judges, contestants, and audience knew who Mr. Knight would be. The performance, and its encore “Wonderwall,” were met with thunderous applause, tears, flashlights, and a standing ovation.

The Final Interview didn’t even matter; Mr. Knight was already crowned. Second Runner-Up, Chris Yetter, and First Runner-Up, Stephen Martin, fell quickly in comparison to the 2026 Mr. Knight, Nate Johnston as he took his throne. As Nate, or “Derek,” looks after of the Lake-Lehman High School during his reign, it’s important to remember his unwavering talent and fantastic characteristics that make him a true representation of all a Lake-Lehman man should be.

Scream 7

A Movie Review

Sawyer Walsh, Freshman

Do you like scary movies? What's your favorite scary movie? The new *Scream 7* was released in theaters on February 27, 2026. *Scream 7* already has a Record-Breaking Debut. It achieved the best opening of 2026 so far and the highest for the franchise. The biggest reason it got popular so fast was the return of Neve Campbell and the presence of the original cast members. There were six returning stars from the previous movies. Starring: Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette, Jasmin Savoy Brown, Mason Gooding, and Roger L. Jackson. The first original *Scream* movie premiered on December 18, 1996, in Los Angeles and was released nationwide in the United States on December 20, 1996. *Scream 7* revolves around Sidney Prescott and her teenage daughter, Tatum, as they are targeted by a new Ghostface in their quiet new home of Pine Grove, Indiana. With new plot twists and turns for *Scream 7*, it is mostly based around Sydney's daughter, Tatum, and her friends as they try to escape the new Ghostface; as she follows after her moms legacy. I would recommend this movie series to anyone who loves suspense. Go watch this in theaters before it's too late!

Attention Seniors

Senior pictures and bios were DUE to simkow@llsd.org

Pictures should be in portrait layout (vertical).

Answer the following for your high-school bio.

Nickname

Quote

Activities

Favorite Memories

Future plans

An Interview with Mrs. Strouse

Q: "What college did you attend?"

Campbell Yanuzzi, Sophomore

A: "I attended Marywood University and Eastern University."

Q: "What inspired you to become a teacher?"

A: "I've had so many good teachers in the past, like Mrs. Hasinus. Throughout college, I originally had a different career and knew it wasn't for me. I realized that I was longing to become a teacher, so I made that switch."

Q: "What is your favorite topic in biology?"

A: "Genetics."

Q: "Where and what grade is your ideal teaching job?"

A: "Any grades from 9-12 and hopefully at Lehman, but anywhere would be good."

Fun ones:

Q: "Square or triangle pizza?"

A: "Triangle"

Q: "Iced or hot coffee?"

A: "I do not drink coffee :)"

Q: "Beach or mountains?"

A: "Beach"

Q: "Summer or winter?"

A: "Summer"

Q: "Cats or dogs?"

A: "Dogs, specifically golden retrievers."



WYOMING VALLEY POETRY SOCIETY

CONTEST DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS APRIL 28, 2026

The Wyoming Valley Poetry Society is now accepting entries for our annual Student Poetry Contest, held in conjunction with the Fine Arts Fiesta in Wilkes-Barre. The contest is open to students from Grades 1 -12 from throughout NEPA. Poems may be rhymed or free verse, not to exceed 32 lines, and must be original, unpublished works created by the student. Entries may be submitted on 8x11 inch white paper and typed or neatly written.

The poetry will be judged in the following age groups: Primary- Grades 1-3; Intermediate-Grades 4-6; Junior- Grades 7-9 and Young Adult-Grades 10-12. Winners will be notified to show up at the Fine Arts Fiesta on Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, on Sunday, May 17 at 10:15am for a group photo for the newspaper and social media.

All winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing and are invited to read the poems on stage at the Fine Arts Fiesta, on Sunday, May 17 after the group picture 10:00 AM.

All entries should include the student's name, grade, school, hometown, phone number, and teacher's name. Poems may be mailed to WVPS C/o McDermott & McDermott RE, Inc.

142 N Main Street, 1st Floor, Shavertown, PA, 18708 OR email to:

Wyomingvalleypoetrysociety@gmail.com

Contact Tracy McDermott, Director at 570-696-2468 BUS or 570-332-8764 CELL with questions or concerns.

Obituary

Rex (Gwon)

Rex crossed the rainbow bridge on Wednesday March 11, 2026. He was pronounced dead at 8:00 A.M. in his tank by his original owner, Miss Ruiz.

He was gifted to Mr Kalinay in the 2021-2022 school year by Yuisa Ruiz. He was a Banana-Pectinata species of Iguana.

He enjoyed lettuce. He liked being on people's shoulders. He liked being out on his sticks for leisure time. He enjoyed a good sleep.

Students enjoyed feeding him and loved holding him and touring the building on shoulder.

He was appropriately 13 years old. He will be buried in a pet cemetery.

Services will be held at the convenience of the classroom.



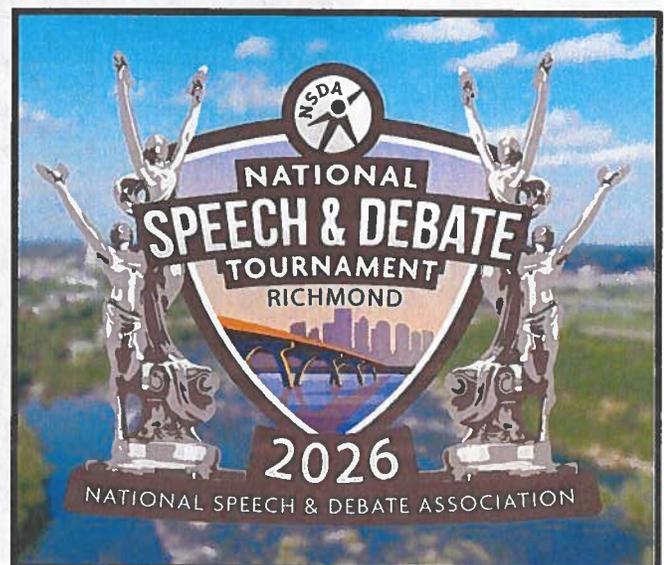
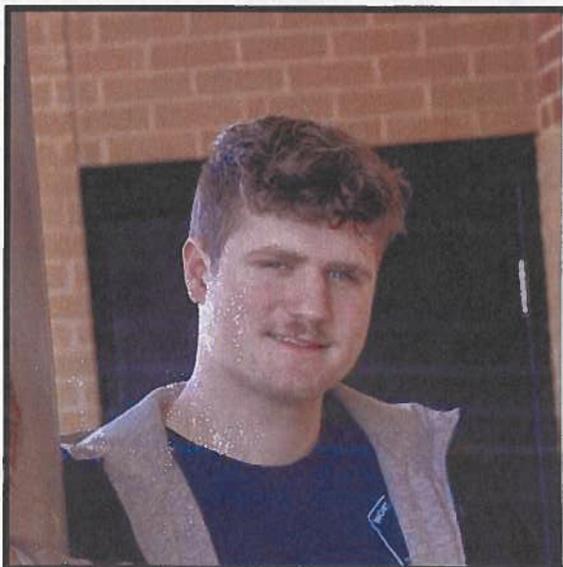
Figura Fighting Fire Legislation in National Student Congress

Our speech and debate team has a repeat National Qualifier in Student Congress. Student Congress is a division of speech and debate where students take the role of congressional senators and representatives. Students are responsible for composing bills, setting legislative dockets, debating issues and voting on legislation. Ben Figura, a senior, placed in the top three at regional competition recently at Selinsgrove High School which is a national qualifier. Ben will spend Memorial Day weekend in our nation's capital in Washington D.C. with other students from throughout the United States. Over 2,000 students competed in the National competition in 2025.

Ben's legislation was on PFAS use for fighting high-intensity, fuel-based (Class B) fires. These persistent chemicals are utilized for their ability to create a vapor-sealing blanket, though they are linked to environmental contamination and serious health risks, including cancer. It is a personal issue for Ben because he is a volunteer firefighter at Back Mountain Regional.

In junior high division, Evie Reynolds will be competing at the first ever middle school competition being held online on March 27 and 28 with a possible live permanence in dramatic performance. She impressively memorized a 10 min solo script.

Katrina Joyce and Jason Field, have been advising the Speech and Debate team for 3 years and have had 2 national qualifiers and 1 state finalist.



The PSU Property Proposal

Sawyer Walsh, Sophomore

Scott Walsh, who is one of our Lake-Lehman School Board Directors, spoke recently with Knightlife about the PSU campus that our district is interested in purchasing. The Lake-Lehman school district is interested in acquiring the PSU campus for the right price, which is yet unknown. Mr. Walsh said that some of the benefits of acquiring the property is the college campus itself, because a property built for education doesn't come up for sale every day conveniently located right across the street from our school. He stated that we would be irresponsible not to at least entertain the possibilities. The property could be used by our LL community by being able to expand programs and offerings all across our Lake-Lehman Community and intermediate unit 18 territory. Our school has heard rumors of other groups that are interested, however we are not sure. The PSU campus is set to close around mid to late 2027.

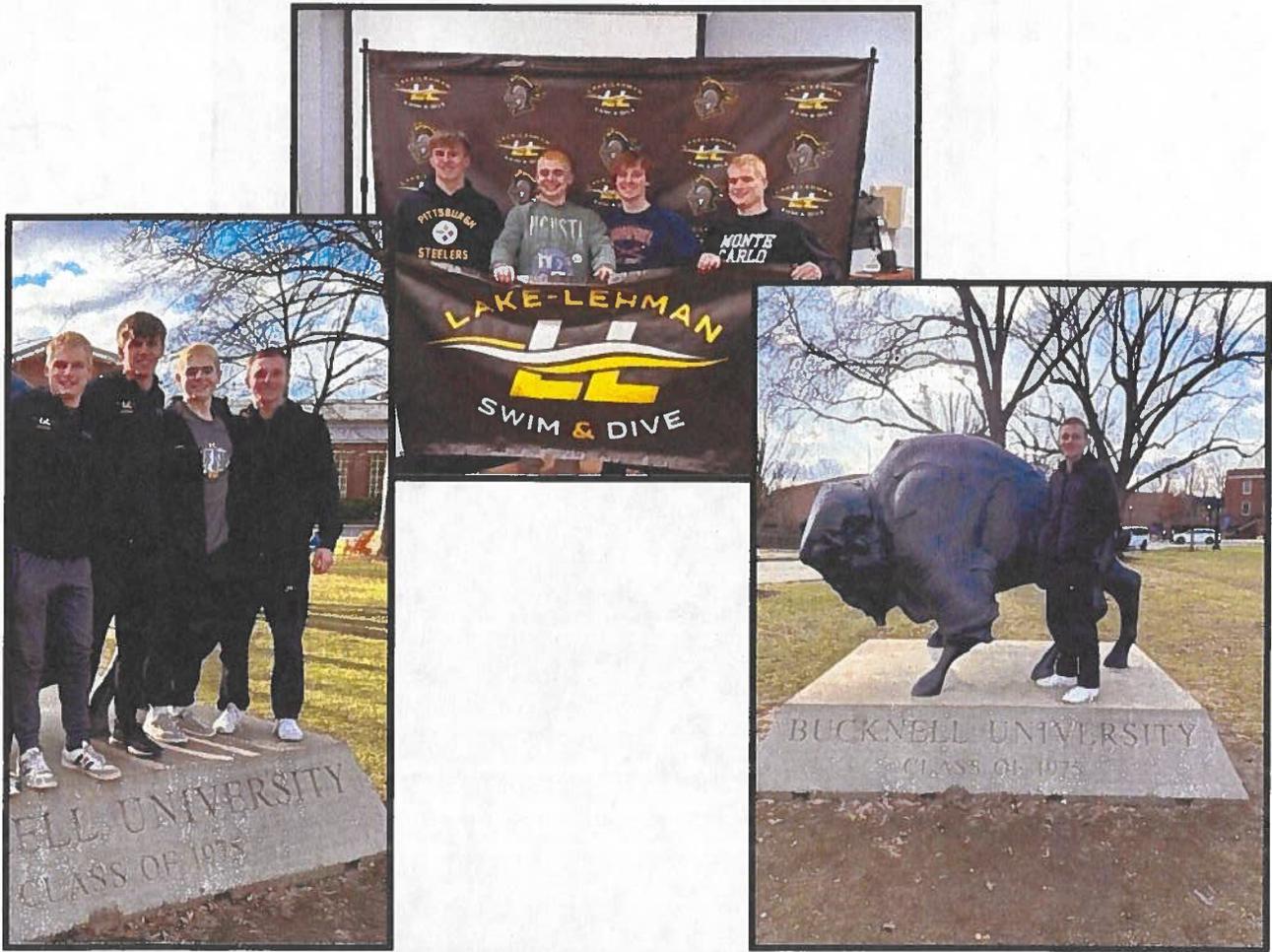


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Diving into Action

Kaitlyn Marx, Senior

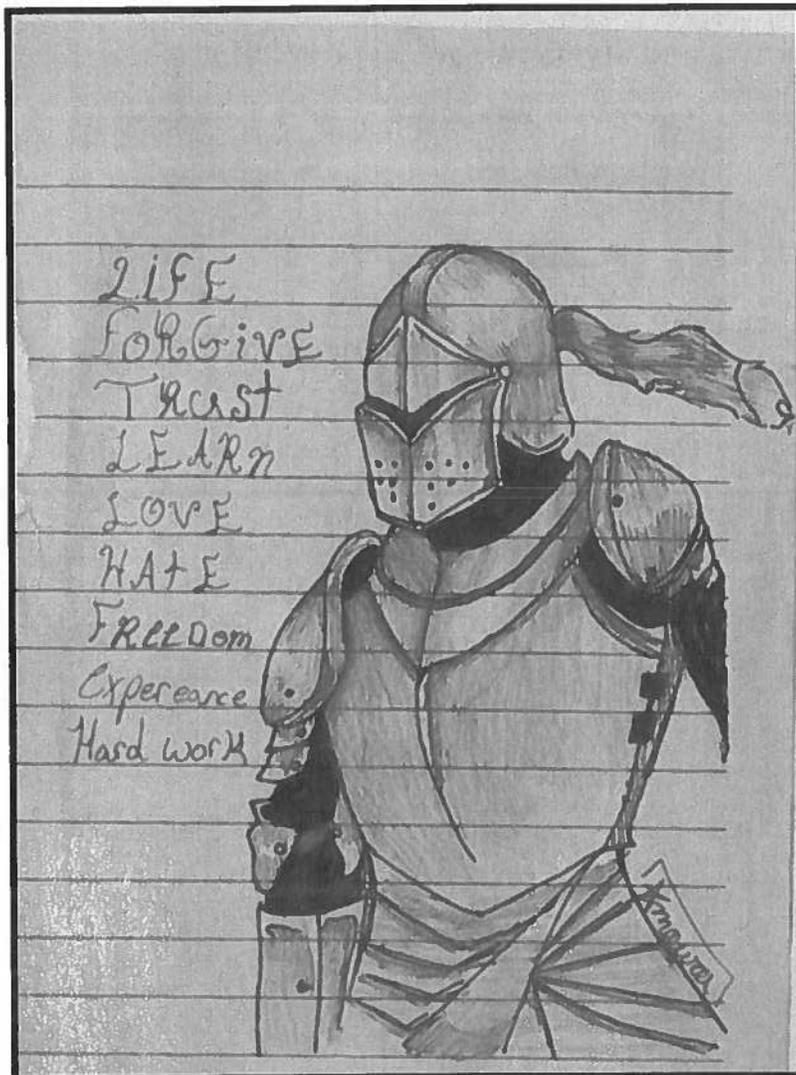
On March 13th and 14th, some of our LL swimmers competed in the PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships held at Bucknell University. Our swimming qualifiers included seniors Jack Kashatus, Aiden Gallagher, Andrew Morris, and Connor Runquist. These boys conquered the 200-meter freestyle relay, breaking the school record and taking 19th place in the state. Jack Kashatus had a strong start to this relay, breaking the 50-meter freestyle school record. Breaking yet another school record, the boys competed in the 4 by 100-meter freestyle relay, securing 21st place. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through, smashing so many records this season. Additionally, freshman Ryan Mcgurk represented the diving team at the state championship by diving right into 13th place. The competition was a great closing to the outstanding season. Congratulations to our swimmers and divers, we are so proud of you!



Lady Knights Shoot for the District Final

Campbell Yanuzzi, Freshman

On Friday, February 20th, at 7 PM, our Lake-Lehman Lady Knights took on Holy Redeemer for the District Semi-Finals. The game was played on Holy Redeemer's home court. It was a very intense game with many fouls, points, and good plays. When Lehman plays Redeemer in girls' basketball, it's always an exciting game to watch. We are evenly matched with Redeemer, and you'll never know who will win. Unfortunately, Lehman didn't take the cake this time, but all of the girls played very well! The final score was 44-61. Kinley Purdy was our leading scorer for the night with 17 points. Kathryn Morgan came through next with 14 points. Overall, the Lehman girls went 16-8 (6-3 in the Wyoming Valley Conference) and had a successful season. All of our seniors will be missed, and we can't wait to see the girls come back even stronger next year!



*Featured
Artist*

7TH GRADER
Amoura Ekas

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knightlife@llsd.org

Spring Sports ARE HERE

Stephen Martin, Senior

Spring sports have finally commenced at Lake-Lehman, ushering in a new season of triumph and grit that will carry student-athletes through the end of the school year.

The track team is already making strides toward a great season. Both teams defeated Northwest last Wednesday in a big victory. Coach John Sobocinski is currently focusing heavily on their next meet 4/7 against division rival, Wyoming Area. This next home meet will be a true test for this year's athletes, but will also be a celebration of this year's seniors. The meet starts at 4:15 in the stadium with the "Senior Knight" ceremony preceding.

The stick stays home—both of them. Both the boys and girls lacrosse teams defeated Dallas in the annual Pass the Stick games this year. Both teams are led by a strong group of captains dedicated to improving team standing in the post-season this year. The next girls game is this Wednesday, 4/1, at 4:15 against Holy Redeemer. One travel to Delaware Valley to catch the boys team on the same date at 5:30.

The softball and baseball teams have also been striking gold this season. The softball team has heavy focus on the post-season, as always, and are led by a strong group of seniors already committed to play collegiate ball. The girls will play home on Thursday 4/2 against St. Marys Area High School. The baseball team is also scheduled home on Thursday against Pittston Area. Boys starts at 4:15 and girls starts at 4:30.

In only their 2nd season, the boys tennis team is serving up a great season. Standout athletes Cole Kashatus and Mason Ronzka have been the team's starting doubles pair. The whole team will travel to Hazleton Area on Wednesday, 4/1, to fight for another match win.

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- ★ Discover Future Career Pathways

ARE YOU A LAKE-LEHMAN STUDENT IN 8TH OR 9TH GRADE WHO IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING WEST SIDE CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER??

Monday

April 13, 2026

8:15 - 2:45

- ✓ Transportation Provided
- ✓ Lunch Provided
- ✓ Depart to WSCTC @ 8:15
- ✓ Return to L-L @ 2:45

How To Sign Up:

- 1 Register in the Guidance Office with your 2 Requested Shops by **March 28th**.
- 2 You will be given a permission slip that will need to be submitted by **April 1st** to the Guidance Office in order to attend the trip.
- 3 You will also be given a WSCTC application to fill out and return to the Guidance Office by **April 1st** for processing. This is an important deadline to meet.
- 4 I will submit all processed applications to WSCTC on **April 13th** our Shadow Day.
- 5 After this submission, applications are processed first come first served via WSCTC.
- 6 If you have any further questions contact Mrs. Molino @ 870-255-2796 or kilduff-molino@llad.org

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ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE MR. CARR IN ROOM 107

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