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National Honor Society Ceremony Held

National Honor Society is a national organization for high school students to recognize students academically. Selection for NHS is based on four criteria: academic achievement, leadership, character, and service. Membership requires some form of service to the student's school, community, or other organizations. These projects contribute to a monthly service hour requirement for the organization. NHS was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The National Honor Society advisor at Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School is Ms. Lingenfelter. Student officers are President, Tessa Showalter; Vice President, Jack Hostetler; Secretary, Taya Kimmel; and Treasurer, Olivia Roman.

The induction ceremony took place on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 P.M. This year's list of inductees included: from grade 10, Gillian Berloff, Hannah Brehm, Kadiya Lingenfelter, Madison Showalter, Morgan Showalter, and Myah Teeter; from grade 11, Brogan Berkey, Devin Ciarimboli, Ryan Eash, Alyssa Forish, Kylee Greig, Stephanie Grimme, Jacquelyn Honkus, Grace Hostetler, Ryan Kaltreider, Hannah Lamkin, Lexi Mankamy, Stephen Parker, Morgan Sleek, Jack Stringent, Kate Weakland, and Daniel Yoder; from grade 12, Mikala Faith, Tucker Figard, Courtney Grimme, and Emily Hoffman.

At the Induction Ceremony, students were recognized for achievement and listened to words of advice and wisdom from Mr. Todd Cover, a business professional and community member.

"It was one of my goals this year to be accepted into National Honor Society, and I am so excited to be inducted," said Lexi Mankamy, a junior who was inducted at the ceremony on April 30th.



National Honor Society inductees pose for a photo before the ceremony.



National Honor Society vice president, Jack Hostetler, lights the candle for leadership.

HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Activities

With the school year coming to a close, many students are anxiously awaiting summertime. There are various activities that students partake in over their break from school. These pastimes allow for students to make the most out of the break and enjoy a relaxing summer vacation.

Many of these activities revolve around sports: travel sports, summer league sports, and weight lifting, conditioning, and practices for upcoming fall sports. Other pastimes include volunteering, finding a summer job, spending time outdoors, hanging out with friends, traveling, going on vacation, relaxing, or even catching up on some much needed sleep.

These ventures prove to be essential to a fun-filled and restful summer break. Sports allow students to see their friends outside of school. It also keeps their bodies healthy and their minds active. While summer sports are a good way to keep competitiveness alive, they can be a bridge for new friendships and meeting kids from other schools to spend time with throughout the summer. Summer jobs are a good way to make some extra spending money, all the while teaching lessons of responsibility. And vacations, trips, and spending time with friends and family can help students to unwind and have a good time.

By participating in these activities or even the lack thereof, students can enjoy a peaceful and fun summer break. Often times, the school year can feel long and stressful. So when summertime rolls around, students can take a hiatus from the stressors of homework and tests and enjoy some time doing what makes them happy. This way when the fall returns, students can approach school with a refreshed mentality, ready to take on the next year.



From the Editor:

This editorial appeared in a version of The Contownian many years ago and was written by Paula Rayman. It was her intention for all students to take her message to heart after reading it. As I am becoming a senior and was reading through all her points, I received some valuable and worthwhile advice. Pay special attention to numbers two, three, and six.

Number One: Take classes that interest you or pertain to whatever your major in college is going to be. Taking these types of courses only makes your life easier in the future.

Number Two: Always treat your teachers with respect and common courtesy. It may sound stupid, but some day a teacher's recommendation may be needed. Also, if treated politely and respectfully, teachers can offer friendships on a higher level. Do not knock it until you have tried it. Remember, a smile goes a long way!

Number Three: Keep personal and moral values. Even though your friends may differ in opinion, you can still remain friends. Never go against your own principles.

Number Four: Always listen for opportunity knocking. Sometimes it can be banging loudly or passing by softly.

Number Five: Do not be afraid to try something new like a new hobby, hairstyle, or food. It may work out, and it may not. Let experience be your teacher.

Number Six: Remember who your real friends are. There is a reason that a friend is a friend. Always remember the good and bad times, no matter the outcome.

Number Seven: Get involved. Do not wait until it is too late to get involved in something new that sounds interesting. In some instances, people would have joined an organization long before they did, but they never got around to it.

Number Eight: Make as many friends as you can. A good friend can enlighten, as well as entertain one's own existence.

Lastly: Many hear this one multiple times throughout their high school career, "Your senior year goes so fast." Nobody ever really believes it, but here I am about to start my senior year wondering how time flew to even get up to this point. First thing you know it will be September, then it will be June and time for graduation. Make the best of not only your senior year, but of every year. It will all be gone before you know it.

PHOTO JOURNALISM

“PICS OF THE MONTH”

Making May Memories



Jordyn Snyder wears a crawfish earring that she found in the creek at Greater Ferndale Sportsmans Club.



Ryan Kaltreider and his cheer squad prep for a toss at the Powderpuff Game.



Hannah Persio grabs the football and heads for the endzone.



Megan Walerysiak and Jake Petree dance together at the prom.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



September

The month of September was a significant time of the school year for students. School was just starting again and students were just starting to get back into the swing of things and reconnect with their friends after summer vacation. Fall sports were also back in action with

football games every Friday night.

Conemaugh Township Area Middle/High School welcomed several new teachers. Miss Kasun was welcomed as the new band director, Mrs. Spengler as the new art teacher, Mrs. Feathers as a seventh and eighth grade reading teacher, Mrs. Salem as a middle school English language arts teacher, Mr. Byer as a math teacher, and Mr. Rising as a math and physics teacher.

Another welcomed addition to the High School was foreign exchange student, Bryan Wu. Bryan is originally from Taipei, Taiwan and spent his senior year of high school at Conemaugh Township.



October

The month of October was very eventful and holds a special feeling of excitement in the year. On October 1, the annual spring musical, Newsies, was announced. On Monday October 22, the annual Homecoming Bonfire took place. Seniors built it during the day, and it was later lit that night for the community. Red Ribbon Week was celebrated the week of the 22nd. Each day had a different drug-free theme where students dressed up and could win prizes. The Halloween lunch took place the week of the 29th where students dressed in their Halloween costumes and competed at lunch for whose was the best. The themed lunch included a creative menu and venue in lieu of the holiday. At the end of October, the Fall sports teams came to an end. The girls' soccer team had a strong finish to their season with only one conference loss, and the WestPAC title. The boys' soccer



team finished their season with a record of 10-5 as the fifth seed. The volleyball team also finished strong with a record of 17-2 and a loss to Berlin at the WestPAC championship. Lastly, the football team also finished with a winning record of 8-3.



February

In the month of February the varsity boys basketball team secured the WestPac title by defeating Shanksville 45 - 32. It was also in this month when all the winter sports came to a close.

March

In the month of March the schools music department presented the Broadway hit musical "Newsies". The lead roles were played by Kieran Cullen, Mary Swank, and Zane Troxell. They prepared their show for four months, practicing every Saturday for hours upon hours.



May

The month of May consisted of the boys varsity baseball team winning WestPacs, and securing their third straight District 5 title. May also consisted of a thrilling powderpuff game, which the seniors came out on top with 14 - 8.

June

June marks the end of a successful school year. On June 6th Rotary Interact Club is organizing a soccer tournament for SHOFKO. SHOFKO is a non-profit organization working to eliminate urban poverty and gender inequality in Nairobi, Kenya, while improving education, health, economic and community empowerment, and water and sanitation. The students will be playing soccer to raise money for this cause. Donations can be made to the school to Mrs. Loni Stankan.



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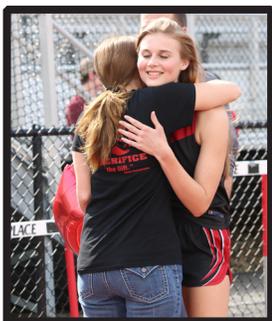
Forever Memories

Tessa Showalter is a senior at Conemaugh Township Area Middle/High School. She is the daughter of Glen and Kim Showalter. She currently resides in Hollsopple with both of her parents. Upon graduation Tessa plans to attend Geneva College to pursue a career in finance.

She will graduate at the end of this year and with the day of graduation looming, she has reflected on all of her years at Township. The school has evidently made an impact on her life. Tessa had many great things to say about her time spent in high school. She commented, "I had lots of awesome things from Conemaugh Township that left a mark on me. So many of my teachers were truly great people and helped shape my mind in some way or form. I am lucky in the sense that I feel very prepared for college. I also made many friendships that I will take with me forever."

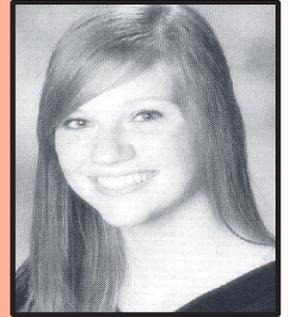
Not only has Tessa felt impacted by her years in high school, but she also believes that she was able to fulfill her goal of being a great role model for some of the younger students. She has played on the volleyball team as well as the track team for all four of her years at Township. Through these sports, she has formed lasting bonds with some underclassmen and duly served as a mentor for them and provided valuable advice.

Although she is excited to graduate and start the next chapter in her life, she is also sad to see this journey come to an end. Some of her favorite memories from high school include being a rowdie at the football games, participating in Homecoming festivities each year, playing in the Powderpuff games, going to the outdoor grills, playing sports, and hanging out with her friends.



Alumni of the Month

Laryssa Stahl is a graduate from Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School class of 2010. After graduation, Laryssa attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, and studied abroad for 5 months in London, England. While Laryssa attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York she acquired her Associates degree in Fashion Merchandising Management and also she earned a Bachelor's degree in Advertising and Marketing Communications. "FIT prepared me for my professional career," said Laryssa. Laryssa is currently a social media specialist for Overstock.com in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Laryssa Stahl

Her fondest memories of Conemaugh Township would have to be the "High School Highlights." The times like cheering for football games, school dances, throwing discus for the track team, and pep rallies. "I love that I've come from such a spirited school, where the students and community show support no matter what," said Stahl.

Looking back on high school, Laryssa said, "It's hard to pick a favorite teacher as I had many who impacted me in different ways." Mrs. Keifer, the art teacher, was a teacher Laryssa enjoyed. Laryssa remembers the time Mrs. Keifer chaperoned her and a group of other students in Italy for two weeks. "The amount of time and effort she put into the trip made me appreciate her so much more as a person." Also Laryssa enjoyed Mrs. Kimmel, the librarian, because of her "down-to-earth personality" and because Laryssa knew she could go to Mrs. Kimmel on advice for anything. "I am thankful to have had teachers that were not only just that, but friends as well."



Laryssa traveling abroad

THE SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

Football

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Football Team improved greatly on last years 2-8 season with a 8-3 record and a trip to the District V Final. The team was led by seniors Jordan Poznanski, Cory Myers, Ethan Leasure, and Andrew Homyak.

Cory Myers said, "This was a great season, I'm really proud of our performance and the effort we put in to get where we got (District V Final)."

Girls' Soccer

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team had very high expectations coming into its 2018-19 season.

The team finished with a record of 14-6. They made it to the district semi-finals and won the WestPAC Championship.

"I am really proud of our team and I hope to advance even farther for next year with our strong upcoming group of seniors," stated junior, Jordan Miller.

Boys' Soccer

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Boys' Soccer Team finished with a great season with an overall record of 11-6. The team managed to make it to the District V semi-finals game and return to the playoffs after the past few losing seasons.

Volleyball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Volleyball Team finished with a 23-6-3 record and made a trip to both the

WestPAC Championship and the District V Championship. Although the team came up short in both championship matches, the team made history by returning to the district championship for the first time in 22 years.

Golf

The 2018-19 Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Golf Team had another successful season. Jarrett Goggin, Patrick Frick, Alex Zakucia, Tucker Figard, Grace Thomas, and Austin Ricotta attended the District V Championship. Grace Thomas also moved on to the regional competition in the girls state tournament.

Boys' Basketball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team repeated another successful season by winning the WestPAC championship and returning to the District V playoff game with a 20-5 record.

The team was led by returning letterman and seniors Ethan Leasure, Devin Foster, and Jordan Poznanski. Although the team came short of a District V Championship, the team is still proud of this years effort.

"I've been wanting to win that D-V chip for a few years now, and it's dissappointing that we couldn't get it, but I am still proud of our team's effort this year," said senior and almost 2,000 point scorer Jordan Poznanski.

Girls' Basketball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team had another successful season, despite

Athletes of the Month

Bailey Kist is the son of Brian and Jennifer Kist of Davidsville. Bailey is a three sport letterman and is successful academically.

For baseball, Bailey has lettered three times, is a WestPAC Champion and a three-time District V Champion. He has also made the 2017

Western PA Academic Silver Team and 2018 Western PA Academic Gold Team. Academically, he has made the Honor Roll his entire high school career and is a member of NHS.

Outside of school, Bailey will participate in the AABA baseball league for Laurel Auto Group. His future plans are to attend UPJ to major in Computer Science.



Bailey Kist

Jenna Pavlosky is the daughter of Susan and Jerry Pavlosky of Johnstown. Jenna succeeds in both athletics and academics. She participates in soccer and track while also maintaining her grades. Outside of school, Jenna is very active within her church.

Athletically, Jenna is a four-year letterman for track and a three-year letterman for soccer. In track Jenna has qualified for districts every year in her respective events of the 100 meter dash, long jump, 100 meter hurdles, and the 4x100. Her Senior year she reached states for long jump. For soccer, Jenna received the award of Somerset County Girls Soccer 2nd team All County for her midfield position.



Jenna Pavlosky

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limited players. The team finished the season with an 11-11 record and made it to the first round of the district playoffs.

"I would have liked to achieve a bit more this season, but I am still proud of what we achieved even with all of our setbacks," said senior Olivia Roman.

Wrestling

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Wrestling Team had another tough season with low participation. Senior standout Shaun Berzonski was unable to perform late in the season due to a knee injury. Shaun still managed to letter along with senior Tony Smuro.

Baseball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School varsity baseball team played a close match-up with the Blue Jays where they won the game 6-4.

The Indians would post up 16 runs in the 16-4 win over the Mustangs. The team would then win 10-0 in five innings against Berlin.

The boys would then host the Ferndale Yellow Jackets. With a slow start the Indians would finally wake up and win 15-5 in just 5 innings.

In the Indians third straight home game they would plan to sink the Vikings ship. The Indians beat the Vikings 10-0.

The Indians would look to take the WestPAC Championship with a win over the Rockwood Rockets. The boys would come out strong and would not slow down, mercy ruling the rockets 10-0 in only 5 innings of work.

The team would then travel to Turkeyfoot to finish out their regular season. The Indians won 11-1.

Rival North Star traveled to the reserve to square off with the Indians in the first round of playoffs. The Indians would blank the Cougars winning the game 10-0.

The Indians next task was the District V title game. The Indians took the match with a score of 10-2 to make history with their third consecutive district title.

Softball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Girls' Varsity Softball team played an away game against North Star on Thursday, May 9. The game was never close, and the Indians were able to mercy rule the Lady Cougars by a score of 16-1.

The team's next game was a battle against Meyersdale in the West-Pac championship at Mount Aloysius on Wednesday, May 15. The

Lady Indians had a 1-0 lead going into the 5th inning, but the Red Raiders got 3 runs in the 5th. The Indians were never able to recover, losing by a score of 4-1.

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Girls Varsity Softball Team traveled to Turkeyfoot for their final regular season game on Thursday, May 16. The team rebounded from a devastating WestPAC loss and beat Turkeyfoot by a score of 7-2.

The team finished the regular season with an 18-2 record, giving them the number one seed in the District 5 playoffs. Their first playoff game is against North Star on Thursday, May 23.

Boys Track and Field

The Conemaugh Township Area High School/Middle School Varsity Boys Track Team competed in the annual WestPac meet. The boys 4 by 800 meter relay team took a first place finish. The team consisted of Albert Smolen, Brogan Berkey, Evan Brennehan, and Ethan Williams. Ethan Williams took first in the 800 and 1600 meter dash. Logan Walerysiak took first place in high jump.

They boys then went to the District V Championship meet. Dalton Myers finished in first place in the 110-meter hurdles and qualified for states with his win.

At states in Shippensburg, Dalton competed his hardest in his respective event.

Girls Track and Field

The Conemaugh Township Area High School/Middle School Varsity Girls Track Team competed in the annual WestPac meet as well. The girls placed fourth out of eight teams with Olivia Roman winning the 3200-meter run. Jenny Durica won in pole vault and Jenna Pavlosky won in the long jump, breaking the school record with a jump of 16 feet 1 inch.

After WestPAC the girls took their talents to Northern Bedford for the District V meet. Mikala Faith took first in the high jump, Jenna Pavlosky took first in long jump, breaking her own old school record, and Olivia Roman won the two mile

With their individual wins, these three girls qualified for states.

Mikala Faith was unable to attend states and Jenna Pavlosky and Olivia Roman put forth their best efforts in their events.

"I'm super grateful for this opportunity, this is something I've been trying for since freshman year," said Jenna Pavlosky.

The team had a great season.

A Final Message to Our Graduating Seniors

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School administration, faculty, and staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the graduating seniors and wish them much luck and continued success wherever the future might take them.

Summer Yearbook Questions Answered

Any questions regarding yearbook orders or billing may be directed to the Herff-Jones Yearbook Ordering Department at 1-(866)-287-3096. The SENIOR HIGH yearbook order number is 13159 and the MIDDLE SCHOOL order number is 19683.

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School Calendar

The following dates are subject to change

June 6.....Baccalaureate - 7:00PM
June 7....Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal - 9:30AM
June 7.....End of 4th 9 Weeks
June 7.....Commencement - 7:00PM
June 2.....SAT Test Date
June 9.....ACT Test Date
June 19.....School Board Meeting - 7:00PM
July 17.....School Board Meeting - 7:00PM

One Last Look...

Cleaning the Streets

The Rotary Interact club at Conemaugh Township Middle/Senior High School serves as a club to bring youth together while discovering to put others above themselves. Participants take action to make a difference in the community, discover new cultures, and promote international understanding. Foreign exchange students are also brought to Conemaugh Township through this program.

Mrs. Loni Stankan and Mrs. Tracy Durica, both teachers at Conemaugh Township, serve as the club's advisors, while senior Kendra Moore serves as an officer.

The Rotary Interact Club recently hosted a roadside cleanup activity. Students in the club were excused for the first half of the day and cleaned from the BP gas station to the elementary school.

Next year's officers will be president Jackie Honkus, vice-president Devin Ciarimboli, secretary Lexi Mankamy, and treasurer Jenny Durica. These officers were elected on May 22nd.

"I am excited to see what projects we do next year, because I love helping the community," said Lexi Mankamy, next year's secretary for Rotary.



Gavin Miske, Hannah Lamkin, and Ryan Kaltreider clean a local creek during the road clean up.