



**Lisa Christofes**  
**April 2015 Alumni of the Month**

Lisa Christofes was a 1988 graduate from Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High school. Fellow students and faculty knew her as Lisa Peifer, daughter of Michael and Debbie Peifer.

Lisa's favorite teacher while attending high school was Mr. Horne. He not only taught her the fundamentals of history, but made her think about what was happening around the world and taking a deeper look into today's society.

One of Lisa's fondest memories at Conemaugh Township was the big Valentine's Day Cookie Sale.

Lisa stated, "People were so excited to give or receive a cookie. It truly embodied the small town experience and the pleasure gained from the simple things in life!"

After graduation, Lisa joined the United States Marine Corps., which began her eight years of military service. Her first duty station took her to Okinawa, Japan, where she worked as a member of the Embarkation Team for the 3rd Force Service Support Group. When Lisa returned to the states, she moved to New River, NC. There, she worked for the Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 464. After four years of service in the active duty Marine Corps, she joined the Pennsylvania National Guard. There she served for four years with the 28th Military Police Unit. She received several awards during her military service, which include the Navy Achievement Metal, Certificate of Accommodation, Meritorious Promotion, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. During this time, Lisa enrolled in the Pennsylvania State University for one year.

In 1995, Lisa married Gregory Christofes. In 1998, Lisa and Greg moved back into the Conemaugh Township Area. In 2010, Lisa returned to school at the Memorial Medical Center where she studied histotechnology. She graduated the program with academic and clinical achievement awards.

After graduating, Lisa began working for the Westmoreland Excelsa Health System, and later worked for the Somerset hospital. She currently works at the Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in the position of interim clinical coordinator for histotechnology.

Lisa stated, "I really love this field because of the opportunity to help others while expanding my knowledge."

Even though Lisa has had many accomplishments including her many years of military service and medical experience, she still says her greatest accomplishments are her three wonderful children.