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“Class of 2017” Graduation Set

The ceremony for the graduating “Class of 2017” will take place on June 1, 2017. The class of sixty-four students will graduate at 7:00PM. The ceremony will take place in the Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Auditorium. This year’s commencement theme is entitled “This Old Familiar Place.”

David Strayer, the class treasurer, will deliver the invocation.



Alexis Buncich

The Introduction of the National Honor Society will be given by Autumn Toth. Autumn is the president of the National Honor Society and is an Honor Roll student.

Alexis Buncich will be the first to present her speech themed “People in Our Lives.” Alexis is the President of the senior class. She is also a member of the Principal’s Cabinet and National Honor Society.



David Strayer

David Strayer will be the second to speak. He will discuss “This Old Familiar Place.” David is a member of the National Honor Society and is an Honor Roll student.

“This Time That We Had” will be presented by Laura Bivens. Laura is the President of the Students Against Destructive Decisions Organization and is an Honor Roll student.

A vocal duet will perform consisting of Alexis Buncich by Schwartz. In addition, Maggie Zambanini will customary “Pomp and Circumstance” for the

and Laura Bivens. They will be singing “For Good” sing “This Time” by Criss. The band will play the entrance procession of the seniors.

Christine Troxell, Conemaugh Township Area president, will be delivering the closing remarks. will present the class members with their



Laura Bivens

Caleb Maurer, Vice President of the senior

School District Board of Directors Vice President School Superintendent Thomas Kakabar diplomas.

The ceremony will conclude with Trenton Troxell’s ing of the Conemaugh Township “Alma Mater.”

class, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

delivery of the Benediction and the traditional sing-

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A Healthy Balance

As the school year swiftly nears its end and summer is upon the horizon, we are beginning to journey in our own directions. The incoming seniors will be determining which future career path they will embark on. For our graduates, the prospects of college or acquiring an occupation looms directly overhead. While these thoughts may deter one from enjoying this time of their lives, remember doses of relaxation and exuberance are vital to your recuperation and preparation for the upcoming year.

Beginning a new school year or life's pursuit is daunting; thus, it is best to develop a sense of clarity and composure. This will allow you to successfully adapt to a changing environment. Despite our various responsibilities this summer, you should ensure you dedicate an adequate amount of time to engaging in fun-filled activities. By absorbing recreation, you will rest and be able to garner the motivation needed to tackle your upcoming future endeavors.

Everyone yearns to achieve success in life; yet, you must be in the proper state mentally and physically to do so. Hard work and dedication are two necessary components to accomplishing your aspirations. Use this lapse time in your life to acquire the proper attitude and sense of commitment for your future undertakings. While seniors may believe their final year should be comprised of only recreational activities, diligence is essential to their continued success. For others, maintaining a sense of dedication will allow them to accomplish their goals and adjust to a new setting. To prevent feeling overworked or overburdened, create a balanced schedule this summer. Devote a sufficient amount of time to your responsibilities and relaxation. You cannot achieve if you are continuously plagued by stress.

The key is balance! Understand there is a time for leisure and for commitment. Use this break to revitalize for your future pursuits and not to cloud your judgement. Engage in activities you enjoy, but be prepared to work upon this time's expiration. Maintaining a positive outlook coupled with self-confidence will allow you to achieve your every dream.

Advice for Incoming Seniors

Your senior year will be filled with fun and exciting experiences. You finally are not a step on the totem pole but have now reached the top rung. Despite this confidence in your knowledge, there are a few things you should know going into your senior year.

The first key to achieving success in your senior year is

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to make sure you do not procrastinate. Even though it is your senior year, you are not completely finished. You still have plenty of papers and projects, along with the Senior Career Seminar, so you are going to want to manage your time wisely. This way, you will have plenty of time for social events and college planning.

Another important aspect to consider in your senior year is to make sure you do not take anything for granted. You may never experience some of the things you do in your senior year again in your lifetime, and also you may never see some of your classmates again. It is your last year of high school, so make it a good one.

Your senior year is a year designed to celebrate everything you have accomplished educationally so far in your life. Even though it may seem overwhelming at times, your academics should still be at the top of your priority list until graduation.

Moving Forward

One's high school years are often said to be the best years of your life. Many memories are made during this time, and for many, change is rather hard. This can make moving on from high school difficult.

Moving on from high school should come with no regrets. Spend time with your friends, go to as many sporting events as possible, and find happiness in the small things. Learn not to stress over irrelevant tasks. The year will be over before you know it, and it will be better to leave with pleasant memories rather than agonizing ones.

By the time graduation rolls around, most seniors know their next step. This is very important to the process of moving on. I think leaving high school without a plan can be detrimental to your future, as well as terrifying. Obviously, at eighteen you will not have your whole life planned out. That is why now is the time to start making strides in choosing your direction. This can also create an easier transition.

There are different components to making moving on easier for every person. I think the most beneficial aspect is to enjoy the year. Remain confident in yourself and your abilities as you embark on your future endeavors. Your high school career may be over, but your future life is just beginning. Be happy for what you have achieved and not sad for it ending.

PHOTO JOURNALISM

“PICS OF THE MONTH”

Making May Memories



Erin Berzonski runs hard for a touchdown while Kara Wozniak tries to grab her flag during the Powder Puff Football Game.



Jordan Poznanski looks for the steal at first base.



Katie College swings during a softball game.



Sarah Alesantrino and Lindsey Wertz sing together at the Prom.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

September



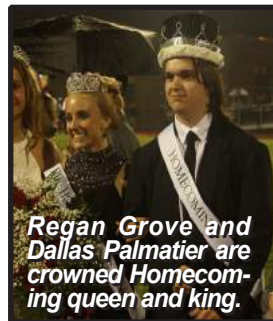
Maggie Zambanini and Serena DiLoreto cheer on the football team.

This year we welcomed Mrs. Barb Lashinsky as the new Attendance Secretary. In addition we welcomed multiple new students. The Homecoming Court included Sarah Alesantrino, Alexis Buncich, Alexa Fetterman, Regan Grove, Jamie Waters, Lindsey Wertz, Maggie Zambanini, Ryan Cotchen, Jacob Grosik, Caleb Maurer, Dallas Palmatier, Trent

Simko, Jeffrey Tresnicky, and Trenton Troxell. Regan Grove and Dallas Palmatier were crowned queen and king. The fall sports teams, girls soccer, boys soccer, football and volleyball, kicked off their season, as well.

October

The annual Coffee House was hosted at the Davidsville Community Church on Thursday, October 18, where students and teachers alike all shared performances, snacks, and drinks. Red Ribbon Week also took place within the Conemaugh Township School District when students expressed their drug-free practices by dressing up to match daily themes. The school also supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink during school and also various sports games.



Regan Grove and Dallas Palmatier are crowned Homecoming queen and king.

March

The Student Council sponsored the Blood Drive on November 3. The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School held a political rally on Monday, November 7. On Tuesday, November 8 there was a Mock Election held during Homeroom Period. The musical "Annie Get Your Gun" was announced. On November 16 there was a volleyball tournament held to support both "Jeremiah's Journey" and the Post Prom. The sophomore class was busy preparing for the annual Christmas dance, which was held on Saturday, December 3 at the Ambassador Ballroom in Windber, Pennsylvania.



Trenton Troxell gives a speech at the Political Rally.

December

The wrestling team sponsored a Holiday Tournament that was held in the Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School gymnasium. The boys' and girls' basketball teams also began their seasons. The Christmas Dance was held on December 3 at the Ambassador Ballroom where the theme was "A December to Remember." The colors of the dance were burgundy and gold. The Chorus' Winter Concert was held on December 7 and the Band' Winter Concert was held on December 1. The new field house also opened in December. Before Christmas Break the students all gathered in the auditorium to watch "The Polar Express." The "Alumni of the Month" was Teresa DiLoreto.



Maggie Telenko and Alexis Buncich pose for a picture at the Christmas Dance.

January



Mr. Feathers works in his new position as assistant principal.

When the students and faculty came back from their holiday break everybody was busy making up for the time they had been off. Jarod Feathers became the new Assistant Principal at Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School. The "Alumni of the Month" was Stacia Engler. The "Athletes of the Month" were Emily Waterhouse and Brandon Stahl. District Chorus was held.

February

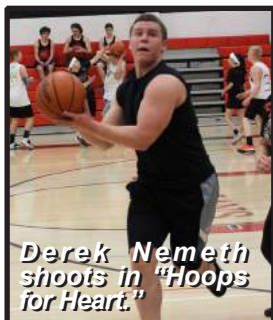
Many things happened in February this year, including the Sadie Hawkins Dance hosted by the SADD organization. Valentine's Day was celebrated this month also. The Mardi Gras celebration took place in the school cafeteria. The entire cafeteria was decorated in purple, yellow, and green, and many students participated in the Crawfish Eating Contest. Deanna Gindlesperger was February's "Alumni of the Month."



Sarah Alesantrino and Juliana Gindlesperger compete in the Crawfish Contest.

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March



Derek Nemeth shoots in "Hoops for Heart."

The biggest event that took place at Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School in March was the musical "Annie Get Your Gun." The annual charity basketball tournament, "Hoops for Heart," where students created teams to compete against one another, was held. The goal of

each team was to raise money for the American Heart Association.

April

April was a very productive month at Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School. The varsity track and field team held its third annual Township Stampede 5K on April 22. This run/walk was held at the Township Memorial Stadium. With the weather not cooperating well, still over 200 participants showed up for this race. The "Athletes of the Month" were Kara Wozniak and Jacob Grosik. Kara participated in volleyball for six years, earning three letters. Jacob was a four-year letterman in both football and baseball. Amy Fisher was the "Alumni of the Month." She graduated from Township in 1986. Also, new members were inducted into the National Honor Society.



Paige King gets inducted into the National Honor Society.

May

The Prom took place on May 12 at Laurel View Village. The annual Powder Puff Football Game was played on May 19. It gave the junior and senior girls a chance to compete in a normally male-dominated sport. The seniors won with a score of 26-0. Along with this game, an Outdoor Grill was also held. Finals week ran from May 22 to the 25. Baccalaureate took place on May 31. The last day of school for students and graduation both occurred on June 1.



Erin Berzonski runs the ball in the Powder Puff game.

Alumni of the Month

Angie Berzonski, formally Angie Saylor, is a 1992 graduate.



Angie Berzonski

After graduating, Angie went on to Clarion University where she majored in Communications. She then married her best friend, Patrick Berzonski.

Angie has held several jobs in the media field, including being an on-air reporter for WJAC and editor of Johnstown Magazine. Currently, she is the Program/Communications Officer for the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, where she oversees marketing, serves as a resource to local nonprofit organizations seeking funding, and works on a number of initiatives to improve the local community.

While at CTAMSHS, Angie enjoyed her teachers, especially her English teachers. She credits Jan Bowman for her love of words and her decision to make a career in the field of communications. Also, she feels Marya Pepoy made her stronger, not just physically but mentally, too, by always setting the bar high and providing endless encouragement. She was also appreciative of her teachers' devotion to her.

When asked about her teachers, Angie stated, "I'd just like to thank all of my teachers for their patience, persistence, and creativity over the years. Many of my life lessons were taught to me by my parents and reinforced by terrific teachers at CT. These are the same messages that I now promote every day in our community: Get involved. Work hard. Don't settle."

Angie enjoyed the extracurricular activities offered at the high school, specifically, the girls' varsity soccer team.

Angie resides in Davidsville with her husband and two children, Erin and Shaun.



Angie Berzonski with her husband, Patrick, and children, Erin and Shaun.

THE SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

Football

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Football Team ended its season with a 10-3 record. Cory Myers won the "All-County MVP Award" along with Shade's Brady Fyfe. The Tribe won the WestPAC title and the District 5 A title against Meyersdale by a score of 26-0. It lost in the first round of the state playoffs to Farrel High School by a score of 30-0.

Girls' Soccer

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Girls' Varsity Soccer Team had a solid season going into the playoffs with a regular season record of 12-7. It then went to the first round of playoffs where it faced McConnellsburg and lost a hard fought match. Next year, the team hopes to make the playoffs again but make its way to the finals.

Boys' Soccer

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High

School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team ended its season with a record of 6-12. This year's team was led by seniors Colton Stahl, Gabriel Slezak, and Derek Sauter. The team sat right on the outside of playoffs at ninth place in the district. It hopes to make the top eight next year.

Volleyball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Volleyball Team had a tough season. It finished the season with a record of 6-11. Next year, it hopes to have a winning record.

Golf

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Golf Team had a good season this year. Its final record was 7-9. The team came in fourth place at WestPACs and fifth place at Districts. Tyler Stumpf made the All-County Golf Team and Alexander Zakucia was named "Rookie of the Year." This was also long

Athletes of the Month

Ryan Cotchen is the son of Michael and Barbara Cotchen of Davidsville.

Ryan is a four-year Football, a three-year Basketball, and a four year Track letterman.



Ryan Cotchen

Ryan is the Sports Editor for the Conemaugh/Connumach/Contownian.

In his spare time, Ryan likes to volunteer at Camp PARC, which he has done for nine years.

After Graduation, Ryan plans on attending St. Francis University or the University of Pittsburgh to pursue a career in Physical Therapy. He later plans on opening a rehabilitation clinic.

Sarah Alesantrino is the daughter of Jeff and Elise Alesantrino of Davidsville.

Sarah is a three-year Basketball and Soccer and a two-year Track letterman.

Sarah is a member of the Spanish, Science, Computer, and Weightlifting Clubs, Grill Team, SON and SADD/TATU organizations, and Principal's Cabinet. In addition, she is the Conemaugh/Connumach/Contownian Advertisements Manager.

After graduation, Sarah plans to attend a four-year college majoring in Marketing and Public Relations.



Sarah Alesantrino

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time Coach Scott Cable's last year coaching.

Boys' Basketball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team ended its season with a 12-12 record. It went on a run towards the end of the season winning 8 of its last 10 games to seal up second place in the District. The Tribe then lost against Berlin Brothersvalley High School by a score of 64-52 in the District 5 AA Semi-Final game.

Girls' Basketball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Girls' Basketball Team played a hard fought season this year. The final record was 9-11. The team added a new coach this year. Coach Paul Pioli had a successful first season. He was assisted by Lisa Byer and Ellen Doyle.

Wrestling

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Wrestling Team had a rough season. It finished its season with a record of 1-9-1. Individually, the team was very successful. Both Shaun Berzonski and Brandon Stahl made it to the Regional Wrestling Tournament.

Rifle

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Varsity Rifle Team had an outstanding record. It went undefeated with a final record of 11-0. The team placed first in States for the .22 Rifle Competition.

Baseball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High

School Boys' Varsity Baseball Team is currently boasting a record of 15-5. They are heading into the District 5 AA Playoffs as a number one seed. They will square off against Tussey Mountain in the first round on Tuesday, May 23.

Softball

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Girls' Varsity Softball Team currently has a winning season of 14-5. The Lady Indians have already made the playoffs and then plan on winning Districts and moving even further into the State Playoffs.

Track and Field

The Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School Boys' and Girls' Track Teams both finished the season with admirable records. The girls finished 5-4 and the boys finished 5-5.

The track team sent twelve girls to Districts: Erin Berzonski in the 100 Meters, 400 Meters, 200 Meters, and Triple Jump; Jenna Pavlosky in the 100 Meters and 100 Hurdles, Jennifer Durica in the Pole Vault, Sara Petree in the Pole Vault, Regan Grove in the Pole Vault, Alexa Fetterman in the Javelin and Discus, Olivia Roman in the 1 and 2 Mile, Mikala Faith in the High Jump and Shot Put, Serena DiLoreto in the Triple Jump, Morgan Sleet in the Javelin, Grace Hostetler in the Pole Vault, and Makallie Giffin in the 100 Meters.

The boys sent five members to Districts: Nathan Formica in the Triple and Long Jumps, John Hostetler in the Pole Vault and Javelin, Eli Reese in the Pole Vault, Logan Walerysiak in the High Jump, and Ethan Williams in the 1 and 2 Mile.

One Last Look...

Powder Puff Game Held

The annual Powder Puff Football Game took place Friday May 19 at the Conemaugh Townships Area Middle School/ High School Memorial Stadium. The seniors beat the juniors 26-0.

The senior players were Sarah Alesantrino, Laura Bivens, Alexis Buncich, Megan Cowan, Alexa Fetterman, Kaitlyn Garrety, Julie Gindlesperger, Natalie Gindlesperger, Jocelyn Golias, Regan Grove, Madison Gulish, Alexandra Lonas, Lindsey McMasters, Kayla Paterini, Sierra Schubert, Mickahla Sidney, Caitlin Stahl, Anji Stewart, Morgan Thomas, Autumn Toth, Emily Waterhouse, Jamie Waters, Cheyanne Weaver, Lindsey Wertz, and Maggie Zambanini.

The junior players were Erin Berzonski, Haley Curry, Kaylee Davis, Kiara DiFalco, Serena DiLoreto, Alexandra Harrington, Mary Kime, Paige King, Kate Layton, Caitlin Osborne, Sara Petree, Emily Phillippi, Hope Safko, Mackenzie Shirley, Lauren Sprock, Maggie Telenko, Anna Tomb, Cassy Weakland, Alexandria Wiley, and Cassidy Wilson.

The senior coaches were Cameron Banjak-Corle, Ryan Cotchen, Tyler Curry, Nathan Formica, Jacob Grosik, Caleb Maurer, Derek Nemeth, Dallas Palmatier, Steven Patterson, Derek Sauter, Frank Scherer, Trent Simko, Gabriel Slezak, Brandon Stahl, Colton Stahl, Seth Strayer, Kenneth Teeter, Jeffrey Tresnicky, Trenton Troxell, William Venet, and Wyatt Yocum.

The junior coaches were Kody Brotz, Declan Cullen, Logan Cronin, John Hostetler, Gage Lewis, Dontae Myers, Eli Reese, Robert Romanow, Tyler Seth, Tyler Stumpf, Mickey Stringent, Seth Teeter, Dylan Witkosky, and Nicholas Zakucia.

The seniors beat the juniors 26-0.



The junior and senior Powder Puff participants get together after the game.

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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The following dates are subject to change

May 31.....Baccalaureate - 7:00PM
 June 1.....Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal - 9:30AM
 June 1.....End of 4th 9 Weeks
 June 1.....Commencement - 7:00PM
 June 3.....SAT Test Date
 June 10.....ACT Test Date
 June 20.....School Board Meeting - 7:00PM
 July 18.....School Board Meeting - 7:00PM