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## Beginning a new chapter: Venn to retire

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Mrs. Venn, Shamokin Area School District reading teacher of twenty-three years, will be on her journey to the next chapter of her life. She will officially retire in September 2020, but her parting is bittersweet. While happy to retire, she will miss her students, to whom she wishes much happiness and success.

Throughout her career, Venn taught social studies in fourth grade and reading in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. She taught all courses, except math, throughout the years.

“I love teaching, I love the students, faculty, admin, and staff. I will miss everyone immensely. However, I will be spending more time with my grandchildren and that is the perfect reason for retiring,” said the grandmother of Layne, Luxe, Parker, and Holden.

Her favorite part about teaching is watching the students grow and mature through the years. “Some became avid readers and some became my friends after graduation,” she noted.

Hoping to instill a love for reading, Venn has reached her goal of teach-

## SAEF: funding our future

By Kathryn Slotterback  
Staff Writer

The Shamokin Area Education Foundation (SAEF) has been very busy and generous over the past few months. Recently, with the help of donations and grants, they funded renovations to the Annex library, Virtual Reality goggles for Ms. Bacha’s Physical and Life Sciences’ class, and the publishing of The Signal!

Even more exciting things, funded through the foundation, could be on the way. “We have a couple of things. Possibly upgrading the science labs, renovations to the music suite, the special education department, more books for the elementary library,” said Mr. Chris Venna, Shamokin Area School District superintendent and a member of the foundation. “We’re open to anything, based on need.”

The mission of the education foundation is working to raise funds through donations or grants to “promote, enhance, and supplement” various educational programs and activities for the school district and community. The money goes towards supporting programs, activities, and materials to educate students at all grade levels. They also work to bring together alumni and friends to invest in the future of the students. The foundation has a Facebook page so interested people can stay updated with all they do for the school and community. The link for online donations can be found there as well.

“I think it’s been great,” continued Venna. “We started it a year and a half ago. It’s been a slow process to get things going. We had the church donate money - which we put towards the goggles. We had the family that donated towards the Annex library. I’m excited about that and, as we get more exposure, the opportunity grows.”

For any interested donors, donations are tax deductible, as the foundation is recognized as a non-profit organization. Any who are unable to donate money, but still want to help, can also volunteer time or donate goods for special events that are held. Employees of the school district that are interested in supporting the foundation can do so through payroll deductions. Donations can be made towards one specific thing - like the recent donation of \$250,000 specifically for the new turf at Kemp Memorial Stadium - or it can be a general donation where the foundation would decide where to use it, based on the level of need. The donation can be made anonymously.

The Advisory Committee is made up of nine members, including Chris Venna, superintendent; Ned Sodrnick, SAEF president; Todd Kerstetter, SAEF vice president; Kathy Vetovich, SAEF secretary; Brian Persing, Shamokin Area School District vice president; Melissa Hovenstine, Shamokin Area School District board member; Laura Scandle, Shamokin Area School District board member; Karen Colangelo, Shamokin Area School District business manager; and Mary Teresa Komara, Shamokin Area School District curriculum coordinator.

### In the Hall: Superpowers

By Olivia Haupt, Staff Writer

**Question of the day: If you could have any superpower what would you choose?**

Rosalind Kane, junior: “I would read people’s minds, because people don’t say enough of what they mean, although I’d probably be hurt with the answers but it’s better to know rather than being left in the dark.”

Henry Stevens, sophomore: “I would fly because I could get wherever I wanted for free.”

Seth Hart, junior: “I would breathe underwater because I’m going into the Navy.”

Mackenzie Snyder, junior: “I want to save everybody’s life because I want to be a nurse.”

Mrs. McDevitt, teacher: “I would choose the power of flight, because the views would be amazing, it would feel so freeing, and it would be an awesome way to get around.”

Mr. Haupt, substitute teacher: “I would want to become superman because my family thinks I can be everywhere at once so if I became superman I would be unstoppable.”



Mrs. Venn, featured with her collection of books available for students. (Photo by Raven McCaffery, Staff Photographer)

ing and helping students.

“Students know I care and want them to achieve. My goal has always been to make a positive difference in their lives and I believe I have achieved that goal,” she stated.

Venn, a 1976 graduate of Shamokin Area, graduated from Bloomsburg State College in 1980, and earned a master’s degree from Bloomsburg University in 1995. She and her husband, Daniel Venn, a former Industrial Arts teacher for Shamokin Area School District for over thirty years, have been married for thirty nine years. They have three children, DJ, Lindsay, and Dustin. All graduated from Shamokin Area successfully. In addition to spending time with her grandchildren, Mrs. Venn plans to “stick to” her hobby of reading, of course!

## Wrestlers rack up 700 wins

Shamokin Area grapplers not only dominated the mats Tuesday, but also delivered the district’s 700th win with a 62-9 final score against Sugar Valley.

The Indians were successful in every match-up, save for two forfeits, and one loss.

“Everyone wrestled great!!! Colton Lynch has a comeback that was exciting. We had six pins to dominate them. Garret Kitchen pinned his kid in eight seconds!!!! We had two seniors finish their career at home accomplishing 700 historic wins,” explained Todd Hockenbroch, head coach.

He continued, “We finally put together a complete match where everyone competed to the best of their abilities. There were so many highlights but the one that stands out is Kevin Markowski wrestling for the first time since November in his last home match. What a warrior!”

Sugar Valley, which is located about an hour and 20 minutes north west of Shamokin, has been growing as a team for the past four seasons, according to Hockenbroch. “It’s a small charter school that was formed after Sugar Valley School District was closed. Sugar Valley SD had a strong wrestling tradition that is now starting to show at Sugar Valley Charter,” he added.

Following the successful contest, the high-energy celebration involved cupcakes, balloons, posters, and a giant group photo. All wrestling alumni, current wrestlers, and cheerleaders were given 700th-win T-shirts. “It was an amazing milestone reached by this year’s team. At the beginning of the year they chose it as one of their goals. It was even more special to have a packed gym full of wrestling alumni who all contributed to 700 dual meet victories there to support the team,” said Hockenbroch.

“It’s cool they got their 700th win,” stated Aaron Frasch, a sophomore who was present for the victory. “It’s an accomplishment and they all did a good job.”

Hockenbroch agreed. “I’m so happy for this team to be the ones to compete and win the 700th dual meet for Shamokin Area. It was a great night full of action. I’m proud to have been a contributor to this accomplishment both as a wrestler and now the coach.”

## Mini-Thon T-Shirt Sale

By Sydney Rhoads  
Staff Writer

The Shamokin Area Mini-Thon committee members are selling “Gold Out” T-shirts for pediatric cancer. The shirts will be worn for the boys’ basketball home play off game on February 20 or 21. Students and staff who purchase a shirt will be able to dress down for showing support in pediatric cancer and the boys basketball team!

Shamokin’s first-ever mini-thon, planned for Friday, April 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the gymnasium, is raising funds for Four Diamonds/Pediatric. Over the past several months, members of The Builders Club, mini-thon student coordinator, and advisers, have been planning and organizing fundraising events and the gala event itself. The event will have music performances, DJ, acts, food, games, VIP Rooms, and much more! This year’s goal is to raise \$15,000.

Volunteers to help setup, run and tear down, along with participants, are needed. Please follow us on Instagram @sasdmini\_thon, Twitter @sasdmini\_thon and on Facebook @ Shamokin Area Mini-Thon. You can also email at [Thon@indians.k12.pa.us](mailto:Thon@indians.k12.pa.us) if you have any questions.

Those interested in helping to raise funds please visit [www.fourdiamonds.donordrive.com](http://www.fourdiamonds.donordrive.com). Search for Shamokin Area and then register! This will give you your own link to post on your social media or send via email to get donations.



## Kane qualifies for PMEA region festival

By Hannah Hess and Grace Donahue  
Staff Writers

Rosalind Kane, a junior, qualified for PMEA Region IV, which will be held at Greater Nanticoke Area School District from February 26-28, 2020. She also qualified for the chorus at the PMEA District 8 Jazz Festival at Selinsgrove Area in April.

Kane was one of several chorus members to compete in festivals earlier in the school year. In October, students from about 40 different schools, including Shamokin Area students auditioned in Williamsport. From Shamokin Area High School, seven students auditioned and four of those qualified. The students who qualified were, Rosalind Kane, Alto I; Joshua Bashore, tenor I; Sloan Derk, Bass II; Micah Miller, Bass II.

In January, the students participated in a 3-day festival sponsored by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) that started at Midwest High School and concluded at Susquehanna University with a concert, conducted by Linda Tedford of Messiah College.

“It’s a really good opportunity for the students that get to go because it sounds so much different, because it’s so much bigger,” stated Mrs. MaryAnne Stump, SA chorus teacher. “It sounds so much different than when they sing with our group here, and they usually get college professors to be the conductors. So they’re working with people who are at this super high professional level doing this, and they learn things that are completely beyond what we would do here.



Senior double bassist, Emma Dailey, Cellists, sophomore Nadia Pearson and senior Wolfgang Pearson, and bassoonist, junior Joshua Bashore display their instruments in front of the PMEA banner.

## SAHS musicians perform at NMS Honors Band

By Katelyn Zawalick  
Staff Writer

Students were selected by Mr. Styer to represent Shamokin Area in the Northumberland-Montour-Snyder (NMS) County Band this year. NMS County Band invites students to participate from high schools in the area including Shamokin, Mount Carmel, Line Mountain, Selinsgrove, and Danville.

The concert took place on Friday, Jan. 24, at Line Mountain High School, with the students traveling there that morning to begin practicing. The guest conductor for the ensemble was Dr. Eric L. Hinton from Susquehanna University. The students selected to attend were: Angelina Schaeffer, Audrey Cristan, Cheyanne Wolf, Destiny Jones, Emma Dailey, Hannah Schaeffer, Holly Fegley, Isabelle Seinkiewicz, Jasmine Slodysko, Joshua Dombrowski, Joshua Bashore, Katelyn Zawalick, Kloey Baney, Kyra Sanders, Lily Avans, Mark Kiracofe, Sydney Rhoads, Destiny Smith, Sloan Derk, Ashlea Oakum and Shen Yeager.

Many students enjoyed their time in the ensemble. Isabelle Seinkiewicz, a senior, had this to say about her experience, “It’s interesting and fun to experience performing with people who you’ve never even met before and making friends through a shared music experience.”

Many students enjoyed the different styles of music and Dr. Hinton’s energy. Ashlea Oakum, a junior who was also selected to attend this event, said, “It was long and tiring, but I’m very glad I did it. It was fun performing with other students from different schools and with a different conductor.”

Mishaps were taken in stride and music carried on. Joshua Bashore, a junior, said, “My instrument was broken so I couldn’t play it right, but the music was great, as was the guest conductor.” All in all the ensemble enjoyed the experience and many are

## PSSA, Keystone, and AP Testing

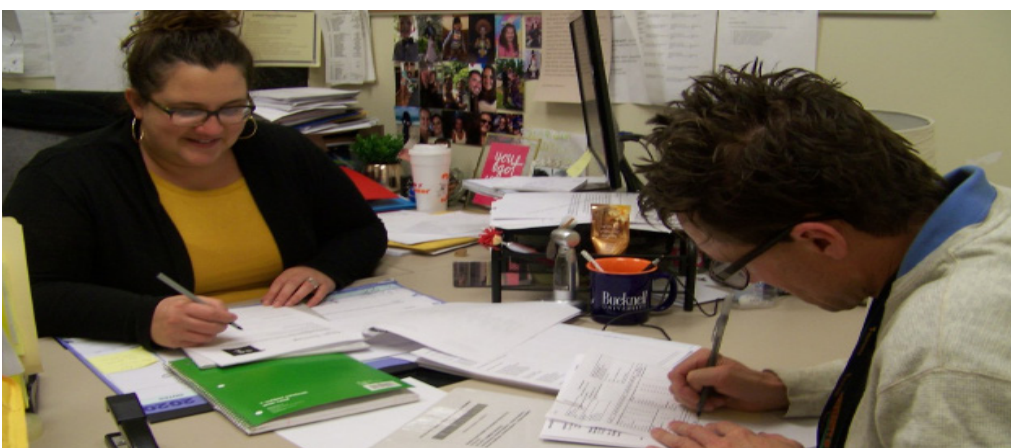
By Nicholas Zimmerman  
Staff Writer

Testing season is coming! Brace yourself! PSSAs, Keystone Exams, and AP testings are about to take place.

Students in third through eighth grades will have to take the PSSAs, students in ninth through eleventh will take Keystone Exams, and students in grades eleventh through twelfth will have a choice to take the AP Test.

The PSSAs for English run April 20-24; and math and science are April 27-May. Keystone testing window is May 11-22. AP testing will begin May 4 and end May 22.

Mr. Matthew Weller, guidance counselor, said that he has gotten a lot of good responses from all of the testing. He refers students to an online help site to help them prepare for testing season. “I use Khan Academy. I have been receiving a lot of positive feedback by using this website. It’s a website that gives you lessons, videos, and some supplementary practice exercises,” he concluded.



Guidance counselors from left, Mrs. Deserae McCabe and Mr. Matthew Weller hard at work preparing for the upcoming testing season.



Students, from left, are Micah Miller, Sloan Derk, Joshua Bashore, Rosalind Kane attend PMEA VI District Festival.

## Four participate in District Orchestra

By Emma Zimmerman  
Staff Writer

What is District Orchestra? Well, it’s sort of like a district track meet. The best of the best from each school district meet for a 3-day competition to try and qualify for regionals, and eventually even state. This year, the audition started the night of Wednesday, January 29 and those that qualify competed on Friday, January 31, at 7:00 in Lewisburg.

Shamokin’s team consists of Joshua Bashore, junior bassoonist; Emma Dailey, senior bassist; Wolfgang Pearson, senior cellist; and Nadia Pearson, sophomore cellist. These students are used to being taught by Mr. Justin Hollenberg, but for the competition they’ll be getting a new instructor.

When asked to give advice to the students Hollenberg replied, “Practice. Stay teachable,” and to “Stay open to ideas and a new way of doing things.” The participants were then asked about their feelings on the competition. Bashore replied, “The competition isn’t that fierce for bassoon...” Wolfgang replied that, “There’s always a feeling of nervousness.” Nadia said, “I’m definitely really nervous, since it’s my first time, but my brother’s with me.”

Despite the apprehensive feelings, the students are working hard and going to give it their all!



Honors band guest conductor Dr. Eric L. Hinton, from Susquehanna University, explains a musical selection to the audience at Line Mountain High School. Students from Northumberland, Montour, and Snyder counties participated in the event.

## To District Band and beyond

By Angelina Schaeffer  
Staff Writer

Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 8 Pre-Auditions took place on November 24. Of the students who auditioned, Joshua Bashore, Sloan Derk, Joshua Dombrowski, Angelina Schaeffer, Blake Harris, and Kyra Sanders were invited to take part in the PMEA District 8 Band Festival, whilst Joshua Bashore, Emma Dailey, Wolfgang Pearson, and Nadia Pearson were invited to take part in the District 8 Orchestra Festival. Students began practice in January for the festival that was held February 13, 14, and 15.

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By Jadyn Slovic  
Staff Writer

We’ve all seen at least one of Joshua Bashore’s videos since he started making them in fifth grade. Bashore, who is also band vice president and drum major, started his hobby in his gifted class with the video *The Golden Briefcase* and began making videos on his YouTube channel.

“When making a film, the first and most important thing I think about is the idea,” he explains. “Whether it’s the story of a person, situation, location, or anything else, the idea comes first. Then I write a rough script, while plotting out the scenes in my head, and the overall style I want to go for. Then I shoot, edit, edit some more, and release and cringe!”

The eleventh grader makes videos for SATV and school projects, such as his Calculus Musical for finals last year, but he also enters others into film contests - with videos such as *Time* and *The Symphony of*



Junior Joshua Bashore showing off his filming process. (Photo by Jadyn Slovic, Staff Writer)

When asked for their opinions about prom, the female students explained their feelings as; “I love it”, “It’s so fun”, and “It’s very stressful.” Male students had a bit of a different perspective on prom. Jeremiah Thompson, a junior, explained his prom feelings as “indifferent about it...I don’t hate it but I don’t like it.”

Male students seem to spend less time and money on prom spending around \$150 for the tux; however, there are additional costs for a haircut or other extras. According to men-shairstyletoday.com the average cost of a man’s haircut is \$28. Men’s shoes cost around \$30-\$150 depending on where they are purchased.

What is not factored into these expenses is transportation. For some students, transportation means using your own vehicle or borrowing one from a family member or friend at little to no cost. For others, that could mean renting a limousine or some other flashy set of wheels. Depending on a person or couple’s situation, this additional expense could mean much more money.

Overall, students can spend anywhere from as little as \$20 to as much as \$1,000 on prom depending on the path they take throughout the preparations. If you are going to prom, try not to get caught up in all the crazy expenses. Remember: Prom costs can be reasonable and you still can have the night of your life!



## Consider studying abroad

By Sydney Rhoads  
Staff Writer

Sitting in a classroom for seven hours a day can be boring but, what if you were learning halfway around the world? Often times schools or colleges provide the chance to study abroad to allow students to experience a new country while still getting the education needed. While out and about students are learning fundamental skills such as math, communication, language, and life skills. Foreign countries feature various currencies, traditions, food, entertainment, and languages. Although this is all very intimidating it’s a great opportunity to enhance your education, while immersing yourself in a new culture and new traditions.

While most high schools usually do not provide a study abroad program because of costs, they often provide an overseas trip of a week or more in the summer. Colleges and universities, on the other hand, are adding mandatory study abroad requirements to their courses of study to make students more globally experienced and aware. For example, Susquehanna University’s school of business, offers a study abroad in England, where students, accompanied by an SU faculty member, learn and work in London for a designated time.

Staying in a hometown is safe, and sometimes it’s easier to stay in a familiar spot, but if you ever get the chance to “spread your wings,” learn something new while visiting somewhere new.

*Life* - and wins! He’s also known for his entertaining travel videos when he and his family visited the United Kingdom.

When asked about his “casts,” Bashore explained, “I often ask my friends if they have any cool ideas for films, and I always bully fitting people into various roles.” Bashore incorporates all of his friends and family in different aspects of all his videos, some star, some help with a script, others record. And - don’t forget - Joshua Bashore does all of his own stunts.

Bashore encourages others who are interested in filming for fun, or even as a future career. “I know there are people who are interested in film, but don’t know where to start. It starts with that story you feel the need to tell. All the technical aspects come in with time,” he said.

Because filming is his “biggest passion,” Bashore plans to major in film and television production at New York University, and “and continue making films until my unfortunate demise,” he joked.

## The benefits of learning foreign languages

By Bryce Anderson  
Staff Writer

Why is learning a new language beneficial? While learning a new language for the first time can be difficult, it features a variety of ‘positives’ from enhancing one’s job opportunities, to fostering tolerance and acceptance of other cultures, and to even improving one’s health.

The effects for learning a language can increase your working memory ability, which is used in multitasking, or helping to remember relevant details during an activity. Also, learning a different language can increase your listening capabilities, and the usage of grammar in your native language.

Mrs. Ahohuendo, French teacher, explained, “Studies have shown that students who are learning a second language improve their grades in English and Biology and Math. Students in schools where languages are taught in middle school or early grades have very high test scores.”

Spanish teacher Ms. Zettlemoyer, agreed. “Learning a language is important for many reasons. First: travel. Language will help you see the world. Second: employment. You can be paid more if you speak another language. Third: grammar. It will help you understand English better. Last, you can see my face daily,” she said with a smile.

Mr.Guerro-Kees, Spanish teacher, stated,“Learning a new language opens up wonderful windows of opportunity for any human being. One learns to see life through different lenses and allows growth of our souls as human beings.”

As course selection approaches, consider taking Spanish or French. Students who are bilingual will have the edge in college, career, and beyond. Say “Si or Oui” to a new language!

## Popcorn sale benefits UK trip

By Sydney Rhoads  
Staff Writer

Over twenty students and three faculty members will travel to England and Scotland this summer as part of the “Scots, Bards, and Brits” program conducted by ACIS educational tours. To help pay the cost, participants are selling Mountaineer popcorn.

The popcorn sale, which concludes Feb. 14, features traditional kettle corn to gourmet flavors such as birthday cake and red velvet. All student and faculty travelers are selling the popcorn for a nominal fee.

The trip, which is over a year in the making, has been planned and organized by leaders Mr. Ty Crossley and Mr. Stephen Keller. Mrs. Patricia Rhoads is an assistant trip leader.

Dominic Diehl, a sophomore, is looking forward to getting away. “I haven’t been out of the country for a while and I thought this would be fun to go to London and experience the atmosphere.” Diehl, who has been to Mexico, isn’t worried about traveling without his family. “This is just like a farther away vacation,” he added.

In fewer than 150 days, the group will fly from the United States to London, Stratford, and York in England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, before returning home. Some of the activities will include a tour of London and visits to a British museum, Christchurch College, Shakespeare’s birthplace, and Edinburgh castle.

Students going on the trip are reminded to obtain and register their passports and respective passport numbers and to pay the trip’s balance,which is due March 1.



# Valentine’s Day sucks

By Hannah Hess  
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day traditionally is a holiday to celebrate your partners and loved ones. However, some people dislike this holiday and would change it into something else if they were given the power to do so.

“I don’t like Valentine’s Day because I am not into all of that ooey gooey crap,” said Krystal Pitcher, freshman, when asked why she does not like the holiday. “If I could change it into something else I would change it into a second Christmas.”

Other people feel that it is not that important as other holidays. “It’s not a real holiday,” Shane Hess, junior, concluded.

Emily Stanton, freshman, said that if she could replace Valentine’s Day with another holiday she would change it into a form of a second Halloween because she really likes Halloween.

However like Mr. Dressler, gym teacher, some people don’t love Valentine’s Day but doesn’t think it should be changed. Dressler said that he does not care for Valentine’s Day but “wouldn’t change it.”

Overall, some people feel Valentine’s Day should not be celebrated or changed into something else that is more geared towards their likings.

# The perfect valentine's day date

By Megan Roman  
Staff Writer

Is your idea of the perfect Valentine’s Day date romantic? Fun? Casual? Formal? Are you the traditional dinner and a movie type of person, or do you prefer something more adventurous, such as hiking in the mountains or riding dirt bikes through the woods?

When high school students from Shamokin Area were asked if they could picture the perfect Valentine’s Day date, they responded with some creative choices.

Roz Kane, junior: “Sitting at an old fashion Paris styled table with candles, roses

and fancy place mats with twinkling lights hanging in the back. A fancy meal and some type of awesome chocolate dessert.”

Alyssa Snyder, senior: “Dinner and a movie.”

Micha Miller, junior: “Private place to eat chicken parm with a box of chocolates and a teddy bear.”

Ian Paul, junior: “A movie.”

Tia Bressi, junior: “Something simple, dinner and roses.”

Olivia Coller, junior: “Sushi.”

# The History of Valentine’s Day

By Emma Zimmerman  
Staff Writer

Everyone knows that February 14th is Valentine’s Day, a day of romance that celebrates family and love. But, does anyone know about the origin of the famous holiday? Actually, no one is completely sure of the true becoming of Valentine’s Day, but most of the theories are kind of dark.

While some people believe Valentine’s Day is celebrated in remembrance of its namesake, most people believe that Valentine’s Day is based off of an ancient Roman holiday called Lupercalia, which celebrated fertility. As part of the festivities, it’s said that it was tradition for all of the city’s bachelors to pick the name of an eligible girl out of a cup, and for the remainder of the year they were considered “boyfriend” and “girlfriend.” More often than not, these couples ended up getting married to each other.

There are also a few different ideas about how Valentine’s day got its name. Obviously it was named after a St. Valentine, but the question is; which one? There are theories that it’s named after the St. Valentine of Terni, a famous bishop, but the most popular belief is that he was a priest from third century Rome. The ruler at that time, Emperor Claudius II, had decided that married men made awful soldiers, so he banned young men from getting married. Valentine thought the idea was absurd, so he married young couples in secret. When the emperor found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. While in jail, Valentine fell in love with his jailer’s daughter and on February 14th, the day he was sentenced to die, he wrote her a love letter signed “from your Valentine”, which is where the famous saying is believed to originate.

Answer these five questions with colored bubbles.  
Count up which color you have the most of and  
see what Valentine's Day chocolate you are!

By Ashlea Oakum and Jadyn Slovick

1. Do you enjoy Valentine's Day?

I love it!

Not really

I hate it

2. What's your favorite kind of chocolate?

Milk

Dark

White

3. Would you enjoy receiving flowers?

Yes

I wouldn't mind.

No

4. Would you go all out to show feelings for a loved one?

Yes

I'd get a card or something

No

5. What's the best part about Valentine's Day?

Showing gratitude

Getting candy on sale

Nothing

Now count how many of each color you got and see what chocolate you are!

Mostly red

Ghirardelli:

You are classy and great with impressions. You may be sensitive, a bit sappy, and enjoy the little things. A people pleaser who likes to follow traditions. Seems happy-go-lucky, with good vibes.

Mostly pink

Dove

You are indecisive and easy-going. You may be optimistic (but also practical) and seem to carry an open mind. You adapt to plan changes with good heart. A "go-with-the-flow" person.

Mostly white

Lindt

You can be very quiet and reserved but you are expressive with people you trust. You're a hard worker and likely very opinionated. You definitely laugh at your own jokes.

Happy Valentine’s Day from the Signal Staff!

# Valentines Day flower sale

By Paige Shoffler  
Staff Writer

The Interact Club held a fun flower sale for Valentine’s Day, with proceeds to benefit a charity.

According to the Interact Club, the sale is to help celebrate the Valentine’s Day spirit, by selling carnations in pink, white, and red.

“It’s another way of giving back to the community,” Ms. Schlachter, co-adviser for Interact club explained.

The sale ran from the end of January to the beginning of February.

In November, the Interact Club also hosted a flower sale to celebrate school spirit, by

# Key Club hands out sweet treats

By Bryce Anderson  
Staff Writer

Key Club held a candy gram fundraiser Jan. 27 to Feb. 10 to raise additional funds to augment the Penny Wars drive held earlier. Cherie Martin, president, explained, “We are doing this to add to the Penny War profits because we didn’t make enough with the Penny War alone.”

For 50 cents, students, faculty, and staff sent lollipop candy grams to friends, teachers, and even themselves. The grams were distributed in homeroom on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14.

# Shamokin is set to shimmy and shake!

By Sydney Rhoads  
Staff Writer

“There’s never anything to do around here!”

“I’m bored!”

“I wish our school did fun things like other schools!”

Have you ever said or heard those statements? If your answer is ‘yes,’ then you haven’t heard about Shamokin Area’s Mini-Thon. On Friday, April 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. be prepared to have something to do! In fact, Mini-Thon isn’t going to be just ‘something to do.’ it’s going to be EPIC!!!

For the first time ever our school is sponsoring a dance-a-thon to raise money for pediatric cancer. Schools throughout the state, inspired by Penn State University’s Thon, conduct similar events for this worthwhile cause.

The district-wide undertaking is being spear-headed by Sydney Rhoads, student coordinator, members of the mini-thon committee, and advisers Mrs. Kristin Hughes and Ms. Sierra Erdman. The committee is conducting a “Build-Your-Own-Sundae” fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 14, for all students and staff who purchased tickets. Money raised from this event will go back into the activities and supplies for the main event.

If you haven’t already gotten involved, there is still time. Sign up to help, donate some money, ready your dancing shoes, and be prepared to have lots of fun! To stay updated please follow the accounts:

Instagram: @sasdmini\_thon  
Twitter: @sasdmini\_tho.  
To contact organizers: Thon@indians.k12.pa.us.



## How our ‘Newsies’ are carrying their banners

By Ashlea Oakum, Jadyn Slovick, Angelina Schaefer  
Staff Writers

With just about two months until opening night, the cast, crew, and staff of Newsies have been working endlessly to turn this show from an idea into a reality. As of right now, they have run through the basics of all of Act 1, with only some dancing and minor details needed for a few songs. Many of the scenes in Act 1 contain extravagant and tiring dance numbers, but the cast has been pushing through all the hardships very well.

The first rehearsal of the week of Feb. 3 introduced the cast to tap dancing, a type of dance that most of the Newsies have little to no experience with. In Act 2, the very first song titled ‘King of New York’ features a big tap dance scene that could “make or break the show”, according to Mr. Kevin Styer, the director. The ensemble practices four days a week, with Monday and Wednesday rehearsals running from 6-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals running from 3-5 p.m. If there are any days off from school (teacher-in-service, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, etc.) the cast will still rehearse from 5-7 p.m. Saturday practices are expected.

The Newsies cast members are putting their all into this show, sacrificing their precious free time to do something they love. Cyber student and sophomore, Alexis Zawalick, who plays Buttons, said, “It’s made school

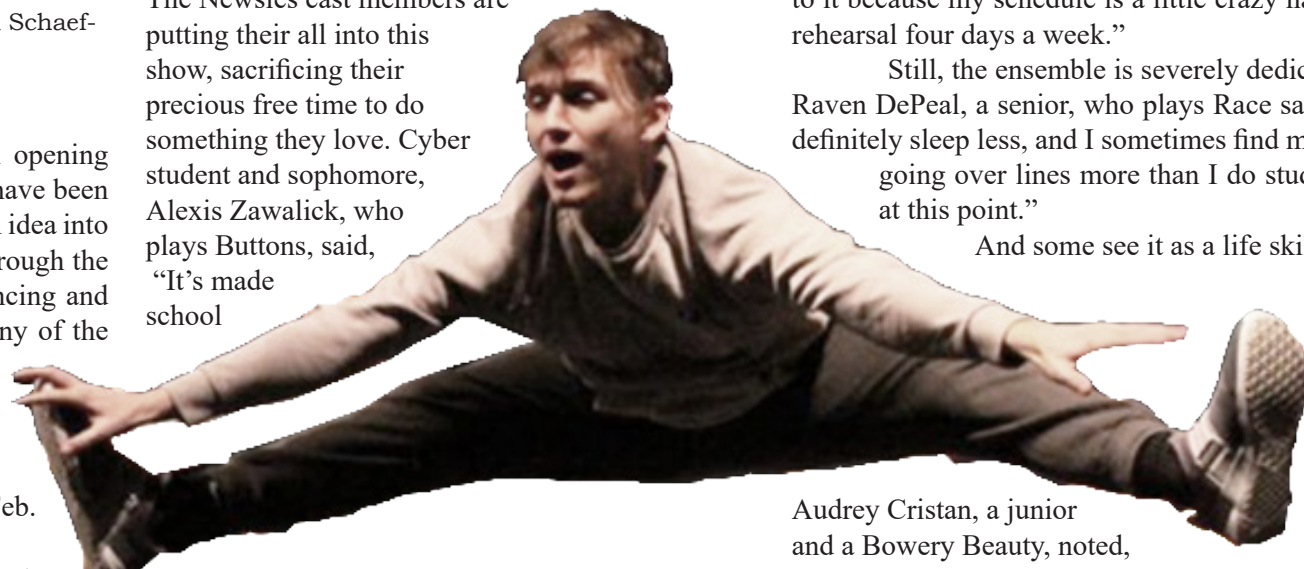
work slightly harder to accomplish and I have little free time but it’s probably the best decision I have made.”

“Honestly it’s kind of hard for me personally because I have a lot going on in my other classes and extra activities that I do, so I don’t have the extra time after school to get my homework done early some day, but if you really focus in the little time you have at each rehearsal it goes a long way,” said Kloeey Baney, who plays Specs, “I just have to stay positive and always have my mind set

to it because my schedule is a little crazy having rehearsal four days a week.”

Still, the ensemble is severely dedicated. Raven DePeal, a senior, who plays Race said, “I definitely sleep less, and I sometimes find myself going over lines more than I do studying at this point.”

And some see it as a life skill.



Audrey Cristan, a junior and a Bowery Beauty, noted, “It makes those things a bit more complicated to prioritize and find time for, but it’s also helping me learn how to be well-rounded, how to make time for everything/important things, and manage my life for the most part.”

When asked if they felt that they’re putting in more effort than expected, the cast had varying answers. “Yes, a lot more,” said Cristan, “I wasn’t into it as much in the beginning, but after so many practices, a lot of singing, a whole lot of dancing, and getting to really know the show, I’m finding myself actually enjoy all of the effort I’m putting in as well.”

DePeal, who has been in the musical since Shamokin presented Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat during the 2015-16 school year said, “I expected this show to be hard - especially with dance - but I’m excited for everything to come together despite the extra work we put in.”

Alexis Zawalick, a first year said: “Well I knew it would take a lot of time and effort, and I was kind of prepared from color guard.” She has been in color guard since 2017.

Baney added, “Yeah I think so, but it might be what I need to keep progressing if music is what I want to keep with me always in my last few years of high school and possibly in college. To always keep pushing and going further.”

## Fire on Second Street

Two families in Shamokin lost their home due to a fire on Feb. 3. These families lost everything except for the clothes on their back. Shamokin Area is looking to collect donations for these families with the items listed below. If you are looking to donate you can contact Gianna Sinopoli at 570-850-3691 or Olivia Haupt at 570-259-0924. Thank you in advance for the kind donations! Everything will be greatly appreciated!

## Letter to Seniors:

Dear Graduating Seniors and Parents / Guardians: The Shamokin Area Class of 2020 is scheduled to graduate on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium. We hope that all of you will join the Shamokin Area staff to celebrate this important tradition. Here are some guidelines to follow for this special event:

- Doors open at 5:10 p.m.
- Each senior must arrive at the Middle/High School Gymnasium by 5:30.
- Female graduates are required to wear a dress or skirt, the length of which should not be longer than the gown, or dress slacks, white or off-white solid colored top, and dress shoes.
- Male graduates are required to wear dress slacks, shirt with a collar, tie, dark socks, and dress shoes.

- Each senior will be provided approximately five (5) tickets which will be distributed to seniors at graduation rehearsal on the first rehearsal date (Tuesday, June 9).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Principal's Office at 570-648-5731.



## Student Artwork Exhibition



**Ashlea Oakum, Junior**  
**Acrylic on Canvas**



**Emma Dailey, Senior**  
**Mixed Media**



**Cherie Martin, Senior**  
**Photography**



**Corey Sosnoskie, Freshman**  
**Mixed Media**

The SAHS League of Artists will be having a club-wide exhibition throughout the month of February at the NCCAH Art Gallery, on the ground floor of the Careerlink building. Pay the art a visit and get the chance to purchase art from your fellow classmates!

## Venture into the Vo-Tech

By Trynity Delvecchio and Jadyn Slovick  
Staff Writers

Underclassmen had a treat Feb. 4 as a representative from the Northumberland County Career and Technology Center visited Shamokin Area High School to talk to students in ninth and tenth grade about the courses they provide.

James Schiavoni, Culinary Arts teacher, talked to the students about the Career and Technology Center and its course offerings. In addition to Chef Schiavoni’s course, other programs include: Automotive Technology, Collision Repair, Construction Trades, Cosmetology (includes hair cutting, styling, coloring, and skin/nail care), Health Occupations, Protective Services (law enforcement, medical care, firefighting, and more), Occupational Childcare, and Welding. When taking one of these courses, you can even get into a job right away after high school if you meet the required hours.

By attending the “vo-tech,” students will get the chance to discover what career path they choose in life and gain firsthand experience in their designated courses. Some students do not plan to follow the college path; if that is your case, learning a trade may be for you. Prospective students should contact their guidance counselor when picking courses for the following school year.

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# How the Library lives On at Shamokin Area

By Ashlea Oakum  
Staff Writer

The library within our school becomes the center for many events throughout the year, from serving as a site for exams, club meetings, Purple Perk and the school store; however, the actual purpose of the library is not always recognized by students. Despite the low popularity in using the library to conduct research and check out books, Mrs. Michelle Kehler, a high school English teacher, does tremendous amounts of work to keep our library afloat, and loves every minute of it.

“I actually love doing the library,” she said in an interview, “and I’m thankful for Mr. Hockenbroch for the time he has given me for being in the library and making it work in the schedule.” She, along with teaching, takes control of the library due to the financial constraints that affect hiring a full-time librarian. Her role in the library has only taken place in recent years, because of the desperate need. “This is my third year running it this way. For a while we didn’t have anyone, and it was a disservice to the students because they couldn’t check out books.”

As much as she loves it, she does wish for a full-time librarian, so that students could check out books much easier. To check out a book, you can visit Mrs. Kehler in the library during homeroom and first period. After first period, you can bring the book you want to check out to her classroom in C-203 throughout the day. This system can sometimes be an inconvenience, as students checking out books in her classroom have no choice but to interrupt her teaching for a minute or



A small sample of the many books available at the Shamokin High School library.

Funding for the library primarily comes from fundraisers held by student groups and organizations like Key Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. “Unfortunately, we don’t have a library budget anymore, but money and book donations from anyone are always welcome,” she said.

Throughout the time she has spent working in the library, Kehler has started revamping it for the better. “I’ve rearranged the library and made it more user-friendly. I’ve made an AR section and a new book release section, as well as a popular titles section. I’ve also organized and made it more accessible to find a book much faster.”

Something as good as a library is vital for students going through high school. “It improves reading for academics and pleasure, and also provides materials for students who may not be able to purchase their own,” Kehler states. If you would like to help out with the library in any way, book and money donations are always accepted, as well as any requests for a specific book you would want to read.

## Student Musicians debut new name for group

By Jeremiah Thompson  
Staff Writer

Members of the Modern Music Group, formerly known as the Guitar Club, entertained and delighted fans at its annual winter showcase Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Among the selections were “Ripple,” by Grateful Dead; “Heartbreaker,” by Pat Benatar; “Movin’ Right Along,” from the Muppets; and “Depression,” by Homeless Gospel Choir. Members also performed jazz, which featured improv, and folk tunes.

The club was formed in 2016 by former Shamokin Area teacher Jerome Manley. Mr. Justin Hollenberg, who teaches orchestra and modern music, is the club’s current adviser. This year’s officers are senior Holly Fegley, president; senior Emma Dailey, vice president; junior Rosalind Kane, treasurer; and freshman Samantha Stancavage, treasurer.

The evening concluded with light refreshments and warm drinks provided by members of the Purple Perk.



The Acoustic Group, featuring from left, Kyra Sanders, Jeremiah Thompson, Abby Cryts, Hannah Bashore, Anastasia Reidinger, Nick Voelcker.

## A call for art of all forms: the League of Artists

By Dade Wilk  
Staff Writer

Are you creative? Do you like art of any kind? If you are ‘artsy’ in any way, the League of Artists, an after-school activity for students that enjoy art, may be for you!

The League of Artists is open to art of all kinds. That includes any type of visual (painting, drawing, sculpting, etc.) and performance (acting, writing and reading poetry, etc.) art.

Mr. Shawn McGugan, adviser of the league, states, “The main goal of every club is to allow students to express themselves.” He also said he would like the students to run the club independently to learn leadership and responsibility.

Vice President of the League of Artists, Caycee Kalinoski, a senior, reported that the League of Artists released a gallery in January displaying all the members’ pieces. She explained that all members of the league are collaborating to make a Zine, a small book showcasing artwork. Art Club is also planning on making shirts for the Heritage Festival to sell and raise money for the league.

If you are interested in joining the League of Artists, please see adviser Mr. McGugan, President Emma Dailey or Vice President Caycee Kalinoski for details.

**Do you have any story ideas for  
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By Bryce Anderson  
Staff Writer

For the first time Shamokin Area High School is offering membership in “The French Honor Society” (FHS) or it is also known as “Société Honoraire de Français”, for advanced French students.

This group is sponsored by the “American Association of Teachers of French.” This is only available to the best French students that have kept a 90+ average since French 1, in addition to other considerations. Inductees also must be passionate about the language, show good character, and attempt to use the language outside the classroom. Other criteria is available in the membership packet. Membership in this society can also result in scholarships by the AATF and other group affiliates.

“Learning a second language is a challenge, and students in Shamokin are being recognized for their efforts and academic excellence and advocacy,” stated Mrs. Omonyale Ahohuendo, French teacher and society adviser.

The benefits of being in this group is official recognition that can be included on college applications, possible eligibility for scholarships and national rewards. Students must continually meet the association’s requirements to maintain membership.

The mission of FHS is to increase the interest in the study of French, advocate high standards of scholarship, reward scholastic achievements, build motivation for and comprehension of francophone cultures, advertise and increase international friendship, and compensate efforts to-

### BUCK-A-LINE One Buck, One Line

**Caycee Kalinoski** - “Is it June yet?”

**Mrs. Patricia Rhoads** - “I’m going to retire.”

**Sydney Rhoads** - “Support the mini-thon!”

**Emma Dailey** - “hahahehehoho, wugh”

**Unknown** - “I see you when you’re sleeping, I know when you’re awake, I know if you’ve been bad or good so be good for goodness sake!”

**Miah Thompson** - “Josh B, I love you. <3”

**Josh B.** - “Your gloria has deo.”

**Raven Depeal** - “Follow @sahsmusicals on TikTok. We promise we’ll post more!”

**Sheyenne Moore** - “Sveeeen! Eat, eat, eat!”

**Angelina Schaeffer** - “Axe body spray is not deodorant!”

**Katelyn Zawalick** - “Taco Bell fries are back.”



Sage Says:

Dear Sage,  
I need some advice. I’ve been bombarded with school work and extra curricular activities, and I think it’s really starting to take a toll on my health. I’ve been getting less sleep, not eating well or barely eating at all, and very stressed to the point where I can’t clear my mind on anything. Any tips? - Sleepless in Shamokin

Dear Sleepless in Shamokin,  
Honestly, if you genuinely want to improve how things are going, take a step back for a moment, and breathe. Despite what might be going on, everything will be okay, but you need to take care of yourself first.  
Sincerely, Sage

Dear Sage,  
My New Years Resolution was to exercise more, but I’ve been having trouble keeping up with it.  
Any tips on how to get me off the couch and inside the gym?!  
Sincerely, Miserable in School

Dear Miserable in School,  
I recommend that if you can’t get yourself to the gym, do something else that gets you moving.  
Swimming, hiking or playing a sport are great ways to get exercise without the monotony of the gym!

Rat  
1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020  
Rats are optimistic and energetic, yet sensitive to others. Rats are most compatible with the Ox, Dragon, and Monkey and clash with the Horse, Goat and Rabbit.

Ox  
1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021  
Oxen are honest, and they never seek praise or attention, as they understand the value of hard work. Oxen are most compatible with the Rat, Snake, Rooster and clash with the Goat, Horse and Dog.

Tiger  
1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022  
Tigers are kind and imaginative, and are overflowing with emotions. Tigers are most compatible with the Pig, Horse, and Dog, and clash with the Monkey and Snake.

Rabbit  
1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023  
Rabbits are quiet, yet confident and strong. Rabbits are most compatible with the Dog, Pig, and Goat and clash with the Rooster, Dragon, and Rat.

Dragon  
1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024  
Dragons are strong and independent, yet long for love. Dragons are most compatible with the Rooster, Monkey, Rat and clash with the Dog, Rabbit, and Dragon.

Snake  
1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025  
Snakes are humorous and sophisticated. Snakes are most compatible with the Monkey, Rooster, and Ox and clash with the Tiger, and Pig.

Horse  
1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026  
Horses are full of energy, and strive for happiness in life, rather than monetary gain. Horses are most compatible with the Goat, Tiger, and Dog and clash with the Rat, Ox, and Horse.

Goat  
1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027  
Goats are able to persevere through any difficulty, and are strong and resilient. Goats are most compatible with the Horse, Pig, Rabbit and clash with the Ox, Rat, Dog.

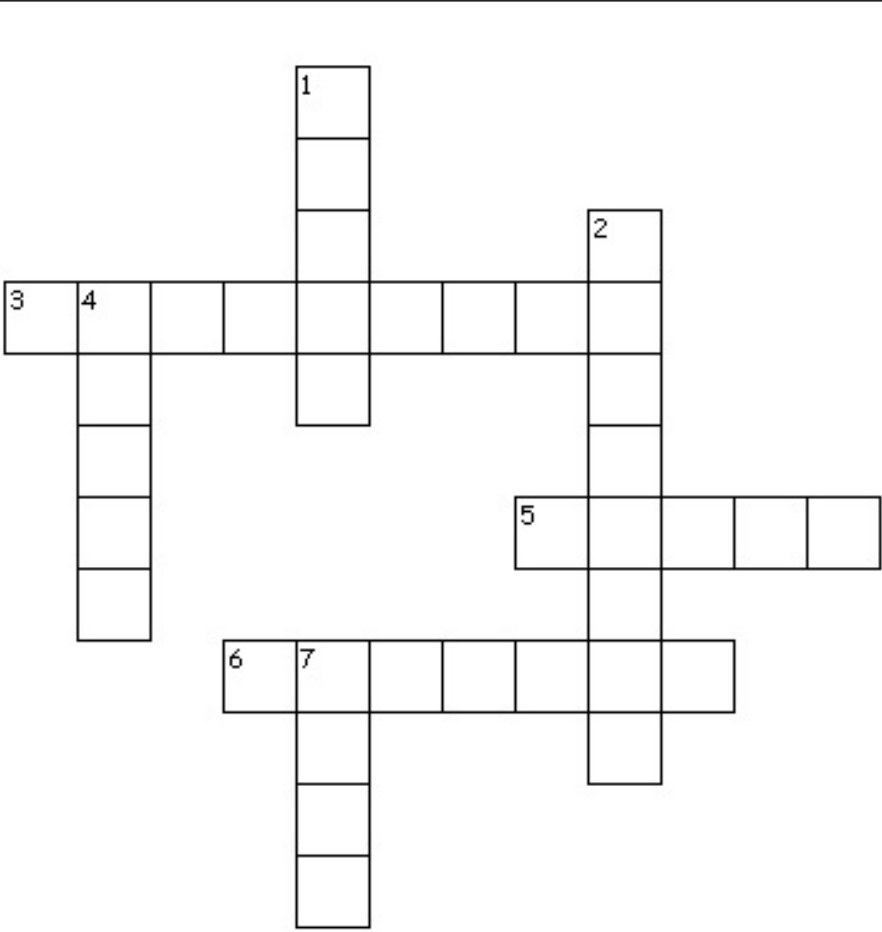
Monkey  
1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016  
Monkeys are lighthearted pranksters and are highly intelligent. Monkeys are most compatible with the Snake, Rat, and Dragon and clash with the Tiger, and Pig.

Rooster  
1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017  
Roosters are serious, but deep down need validation. Roosters are most compatible with the Dragon, Snake, and Ox and clash with the Rabbit, Dog, and Rooster.

Dog  
1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018  
Dogs are loyal, honest, and just. Dogs are most compatible with the Rabbit, Tiger, and Horse and clash with the Dragon, Ox, and Goat.

Pig  
1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019  
Pigs are realistic and enthusiastic, and incredibly hard workers. Pigs are most compatible with the Tiger, Rabbit, and Goat and clash with the Snake, and Monkey.

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6. Something Fresh To Give To A Loved One
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2. Month of Valentine's Day
4. Token Shape of Valentine's Day

A new year, a new me!

By Jeremiah Thompson  
Layout and Design

Rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. Is this collection part of a zoo? A fantasy? A movie? Actually, these are the animals, in order as they appear in the Chinese Zodiac. Each year, sometime between Jan. 21 to Feb. 20, according to tradition, the Chinese New Year is celebrated by millions round the world.

The Chinese New Year is different from the Gregorian calendar, which marks Jan. 1, as the new year. This is just one of the differences. The Chinese New Year marks the start of the lunar new year (the start of a new moon) and the Spring Festival. To celebrate the Chinese New Year, followers observe certain traditions, such as cleaning their houses, wearing special clothes, watching or participating in parades, performances, and fireworks. During this time children receive red envelopes that contain money.

In conjunction with a new year in the Chinese tradition, a different animal is dedicated to each year of a 12-year cycle. The 12 animals, part of the Chinese Zodiac, feature specific traits and carry individual predictions. To determine your animal, you must look at which one is assigned to your birth year. By the way, 2020 is the year of the rat, which marks the beginning of another 12-year cycle.

Poetry Corner

Poetry notes: “Stress” is a villanelle, which is a 19-line poem that includes repetition of the first and third lines throughout the poem. This poem follows the ABA, ABA, ABA, ABA, ABA, ABAA rhyme scheme.

Stress

By Sarah Hoover, sophomore

Stress, stress go away, come back another day.  
Confront the worry when you are ready.  
Just keep all this worry at bay.  
You will eventually solve it in the right way.  
Breathe, be calm, and steady.  
Stress, stress go away, come back another day.  
Just wait for your one good ray.  
The worry is not worth getting all sweaty.  
Just keep all this worry at bay.  
All this pain isn’t going to pay.  
Face it right when you are ready; don’t be petty.  
Stress, stress go away, come back another day.  
Health is more important; watch out, you might need an X-ray.  
Sit back and eat some spaghetti;  
Just keep all this worry at bay.  
Better watch out before your hair gets gray;  
Go take a sip of coffee out of your Yeti.  
Stress, stress go away, come back another day.

Frosted Valley

By Airianna Smallwood, sophomore

Blankets of blinding white  
cover the ground  
A sharp contrast against the  
night’s dark sky  
It falls without ever making a  
sound  
And not a single soul could be  
descried.  
Soft flakes fall down upon  
frosted grass  
Each blade afraid they won’t  
survive the cold  
Unknowing how long this  
winter will last  
They’re dreaming of the suns’  
rays shining gold.  
And from out behind two  
snowy valleys  
A vibrant scarlet sun began to  
rise  
It tinged the sky a bright shade  
of honey  
So silent one could hear the  
birds’ outcry.  
With the rising sun and tepid  
heat  
The pristine white  
snow became obsolete.



# Lady Indians qualify for playoffs

By Kaitlyn Dunn,  
Sports Writer

While getting the win on January 21 against Warrior Run, the Lady Indians qualified for district playoffs. In the first league game the Indians fell short to Warrior Run, but took care of business on their home court defeating them 57-55.

The Lady Indians also had a big game Friday night, January 24, against Central Columbia. While also coming up short to Central Columbia the first time in league play, the Indians came out on top with a complete team effort on senior night topping Central Columbia with a score of 45-39.

Coach Jordan Rickert told her players, “It is exciting to see you guys playing how I know you can. This is the type of basketball I like to watch. Keep this up the rest of the season and we’re going to be very hard to beat.”

The Indians have three more regular season games and then will start district playoffs.

# Boys’ basketball strives for the gold

By Joe Masser  
Sports Writer



The Shamokin boys basketball season is heading down the home stretch and the team has positioned itself for a memorable finish. They are first in the HAC-1 standings and first in the district 4 class 4a rankings. The post season is a given at this point. But after losing last year in the district championship game, silver medals just won’t do. The Indians are poised for the gold, and a run in the state playoffs.

Led by seniors Matt Schiccatano, Mason Filarski, and Joe Masser the Indians have great experience. Both Masser and Filarski are career 1,000 point scorers. Brent Reed, a junior, and Colin Seedor, a sophomore, round out the starting lineup. Also making major contributions are underclassmen Joe Tarr and Aaron Frasch.

This is sure to be one of the greatest seasons in program history. Come out to the games and fill up the student section. Be a part of the excitement.

# R.I.P Kobe

By Abby Rishel  
Staff Writer

On January 26th the NBA and basketball fans everywhere were heartbroken. Retired Laker Kobe Bryant was killed in a helicopter crash. This tragic accident cost many people's lives including his daughter, Gianna.

Bryant’s death had an immediate impact on Shamokin Area Students. Girls’ basketball player Emma Kramer, junior, said, “It is so unfortunate for everyone.” Another girls’ basketball player Grace Nazih, junior, said, “It was tragic and so unfortunate and really made everyone realize how things can change in an instant.”

This accident affected so many people who do not even play basketball; they just looked up to his strength and motivation. Ninth grader Tiana Bowers, who is a major Kobe Bryant fan, says, “I was upstairs in my room when my dad came up to tell me about him (Kobe). I really do like basketball. Hard to cope with these things but I believe everything happens for a reason. We are only one month into the year, and it's a shame that one of our professional basketball players has died.”

When students hear the name Kobe they mostly only think about taking an impossible shot from around the room while yelling “Kobe.” One class, when asked about the tradition, unanimously raised their hands when asked if they have ever called “Kobe” when throwing something into the trash can. Sophomore Dominic Michaels said, “When I found out I didn’t think it was real. When I saw that ESPN posted it, I knew it was real. It’s not nice when anyone dies but he was one of the best NBA players of all time. I was definitely a big fan of Kobe,” Michaels added.

Kobe Bryant, who was born in Philadelphia, did not go to college. Instead he went into playing professional basketball. In the 1996 draft, the Charlotte Hornets drafted him. Right after he got drafted they traded him to the Los Angeles Lakers as number 24 which he carried since high school. As the seasons went on, Kobe won five NBA Championships. He also won two Olympic Gold medals for basketball in 2008 and 2012. Kobe held the record number of points scored in a single game, scoring 81 points. He got married to Vanessa Bryant in 2001 and had four daughters, including Gianna, who had hoped to carry on her father’s legacy in basketball.

Kobe wrote a book called Mamba Mentality which is an autobiography about his path to success. He named the book after his nickname “The Black Mamba,” which was “who he was when he stepped on the court” (refinery29). He chose this nickname after he saw the movie Kill Bill, which is where an assassin kills another character with a venomous snake. He talked about the length and nature of the snake and about how it sheds, and used that as a metaphor for his own life. He referred to his old self when he was at the lowest point of his life as before the snake sheds. When the snake sheds this symbolizes Kobe becoming great and finding his voice.



From left to right, Lady Indian Seniors include Emily Slanina, Sophie Rossnock, Kaitlyn Dunn, and Emma Tomcavage.

# Baseball team welcomes new head coach

By Joe Masser  
Sports Writer

Although the winter sports are still in full swing, spring will be in the air in a blink of the eye. And so will the sound of the crack of the bat and another baseball season will be upon us. The new season starts with a new head coach, Jason Mowery.

Twelve seniors graduated from last year’s district playoff team, so this year’s team will be laden with underclassmen. Key returning players will be Matt Bellis, senior; Shane Hess, junior; and Hunter Bates, junior. Many positions will be up for grabs when spring practices begin. In the always competitive Heartland Conference will battle with perennial foes Central Mountain, Danville, and Selinsgrove. Play Ball!

# 2020 SAHS Winter Sports Schedule

## Junior High Boys Basketball

2/17 @ Bloomsburg 5:30 p.m.  
2/20-2/22 @ Williamsport Trn (8th grade) TBD  
2/24,25,26 @ Williamsport Trn (9th grade) TBD  
2/25,27,29 @ Montoursville Trn (7th grade) TBD

## Wrestling-Varsity

2/15 @ Sectionals (Southern Col) 10 a.m.  
2/21-22 @ Districts (Williamsport) 5-8:30 p.m.  
2/28-29 @ Regionals (Williamsport) 6:00/10:00  
3/5-3/7 @ States (Hershey) TBD

## Swimming/Diving

2/15 @ Williamsport Invite-Dive 10:30 a.m.  
2/22 @ D-IV Dive (Bloom MS) 10 a.m.  
2/26 @ D-IV Swim (Williamsport) 6 p.m.  
200 medley relay, 200 free, 200 IM,  
50 free, and 200 free relay for both male and female swimmers  
2/27 @ D-IV Swim (Williamsport) 6 p.m.  
100 free, 500 free, 100 back, 100 breast, and 400 free relay for both male and female swimmers  
3/12-3/14 @ States--Bucknell TBA



SAHS Swimsuit team celebrates Senior Night. (Photo by Megan Roman, Staff Writer)



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