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## The legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Jadyn Slovic  
*Staff Writer*

Shamokin Area High School had a day off on Monday, Jan. 20, in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was a nonviolent civil rights activist, and is most famously known for his “I Have A Dream” speech discussing racial inequality and his hope to end it.

The holiday is placed between (or on) King’s birthday and Black History Month, the third Monday of the year, and wasn’t celebrated in all 50 states until 2000, though it was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. MLK Day is actually celebrated/recognized in several countries, including Japan and the Nether-



lands. In Japan, the mayor of Hiroshima holds a banquet in honor of King, as an act of unifying in the name of peace and human rights. In the Netherlands, it is held in Wassenaar and is celebrated with music, with a group holding hands and singing “We Shall Overcome”.

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Senior Art Major Emma Dailey stands next to two pieces of twenty-two at the FRESH gallery opening.

## SAHS Art Major spotlighted in NCCA art gallery

By Caycee Kalinoski  
*Layout and Design Editor*

Senior Emma Dailey presented her art during *FRESH* at the Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities Fine Arts Gallery on January 9. This was Dailey’s first gallery showing outside of a scholastic setting.

Featured alongside 33 year-old Christine Johnson’s photography exhibit, Dailey presented 22 art pieces, including a never before seen work.

Dailey describes her work as “a wide multitude of emotions and subjects, ranging from sin to love, but there is a consistency throughout all of the pieces-that being a use of subtle surrealism within otherwise representationally rendered figures.

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## What is your New Year’s resolution? By Olivia Haupt, Staff writer



**Chloe Yoder, senior**  
“I want to get better fitness wise because I want to be a district champion for my hurdles event in track and field.”



**Mrs. Zettelmoyer, teacher**  
“I don’t make New Year’s resolutions so I don’t get disappointed with myself when I don’t follow through with it.



**Aden Kane, eighth grade**  
“My goal is to get better grades because I would like to make the honor roll.”

# FEATURES

## “Now is the time to seize the day”

By Katelyn Zawalick, Jadyn Slovic, Angelina Schaeffer  
Staff Writers

The cast of Newsies began rehearsals December 5 and began its first dance practice on January 6. The ensemble is already putting in their all. Excited cast members gather in the music suite to practice Mondays through Thursdays.

Members of the ensemble have different techniques of how they will prepare for their roles.

“Lots of stretching, really working on that ballet, and making sure my New York accent isn’t too cheesy,” said Raven Depeal, who plays a newsie named Race. While Samantha Stancavage, playing Medda Larkin, said, “I think honestly it’s taking a lot of



time because I’ve never had a role this big and I’ve never had to sing this way. This role takes a lot of confidence and I need to learn to put myself out there. Taking time to sit down and focus.”

Newsies is very different than any show Shamokin has performed before. Rosalind Kane had this to say about her current role compared to past roles, “It’s weird because it doesn’t compare. This is the first role that I’m a grown up. An independent woman. This is also the first role I really get to dance.” Everyone is picking up the

dances well already, working on leaps and pirouettes and learning new things they’ve never worked on before.

Many students are happy with how the year is going so far. Sloan Derk, who plays Morris Delancey, said that “I think the casting this year was done very well and everyone deserves the part they got.”

The cast is excited to showcase their talents during the musical, which will run April 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. in the Shamokin Area Middle/High School auditorium.

## It’s Showtime!

By Trynity Delvecchio  
Staff Writer

Members of the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble began its six-week “after-school residency” on theatre and performance genre of improv on January 14. This is the first-ever theatrical opportunity for our district.

“Students will get to artistically express themselves through costumes and sets, as well as, learn what it takes to become a playwright,” said Abigail Leffler, BTE education director.

Regular classes will last up to about two hours, with students learning performance skills, design, improv, and having fun! Leffler and Bry Kifolo, the instructors, will have students work together as a team to put on an improvised show. “Anyone in the high school is welcome. If you ever wanted to see what performance theatre is like, this is a great time to figure it out! Sign up. We will have a ton of fun!” Leffler added.

**NEWSIES**  
THE MUSICAL

## Review of *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*

By Paige Shoffler  
Staff Writer

I have been a big *Star Wars* fan ever since I have seen the prequel and original trilogy, and I feel that *The Rise of Skywalker* brings closure to a well beloved saga.

I have recently seen the new *Star Wars* movie and I think that this movie is the best sequel of the new trilogy, followed closely by *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. *The Force Awakens* introduced a new cast of characters which you get to learn a lot more about in *The Rise of Skywalker*.

I believe *The Rise of Skywalker* has plans for more things to come for *Star Wars* fans.

Raven Depeal, senior, (below), and Nathan Grimes, senior, (above) practice dance routines for newsies





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## Environmental students visit PA Farm Show

By Ashlea Oakum  
Staff Writer

The environmental club, as well as Mr. Cowder's seventh period environmental science class, visited the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show on January 9. The convention, which takes place at the official PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg,



A prize-winning pumpkin sits on display in front of a harvested produce stand



People enter the main lobby of the PA Farm Show & Expo Center

ran for one week from January 4-11. The show offered a plethora of activities and events, some which change from day to day. Environmental club and class members were able to experience and participate in events like tractor square dancing, a honey extraction demonstration, an agricultural game show, and a brass quintet concert performed by the 553rd Air National Guard Band. Along with daily events, the convention had large markets filled with varieties of food, clothing, crafts, and much more, as well as rows of kennels and cages that held different breeds of ducks, cows, horses, goats, sheep, and more farm animals.

### Look to the stars! February Horoscopes

**Aries:** Use your creativity to your advantage. Draw! Paint! Sing! Knit! Write! Dance!

**Taurus:** You have a transformation ahead of you. Let go of something that has been weighing you down. Reinvent yourself.

**Gemini:** Follow your dreams. Plant something for future generations. It's your time to grab hold of your future and make what you want of it.

**Cancer:** It's time to break out of the box. Do something that makes you feel alive, but don't break the law! Break out of your comfort zone and show your voice.

**Leo:** Don't sit back and wait for something to happen. Take action. Be a leader. Roar!

**Virgo:** Don't dwell on a question too long. You tend to be indecisive. Be spontaneous.

**Libra:** Communication is key. You may be stuck in a situation and don't know how to handle it.

Talk to someone, but not during class. (Pay attention there!)

**Scorpio:** You are on the look-out for someone new in your life. Don't hold back. You have been hurt before and find it hard to trust others. Be open to a new relationship.

**Sagittarius:** Don't be sneaky just be cheeky.)

**Capricorn:** Your past activities have been weighing your heart down. Reevaluate them and let them go, Elsa!

**Aquarius:** You are a social butterfly. You want to always be noticed and involved, but that doesn't always work to your advantage. Be careful and watch your words.

**Pisces:** Someone wants your advice, but you don't hear them- your earbuds are in! Take 'em out and listen! A friend needs you!

### What is your New Year's resolution? (cont. from front)



**Hunter Rodarmel, junior**  
"To get big, workout, and get stronger."

**Natalie Wolfe, security**

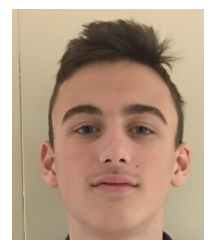
"I need to watch what I eat and can't have late night snacking because I would like to be healthier."



**Gabby Sinopoli, freshman**  
"I need to let go of things I can't control."

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**Colin Seedor, sophomore**  
"I would like to put on weight so I can gain muscle."

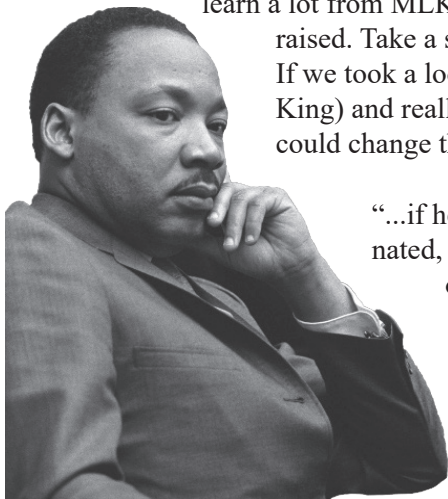


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King achieved a lot in his lifetime and his legacy has continued on to this very day. Jeremiah Thompson, who played Javert in the school musical last year, expressed that MLK Day "is a day to celebrate the most famous fallen civil rights activist of all time."

Thompson continued, "...I don't think the rights movement ended with the death of King. There is still intolerance and racism in the world today, and there most likely will always be some people who won't put aside their differences and see that we're all equal."



learn a lot from MLK. Don't show up with hands raised. Take a step back and think through it. If we took a look at the nonviolent (Gandhi, King) and really, truly looked at them, we could change the individual."

She then posed the question, "...if he wouldn't have been assassinated, I wonder what he would think of civil rights leaders today?"

When asked the same question, Smith said, "He'd be happy that things are much better now than they were before but he'd feel that there's still things that could be done."

King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality, and had been the youngest to do so. In 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership. He was also involved in several organizations to fight for people of color and worked hard toward the goal of equality.

Former student Joey Olah, mainly known around the area for his YouTube channel Jolah, brought up how people use King as the politically correct symbol of unity, but that his rhetoric is so much deeper. Olah described King as "a socialist democrat who fought for workers rights and universal healthcare for working people of all races." King once said, "The inseparable twin of racial injustice is

economic injustice."

King was a passionate and involved Christian man, and used Jesus's peaceful intentions to continue to combat against the racist world trying to push people of color down. He also loved music and sang with his church choir at the Atlanta premiere of *Gone with the Wind*, as in that time movies were played without sound and needed live music!

Band treasurer and Junior Destiny Smith said that to her, MLK represents that "even in the biggest sense of opposition people persist for the greater good".

Teachers such as Mrs. Bethann Shaffer, really value MLK's stance of nonviolence. "I feel our students can

## Junior class raises money for fire

By Abby Rishel  
Staff Writer

A Shamokin Area student lost his house in a tragic fire in December. As soon as the Junior class officers heard about this they decided they wanted to do something to help out. Within a week the junior class officers collected a total of \$600; this includes \$472 students raised together.

Because of the effort, Principal Todd Hockenbroch gave the incentive by announcing that for every \$50 students would earn a dress down day. The school has raised enough money for nine dressdown days.

The class officers called the effort "A humbling experience that was a real eye opener." The officers added that they would like to thank everyone for their donations.

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In other words, Dailey uses realism to bring a sense of comfort, then uses surrealism to draw the viewer out of that comfort zone. Dailey also states that her pieces "often serve as visual forms

to my questions of morality and life that keep [Dailey] up at night."

Dailey's art will be featured at the NCCA Art Gallery in the Northumberland County Careerlink until February 10, 2020.



Onlookers attend the gallery opening of the 2020 FRESH show and view Dailey's and Johnson's work.



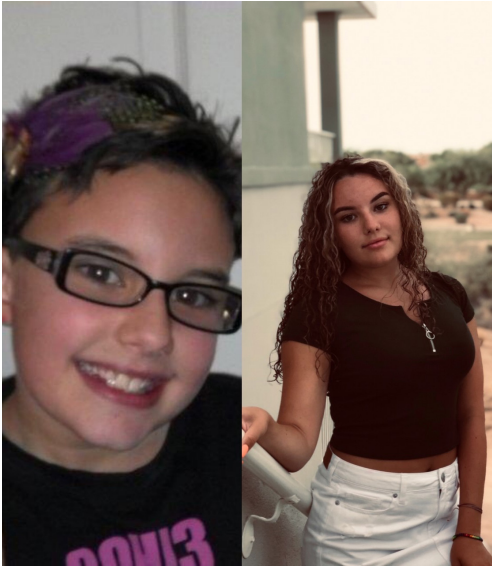
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## Saying Goodbye to Our Childhood

By Olivia Haupt  
Staff Writer

2020 is nearly here which means the end of our decade and our childhood years, but the memories will never be forgotten. Remember the car rides late at night screaming to “Someone Like You”, “Party in the USA”, “Good Girls Go Bad”, “Baby”, and “Love Story”? Or secretly dancing in your room to Just Dance when you think nobody's awake at night, and trying to learn “Superbass” and “Fergalicious” so you can sing them in the back of the bus on the way home from sports games? Those times, the trends, and special moments will never be forgotten.

Earlier in the decade students were “addicted” to the Silly Bands trend that glorified simple, but colorful plastic bracelets. Students traded them in the hallways and just about everywhere else. The stretchy plastic bands could be



Junior Grace Nahzi, left age 7 and right age 17

purchased everywhere and came in all shapes and sizes. Both boys and girls collected and wore them...until kids started flinging them at each. Administration responded quickly by banning the bands in school.

Trends of a different kind were popular even in gym class. Remember the scooter board trains? Clothing and accessory trends were both colorful and fun. Girls ran to beauty salons or shops in the mall to get the colorful feathered hair pieces woven into their own hair.

Many technology trends kept us up late at night. Kids played Xbox games such as Call of Duty, Madden, and FIFA, while other kids played Mario Kart, Cooking Mama, and Just Dance on the Wii.

If you weren't really a hardcore gamer, remember begging your parents to let you get a *ClubPenguin* account, where you could connect with friends outside of school to envision a virtual winter wonderland using avatar penguins.



Junior Gianna Sinopoli, left age 7 and right age 16



Junior Olivia Haupt, left age 6 and right age 16

Crushes, how do we forget those? Ladies, remember dreaming about Zac Efron? Guys, we know Selena Gomez was always running around your mind late at night.

While not quite “crush-worthy,” who could forget the sponge that lives under the sea? *Spongebob Squarepants* is an iconic figure back then and even now. Other hit TV series such as *Good Luck Charlie*, *Hannah Montana*, *iCarly*, and *Wizards of Waverly Place* are all part of our happy memories now. These shows featured many relatable issues and we looked up to these characters for answers to life lessons.

The decade ends with a milestone when it comes to movies. The number-one grossing Disney movie from the 21st century is the 2019 remake of *The Lion King*.

As the new year approaches, we look forward to more new and fun trends and entertainment. We may never see the resurrection of Silly Bands, and *Hannah Montana* definitely grew up, but the memories will always be our reminder of many happy times!

# SPORTS

## Filarski achieves over 1000 career points during Indians win

By Joe Masser  
*Sports Editor*

Mason Filarski, the Indian's 6'0 senior point guard, achieved a major milestone in his career when he topped 1,000 points during a game against Selinsgrove Wednesday night.

Mason joins the 1,000 point club becoming the 18th player in Shamokin history to do so. He was the second player this week to achieve the fete; Joe Masser hit his 1,000 points Monday during a game at Jersey Shore.

Filarski scored 1,001 point after hitting a floater over Selinsgrove's Jaron Clark with 6.5 seconds left in the first half. "I honestly felt relieved," said Filarski, who got off to a hot start scoring 12 first half points and leading the game in all scores with 19.

Coach Chris Zimmerman was proud of his players. "I think it's a great accomplishment having Joe and Mason join the 1,000 point club. It shows all the hard work they put in to become really skilled basketball players. Having them both achieve it this year; with the success the team is having, will also make it more memorable for them."

"Joe and Mason are two of the top all around players in are area," Zimmerman continued. "They both started numerous games as freshman and really haven't come out of the starting lineup since. They can both get the ball to the basket and make plays off the dribble. They both have the ability to make their teammates better because of how skilled they are. Mason may be a little better from the 3-point line, however Joe likes to finish at the rim. They are both winning players and consistently make win-



Cheerleaders perform stunts at the January 9th Pep Rally

ning plays. It's more knowing we need them to score in order to be the best team we can be."

Also contributing to the win was senior Matt Schiccatano, who chipped in with 14 points. Shamokin downed the Seals 60-51 improving to 11-2 overall, 7-0 HAC-1. Shamokin battled the undefeated Loyalsock Lancers Monday at 7 p.m. in the Purple Palace.

## Masser Tops 1000 Career Points in Win Over J. Shore

By Farrah Krum  
*Staff Writer*

The 6'3" senior knew it was his time to have a big night Monday and he did. Masser scored the 1,000th point of his basketball career in the game against Jersey Shore. Masser was humble about the win.

"I just wanted to get it out of the way," he stated.

After an early miss from Matt Schiccatano, Masser was there for the put back to score the game's first two points. Before the close of the first quarter, Masser set Joe Tarr up for a beautiful back door pass for the lay-up. Jersey Shore's, Nate Ewing, scored 10 first qua-

## Cheerleaders achieve district goal

By Gianna Sinopoli  
*Staff Writer*

The Shamokin Area Competition Cheer Team brought home yet another district title and finished 11th out of 15 at the state competition in Hershey on Jan. 10.

Junior Emmie Bland stated, "Everyone had the mindset to win districts, so we worked as a team to achieve our goal."

They began their preparation for districts in August with a week long cheer camp. Since then they practiced every Monday and Wednesday night. During the week leading up to districts they practiced everyday in order to perfect their routine for both district and states.

The school recognized the efforts of the cheerleaders, as well as student athletes from other sports, during a pep rally on Jan. 9.

ter points for the Bulldogs as they trailed the Indians 15-12 after 1.

The referees stopped the game, teammates, and coaches, to congratulate Masser.

"Thank God, I have great teammates who make it easy for me to score" Masser said.

Masser said he likes basketball because of the teamwork. "I like bonding with my teammates," he said. "My favorite thing getting rebounds which helps to set up my teammates for easier shots."

By the end of the game, Shamokin beat Jersey Shore with a score of 64-58. Brent Reed finished with 16 points and Schiccatano finished with 12.

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## Senior Updates

*\*This information can be found on the Shamokin Area High School website!\**

Seniors, this is a big year for you. Be sure to continue to work hard. Remember, colleges look at your fall and spring semester grades to make enrollment decisions. Also, make sure to be in constant communication with your guidance counselors this year to ensure a smooth transition to your selected career path.

- o If you do not already have a good computer, look into purchasing one for college. There tend to be discounts for college students or you can subsidize the cost in your student loans.
- o Contact the admissions office of the colleges to which you have applied to make sure that your info has been received. You do not need to send them anything else.
- o Keep an eye out for financial aid workshops and seminars

**Song:** 5 More Minutes by: Scotty McCreery

**Flower:** Tiger Lily

**Quote:** "Chase your dreams but always know the road that'll lead you home again."

**Prom Theme:** Paris, City of Romance

## Not new to nursing, but new to our school

By Raven McCaffery  
*Photography Editor*

Ms. Amy Winnier, the new nurse for Shamokin Area Middle/High School, has started her first ever school nurse job in her career. Winnier replaces Mrs. Sandy Zurick, who retired as school nurse in the fall.

"I am a very strong and nurturing person in life, and I want to make sure students have what they need to learn well including physical, emotional, and social health needs," Winnier explained.

Her role as the school nurse is to promote healthy lifestyles and to help prevent illness. Her duties include taking care of the student body everyday throughout the school year, and giving health tips for eating, getting a full night's sleep, being active, and making sure everyone washes their hands especially



during cold and flu season.

Winnier, from Sunbury, decided to become a nurse in high school. Following graduation from Northumberland Christian Academy, she attended Jacksonville University in Florida. Her personal interests include running, hiking, skiing, and spending time with her family and friends.

## Penny wars declared!

By Bryce Anderson  
*Staff Writer*

The Key Club hosted a Penny War from January 7-24 to support the Progeria Research Foundation (PRF). The grade level that turned in the most money will win a dress down day for their efforts. These donations were collected in Ms. Ahohuendo's room C121.

The PRF is a foundation created due to the massive lack of information about the Progeria disease, which increases the age rate among children, who usually die of heart disease around 14 years.

## Yearbook fundraiser concludes

By Angelina Schaeffer  
*Staff Writer*



Yearbook conducted the fundraiser, "From Heartland to Home," from the beginning of the month until January 21. The fundraiser contained food and home items.

Participating in this fundraiser helps to keep the annual yearbook affordable in price for everyone. Selling a certain number of items for the fundraiser can also win an individual a half price or free yearbook.