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The SAHS Girl's Basketball team celebrating a victorious win.

The early ending

By Megan Roman, staff writer

Due to COVID-19 the seniors of 2020 are forced to have their senior year ended early along with not having a traditional graduation. These kids were forced to start preparing for their futures earlier than they thought.

When asked, most of them are very upset about their senior year ending early. Senior Gabby Greager said, "I'm more upset than anything because I've worked so hard for the last 13 years just for my senior year to be shortened. I can't even graduate with the people I've known since kindergarten."

Another senior, Chloe Yoder, said, "I feel as if even though we didn't get to finish it out, the school is doing their best to give us a good ending. It's sad but we still have a whole future ahead of us!"

Senior Gabe Burns is "not upset about graduation and is just waiting to be able to start trade school."

The seniors are now getting ready for whatever they're doing in the future. Some are taking summer classes or doing extra work to get ready for college; others are just trying to have the best summer they can. "I'm just ready to move on and work towards the future I want," said Andrew Nelson, a senior.



(Above) The SAHS Senior Competition Band and Color Guard Members honored in a march at the final TOB competition of the season. (Left) SAHS Football players and Cheerleaders at the annual award banquet posing with their plaques.



Senior students “adopted” by community members

By Caycee Kalinoski, staff writer/layout and design editor

Local seniors may have lost the end of their senior year due to COVID-19, but members of the greater Shamokin community have done their best to soften the blow. Started by Lisa Scicchitano, of Coal Township, the Facebook group “Adopt a Shamokin Area (and Surrounding Areas) graduating senior”, has become a place for seniors to be appreciated in their community.

Parents of seniors (or senior students) are encouraged to post photos and information about their high school careers. Seniors are then “adopted” by members of the community and are given a gift, such as candles, candy, and soaps, among other fun items. Scicchitano has also featured a number of give away contests in the group, having seniors post photos and memories for the chance to win a prize donated from a member of the community.

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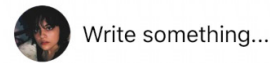


Adopt a Shamokin Area (and Surrounding Areas) graduating senior >

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A mobile screenshot of the “Adopt a Shamokin Area ... Senior” Facebook page

COVID cancels annual Autism Day event

By Gianna Sinopoli, staff writer

Volleyball, obstacle courses, and swimming were among the fun events planned for the second annual Autism Day, which would have been held April 24 at Shamokin Area Middle/High School. Sadly, the coronavirus lockdown put an abrupt halt to this wonderful event.

“This day gives kids the opportunity to be themselves and not have to fit in with the ‘normal’ lifestyle,” said Mrs. Kapushinski, Autism Day organizer, earlier this spring. Autism Day sparked interest at our school when the Special Education Department was invited by another school to its Autism Day.



Shamokin Area’s event consists of many sensory activities and also volleyball, obstacle courses, and swimming. Activities take place in the stadium and the road behind the school. Shikellamy and Mount Carmel were invited to attend. The district-wide event also offered volunteer opportunities for students. T-shirts sold in anticipation of the Autism Day celebration were made available at the food distribution days and times at the Annex during the closure.

UK trip postponed until 2021

By Sydney Rhoads, staff writer

Calling it a “huge disappointment,” Europe trip coordinators Mr. Ty Crossley and Mr. Stephen Keller, announced the COVID-19 pandemic has forced them to postpone this summer’s trip to England and Scotland until the summer of 2021.

Superintendent Chris Venna supported the decision “100%” and also gave permission for this year’s seniors who are currently enrolled in the trip to be part of next year’s trip.

The “Scots, Bards, and Brits” adventure involves the Shamokin Area group flying 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.

Are you an SAHS student returning next year? Send your summer memories to thesignal@indians.k12.pa.us to be featured in our next edition in the Fall!

During the month of April, *The Signal* asked the 2020 seniors to participate in a poll via social media. *The Signal* is proud to present the results of our 2020 Senior Quarantine Questionnaire!

Information, graphics, and layout by Emma Dailey
Seniors who provided their future plans:

Emma Laughlin - attending West Chester University and majoring in Actuarial Science

Raven Depeal - Temple University, Majoring in Theater Technology

Cheyenne Wolf - Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in music at Hobe Sound Bible College!

Dennis Cole - Rosemont College, history

Sophie Rossnock - Attending Lock Haven University to major in Sports Administration

Chloe Yoder - Susquehanna University, psychology

Destiny Jones - Cedar Crest College and majoring in nursing

Jazmyne Hoffman - Getting my CNA

Tori Moser - Work and taking care of my daughter

Victoria Brabitz - Cedar Crest College for nursing

Amber Klinger - Phlebotomist training

Nathan Grimes - attending Penn State University to study biomedical engineering on a pre-med track

Madelyn Donahue - Business major at Bloomsburg

Makayla Moroskie - Real Estate

Katelyn Zawalick - Cedar Crest College, Secondary Education Social Studies

Emma Dailey - Cleveland Institute of Art - Double Major Illustration/Game Design

Da'sir Lovelace - Trade school, auto-collision

Jasmine Scandle - Villanova University, Biochemistry

Ashley Ponatoski - Susquehanna University, Biomedical Sciences

Dalton Bower - Find local work

Molly Stevens - Susquehanna University

Emily Slanina - Lebanon Valley College, physical therapy

Kaila Moore - Cosmetology School

Kyra Sanders - I want to go to vet school! I got accepted to Wilson, and will be attending as a Equine studies major.

Kathryn Slotterback - Manhattan College, majoring in Political Science on the pre-law track.

Abbey DiOrio - Cedar Crest College to major in nursing and hopefully become an RN

Cherie Martin - Slippery Rock University, Philanthropy & Non-profit Management

Megan Wywadis - Thaddeus Stevens, Electrical Residential and Maintenance.

Jasmine Slodysko - Attend Wilkes University as a nursing major

Holly Fegley - Kutztown University for Copyright and Patent Law

Sarah Kratzer - Triangle Tech, carpentry

Mason Filarski - Electrical union

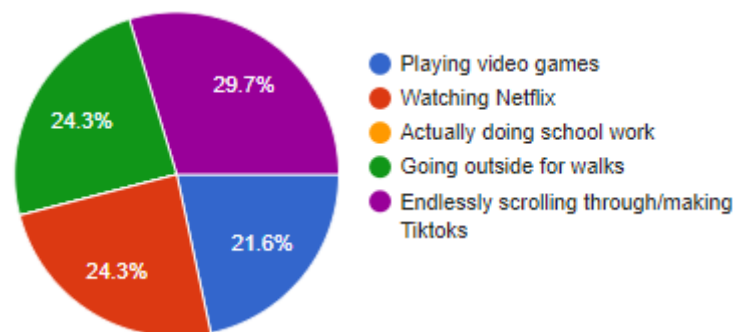
Maggie Bowers - Susquehanna University, Pre-Law and Psychology

Sheyenne Moore - Cedar Crest College for Nursing

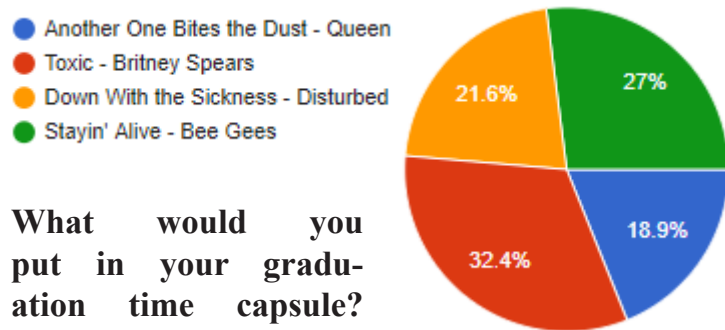
Danielle Hinkle - I plan on attending Harrisburg University if Science and Technology! I'm majoring in Integrative Science with a focus in Forensics! I want to be a Forensic Pathologist

Joshua Dombrowski - Full-time Freshman at Wilkes University majoring in Biochemistry and Pre-med

What have you been doing to cope with the quarantine?



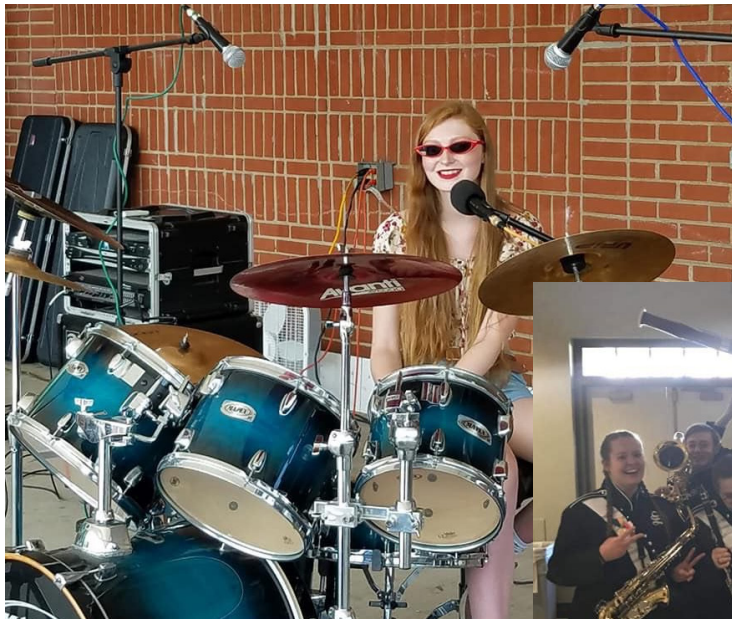
What is your quarantine anthem?



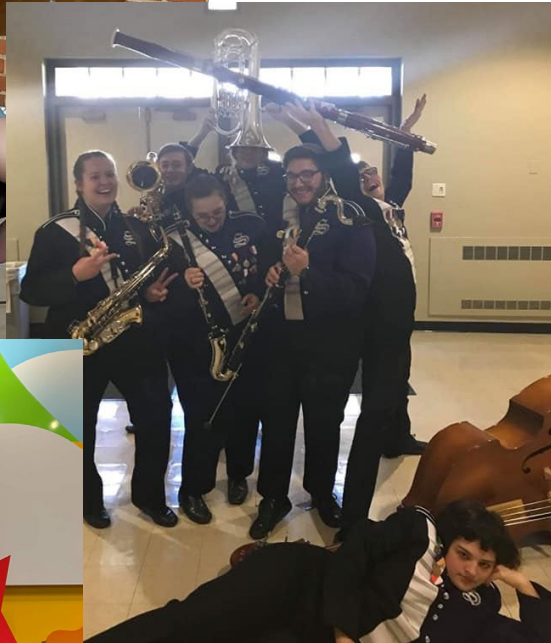
What would you put in your graduation time capsule? (anonymous answers)

- "A bottle of crazy glue"
- "All the notes I've passed in class"
- "My down payment for senior week :("
- "Probably a note describing quarantine and photos of me and my friends"
- "Books and my weird drawings."
- "All of my sheet music"
- "Pictures with my closest friends, some rosin, bobby-pins from color guard, and a mask."
- "A face mask, roll of toilet paper, and a copy of Animal Crossing New Horizons"
- "My volleyball warmup shirt, my musical playbills and pictures of me and my friends."
- "My Signal press badge and pictures."
- "All of my honor band pins and SkillsUSA 1st place pin."
- "A mask, my senior photo, a picture of the class together."

During the month of April, *The Signal* asked the 2020 seniors to submit their favorite memories, either via photo, or anonymously via written response. Here are their responses!



"During the first week of school, Abby Doss had her brand new NC State water bottle with her at lunch. The bell rang so we were rushing to get out of the cafe, she then proceeded to grab the bottle by the lid and it came off. Water went all over the table and we didn't know what to do so we both ran out with our other friend Ashley Ponatoski."



"I really enjoyed being on Prom Committee. Making the Titanic, painting, listening to music and choosing some for prom, (getting out of class for the week lol), just everything about it really. All of the sporting events. The Class of 2020 has taught/showed me so much. I've learned who real friends are, I've seen true talent, I've seen it all. The Class of 2020 are amazing in every way. I'm definitely sad school had to end the way it did, but I'm more excited to see everyone overcome this and start their lives in the real world. If it's going to college, going to the Army or any other branch, starting a family. I can't wait to see it all. I'm proud of my class. I love the Class of 2020. <3"

"Nothing made my senior year more than being in band, chorus, orchestra, and musical with all of my closest friends. But what we all unexpected was the quarantine. I would do anything to be back in school, but this is definitely a story worth telling in the future."





“One of my favorite memories this year is actually from AP Chem class. We spent half of the class explaining to Kramer how to spell chilly because he spelled it as “chilli” on his powerpoint. Basically any day in that class was a good memory!”



“Bringing in my infamous chocolate chip marshmallow brownies every year for my birthday!! If you were in any class with me, you should know about them. :)”

“When Mr. Hollenberg ruins Telaysia and my dance party in home room” “Student Sections” “Musical Opening Nights” “A brick fell through the ceiling in Mr. Bailey’s class”



“Every day from my first period class in Mrs. Feese’s room was guaranteed to bring some epic moment. There are too many great memories from that class alone to pick just one.”

Farewells from *The Signal's* senior staff members

Emma Dailey (Layout and Design Editor, Art Editor)

Hello all, my name is Emma Dailey and I am responsible for formatting all of the stories and photos, and the editing of said photos in *The Signal* that you're viewing right now! It feels strange typing this out myself and formatting my own writing for once, haha.

When the class I originally requested for 5th period wasn't available, my best friend Caycee mentioned that she was taking a new course offered during that time slot. I decided to join Mass Media on a whim so that I would not have a study hall.



Little did I know, over the course of one crazy school-year, I would come to invest hours upon hours into this ambitious project of revamping the once semi-defunct school newspaper. I was lucky enough to learn a little bit of Adobe InDesign CC during a summer art residency program in Baltimore, which coincidentally was the program the class had access to.

It is very fulfilling to arrange the stories and articles written by my classmates, as well as uplifting photos that exhibit the very best, happiest, and accomplished moments of my classmates.

I hope the very best for the future of this publication, and I very much hope that the school and community continue to support it. I would love to see more printed editions in the future!

Thank you Mrs. Rhoads for doing such a great job teaching this class as well as managing the publication. You are an amazing teacher and adviser, and have encouraged your students to do great things!

Katelyn Zawalick (Staff Writer)

For me, the last four years have been insanely eventful, from joining band, color guard, and musical, to meeting new peers and teachers that have changed my life forever.

Freshman year I joined color guard, band and the musical, and I ended up becoming friends with some of the most amazing people I have ever met.

Sophomore year I joined chorus and was able to take a trip to see *Wicked* in New York City, which has always been my favorite place on earth.

Junior year was incredibly eventful, and will always be my favorite. Seeing *Fall Out Boy* with one of my best friends, performing *Les Miserable*, seeing *Frozen*

on Broadway, and even going to Disney! Definitely the best year of my life so far.

Senior year, for what it was, had a lot of excitement. Performing in Hershey Stadium, going to Philadelphia to see *The Nutcracker*, being a part of the school newspaper. I've been lucky enough to even have a wonderful group of friends.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that: I wouldn't be who I am today if I didn't have these wonderful (and not-so-wonderful) experiences. Thank you to everyone who took part in these last six years. To all of the underclassmen: get out of your comfort zone; there are so many amazing experiences waiting for you!



Angelina Schaeffer (Staff Writer)

Thank you for teaching me so much, both things that I can in school and things that I can use in my life. I'm going to miss all of the fun times, and all of the people I got to share them with.

Nicholas Zimmerman (Staff Writer)

Thank you so much for all of the great memories in High School! It was such an honor to be a student of the district. I will miss all of the teachers, staff and the lower classmates. Thank you for a great journey!



Farewells from *The Signal's* senior staff members (cont.)



Kathryn Slotterback (Staff Writer)

When I originally joined *The Signal*, I didn't know what to expect. I had been asked to join and immediately jumped at the chance to experience what journalism is like, as I plan to go into politics and wanted to see firsthand how the media can paint a picture. I got all of that, and more, and am extremely grateful to the opportunity Mrs. Rhoads and the district provided me.

This paper helped broaden my writing style, and forced me out of my comfort zone, but it also gave me the chance to work with some amazing and talented people. We all became a part of

something bigger than ourselves, and I hope we showed everyone in Shamokin how great this paper is and can grow to be.

Thank you so much, Mrs. Rhoads, for putting up with me for the last three years, and seeing that this would give me the opportunity to use my writing skills and strong political opinions to work for the community. I'm going to miss you - and all of my classmates - so much, but I wish everyone luck on their future endeavors and hope *The Signal* lives on.



Caycee Kalinoski (Staff Writer, Layout and Design Editor)

Raven McCaffery (Staff Writer, Photography Editor)

Thank you for the new experiences I got to learn. Thank you to all of my teachers who haven't given up on me throughout the years. Thank you for all you have done to help us get out senior experience in as much as you could. I am thankful to be a graduate from Shamokin Area High School.



Thank you Mrs Rhoads for helping with *The Signal* and allowing me to spend many hours a day in your room! And to my buddies in Layout and Design Jeremiah and Emma, I will dearly miss cram days and playing Snake :^)

☐ May 2020 ☐

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24 Memorial Day	25	26	27	28	29 CANCELLED - MS/...	30

A copy of the calendar from the SAHS website showing the many events cancelled this May.

BUCK - A - LINE

Congrats everyone! We did it. Class of 2020 woo! - E. Dailey

Stay golden everyone! - anonymous

2020 hit us harder than we could've imagined, Here's to fighting hard and doing great things! -anonymous

Guys let's go geocaching - Josh B.

Higher education, higher results

By Kathryn Slotterback, staff writer

In today's world, in order to get what is considered a "good" or "meaningful" job, you need an education. Whether that be at a trade school, or a university, higher education beyond a high school degree is a requirement to be able to bring in a livable income and be more than a "low skilled" worker. However, as the cost of a degree begins to outweigh the benefits of getting it, it becomes an unreachable goal for minorities or low income people to achieve.

Thirty years ago, the cost of a public, four year university was -in today's dollars - \$3,360 per year. Now, that same degree costs more than \$10,000 per year in tuition and fees and more than \$21,000 per year with room and board. Meanwhile, median hourly wages for college graduates have risen by less than \$1 since 2001, when adjusted for inflation. The promise of higher pay has not materialized for recent college graduates, who have been taking out more and more in student loans to keep up with the skyrocketing cost of tuition. This has led to a generation of young people unable to start families, buy homes, and follow their dreams.

With a generation drowning in debt, and another about to follow, why aren't more people talking about publicly funded higher education? They pool risk as widely as possible, where regular loans put all of the risk on the individual. The costs are spread across the population, ensuring a stable funding base. This would encourage people of all income levels to attend school without the deterrent of cost or risk. School's would have less incentive to admit more wealthy students because their funding would no longer come from tuition.

A system like this would depend on taxes. Depending on how those taxes would be collected would influence whether the system would be regressive or progressive. By collecting the

taxes from income, it would be more progressive as it would require even those attending private schools to pay to support the public system, as they are statistically more wealthier. It would also place limits on how much schools can stay in school forever and not get a degree. But, as in any system, there are always people who would do that. However, students would be under risk as they wouldn't be going right into the workforce and missing that income. They would also still be in charge of living expenses and textbooks. For low-income students, this could be covered with scholarships or federal grants, making college virtually free and feasible for those who need it. It would still be an investment, but one that is collective rather than individual.

There are also concerns that it would lower the quality of the education, which is certainly a possibility. With any change, there is going to be a negative outcome. But, for many institutions, it could actually increase the quality. It could redirect funding from buildings and sports to learning and teaching. It could increase the number of low-income, but high-quality, students from being shut out of getting that education. By change being written off due to the possibility of it decreasing the quality of education, we are going to continue to have a system that abuses the students it's supposed to work for. We will be stuck with a system that is unjust, expensive, and unsustainable, just people are afraid of what could come out of it.

Better funding for colleges is a subject that needs to be discussed. Our current system is ruining the lives of millions of people every year, and is going to lead to worse consequences than those brought by properly funding schools. Expanding opportunities, and thus the quality of life for people, is important and should be brought to national attention. Moving towards a system of free public higher education might just be the best option we have for improving the horrible way we finance college now.

Star Wars: Jedi Fallen Order Review\ Informational Guide

By Paige Shoffler, staff writer

Star Wars: Jedi Fallen Order Is a brand new game for the beloved Star Wars franchise set in between Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith and Star Wars: A New Hope with a new character named Cal Kestis and BD-1 and shows how they both help each other when they need it. Star Wars : Jedi Fallen Order has one of the best showcases of how a friendship can develop, and when things may seem tough, you always find a way to keep moving.

Star Wars: Jedi Fallen Order also showcases a character customizer (sort of) where you can change BD-1's paint, the way the ship called "The Stinger Mantis" looks, and Cal's outfits and poncho. You also can customize your lightsaber at various points of the game as well as the color of the saber. You can explore the galaxy visiting planets like Zeffo, Dathomir, Bogano, and Kashyyyk as the three main planets to travel to. After completing the main story, you can even travel to Illium as the fourth planet that you can unlock in game. The game can be



Still from gameplay of Star Wars: Jedi Fallen Order (Attributed to EA)

saved at a checkpoint called "Meditation Points" where not only can you rest, but you can also gain abilities through skill points.

BD-1 can scan various items to give you tips on enemies, the plot points of the story, and information of the planet. Not only can BD-1 do all of that, he can jump in boxes to help you find materials, ponchos, different jackets, and different builds for your lightsaber. BD-1 can get various upgrades throughout the maps like the Scomp Link for BD-1 or different force abilities. I feel that Star Wars: Jedi Fallen Order is a great game, and I can't wait to see what's next for Cal and his friends!

Blame “Rona” Crazy quarantine foods

By Ashlea Oakum, staff writer

Unless you’ve been under a rock since March, you should be well aware of the coronavirus outbreak that has swept the globe. Deemed COVID-19, this pandemic has brought many changes into our lives and vocabulary. When Webster Dictionary publishes its next edition, it’s more than likely we will see a few of these terms included.

First things first: “Corona.” Before this year, you might have thought of the famous Mexican beer or even Rapunzel’s kingdom. Now, it’s defined as the modern plague. Other names for it include “COVID-19”, the official medical term, or a slang term “Rona.” Typically when someone uses “Rona,” they’re likely using it in a way to make the coronavirus seem like a person. For example: “Rona really messed up everything!” or “Now we gotta wait even longer because of Rona.”

Most of us are in a period of “self-isolation,” which is pretty self-explanatory. However, this is commonly mixed-up with the term “quarantine”. Quarantine is self-isolation for people who may have been exposed to the virus, whereas self-isolation is keeping yourself away from others to prevent yourself and others from catching it. Sadly, both words result in loneliness.

The arrival of the stay-at-home laws have introduced a (somewhat) efficient way of safe communication- Zoom. Zoom is a popular video calling site that’s being used by schools, companies, sports teams and musical casts, friends, and everything else in between. Of course it isn’t the only video chat site out there, but it’s certainly zooming its way to the top of the popular charts. And by the way, the term Zoom-bombing is used for an unexpected or unwanted person, who shows up uninvited to your planned Zoom.

With the majority of us on a “coronacation” -- a vacation from the outside world -- many others are WFH (working from home). Essential personnel such as grocery store workers, healthcare professionals, mechanics, farmers, manufacturers, and postal service employees are going out into the public daily. To guarantee their safety, many are wearing PPE, or “personal protective equipment” that includes masks, gloves, face shields, and other disposable coverings.

Have any scoops for this summer? (Other than ice cream, of course!) Email stories to thesignal@indians.k12.pa.us with any summer stories for our fall edition!

By Hannah Hess, staff writer

Normally, you can find almost anything at your local grocery store but since the outbreak of the pandemic it is hard to find common items. So to substitute those things, some people have been getting creative and spicing up their normal meal plans like eating pickles and macaroni and cheese instead of a bland and boring meal.

To change up his regular boring snack/dinner foods freshman Corey Sosnoskie has been eating pizza rolls with queso blanco dip. Others are snacking at unusual times freshman Sophia Sienkiewicz has been eating Spagettio’s at two o’clock in the morning.

Grace Donahue, freshman, has been chowing down on pizza. A Shamokin citizen substituted Bisquick pancake mix for flour to make Macaroni and Cheese.

Fortunately, the school district has been providing food pickups since the schools closed back in March. Students have had the opportunity to eat school meals that are provided by the district and handed out at the Annex by teachers and staff.

It is also fun to play with your food as well as change it up every once and awhile.

Teacher farewells for the senior class

Mr Styer: I cry a tear, I miss you so much. Stay strong, seriously we've grown so much together and I know everybody's potential. I'm looking forward to great things from each and every one of you. What you're going through is actually going to make you stronger, as much as you might be bored, this is going to make us appreciate each other more. I see a lot of great things happening in the future with each and every one of you.

Mrs Kelchner: The Class of 2020 is motivated, intelligent, fun, multi-talented, sociable, and extraordinary young men and women who had a senior year roller coaster ride, especially at the end. Just stay true to yourself and you will succeed at whatever you put your mind to. I wish you the BEST of LUCK and you will truly be missed. It won't be the same at Shamokin Area High School without you.

Mr. Kramer: I wish you all the luck in the world, seniors. Remember moving forward that you are in charge of where you go next. The next 10 years of your life are gonna fly by really fast. Think about where you want to be 10 years from now and make it happen and let nothing get in your way. We are proud of you.

Miss Schlacter: I'd like to say that this senior class is one of the best classes of students I've taught since I've been here at SAHS. They all have such big personalities and have been so much fun to work with throughout their high school career! Although their senior year has brought some unforeseen challenges, I believe everything happens for a reason. This senior class is RESILIENT- and even under the worst circumstances, they've proven that they still have the power and drive to achieve and succeed. They will be greatly missed but are off to tackle the next phase in their lives! Good luck and congratulations class of 2020!

Mrs Shaffer: The Senior Send off...oh my...I have thoroughly enjoyed my time getting to know the Class of 2020. I had the majority of you during your 10th grade year in my Ancient History I class, and then a few of you again in Ancient History II and in homeroom. I specifically remember from 10th grade your positive attitudes, your abilities to make me laugh when I was having a rough day, and your go with the flow attitude. Little did we know that these three characteristics would become so important in dealing with your final days at Shamokin Area. As you go from Shamokin Area, keep your positive attitudes, laughter, and flexible attitudes. You will be missed terribly, but know you always have someone rooting for you, always, in your journey through life. Be Well and Congrats to the Class of 2020!

Senior Traditions: Students are coping and ‘praying’

By Kait Dunn, staff writer and 2020 graduate

For the longest time Shamokin Area seniors have had many different traditions, such as spray painting the rock wall out front of the school, planning a big class prank or going to senior week in Ocean City, Maryland and hanging out on the beach with your best friends. Sounds awesome, right? But for this year's class of 2020 seniors, it all came to an abrupt stop. With the Covid-19 pandemic, the senior class is still praying for all of these traditions to happen.

As of right now a lot of big senior milestones and accomplishments are already being held virtually. Graduation is being held virtually on June 11. Baccalaureate and the awards ceremony are also being held virtually and everything will be streaming through Shamokin Area TV. Prom is also on hold right now but there are three new dates -- June 26, July 10, and August 14 -- being looked at.

The senior class will still be trying to celebrate all these traditions in any way they can. Right before school shut down seniors were starting to come up with class prank ideas. A senior class prank never got officially planned though. Sophie Rossnock, class secretary, said that “a couple ideas were thrown around, but we never really started talking about them a lot because we thought we had more time to plan one.” Throughout the year seniors were talking about different types of pranks they could do and when would be a good time to do them. Since school has closed for the remainder of the year, unfortunately, there will be no senior prank taking place this year.

One of the biggest traditions that take place each year is spray painting your name on the rock out front of the school. Since this tradition takes place outside the senior class will still be able to participate in this one. Most seniors will paint their names a day or two before graduation or on the day of graduation. While some seniors have already painted their name on the wall other members of the senior class are looking forward to being able to carry on a big tradition. Chloe Yoder is one of the senior class members who already painted her name on the wall. She said, “I think it’s a great tradition that only Shamokin has and it was always something I looked forward to doing when I graduated.”

Another fun tradition is senior week. While seniors are planning on graduating June 11, a lot of the seniors have plans to pack up on June 15 and head to Ocean City, Maryland for senior week. While most of the seniors are staying right on the boardwalk on 4th or 5th street, some seniors are staying on 5th street behind the boardwalk and others are a little bit farther down the boardwalk. I talked to a handful of seniors who are planning on going to senior week and they all said that they were reading news articles on opening dates of the beach, boardwalk and hotels and praying that places would be open in time to go. The beach is already open to the public, but as of right now the opening date for all hotels and the boardwalk is May 22. All of the seniors I got a chance to talk to still had their hotel reservations and are still planning on going to senior week as long as everything opens before June 15.

The class of 2020 has had a stressful last couple of months. Everyone is doing their best to stay positive and be grateful for what is still able to happen and everyone is still praying for some of the biggest and most exciting events to still be able to take place this year. Hopefully everything works out in everyone’s favor. Congratulations Shamokin Area Class of 2020!



Members of the Interact Club who gathered to present a monetary gift to be used to purchase new books to the school library are, first row, from left, Abby Johnston, Alexa Bainbridge, Kelsie Scott, Erika Bellinger, Diana Martinez, and Leann Johnston; and back row, from left, Jasmine Scandle, Seth Hart, Carter Kramer, Chloe Kalman, Sophie Sienkiewicz, and Emily Smith. (Photo by Raven McCaffery, staff writer)

Interact Club donates to library

The Interact Club donated \$125, their proceeds from the Valentine’s Day carnation sale, to the school library to purchase new books.

According to advisers Miss Angela Rock and Miss Caitlin Schlachter, the club made similar donations to Autism Day and the Shamokin Area Mini-thon with funds raised from the previous purple and white carnation sale.

“We sold 225 flowers to students and staff,” explained Rock about the most recent sale. She added that Flowers From the Heart, Mount Carmel, provides the carnations for all of the club’s flower sales throughout the school year.

Members of the club presented Mrs. Michelle Kehler, a ninth grade English teacher who operates the school library and is in charge of ordering books, with the check after school on Feb. 26. Mrs. Kehler was grateful for the monetary donation. She added that students and staff are welcome to donate new and “newer” books to the school library.



Freshman Samantha Stancavage poses in front of the Minithon poster in the high school hallway, originally scheduled for April 24th, 2020, but now cancelled.

Pandemic forces end to swim season

By Megan Roman, staff writer

Shamokin Area's swim team's athletic season came to an end with the team placing fourth at district competition. Freshman Anthony Feudale, juniors Megan Roman, Gabby Doss, Madison Bridy, and Seth Hart, and seniors Gabby Greager and Abby Doss all participated at Districts on February 26-27.

Feudale placed 10th in the 200 yard freestyle and 10th in the 500 yard freestyle; Roman placed seventh in the 200 yard IM and 5th in the 100 yard butterfly; Gabby Doss placed second in the 200 yard freestyle and first in the 100 yard breaststroke, and qualified for states in both events; Bridy placed 10th in the 100 yard freestyle and seventh in the 100 yard breaststroke; Hart placed seventh in the 100 yard breaststroke; Greager placed 14th in the 100 yard backstroke and 11th in the 50 yard freestyle; Abby Doss placed first in the 200 yard IM and first in the 500-yard freestyle, qualifying for states in both events.

The girls' 200-yard medley relay placed fourth and the 200-yard freestyle relay placed second. Both relay events would have been moving to the State competition prior to coronavirus closures.

The team placed fourth overall at Districts. States were scheduled to be held on March 13 and 14 at Bucknell University, but were canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



Bulldogs end Shamokin's season

By Joe Masser, sports writer

Jersey Shore boys' basketball team defeated Shamokin in the District 4 quad A quarter-final game.

Shamokin held a 12 point lead at halftime but Jersey Shore came out in the second half on fire. Shore won 69-56 ending Shamokin's season. The Indians finished 16-7 on the year losing 4 out of their last six games. Looking forward to next year, the Indians will lose three key seniors Joe Masser, Matt Schiccatano, and Mason Filarski, who are leaving big shoes to fill.

A lookback at what was

In lieu of the lack of sports stories due to COVID-19, *The Signal* is proud to feature photos of SAHS student athletes before their season was unfortunately cut short.



FINAL FAREWELLS

The following is the official list of all 2020 graduates of SAHS as well as the class song, flower, and quote. Best of luck to all seniors and their future endeavors!

JACOB ALVORD
 CONNER ANASCAVAGE
 BRYCE ANDERSON
 OCEANA APOLLO
 LILY AVANS
 DYLAN BAINBRIDGE
 SARA BANEY
 DAMION BAUMERTS
 MATTHEW BELLIS
 NATHANAEL BENSINGER
 DALTON BOWER
 MARGARET BOWERS
 TESSA BOWMAN
 RIVER BRABITZ
 VICTORIA BRABITZ
 TIA BRESSI
 NICHOLAS BROSIUS
 ZONRIA BROWN
 GABRIEL BURNS
 PAIGE CAMPBELL
 JOHN CARL III
 ABIGAIL CHARRIEZ
 DENNIS COLE JR.
 OLIVIA COLLER
 SHYANNA COLROSS
 BIANCA COTTERALL
 JOSEPH CURRAN
 EMMA DAILEY
 RAVEN DEPEAL
 ABBEY DIORIO
 JOSHUA DOMBROWSKI
 MADELYN DONAHUE
 ABIGAIL DOSS
 ANDRU DRUCKENMILLER
 CHEYENNE DUCHARME
 KAITLYN DUNN
 SAMANTHA EBERSOLE
 JNAYA ELAM
 DEVEN ELLIOTT
 BRANDON ENGLAND
 JAYCE FAGERSTROM
 JERYN FAGERSTROM
 SHANE FAWCETT
 HOLLY FEGLEY
 MASON FILARSKI
 THOMAS FIORI
 JARED FOREMAN
 TATE FREDERICK
 HEATHER FUGLIO-RANSOM
 DYLAN GALLAGHER
 BENJAMIN GINCK
 GABRIELLE GREAGER
 JARED GREEN
 JORAY GRIFFITHS
 NATHAN GRIMES
 BLAKE HARTZEL
 CALLEN HERB
 AZUSENA HERNANDEZ
 DANIELA HERRERA-CHAVEZ
 DANIELLE HINKLE

HUNTER MYERS
 SIERRA NEIDIG
 ANDREW NELSON
 ABAGAIL NICHOLSON
 RYAN NOLAN
 CONNOR NYE
 MORGAN NYE
 BROCK PANCHER
 WOLFGANG PEARSON
 GIOVANNY PEROCIER
 NATHAN PERSING
 ZACHARY PHILHOWER
 KAYLA PIETKEWICZ
 ASHLEY PONATOSKI
 JOHNATHAN RAINIER
 APRIL REIGLE
 CHARITY REIGLE
 JOSHUA RICH
 LUIS RIVERA Jr.
 ABBY RODMAN
 SOPHIE ROSSNOCK
 ALEYNA RUSSELL
 WILLOW SAMUELS
 KYRA SANDERS
 ADAM SANDRI
 JASMINE SCANDLE
 ANGELINA SCHAEFFER
 MATTHEW SCHICCATANO
 KOLTON SCHOLL
 SHELBY SCHOLL
 SEAN SEDDON
 RACHEL SHADER
 TELAYSIA SHAFER
 ANDREW SHULTZ
 ISIBELLE SIENKIEWICZ
 AURORA SKEANS
 EMILY SLANINA
 JASMINE SLODYSKO
 KATHRYN SLOTTERBACK
 GARRETT SMITH
 HANNAH SMITH
 PEYTEN SMITH
 SAVANAH SMITH
 STEPHEN SMITH
 ALYSSA SNYDER
 MOLLY STEVENS
 JACK SURACE
 ALYSSA SWARTZ
 MASON TAPIA
 HUNTER THARP
 MYAH THOMPSON
 EMMANUELLE TIRU PEREZ
 EMMA TOMCAVAGE
 KIRA VALLATI
 RHIANNON VLOCK-KOGUT
 JONATHAN WASHUTA
 BAILEY WHEARY
 LOGAN WILLIAMS
 LOGAN WILLIAMS
 CHEYANNE WOLF

MEGAN WYWADIS
 KAYLA YADLOSKY
 SHEN YEAGER
 CHLOE YODER
 KATELYN ZAWALICK
 DESTINY ZIMMERMAN
 NICHOLAS ZIMMERMAN
 TRAVIS ZIMMERMAN

C L A S S
 F L O W E R :
 T I G E R L I L Y



C L A S S
 Q U O T E :
*“Chase
 your dreams
 but always
 know the road
 that’ll lead you
 home again.”*

C L A S S
 C O L O R S :
 P U R P L E /
 W H I T E

C L A S S
 S O N G :
*5 More
 Minutes*
 by Scotty
 McCreery



Time rolls by the clock don't stop. I wish I had a few more drops. Of the good stuff, the good times. Oh but they just keep on flying. Right on by I like it ain't nothing. Wish I had me a pause button Moments like those Lord knows I'd hit it And give myself five more minutes. At eighty-six my grandpa said there's angels in the room. All the family gathered 'round knew the time was coming soon. With so much left to say I prayed Lord I ain't finished. Just give us five more minutes. Time rolls by the clock don't stop.

Lyrics from *Five More Minutes*