

# KNIGHTLIFE

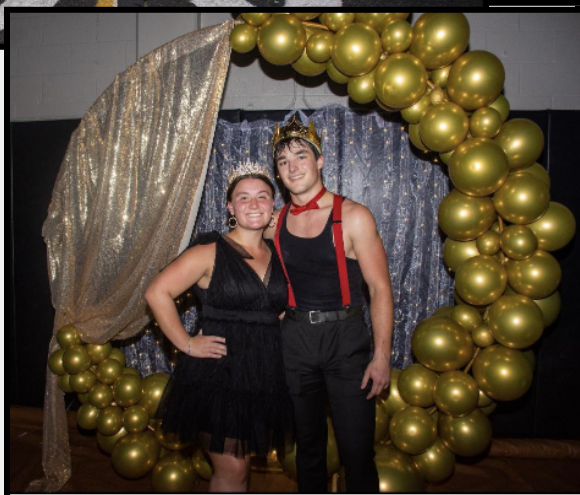
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# Homecoming Week

## A “Golden” Celebration for the Knights

### Lucy Honeywell, Senior

Spirit was abound throughout the halls this past weekend as Lake-Lehman celebrated its homecoming festivities with the theme of 24k Gold to honor the Senior Class of 2024. Spirit week, filled with class colors, kindergarten likeness and neon, came to a conclusion Friday with a Gold Rush that spilled into the halls.

On Thursday, the annual community pep rally and bonfire was held. It was great to see all our teams represented and celebrate the fall athletic season. A special announcement was made for our beloved Knight mascot, henceforth, Mighty Knight was dubbed his name.

Friday was the Homecoming football game against Wyoming Area. Before kickoff the band performed and the queen was announced. Everyone waited with anticipation as the cheerleaders announced “Lucy Honeywell”! It was a spirited representation in our student section from 7th grade through seniors. Shout-out to Mollie Kuhar and several junior high students for making the student section banner! The gold rush theme was on full display from skirts, to wigs, to gold jewelry; students dripped in gold. Although we lost, our team fought hard against undefeated Wyoming Area.

Saturday was the long awaited homecoming dance. It took place in the sweltering old gym. It was reminiscent of junior high dances. Bayne Raspen was announced Hoco King! The dance floor was filled from the first dance to the last. Altogether this weekend was filled with memorable golden moments that will last a lifetime!

### Class Officer Announcements

<p><b>Freshman</b>          President - Kate Hynick          V.P. - Giana DeCesaris          Treasurer - Betsy DiGiovanni          Secretary - Chase Waligun</p>	<p><b>Sophomore</b>          President - Stephen Martin          V.P. - Olivia Corcoran          Treasurer - Hailey Bond          Secretary - Sarah Walp</p>	<p><b>Junior</b>          President - Sage Morgan &amp; Noah Berry          V.P. - Gavin Shoemaker          Treasurer - Chase Smith          Secretary Ruby Sorber</p>
<p><b>Senior</b>          President - Lucy Honeywell          V.P. - Jace Hynick          Treasurer - Cienna Pace          Secretary - Evan Kaiser</p>		

# Athletics

## Volleyball Spikes Another Opponent in Senior Night Battle

**Lucy Honeywell, Senior**

Lake-Lehman continues to improve and advance with a win over Wyoming Area. Lead by seniors Alexi Chervenitski, Hailey Corey, Julie Conte, Ainsley Daubert, Ava Green, and Brianna London. 570 Sports Show ranked the girls 9th in NEPA and 4th in the AA division as of 10/16.

The team looks to face Delaware Valley in the first round of playoffs.



## Girls Soccer Scores Their Way Into Districts

**Grace Martin, Sophomore**

Our girls varsity soccer team is having an amazing season finishing in 2nd in the conference. Their 2nd place spot, with a 11-7 record, has landed them a spot in the district playoffs. The leading scorer is Ashley Hudak with 16 goals in the regular season. Ashley is also the leading assists, along with Betsy Digiovanni with 9 assists throughout the season. Come out and support the girls on Wednesday, October 31st at 5:00 for their first playoff game. However the team and place of the playoff game are still to be determined as of now.



## LLXC Races to the Postseason

### Stephen Martin, Sophomore

LLXC wrapped up their regular season with their final two league meets, the first being on their home course. On Wednesday 10/11 both teams faced off against Crestwood, MMI, and Hazleton. This meet was followed by a senior night celebration in which seniors LJ Morgan and Hailey Marx were honored.

On Tuesday 10/17 the team participated in the WVC Coaches Association League Championship Meet. During the invitational both teams scored a make-up league meet against Northwest, CMVT, and Berwick winning all 3. This leaves the girls with a record of 12-4 and the boys with a record of 11-5. On the boys side, the team took 5th overall.

Individually, Spencer Smith took 14th, Tyler Lukavitch took 21st, and Parker Smith took 22nd.

The girls team took 3rd overall and were the Division 3 champions. Individual medalists include Olivia Corcoran who took 10th and Betsy DiGiovanni who took 18th. Outside of medals, athletes on both teams walked away with some personal records notably Brianna Wright, Merritt Nash, and Parker Smith.

Next Wednesday, 10/25, is the PIAA District II Championships held at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds. Both teams will face over 14 teams this year and run against around 100 athletes in the AA classification. Coach Sobe and Coach Shelby hope so have a successful day and even get some runners to qualify for the State Championships on November 4th.



## Old Shoe Spirit Week

Oct 23 - Oct 27

Monday -- USA Day --

Tuesday -- Me in 10 Years --

Wednesday -- Hawaiian Day --

Thursday -- Country Day --

Friday -- Blackout --

## Doc G's Predictions

Girls Volleyball vs WA

LL 3 WA 0

Girls Soccer vs Nanticoke

LL 10 MMI 0

Girl's Field Hockey vs WWV

LL 3 WWV 1

## Club Updates

The Lake-Lehman Interact Club  
presents..

## SOCKTOBER

Starting October 5th Interact Club will  
be collecting new socks that will be  
donated to the Catherine McAuley  
center for woman and children in  
Scranton.

The collection box will be outside the main  
office and at the Homecoming football game!

We hope you participate in helping  
our community!

# Lake-Lehman Community

## To AP or Not To AP

Julianna Conte, Senior

The question to enroll in AP classes is a common on dilemma for many students. Here at Lehman, we offer a variety of accelerated courses, with two main categories: honors or AP. During junior high and high school, students primarily encounter honors classes, gradually introducing AP classes in junior and senior years. The pressing question by many is whether the rigor of AP classes is worthwhile.

To begin with, AP classes are known for their challenging curriculum, designed to prepare students for an AP exam at the end of the year. The decision to take this test is left to the individual student. One significant advantage of passing the AP exam is the opportunity to earn college credits, potentially exempting you from certain courses in college. You can use besides like College Board to find out what college class an AP exam will get rid of.

As an alternate path to earning college credits is the Young Scholars program. This program allows students to engage in college-level classes, either in person or online. The compelling aspect of the Young Scholars program is that it is cost-effective, with Wilkes offering \$50 per credit, typically equating to three credits for a single class. If this option aligns with your goals, I recommend considering enrolling in this program your junior year. Participating in Young Scholars ultimately eliminates the need for some foundational courses but also provides students with a taste of the college experience.

## The Value of ½ Days

Mollie Kuhar, Junior

On Friday October 13, the Lehman district had an Act 80 day. Throughout the next couple of months, there are many half days scheduled into the school calendar. But what is the true importance of having half days? Some students may argue that they are useless, and only create more stress. But throughout the school year they provide us with assemblies, ceremonies, tournaments, and so much more. On November 22 there is a half day scheduled, and the ring ceremony for the Junior class will also take place on that day. Without the benefit of that half day Juniors would have to go through the entire ceremony and then continue classes afterward. Instead of kids just leaving early, it is beneficial to have it on a half day. Also, on the half day before Christmas there is usually a Christmas themed assembly. Without half days many fun and important things would not happen.



## Ren Faire Trip '23

### Stephen Martin, Sophomore



On October 5, 2023, Lake-Lehman's sophomore class of 2026 had their annual field trip to the PA Renaissance Faire. The trip has a notorious history of having bad weather, but in 2023, we experienced a sunny, 76-degree day. There was so much to do on the field trip that I wasn't bored at all. Some other activities included man-powered rides, face painting, a dungeon, and a torture museum, and a game area. There was always something to see, eat, or buy. Although I didn't see any of the scheduled shows while I was there, I did get a tarot card reading. The food at the fair was so good but so overpriced. A bottle of water was \$4! The lines for the food were also extremely long due to the amount of students there. The joust at the end of the day was so entertaining and quite honestly very funny. Before returning home from a seemingly perfect trip, Bus 1's tire flew off of the bus in the middle of the highway. Students on the bus say they heard a thump and teachers thought it was one of the students. Students on Bus 2 including myself saw the tire but didn't realize it was from the bus right in front of them until 30 seconds later when we were pulled over. The students (all 75 of them) piled on bus one then drove to the nearest gas station and waited for another bus to come. This set the return time of the trip back around 2.5 hours. Despite all of the madness on the way home, the general consensus was that everyone had a really good time. Overall this trip was a memorable experience at a place I would consider going to outside of a field trip.

## Friday the 13th

### Dominik Brown, Sophomore

Long considered a bringer of bad luck, Friday the 13th occurs this October, and with it will come all the strange superstitions people tend to follow. People have always associated ill-fated occurrences with Friday the 13th, and this is partly due to the biblical derived belief in unluckiness on Friday, and the number 13. Even though there is no proof in negative things happening on Friday the 13th, people still have developed many strange superstitions. Traditional superstitions that the average person may not normally think about, like avoiding black cats and breaking mirrors, seem to be amplified on Friday the 13th. Recent polls by YouGov show that 18% of Americans follow superstitions on Friday the 13th, which is nearly one in every five Americans. According to that same poll, some of the most followed superstitions are the number 666, walking under a ladder, the 13th floor of buildings, opening an umbrella indoors, and even owls. Most of those superstitions are well known, but there exists some stranger ones people follow. Some people believe haircuts on Friday the 13th bring death, and even that fallen hair locks used by birds for their nests lead to balding. These beliefs might be strange to us, but for some people it's a part of their lifestyle.

## Edgar Allan Poe Plays Madisyn Cox, 8th Grade

In Mrs. Woronko's Honors ELA class, we are doing a project on Edgar Allan Poe. In the project we have three options: perform a play, make a tunnel book, or make a comic book. This year since many students would like to do the play, we will have not one but two plays. The two plays are *The Cask of Amontillado* and *The Tell-Tale Heart*. To get the roles we would like, we have to audition for our part. I want to be the Ballif, so I have to memorize a few lines and perform that part in front of the class. The class then votes on who they think should be each character based on clarity, volume, and pronunciation. The Poe Unit in Honors ELA 8 will last this entire month, which works perfectly with the spooky season.

Last Edition's Winner: Jacob Angus



## Library Turned Courtroom Mollie Kuhar, Junior

On Monday October 2nd, the Advanced Placement Literature students of the senior class participated in a mock-trial based on the novel *Crime and Punishment*. The students were each elected to roles including lawyers, suspects, witnesses, etc. The judge was Mrs. Woronko and Mrs. Berrentinis Honors ELA class was appointed the jury. The students of the jury discussed and debated whether or not the suspect was guilty of the crime. "It was interesting to discuss with my peers their differences of opinions on such a mature subject." States one of the students, Janaya Yusko, after the trial concluded. The next day the jury gathered with the AP Literature students and declared that the main character, Rodion Raskolnikov, was in fact guilty.





## Aftermath of the 9/18 Bomb Threat

### Benjamin Figura, Sophomore

On Monday September 18th, multiple schools in Luzerne County were dismissed early due to threats involving explosive ordinance being made against them. Lake-Lehman, Crestwood, Wilkes-Barre Area, and Wyoming Area were all dismissed early. The previous Friday, students at Dallas, Hanover Area, Lackawanna College Hazleton, and Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton were dismissed early due to the reception of the same threats. Thanks to the decisive action of the faculty and staff at the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School as well as our local Lehman Township Police and Back Mountain Regional Fire/EMS with help from the Pennsylvania State Police, students were able to evacuate the building. The other school buildings across the district were also evacuated as well. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fusion Center said that schools across Pennsylvania were receiving threats of explosive ordinance being placed within schools. Pennsylvania has determined that these threats are not credible. Since then, the FBI has been investigating these threats. The threats haven't been limited to schools; however, hospitals and places of worship were also affected by the threats. Manuel Nunez Santos of Peru was charged by the FBI for sending false threats to over 150 schools, synagogues, hospitals, and other public places between September 15th and September 21st. According to the FBI, he sent threats not only to places in Pennsylvania, but also to places in New York, Connecticut, Arizona, and Alaska. Generating a false police or emergency response is illegal in the United States. This is called swatting. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Nunez Santos's motive was due to inappropriate communication with many underage girls in the United States. Nunez Santos was arrested in Lima, Peru on September 26th by the Peruvian National Police. To read more, visit [www.justice.gov/usao-sdny](http://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny)



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