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Lucy Honeywell, Senior A Tradition of Lehman Comes Back to the Stage

Peter Stec, future seminarian, was crowned Mr. Knight at the assembly on February 16.

The Student Council wanted to bring back this tradition which our very own, Mr, Kostrubala once completed as a senior Black Knight. The esteemed judges panel included Mr. Lindbuchler, Mrs. Ruddy, Mr. Simko, and Ms. Ferentino. The competition started with a group dance choreographed by Cienna Pace to the song *Dynamite*. Next was the formal wear event where contestants showcased their best catwalk down the red carpet. The talent competition was highlighted by performances by a barbershop quartet, ballad, and comedy. The next portion of the competition was a tribute to beach wear with contestants wearing their finest beach attire which included tropical shirts, pool noodles, and swim trunks. Mr. Novrocki invoked many questions in the Q&A which stumped the contestants, for example, "What is your spirit animal?" The competition ended with an encore of the group dance while the judges deliberated. It was agreed upon by the judges that Peter Stec would be named Mr, Knight. Peter graciously accepted his crown and blessed the crowd accordingly.

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Entertainment

"Sephora Kids" - Limits on the Age of Shoppers

Emma Salko, 7th Grade

If you've been on social media at all lately, you might have noticed an increase in complaints about "Sephora Kids", or young children, particularly girls between the ages of 8 and 11, who have been going to beauty and skincare stores like Sephora and Ulta and making the experience a nightmare for all the other shoppers. They ruin product samples by mixing them together to make "skincare smoothies", buy a supply of a certain trendy or viral product, making it hard for other shoppers to obtain, or crowd the store and exhibit rude behavior towards other customers and employees. Many of these affected customers and employees have taken to social media and store websites to complain, with some blaming it on the parents, saying that a strict talking-to will snap children out of these rude spells. Others are asking the stores to enforce age limits. There is currently a Change.org petition with just over seven hundred signatures, asking Sephora to raise the minimum age of in-store shoppers to 18. Other petitions circling seem to have the same goal with a lower age restriction, saying only people age 14 or older should be allowed in Sephora stores. Another group of these customers will argue that it's the employees' responsibility to tell these children to stop disrupting the store environment and alert the parents of their children's behavior. So what do you think? Are the parents at fault for letting their kids roam around stores like this? Should the employees be harsher in telling the kids to knock it off? And would age limits in the stores help limit these outbursts and fix some of the issues? We'll let you decide for yourself.

Year of the Dragon

Years of the Dragon include 2036, 2024, 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952... People born in Dragon years usually possess natural courage, tenacity, and intelligence, often displaying enthusiasm and confidence.

2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon, beginning on February 10th, 2024 (Chinese New Year) and concluding on January 28th, 2025 (Chinese New Year's Eve).

In Chinese culture, the Dragon holds a significant place as an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. It symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success. 2024 is forecasted to bring about opportunities, changes, and challenges. If you're seeking a shift in your current lives, this year might offer a favorable chance.

Athletics

Lucy Honeywell, Senior



Our Knights represented well at the District 2 tournament last weekend. Alahna Morris was the first WVC girls wrestler to be crowned district champion at the first ever girls tournament. Junior Reilley Kirkutis took home third place medal at 189 lbs. JImmy Mitkowski placed fourth at 172lbs, LJ Morgan placed fifth at 127 lbs, and Connor Higgins placed sixth. Alahna, Reilley, and Jimmy moved on to regionals at Williamsport. Alahna finished second at regionals and will wrestle in Hershey for states. She was also the named Citizens Voice Athlete of the Week. We are L-L proud!



Girls Basketball

She does it again! Senior Molly Jenkins, now to be known as Big Moment Molly, hit another season-extending buzzer beater at the District 2 third place game against Western Wayne last Wednesday. Last year, she had a buzzer beater to send the Lady Knights into the state quarterfinals. The girls take on Notre Dame Green Pond Friday at 6pm in the state tournament.

Good luck!

Boys Basketball

Congratulations on a competitive season, Knights!

Swim

The team was recently interviewed by John Mendola. You can check out the videos on his YouTube channel. The Knights swam to multiple district medals this past weekend. They had 7 individual medals and 4 relay medals. Individual medalists included Mollie Kuhar, Jack Kashatus, Allie Vitanovec, Karissa Legaspi, and Connor Runquist. The relay teams that won were Girls 200 Medley, Girls 400 Free, Boys 200 Free, and Boys 400 Free. Great work Knights!

Lake-Lehman Community

MathCounts Competition

Madisyn Cox, 8th Grade

This year, our Junior High Mathcounts team placed second, with Berwick placing first. We had multiple individuals place in the top ten also. Our team won the wildcard position, meaning they had the highest second-place score throughout the entire state. This allowed them to go to States to compete for a spot in the Nationals competition. However, there was a delayed Regionals competition with a higher scoring second place than Lake-Lehman. As a result, we did not get the wildcard spot, meaning we could not go to the States competition.



Anthem Review

Madisyn Cox, 8th Grade In Mrs. Woronko's Language Arts class, we read a novella titled Anthem. The novella describes the journey of a man who lives in an unpleasant society. The author, Ayn Rand, made the society a collectivist society. Since it is a collectivist society, they talk like "...we, Equality 7-2521..." It can sometimes be confusing, but that makes it interesting. It is interesting to learn about collectivist societies and one man's experience. You also do a lot of fun and interesting activities to further learn about the novella.

E-Sports

Guest Writers Jayden Vanderhoff, Jack Dennis, Dakota Kittle, Gavin Wunner, 7th Grade You may know about the new ESports team. Both junior high and senior high play a game called Super Smash Bros Ultimate, which is a platform fighter game, where the goal is to hit the other player off the map 3 times. You have three lives that are called stocks, if you lose all three before your opponent, you lose. We have been doing this since the beginning of January when pre-season started, and we have to separate teams of junior high and senior high, with two team captains. We have three teams of five in junior, high, and senior high. Senior high has two small teams, while junior high has three.

The two best players in junior and senior high are our team captains. The team captain of senior high, on team one is Teagan Norconk, and our team captain of junior high is Jayden Vanderhoof. Our coach is our very own tech guy Mr. Murphy. We always have room for more people to join our ESports team, until the main season starts. We have currently gained a few new members. Senior high's first match will be the first match, and will be sometime soon near the end of February, and junior high's first match will be sometime in March. Our practices are in the library, Mondays and Tuesdays every week, you'll hear us!



Science Olympiad

Betsy DiGiovanni, Freshman

Gifted students at Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School recently traveled down the road to Penn State Wilkes-Barre to compete in the Science Olympiad Regional competition on Wednesday, March 6th. Competitors represented schools from 15 counties in the Northeastern regional event. Lake-Lehman had 15 Senior High and 15 Junior High participants taking part in a variety of events. Our Junior High teams participated in Air Trajectory, Anatomy and Physiology, Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, Ecology, Fast Facts, Flight, Forestry, Fossils, Meteorology, Reach for the Stars, Road Scholar, Roller Coaster, Tower, Wind Power, and Write It Do It. We also had our Senior High teams participate in Air Trajectory, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry Lab, Code Busters, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Ecology, Fermi Questions, Forestry, Fossils, Geologic Mapping, Optics, Robot Tour, Scrambler, Tower, and Write It Do It. Students have been preparing for their specific events since the beginning of the school year and many of them placed. Jules Judge and Brooke Reilly placed 4th for Division B Anatomy and Physiology. Rumi Baer and Ayden Richardson placed 4th for Division B Forestry. Hannah Sell and Julia Sarmonis placed 3rd for Division B Fossils. Keeley Delaney and Ava Jones placed 2nd in Division B Reach for the Stars. Michael Johnson and Jesse Strenfel placed 4th for Division B Road Scholar. Julia Sarmonis and Emma Salko placed 3rd in Division B Write It Do It. Andrew Chapple and Chase Smith placed 3rd for Division C Air Trajectory. Frankie Pinnacoli and Seth Berry placed 3rd in Division C Write It Do It. Congratulations to all the participants and winners.



Wendy's Pricing Debacle Stephen Martin, Sophomore

According to Wendy's CEO, Kirk Tanner, the chain would test out dynamic pricing among other new features in 2025. Oxford defines dynamic pricing as, "the practice of varying the price for a product or service to reflect changing market conditions, in particular the charging of a higher price at a time of greater demand." For example, this means Wendy's would increase their prices during busier times like 6:00 pm or 1:00 pm.

However, this is not the case. Wendys on Memorial Highway has made several announcements to its employees letting them know that these rumors are fallacious. Several customers have asked about the "change" as it is being covered on global news. Despite all of this dynamic pricing would require all locations to install digital menu boards which our closest Wendy's doesn't have. In response to the negative news \$1 or \$2 burgers on the Wendy's app throughout the college basketball season. Even if Wendy's wanted to make this jump to a new pricing system, it would take huge renovations in all locations and first and foremost, an official announcement.

AP Biology Happenings

Julianna Conte, Senior

Mrs. Hasinus's AP Biology class has recently been immersing themselves into lab activities. A couple of weeks ago, the class participated in a Genetic Drosophila Lab. Did you know that "drosophila" is the scientific name for a fly? Our class spent countless days counting hundreds of flies, separating them into groups for hereditary study. Most recently, the class experimented with bacterial transformation. The first part of the lab dealt with testing the effects of the antibiotic, ampicillin, on bacteria E. coli. Mrs. Hasinus was very cautious about cleanliness, so there will not be an E. Coli outbreak at Lake-Lehman! The second part of the lab consisted of testing objects around the school for bacteria. No surface was safe, groups swabbed objects such as the bathroom toilet seat, bathroom door handles, locker knobs, and Mr. Carr's sign-out sheet pencil/paper. To our surprise, very little traces of bacteria were found. The big mystery left to uncover is - what does Mr. McDermott

use to keep our school so clean?



Wild West

Lucy Honeywell, Senior
APUSH period 5 had been
learning about life in western United
States in the mid to late 1800s. Mr.
Linbuchler's engaging lessons inspired
the students to hold a surprise spirit
day. On Thursday, the room was filled
with cowboy hats, jeans, boots, and
bandanas. We even had a visit from
local herd wranglers looking for
Sheriff Lindbuchler. It was a great
break from day to day notes. The
laughs will be remembered long after
the sun sets on the range.







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