

# KNIGHT LIFE

## LL TAKES ON DISTRICTS

### GIRLS SOCCER IS YOUR DISTRICT 2 CHAMPIONS



### Grace Martin, Sophomore

Our Lady Knights had an impeccable postseason, starting with their huge 4-3 overtime win over Holy Redeemer for the WVC title. As the girls began their district bracket journey it was obvious to everyone that they had a real shot. After making it to the district final, our girls played Scranton Prep, a team our girls lost to last year in an overtime match. The final was extremely close with a score of 0-0 by half. Finally, the our Knights got the ball in the net with an amazing shot from senior Kiera Lucarino off of Grace Martin's corner kick early in the second half. At this point it was clear that the double L had a clear shot at gold.

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Ava Blazes, sophomore, races for the ball during the District 2 final.



Mia Stillarty, senior, controls the ball during the District 2 final.

Following that goal, the outstanding freshman Kinley Purdy scored on a direct kick, making the score 2-0. The girls continued to limit Scranton Prep's scoring opportunities for the rest of the half. Scranton was able to get one goal in on a corner, however, that was the only thing getting past our k\Knights. The LL girls won the District Championship, with a score of 2-1, adding that gold to their incredible season. Unfortunately, our girls lost in the first round of states to two-time state champions Central Columbia. Despite an early loss in the state bracket, the team walks away as the only LL team to compete in a state competition this fall and the first team to win a District 2 title since 2023.



LL Girls Soccer celebrate after defeating Holy Redeemer in the WVC Championship game.

# CROSS COUNTRY STRIDES TO STATES

## Kaitlyn Marx, Junior

Our runners began their post season on October 17th at the infamous Coach's Meet Conference Championship. Lake Lehman came home with 8 medals and Division 2 Conference Championship for both teams. Last Wednesday October 23rd, was the PIAA Districts Cross-Country Championships at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds. The top 7 from our boys and girls team competed. The boys team finished at 3rd in the district and the girls team was 4th. The team had several runners medal and earn their way to states including, Spencer Smith (6th place), Parker Smith (12th place), Stephen Martin (13th place), Finn Cronin (15th place), Alana Palmaioli (10th place), Betsy DiGiovanni (13th place), and Olivia Corcoran (15th place). The PIAA State Championship was held on November 2nd and all 7 qualifiers competed with over 250 other runners in the AA races. Congratulations!



Lake Lehman Cross Country District Medalists and State Qualifiers  
(Left → Right) Coach Sobe, Spencer Smith, Parker Smith, Betsy DiGiovanni, Alana Palmaioli, Olivia Corcoran, Stephen Martin, Finn Cronin



Lake Lehman Cross Country Division 2 Conference Champions.  
2nd Row: Finn Cronin\*, Gary Stec, Parker Smith\*, Tyler Lukavitch\*, Fionn Ellis, Stephen Martin\*, Greg Mikulski, Bodhi Cronin, Merrit Nash, Spencer Smith\*  
1st Row: Coach Sobe, Betsy DiGiovanni\*, Olivia Corcoran\*, Kaitlyn Marx, Autumn Hasset, Alana Palmaioli\*, Brianna Wright, Kinley Purdy, Ariana Kazimi

# FIELD HOCKEY

## Mollie Kuhar, Senior

For the first time in over 8 years, the Lake-Lehman Lady Knights Field Hockey Team won the district semi-final against Lackawanna Trail, therefore making it to the district final! Unfortunately, they walked away from the final with a silver medal after a 3 - 2 loss over Wyoming Area in overtime. But our Lady Knights are looking forward to next season and are grateful for their medal as a end to their amazing season!

# BOYS SOCCER

## Jonny Sassi, Senior

The boys soccer team suffered a tough loss in their District II semifinal round at Dunmore. The boys went down 2-0 within the first 10 minutes of the game but quickly struck back with a goal from Andrew Mathes making a 2-1 halftime score. A quarter way through the second half Dunmore scored making the score 3-1. With about 16 minutes to play Greyson Diffenbacher scored for Lehman with an assist from goalie Andrew Chapple. The boys then quickly scored again which tied the game up at 3-3. With 2 minutes left, Dunmore stunningly scored their final goal which led Dunmore to the district finals. What a great run the boys had with an outstanding 16 wins and a win over Western Wayne in the first round of playoffs!



Sara Womach, sophomore, celebrates with teammate Alexa Thompson, sophomore.



Sophia Lenza, senior, takes a calculated shot.



Greyson Dieffenbacher controls the ball against Berwick.

# GOLF DRIVES THROUGH THE POSTSEASON

Tyler Matreselva, Junior

The Lake-Lehman High School golf team had an outstanding season, losing only one match during their regular season and is expected to remain strong next year. The team's success continued into the playoffs, where they won their first-round match. Unfortunately, their journey was cut short after losing to SEM, ending their playoff run. Nevertheless, the team's individual achievements were impressive, with all members qualifying for pre-districts. Six players advanced to individual districts, and one standout player made it to the state competition. In the state event, Charlie Weidner tied for 5th place on the first day and brought home the silver medal on the second day, securing 2nd place for the school.

Charlie stated "Coach Adam was great, and I wouldn't have wanted my senior year to be with anyone else,". The Lake-Lehman High School golf team has set a high standard for future seasons, and with the talent and dedication of its players, the future looks promising.



Charlie Weidner, Lake-Lehman's very own state runner-up.



# VOLLEYBALL

Stephen Martin, Junior



Lake-Lehman Volleyball starters on the bench before a big win.

Girls volleyball had a spectacular comeback season as they were top contenders in the WVC. Before playoff season, the record was 10 wins and 6 losses. The ladies ended their season with 4th place overall in the district. They took a big win against Dunmore, 3-0, however were knocked out of the playoffs by Redeemer losing 1-3. Congratulations to the girls and coaches on another steady season.

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# PATRIOTISM SEASON

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From Spectator to Participate:

## The Journey of My First Voting Experience

Janaya Yusko, Senior



My birthday has never felt more special than the first year everything changed. My 18th birthday is unique this year. I turned an adult the day before the 2024 presidential election on November 4th. Gratefully, with early registration, I can cast a vote this year making sure I was registered to earn my voice as a citizen for the very first time. Voting is a relatively significant moment in empowerment and responsibility of connection to something bigger than myself. This moment carried more weight for me because of my mom's career. She is the head of Nurse Practitioners of Women's Health in Geisinger reassuring the safety of women. Growing up, I saw how deeply she cared about advocating for women's accessible health care. Her work shaped my understanding of the importance of equality and safety through supportive healthcare. Next year I am attending Lincoln University to play softball. This is the first historically black college and university to grant degrees in the nation. I am blessed to say I have a personal connection to HBCU's institutions for my pride in inclusive learning, leadership opportunities and support from the national government. Vice President Kamala Harris, a fellow graduate of an HBCU, is the first Black and South Asian woman on a major party ticket. This made my first vote more than just a civic duty but a celebration of identity, heritage, and culture. It wasn't just a vote for me, it was the greatest birthday gift I could ask for, a step towards progress, equality, and representation. The kind of world I want to help build.

# KNIGHTLIFE STORYTIME

## “The Presidential Cufflinks” with Mr. Procopio

In 1986, the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Wheelchair Club had the opportunity to donate two wheel-chairs with identifying plaques to the White House. I was club secretary and Rob Friedman was President of the club. His close friend, Marc Holtzman, made arrangements for us to meet with President Ronald Reagan. When we arrived, President Reagan had been called away so instead we met with Vice-President George H. W. Bush. He would later become the 41st. President of the United States. There were six members from the club who had made the trip and he spent about 25-30 minutes speaking to us the way you would speak to your neighbor on a summer afternoon at the back fence.

We had intended to donate the chairs to the White House to be used by visitors who needed assistance. Mr. Bush said he was scheduled to meet with delegates in one of our neighboring Central American countries and asked if he could donate the chairs to them as a goodwill gesture. Of course we said yes.

Before we left he gave each of us a small box containing cuff links bearing the vice-presidential seal. He told us to please open the boxes there because in the previous week, he gave out boxes to a foreign delegation, but was embarrassed when they discovered the boxes were empty! Ooops!



Mr. Procopio pictured with his presidential cufflinks.

Band members perform the "Star Spangled Banner".



Brief round-table discussion lead by our hosts.



Veterans and hosts involved in the Junior High Assembly.



Wyoming Valley Pipe & Drum band leads the ceremony off with the posting of colors.

# VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Landen Artiz plays "Taps"



Keynote Speaker Eric Pimm.



Senior High Assembly hosts Stephen Martin and Olivia Corcoran.



Brief round-table discussion lead by our hosts.

# LE COMMUNITY

## KNIGHTLIFE AT PSPA

Janaya Yusko & Mollie Kuhar, Seniors

This Fall Knightlife returned to compete at the Pennsylvania School Press Association on Thursday, October 24th at Bloomsburg University. This competition is held every fall at a regional level, and the state level competitions are held in early spring. Students are given prompts and one hour to compete in what each of their journalism related categories entitle. For example, Mollie Kuhar competed in the category Editorial Cartoon. During the hour of competing she is given an article and a prompt and must draw a cartoon relating to said article, which is also similar to the other categories as well. Last year, Kuhar qualified for states and won. This fall, she competed again at the regional level and qualified for states once again. The other members including Stephen Martin competed in the category Editorial Writing, Kaitlyn Marx in News Story, Janaya Yusko in Feature Story, and Madisyn Cox in Sports Story. Members of our schools yearbook, including Tyler Matrsevla and new advisor Mr. Simko, joined Mrs Honeywell and Knightlife on the trip and photographed the team while everyone competed.

After the competition the Knightlife members listened to a presentation by a local photographer, enjoyed lunch at the Bloomsburg cafeteria, and then a tour of the college's news story filming room. In April, the team will meet together again to compete at states in state college at Penn State University.



Knightlife Newspaper  
in Bloomsburg.

The 7th grade had the opportunity to see Mr. C. Science Live, an interactive science show, on November 5, 2024. Mr Sobocinski was asked to participate in several experiments as Lake-Lehman's own Science Guy. Over 1,700 students were in attendance at the Kirby Center. However, our Knights were popular as they took to the stage with Mr. C for multiple experiments. Everyone had a blast and made "learning science fun" just like Mr. C's motto.



Campbell Yannuzzi and Emma Salko, Mission Academy members, and Mrs Honeywell participated in the Veterans Appreciation Event last week at Misericordia University. Lehman resident and State Senator, Lisa Baker, hosted the event with her colleagues from the PA House. Students distributed thank you letters to veterans that were composed by Mrs Honeywell's students in ELA 7. Yannuzzi and Salko also read the "Missing Man Table" during the ceremony as a symbolic act of never forgetting those who never came home and still remain missing.



# The Waves of Music

Ebin Macneal, 7th Grade

In my opinion learning guitar, playing drums is amazing. The reason I think It is amazing to learn guitar, playing drums is because it helps you take out stress, playing guitar, or any instrument shows how you feel about music. Playing an instrument is like a wave. The reason an instrument is like a wave is because it flows any way possible. The wave of an instrument also shows your personality & how you feel. The reason I like guitar is because I have to take my time to see what goes well & what sounds right. The reason I like drums is because I can take my anger out on the drum set & in the process I'm playing how I feel. Playing an instrument gives you an experience with sound. If you find your instrument you will find your wave & it is a wonderful experience. Music is a wonderful thing in life. Any type of music has a feeling to the sound if it is sad, happy, angry or depressing any type of music pushes on a person. Music helps us through certain situations in life, it is also a good coping mechanism. Playing in a band, going solo it all shows what you like in music in my opinion. If you haven't found your flow, keep searching until you do. It does not necessarily have to be music but whatever works for you. If I don't see you, have a good morning, afternoon, and night.



Lake-Lehman Marching band places 9th overall at ACC's and 4th overall in colorguard.



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Halloween was celebrated throughout the hall of Lake-Lehman with various costumes and activities. Junior high students participated in ultimate frisbee in the morning and later had a traditional Halloween parade of costumes that did not disappoint.

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the 2nd Annual-



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