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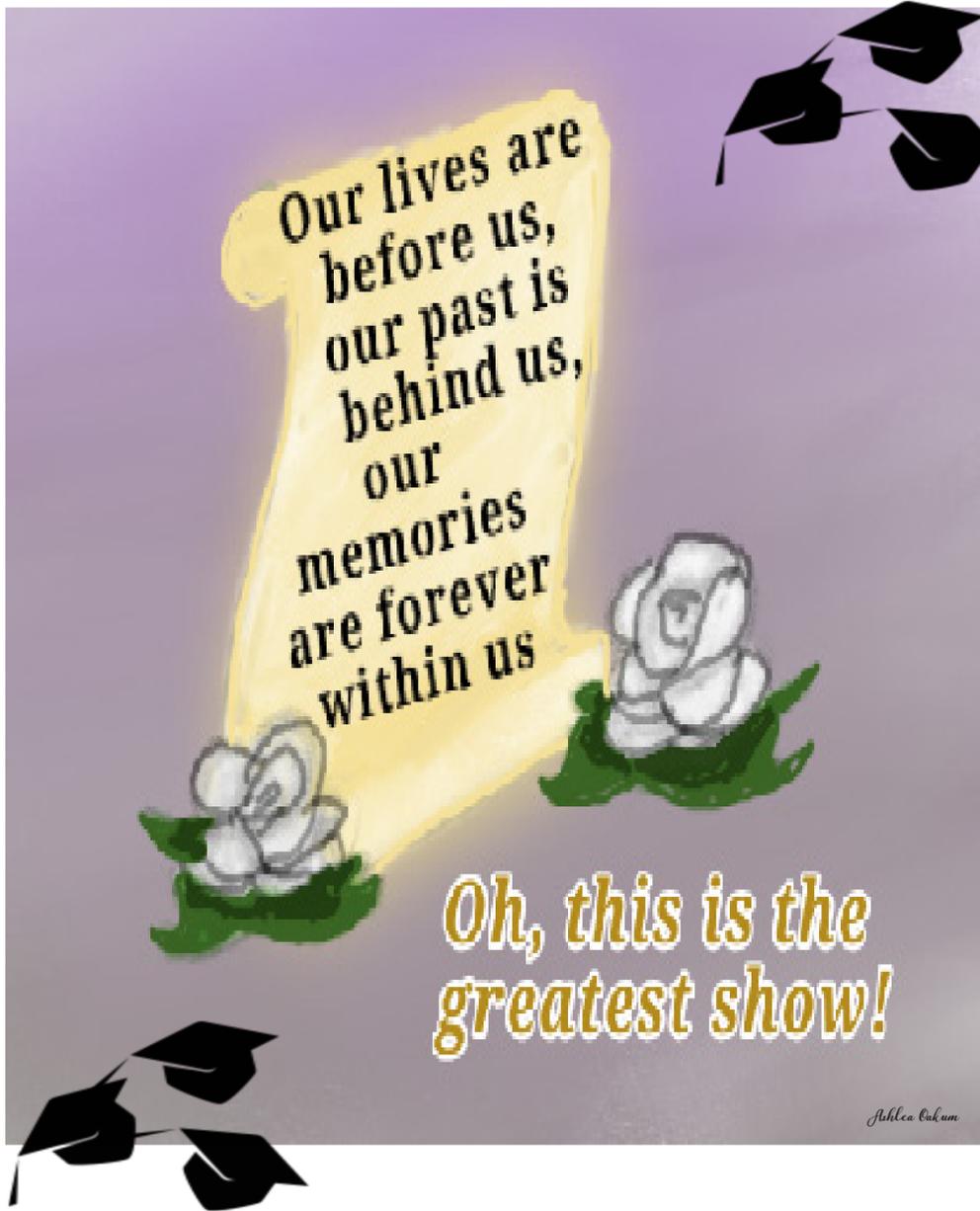
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...Graduation edition!

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136 Students will graduate today!

By Zak Zanella
staff writer

Graduation is an exciting time for every student and staff member of Shamokin Area High School, but it is especially exciting for seniors, who are eagerly awaiting to move on to college, technical school, the military, and the workforce.

One-hundred and thirty-six students are expected to graduate today, Tuesday, June 1. The ceremony will take place in the auditorium, which is a change from the original plan to gather at the Bridy-Ruane football field in Kemp Memorial Stadium for an outdoor event. Gathering numbers and mask mandates have changed recently, allowing for a traditional commencement indoors.

Students will assemble in the gym at 5:30 p.m., and the ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. inside the auditorium. The program includes

speeches from Superintendent Chris Venna, High School Principal Todd Hockenbroch, and Class of 2021 officers Olivia Haupt, president; Megan Roman, vice president; Madison Bridy, secretary; and Sydney Rhoads, treasurer, who will present the class gift, wall mounted technology charging stations. Featured speakers will be the class valedictorian and salutatorian. The band and orchestra will play, and the chorus will sing "An Irish Blessing," and senior Roz Kane will sing a solo from the Broadway musical Wicked.

Leading up to the seniors' 'Big Day' were a series of events that included a senior breakfast and Awards Night on Wednesday, May 26; an Elementary School Walk of Graduates, town parade of seniors, and Baccalaureate on Thursday, May 27; and the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 29.

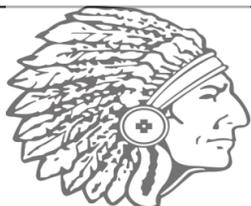


Each Shamokin Area graduate's picture was featured on individual signs that align the campus roads in honor of their commencement.



Top: Senior class officers enjoy the prom. From left are Olivia Haupt, president; Sydney Rhoads, treasurer; Megan Roman, Vice president; and Madison Bridy, secretary

Bottom: Students dance together at prom. From left to right, Gabby Marone, Savannah Ritter, and Johnathan Bevan



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Senior parade becomes a tradition

By Blake Harris
staff writer

Seniors took to the streets on Thursday, May 27, to parade through the streets of town to celebrate their final year as Shamokin Area students. This is the second senior parade of its kind; the inaugural event was held last year as a way for the senior class to get back to the way things used to be before the COVID pandemic. When asked why the district decided to hold a parade last year, Mr. Hockenbroch, principal, replied, "To provide last year's seniors with an opportunity to be together, and to help garner any normalcy I could for them. The staff, students, and community loved it so much I believe it has now become a tradition."

The parade started in the post office parking lot and traveled a route through town to the high school student lot. Fire trucks and police cars escorted the senior drivers. Other participants included teachers, administrators, local police departments, and local EMTs. The route was determined by the Coal Township police.

People 'adopt' seniors to show appreciation

By Hannah Hess
staff writer

Social media is a great way to stay in contact with friends and family, stay in the loop of current events and news, and help others. Shamokin Area's Gianna Sinopoli helped many seniors of Shamokin Area and surrounding school districts by starting an "Adopt a Senior" Facebook page to raise the spirits of many who were down due to the pandemic and having an unprecedented senior year.

Seniors of Shamokin Area and other school districts would post photos of themselves and their hobbies and some of the page's members of the group would "adopt" the seniors and buy them a gift bag / basket.

"The Facebook page was made to help support myself and other seniors during this not so normal school year. It was made for extra support from people who you may not know during one of your biggest milestones in your life. Someone from our area created a page like this for last year's seniors and I thought it was a great idea and I hadn't seen one for this year's seniors so I figured I would start one myself!" said Sinopoli.

The page accumulated over 400 members and helped many seniors get a little extra something that helped them smile after having a hard year. Not only did Shamokin seniors get "adopted" but so were many surrounding schools like Southern Columbia, Bloomsburg, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mount Carmel, North Schuylkill, etc.

"It makes me feel very good knowing I helped some seniors through a difficult time, and the support of these people through this page might be the only support some seniors get. I know this year for myself was very stressful and just knowing you have some extra support and knowing someone is proud of you makes me feel very confident," Sinopoli added.

Prom Candid



TOP LEFT: Seniors Sydney Rhoads and Aaron Shicora wait backstage at promenade.

TOP RIGHT: Knowledge and Infinite Artis-Jones strike a pose at prom.

MIDDLE LEFT: Prom king and queen Jaden Kodack and Diana Martinez.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Princess and prince Gabrielle Wagner and Santino Carapellucci.

BOTTOM LEFT: Mrs Rossnock is the one true prom queen.

Rain didn't dampen prom

By Audrey Cristan
staff writer

The class of 2022 hosted a magical and mysterious "Enchanted Forest" prom on May 7 at the Brady Banquet Hall, Ranshaw.

Students began the event with a promenade across the auditorium stage, which was decorated with real trees and highlighted with a rainbow of colored lights.

Because of COVID restrictions, two large tents were erected outside the banquet hall, allowing for students to eat inside and dance outside. Brewer's catered and DJ Trevor Schrader provided music.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of prom royalty: Diana Martinez, queen; Jaden Kodack, king; Gabrielle Wagner, princess; and Santino Carapellucci, prince. Despite the rain, students enjoyed the evening. Favors were polaroid photos attached to a wooden block and succulents. Mrs. Laura Suchanick and Mr. Jon Grybos are class advisors.

YCAT Inc. offers volunteer opportunities

By Jady Slovick
staff writer

If you're a student looking for volunteer opportunities, Youth Climate Action Team Inc. (YCAT Inc.) offers the perfect solution! With six core teams (Operations, Communications, Social Media, Logistics, Global Affairs, and Finance) and two subcommittees (Student Network Committee and Climate Education Committee), there are numerous ways to earn your service hours while utilizing your skills and spreading awareness about climate change, as well as other important issues, all while helping the environment and educating yourself and others. So far, they have recruited over 1,000 students across five continents and 18 countries and have reached 200,000 individuals around the world!

"Climate change is our world's most adverse threat to humanity and affects all facets of society, which unfortunately many don't understand," Samir Chowdhury, founder and executive director of Youth Climate Action Team Inc., said. "Apart from increased heat waves, storms, and wildfires, climate change also fosters water/food insecurity, which has implications in childhood growth, stunting, and even educational deterioration."

Chowdhury encourages students to join the organization no matter their strengths or skill "YCAT Inc. is an amazing community and extremely low-commitment. Everyone can put in as much time as they can! We have a diverse array of opportunities and would love to have you regardless of your past experience." For example, if you're interested in writing, you can be a writer or editor for the weekly newsletter, which can include different resources and updates on important world issues and events, and usually includes a petition. Even just helping to find the information of schools for the organization to reach out to or sharing/getting others to share social media posts containing crucial and educational information is extremely helpful and can count towards service hours!

One More Time

By Blake Harris
staff writer

Every student has their niche and everyone has a reason they joined a club, organization, or class. For the seniors who have been involved in the music department, their stories and memories could fill a library, but we don't have space for that. Instead, a few seniors have shared some of their memories, reasons for joining the department, and stories to reminisce about.

A few seniors were asked why they joined the music department. "Mr. Styer asked me and my brother also did it so I was like yeah that makes sense," said Mark Kiracofe. "Blake Harris lied to me and told me the saxophone only had six keys so I thought that meant we only played six notes," was Kali Leiby's response. (Six keys is close enough) As for what they loved the most about their years with music, the overall consensus was performing and the friends that became like family to them. Now for the heavy hitter question: Are you sad to be graduating? Mark very simply said, "Absolutely not." Sloan and Kali, however, were

both sad. "I'm definitely sad to be graduating. We've been in school for so long and to have it be so close to the end is very exciting but sad at the same time," said Sloan. Kali recalled how much she was going to miss everybody after graduation, but she's excited for what comes after high school.

There are countless funny moments, too. "I remember when we were on our way back from a football game and through all the noise all you hear is Mark choking on a Twizzler," Kali recalled. Sloan Derk added, "My first orchestra concert was a Christmas concert, and there was a tuba solo in a jazz song we were doing, and the other tuba player told me the night of the show that she hadn't learned it and I was panicking and when we went on stage to play the song, I completely blacked out but afterward was told that I did really good on it, so that's something."

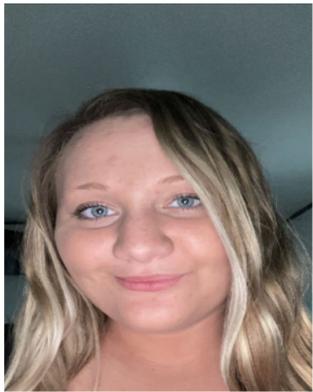
If you are interested in creating lifelong friendships and memories, stop by the music department and talk to Mrs. Stump, Mr. Styer, or Mr. Hollenberg.

And now some words from some of our Seniors!



Miah Thompson,
layout and design editor

Hey all, my name is Miah Thompson, and I am the lead layout and design editor of *The Signal*. When I first joined *The Signal* in my junior year, I had no idea that it would become such a huge part of my life. This class has really helped me develop some habits I'll carry with me forever. Thank you to Mrs. Rhoads for allowing me to have this experience. If you have any room in your schedule for next year, I cannot recommend joining *The Signal* staff enough.



Audrey Cristan,
staff writer

Hi! I'm Audrey Cristan, a soon to be graduate of Shamokin Area High School. I joined the mass media course at the beginning of the school year, and the reason I joined is for my love of writing, creating things, and also because my friends made me. I didn't get the full extent of pre-COVID mass media, but I still enjoyed the time I had and I have had a lot of experience with reporting and writing. I just can't believe it's the end of my senior year already. Where the heck has the time gone? First thing I remember is walking off the bus to Pre-K with my lifelong friend Kali, next thing I know I find myself doing the things I enjoy most, like band and softball, with the people that I love the most, and now, I'm graduating! This year, especially, has been very bittersweet for me. I'm going to miss high school, my underclassmen friends, my teachers, being a part of the things I enjoy, and truly, the memories, because I will cherish them forever. On the other side of this year being bittersweet, I am ready to graduate and continue on through life. I'm ready to grow and prosper. After high school, I will be attending Susquehanna University and I will be majoring in psychology. I want to help people, in a different way, and I want to make a difference in the world, in the best way possible. I'm going to try as hard as I possibly can and use the vibrant energy that I was blessed with to be the best person I can, and to make something out of myself and my life, because that's the most important thing to me.



Ashlea Oakum,
managing editor

Hey y'all, my name is Ashlea Oakum, and I'm a soon-to-be graduate of the Class of 2021. I've been a member of *The Signal* since its debut my junior year of high school in 2019. I joined because I was interested in journalism, but I also needed a class to fill in the 5th period space on my schedule. Now, I'm the managing editor and I make most of the things that go on the hodgepodge and opinions pages. I'm so glad I took this class, even though there have been MANY STRESSFUL situations that made me lose my mind. But, I've learned so many useful things, made new memories, and got to see and experience things I wouldn't have seen anywhere else. I recommend this class to anyone, no matter your interests or writing abilities (you'll learn to write, I promise). As much of a rollercoaster this senior year has been, I'm sad to see it end so soon. I'm gonna miss my underclassmen friends, my teachers who I've become so close with over the years and this year especially, and things like the music department, color guard, and the art program, as they have been my home away from home since middle school. I will be attending Susquehanna University, majoring in advertising/public relations with either a double major in environmental studies or a minor in earth and environmental sciences. I don't have a detailed plan about my future just yet, but I think I'll be able to make it good for myself. Thank you everyone so much for reading our newspaper! And to the other staff members, I'm going to miss you all so much. I couldn't have asked for a better newspaper family to spend so much time with every day. (P.S. - I'm still going to write things for the paper even when I graduate and go to college, you're welcome Mrs. Rhoads).



Jaden Kodack,
layout and design editor

When we started this class I instantly regretted not joining last year. We had a lot of good times and I learned a lot about writing stories and laying them out. Hopefully me and Miah (mostly Miah) taught everyone enough to have a layout and design team next year. After high-school, I will be attending Lock Haven University to study computer science. I wish everyone the best and I will miss you all.



Blake Harris,
staff writer

Hi, my name is Blake Harris and I'm a first-year staff writer for *The Signal*. One of the reasons I chose to join was because I heard how fun it was to be a part of the school newspaper. Other than that I didn't want two study halls and based on last year's numbers I knew the class would be smaller than before. I'm glad I took the opportunity to join the class because it helped me branch out more and it has given me experience that I'll be able to use later on in college and beyond. I strongly recommend joining mass media or even another class that you may not be sure on because you may end up really liking it and pursuing more things like it. While I'm promoting classes I definitely suggest band, orchestra, chorus/chorale, anything music related. It can be a lot of work but it's worth it when you hear the audience's applause at a football game, concert, or competition. After high school, I will be attending Susquehanna University to major in music education. In the two and a half months between graduation and the start of college I will be working and spending time hanging out with friends and at my cabin.



Ariana Nolter,
sports editor

I came into mass media this year and I am so glad I did. I have discovered new things about myself and gone out of my comfort zone on many things. I even discovered that I like writing about things, especially sports. This class has been very fun all year. This year was different in many ways, as everyone knows, and almost everyone has had challenges due to the situation. One of my challenges was figuring out how to write a good news story, as it was something entirely new to me. Once I did figure out my own writing style it came to me easily and it was something I began to enjoy. I was skeptical about the class at first but I am glad that I joined and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to take it to do so. Thank you Mrs. Rhoads for all of the time you pour into this program, you'll always be one of my favorite teachers!



Jadyn Slovick,
news editor

My gram always supported the things I loved doing, even when I didn't believe I was good at it. She came to every musical, attended at least one football game and competition every year, loved when I sang, and adored my writing. She was always my biggest fan. Ever since elementary school she had been pushing me to enter writing competitions or send me links to writing camps, which I just shrugged off because I never thought I was good enough.

When my schedule for 11th grade came out and I told her the classes were conflicting so I couldn't take mass media, she was genuinely upset and urged me to switch out of one of my classes, and ultimately was the biggest reason out of several that I did so. And I'm genuinely so glad I did. Mass media has been a class that's pushed me to become a better writer, as well as helped me develop different skills, writing styles, and had me getting out into the community more often, all while educating me on local issues and teaching me how to do my own research. I've done more than I thought I was capable of over the past two school years, and I'm so proud of my fellow classmates always putting their all into every edition. I hope that at least one person enjoys what I write now,

Paige Schoffler,
staff writer

I just have to say that it feels really weird to be a senior this year! Feels like not that long ago I started school. It was really fun getting to work on the school newspaper writing things like reviews for movies, shows, and more! Musically, I like writing reviews and any news that may pop up!



Kaden Jodack,
Dayout and Lesign editor

Hon hon, bonjour, mes amies! It is I, the mystical mascot of *The Signal*, Kaden Jodack. Joining *Le Signal* was a magnifique choice, and, in my very humble yet valuable opinion, the person reading this should totally join next year, if you have the option to. Farewell, my friends! Au revoir <3

Reusable energy comes to the community

By Ashlea Oakum
managing editor

Different groups within the community and the school are collaborating to build a picnic table with an attached solar panel umbrella outside, in front of the Shamokin Area Middle-High School.

“It’ll provide shade and energy so students and community members can charge their phones and electronic devices. It’s supposed to promote renewable energy around the area and also inspire kids to go into STEM with renewable energy ideas,” Bucknell University student and project leader, Conor Vogt, said in an interview.

The groups working together in this project involve Bucknell students and professors, including Vogt, his colleagues Wolfgang Von Getzie and Kyle Hrabak, Dr. Shaunna Barnhart, and Dr. Milton Newberry, as well as the Shamokin Area electronics class, Mount Carmel’s STEM Club, and students from Northumberland County Career and Technology Center, who will be physically building the structure and putting everything together.

Although this idea is new to us, Vogt and the team at Bucknell have been toying with it for much longer. “So we applied for the grant from Ford to fund this back in October 2020, but the idea has been floating around for about a year and a half,” he explained.

The team aimed to have the project completed by the beginning of May, but due to uncertain events, it may not be completed until the fall. “We want to introduce renewable energy to the area as a way to hopefully shift the mindset of the students and residents away from fossil fuels and more toward renewable energy in an area that’s predominantly coal-powered,” he added.

The process of moving this project forward has been very involved and time consuming. “I’m the student project leader, so I’ve been figuring out the organizational structure of how this bench will be built. I’ve been making lesson plans with my colleagues Wolfgang and Kyle, which will teach the students the different aspects and parts of this project as a whole. We’re giving those lessons every week, and eventually they will pick a specific component from those lessons that they want to incorporate into the project. Bucknell University will use the proceeds from Ford to pay for those parts. At the end of the lessons, we will gather all the parts, get the Vo-Tech students, make the plans, and then start building,” Vogt concluded.

It’s Back!

By Audrey Cristan
staff writer

Competition band is coming back! After a year off of competing, consistent practices, and traveling, the Shamokin Area High School competition band is back and ready more than ever to go on with the show. While details are still in the works, band director Mr. Styer said the show will have a viking theme. Dale Criswell, the band’s faithful drill designer, has created an exciting drill. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. The entire band schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the music suite. If interested, stop in the music suite and contact any one of the music teachers.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

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- president/valedictorian

Megan Alexis Roman - vice president

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Johnathon Michael Bevan

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Brianna Jeanette Bullock

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Collin Joseph Duganitz

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Blake Edward Harris

Seth Allen Hart

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Austin Tyler Haupt

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Carole Lyn Hinkle

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Zajorie Madelynn James

Shanon Marie Jilinski

Tyler Anthony Kalman

Rosalind Penni Kane - Salutatorian

Kaya Marie Kemmerer

Zachary Tyler Kinsey

Mark Zachary Kiracofe

Paige Elizabeth Kleman

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Adam Koraich

Abigail Elaine Kurtz

Kali Michelle Leiby

Emma Cynthia Kramer

Hayden Forrest Kramer

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Gabrielle Ann Kurtz

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Alyssa Ann Persing

Stacey Marie Radomski

Arley Maria Reeder

Savannah Rose Ritter

Isabella Rose Roberts

Hunter Matthew Rodarmel

Nirvana Angel Rodriguez

Mackenzie Alexis Roman

Claudia Marie Seidel

Akeya Star Schartiger

Aaron Jacob Shicora

Caleb Coal Shingara

Dylan John Shoener

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Jadyn Christiana Lucy Slovick

Paige Elizabeth Shoffler

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Alexis Emory Steenburg

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Mariah Kathleen Sullivan

Gwen Sulouff

Gianna Mary Sinopoli

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Rylie Lynn Waugh

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Shamokin Area Snapshots



March on in to the Fall 2021 season

By Hannah Hess
staff writer

After an unusual 2020 band season, Shamokin Area's band and color guard is gearing up for another season of Friday night football lights and band competitions. School spirit is needed now more than ever and YOU can be a part of that just by joining the band. Band and/or color guard creates long lasting friendships, instills hard work, helps you develop good working habits and time management skills.

Band and color guard becomes more than just an after-school activity. It involves reading music and playing an instrument for band and learning how to spin and throw a 6-foot flag pole for color guard. The memories you create with the band and color guard will be with you forever to look back on!

"Honestly, joining color guard was one of the best decisions I could have made in eighth grade. I've discovered an interest I never thought I would get into, made many wonderful friends, and experienced so many things I wouldn't have been able to do anywhere else. If you're thinking about joining color guard or band, do it. I'm forever grateful that I did," said Ashlea Oakum, a senior in both band and color guard.

Please join the band and/or color guard! If you have any questions please contact Mr. Styer, band director or any band or color guard member!



The Kane family, Tommy, Marla, and Roz, joined by Micah Miller, prepare to depart the post office lot to take their place in the senior parade held May 27.



Following the town parade, seniors gathered in the student parking lot to sing the Alma Mater. Mayor John Brown, for the second year in a row, planned a parade throughout the streets for graduates and their families. Local fire companies also participated.

Shamokin School Board News

- Approved a \$34 million budget at its May 18 meeting. The budget includes a 1.58-mill tax increase, which is expected to generate \$98,831.96
- Reported that the district is paying \$1,869,050 in costs to cyber schools. There are currently 174 district students currently enrolled in them.
- Announced that Indian Summer Camp will run from June 14 - July 8.

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Emmie Bland and Freyja Yeager chill in the back of their decorated truck as they wait for the senior parade to begin.



Sixty-three students received awards Wednesday night during Awards Night in the high school auditorium. Olivia Haupt was named valedictorian and Rosalind Kane was named salutatorian during the event.



Shamokin Area Elementary School students and staff cheered graduates and offered an inspiring quote during the first ever Walk of Graduates,



Shamokin Area High School Choir sang an inspiring “Bridge Over Troubled Water” during the Baccalaureate service May 27. Mrs. Mary Ann Stump, choral director, plays the keyboard.



Group photo at a football game during the 3rd quarter. of Sandy Lin, From left to right, Audrey Cristan, Kali Leiby, Jadynd Slovic, Destiny Smith, Ahslea Oakum, Gavin Degreen, Branie Yoncuski, Michael Artman, Jacob Erdman, and Selena Lin.



Junior Gabby Wagner and senior Miah Thompson stop for a minute to pose for a picture after the senior parade on May 27. Thompson will study computer and data science at Lebanon Valley College.

Track and Field Ends on the Right Foot

By Ashlea Oakum
managing editor

After a stressful and challenging couple of months, the track and field team are wrapping up their 2021 season on good terms, even though getting back in the swing of things was difficult.

“Missing last track season was a HUGE challenge to come back to this year in a sense that I had some upperclassmen who were part of the program for multiple years not come back. A lot of the kids we had hadn’t done anything before, so it was a big building game,” girls track and field coach and social studies teacher Mr. Kopitsky said in an interview.

However, after a chaotic and uncertain season, all things ended well. “We’ve qualified 14-15 girls for districts. It was a lot of hard work, and hopefully I never ever have to go through a year like this again as far as COVID-19 restrictions. But as a coach, I enjoyed the year. It was a very pleasant group to work with,” he added.



Gina Carapellucci, a Shamokin Area junior, prepares for hurdles, during a meet in Kemp Memorial Stadium. (photo submitted by Totem Pole)



TOP: The girls get ready for a double header by decking out in a “beach theme”. (photo submitted by Lauren Noll)

BOTTOM: Annie Hornberger, a junior, winds up for a pitch during a Lady Indians softball game (photo submitted by Totem Pole)



Softball Wrap Up

By Audrey Cristan
staff writer

After this crazy year with many different changes, the Lady Indians have had a successful season to say the least. The girls are 15 and 5 and made it to districts yet another year in a row. However, they did face many challenges. With new coaches, a very young team, and many changes, it was a lot to take in. The girls gradually learned how to work with one another and to play as a team. The girls have gotten very close throughout the season. Coach Kashner has always believed connecting is the biggest part to achieving, and it really goes to show just how effective communication and connections are, considering the girls broke the record for most wins in a season the other week. Laren Noll, sophomore and first basemen commented, “All of the hard work that we put into each and every practice truly pays off when it’s game time.” The season isn’t over yet, as the girls will be heading off to districts with a lot of hope and support from the new student section.

Baseball endures tough season

By Ari Nolter
sports editor

The Indians baseball team had a tough season that was based on learning the basics this year. The team ended the season with a winless record. Despite this, the team will now have more experience for the upcoming years.

Seniors graduating from the team this year are Hayden Kramer, Collin Bozza, Ethan Luta, and Hunter Bates. This year was coach Jason Mowery’s first full season with the team as last season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He is looking forward to building up the program as time goes on.



Shamokin Area Sports Snapshots

From left to right: Collin Redd, Colton Lynch, Jason Alderson, Brett Nye, Sayyidakbar Akbarov, Joey Tarr, Ryder Zulkoski, Billy Delbaugh, and Wade Alleman. (photo submitted by *Totem Pole*)

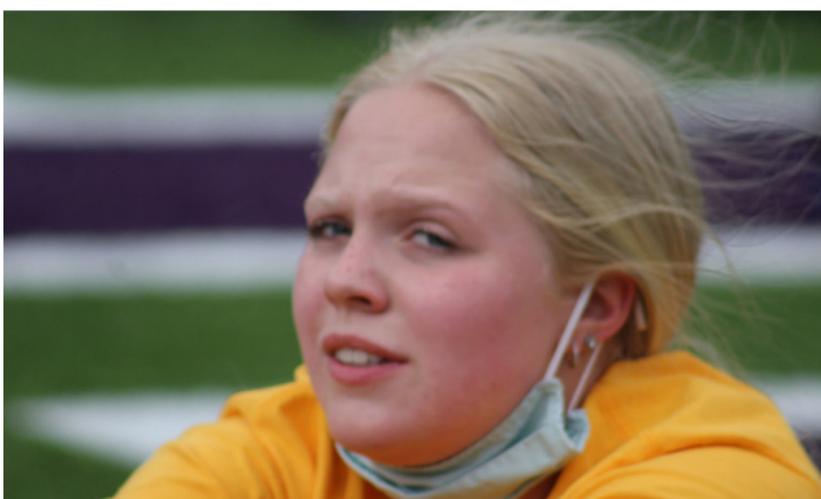


Seniors Rileigh Nowroksi and Katlyn Brunson strike a pose with juniors Kayla Harvey and Gabby Wagner during a cold track and field practice. (photo submitted by *Totem Pole*)

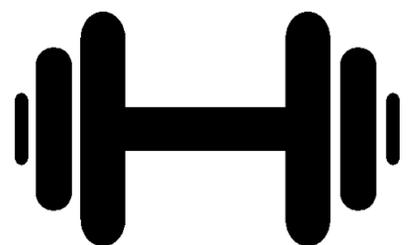
The varsity girls softball team prepare for a game on their home field. (photo submitted by *Totem Pole*)



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Thrower Megan Roman's face during this track practice perfectly describes everyone's mood for the 2020-2021 school year. (photo submitted by *Totem Pole*)



The original Star Wars: the Clone Wars cartoon returns

By Paige Shoffler, staff writer

Genndy Tartakovsky's Star Wars: The Clone Wars, created in 2003, is now on Disney Plus; it was added in April. The beloved cartoon takes place in between Star Wars: Attack of the Clones and leads up to Revenge of the Sith. This cartoon took a unique spin on the old war concept featuring Jedi as super powered individuals who can take on an entire army all by themselves. The creators took a lot of liberty with the cartoon being consistent with the Star Wars movies. Although Disney decided to retcon the original cartoon, it will be reportedly heading to a galaxy near you on April second! (Source: We Got This



Cobra Kai Auditions

By Paige Shoffler, staff writer

Back in January, the Netflix hit show Cobra Kai conducted open auditions for the roles of "The Mean Kid," And "Skateboarding Teens." Since then, the roles have been cast, but future openings are expected. According to the show's star, Ralph Macchio, Cobra Kai will run for six seasons which gives everyone a chance to chance to join the amazing cast along the way!



Buck-A-Line

Happy Cinco de Mayo! -The Signal Staff

Amen! - Cast of Godspell

Curriculum is straight up not bussin' dawg, no kizzy, frfr respectfully -Mrs. Rhoads

Newspaper gang, stand up! -TLPJ

Working on the newspaper is hard work, but definitely worth it! -???

Jaden Kodack is the funniest person to exist, I would know. -Kaden Jodack

I learned how to tie my shoes when I was 12, and I'd rather go through the process of learning that again than use InDesign ever again. - Miah Thompson

I found a penny on the floor on graduation day! - Ashlea Oakum

Congrats class of 2021- Gabby Wagner

Graduation Horoscopes

By Abigail Kurtz staff astrologist

Aries: You're going to do amazing things, Aries, more people believe in you than you know. Focus on you and your future, everything will be ok. Just remember not to push yourself too hard or risk falling apart.

Taurus: Don't pass up on opportunities, Taurus, they're worth taking advantage of while you have them. Take it slow, you're starting something new, you may struggle a little bit but you will power through it. Make sure to take some you time once in a while.

Gemini: You will be quite active in the upcoming times, Gemini, as you work toward your goals. Things might start out a little rough but don't forget about your goals and what you're working towards.

Cancer: You've done a fantastic job so far this year, keep working hard and you'll achieve your goals. Don't forget to take it easy sometimes and give yourself a break, remember that progress isn't linear.

Leo: You might be struggling a bit with some personal stuff going on in your life, Leo, but you can power through it! Keep steady and don't lose yourself to the pressure around you. Maybe reach out to your closest family and friends, use their help to ground yourself and keep going.

Virgo: Keep it going at a steady pace ,Virgo, your goals are within reach, just take it easy and remember to take care of yourself. No matter what your goals are, you will achieve them if you keep working towards them.

Libra: Make sure to focus on you and your goals, Libra, don't forget to take care of yourself. Accomplish your goals but make sure that your health comes first, just take things slow and steady. Remember to take a break.

Scorpio: Keep up with your close friends and family, Scorpio, they'll help you a lot in the coming times. Reaching your goals might be getting tougher but you'll get them with a little bit of extra hard work, and maybe some help from people close to you.

Sagittarius: Focus on yourself ,Sagittarius, but don't lose sight of what you're doing in life. Go outside for some time in nature (safely, of course), get some fresh air and maybe go for a walk. Make sure to socialize,you have been rather alone lately and there are people who care a lot about you, reach out to them.

Capricorn: Upcoming times may be getting tough, Capricorn, but you can do it! Believe in yourself and you can do anything. You may have to overcome some rough stuff, keep your head in the game and everything you want will be there for you to take it.

Aquarius: This is a critical part in your life, Aquarius, pause a bit to ground yourself and to plan for the upcoming times. You've been doing great so far, keep it up. Maybe go online and meet some new friends or do it in person, safely of course. Find some people to be by your side and to be there for you, you could use the support.

Pisces: You might be a bit frustrated with yourself lately, Pisces, but take it easy. It's better to get to your goals at your own pace rather than burn yourself out. Don't push yourself past your limits. Take care of yourself and you'll reach your goals in no time.

Questions in the Hall

Questions in the hall is a section continued from a previous edition of The Signal where one of our staff asks questions to people in the hallways. Today, students were asked:

“What are you excited for this summer?”

Micah Miller, senior



Going golfing and hanging out with friends.

Garret Kitchen, junior



Football because I can get a lot of sacks throughout the season.

Selena Lin, sophomore



All of the freetime I'll have.

Abbey Noll, sophomore

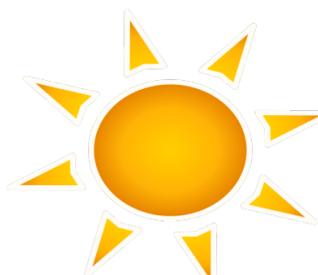


Competition band and travel softball.

Micaela Wagner, senior



Getting ready for college and more time for naps.



“How would you rate your senior year? Why?”

Kali Leiby



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Ashlea Oakum



5/10

Some things were good, but the rest... aye yai yai

Audrey Cristan



5/10

If everything was normal, it would have been so, so much better

Sloan Derk



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I didn't get run over like I wanted to.

Jaden Kodack



5/10

It was actually a really good year, but following restrictions made it a lot

*since the question is directed towards seniors, specifying the grade of the student is redundant.