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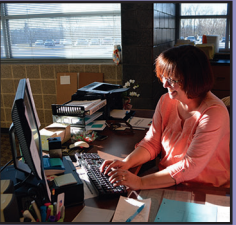
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Coronavirus closes schools, halts activities and causes uncertainty

Gabby DeMaria
News Editor

COVID-19, now considered a pandemic, has reached Pennsylvania's doorstep. There are 22 counties with confirmed cases of the virus, accounting for a total of 185 total cases in Pennsylvania. Lehigh County currently has one case, while Northampton County has 5 cases and is the site of the first coronavirus-related death in the state of Pennsylvania.

On March 13, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf declared a state of social distancing in order to stop or slow down the spread of the infamous coronavirus. This called for the temporary closure of many businesses, dispersal of gatherings and rallies, and the canceling of events such as sporting events or concerts.

Wolf's announcement also included the complete shutdown of all types of schooling institutions from kindergarten to higher education. The shutdown of K-12 schools is mandated to last for 10 business days, after which a reassessment of the situation will occur.

On March 16, Wolf ordered dine-in restaurants and bars to temporarily shut down to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Wolf additionally ordered the closure of 'non-life-sustaining' businesses on March 19. Food production, medical services, emergency services, etc. will continue operations.



Schools Closed: On March 13, Governor Tom Wolf shut down all schools in Pennsylvania for a minimum of two weeks. Then on March 19 he ordered all non-life-sustaining businesses to close. with enforcement actions to begin at midnight on March 20.

Many lives have been altered due to the fear of the virus spreading, including many in the Catasauqua community. Dakota Hugo, a Catasauqua graduate and current student at Penn State, has been directly affected by the precautionary shutdowns.

"I was supposed to be going on an embedded course trip, a course that includes some kind of travel as part of the curriculum, to Silicon Valley and tour high tech firms and their HR departments on March 8," said Hugo. "I received an email on March 7 saying that my trip had been canceled, and the university would attempt to refund my flight costs."

The social distancing and closure of businesses has not only ruined planned events. It has also financially affected many. Hugo feels the financial strain from recent events.

"The places to eat on campus are shut down, so I can't use the meal plan I have paid for," said Hugo. "I have lost my only form of income because student workers are not able to work at the hotel affiliated with Penn State. I have to find a way to pay bills while taking classes online and hope that I am still going to be able to walk at graduation in May."

Panic has taken people by storm.

Empty shelves, long lines in stores and the lack of people in public settings show the caution people are trying to take. CHS sophomore Emily Abbott witnessed this first-hand.

"I went to Giant and many shelves were empty," said Abbott. "The only meat that was left was large slabs that were \$45, not something I can buy. People crowded the aisles, and the lines were long."

Numerous CHS events and competitions have been canceled and postponed. All PSSA testing and Keystone exams are canceled. The play "Crazy for You" has been tentatively postponed until April. Junior Stephanie Crogan is sad to see things canceled, especially for the seniors.

"Indoor season for color guard has been canceled," said Crogan. "I feel bad for the seniors that cannot compete."

Some are trying to make the most of this unprecedented situation. Principal Adam Schnug still wants the students to be able to experience Spirit Week, even if it is done virtually. He will be running a virtual Spirit Week from March 23-27 in which each day there is a theme. Students are encouraged to send in pictures and videos each day in order to earn points for their grade.

The efficacy of the social distancing and closures in slowing the spread of the virus will be unknown for many days to come.

School District named 2020 Lehigh Valley Top Workplace by the Morning Call

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News Editor

Catasauqua Area School District was named 2020 Lehigh Valley Top Workplace for midsize employers by The Morning Call. Lehigh Valley area businesses were classified by The Morning Call along with their partner, Energage, through a survey in an effort to identify the top workplaces.

The process began in July 2019, when nominations for top workplaces were accepted by The Morning Call. Any institution, private, public, governmental, or nonprofit, that contained at least 35 employees were eligible. 753 organizations in the Lehigh Valley were offered the opportunity to have their workers participate in the survey. The 24-question survey covered questions regarding the future of the company, its values and management, the appreciation of its employees, productivity, leadership, execution, open-mindedness and the pay along with benefits.

Superintendent Robert Spengler is humbled by this award and thankful for the community's

continued support.

"I extend my personal gratitude to the entire Catasauqua Area SD Family for this award," said Spengler. "It is truly a great place to work and flourish in your career."

CASD was not only ranked first for the Top Workplace Award, but was awarded the "2020 Top Workplace Clued In Senior" Award. Workers with management positions are not the only employees that are recognized and valued.

CHS cafeteria worker Debbie Golick believes the district was deserving of the recognition.

"It is an honor to be chosen as number one in this category," said Golick. "The environment is truly pleasant."

CHS alumna and current art teacher, Barbra Resto, feels that the home-like environment makes the district whole.

"Catasauqua is home," said Resto. "As a student, teacher and parent, it was my choice to work and send my son to school here. I like the small community of relationships and am grateful for the opportunities that have been provided to me."



Photo by Sabrina Safadi

Catasauqua High School Cafeteria: Pictured above is cafeteria worker Gina Dolon. Staff workers, including custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers were represented in the Morning Call survey.

Debates hosted at CHS on death penalty moratorium, Paris Climate Agreement

Gabby DeMaria
News Editor

After being postponed twice, Catasauqua High School hosted its first and second home debates in February.

The resolutions included “The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should repeal the death penalty moratorium” and “The United States should abide by the terms agreed upon within the Paris climate agreement.”

In February 2015, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf declared a moratorium on Pennsylvania’s death penalty. This would effectively put a temporary pause on the execution of criminals but would not remove the people who were presently on death row.

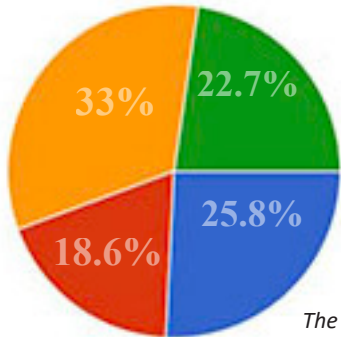
A debate was sparked between the citizens of Pennsylvania on whether or not a moratorium on the death penalty would provide benefit to the prison system at all. This was the background to Catasauqua High School’s first home debate on February 11.

Both sides of the first debate utilized three main factors of what the death moratorium in Pennsylvania entails: cost, length of prison term and effectiveness of the penalty.

As explained by each debate, there have been very few deaths

Catasauqua students voice their opinions on moratorium

Pennsylvania currently has a moratorium (an authorized postponement) on the death penalty. What is your stance on the death penalty?



- Pennsylvania should get rid of the death penalty.
- Pennsylvania should continue the moratorium.
- Pennsylvania should remove the moratorium and carry out executions on those sentenced to death.
- Not sure

The Brown and White sent a survey to the entire student body of Catasauqua High School (465 students). Of those surveyed, 97 responded. The results of the survey are summarized.

since 1976, three to be exact. These three men were executed by means of lethal injection which is extremely expensive.

Both the affirmative and negative teams debated in length about whether or not execution by lethal injection was worth the cost compared to the expenditures of life in prison. After debating the costs, the topic seemed to turn to how the legal system could be racist. It was also mentioned that the system could have falsely convicted people within it.

At the close of the first debate, results were sent in on the winners. When the results were published,

Catasauqua’s home team beat two their opponents out of four total opponents.

The second home debate occurred on February 25 and highlighted opinions on the approval or disapproval of The Paris Climate Agreement.

This agreement was enacted in November 2016, 30 days after initially being ratified by at least 55 parties at a United Nations meeting, according to the UNFCCC. The framework was based upon greenhouse gas emissions and strengthening peoples’ awareness of global climate change.

The major opposing argu-

ments for this debate were focused on the potential economic issues of reducing emissions, how long it would take to withdraw properly from the agreement and the concept that many countries are not even meeting their minimum required quota for limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

Junior Trista Graser felt the discussed topics were quite interesting to hear about.

“Having two debates in the span of a few weeks was interesting,” said Graser. “The only thing that bothers me is that we miss half of the first two classes twice. Besides that, I liked the debate on

The Paris Agreement. The death penalty got a little repetitive at times, so I liked the change. I also liked hearing the differing reasons for why it is either good or bad to be in the agreement.”

When the second debate ended, two out of the four Catasauqua teams won.

Senior Rebecca James and sophomores Penelope Brodman and Grant Heimbecker were selected to compete in two semi-final rounds. The team was able to clinch one win during the two rounds.

Senior Rebecca James, president of the debate team, was proud of her team.

“We all had butterflies, but when we started it was smooth sailing,” said James. “I was chosen last year to go to the semi-finals, so I had a good idea of what we would be doing. After a small conversation with Mr. Yanek regarding who else should come, I told him I had full faith in his decisions, which worked out well because Grant and Penny do an amazing job at their positions. We have a really good team for finals so even if we don’t win as much as we’d like to, I always remind them that it’s about our experience and what we make of it.”

Specific dates for debate finals have yet to be determined.

Band and chorus head to Dollywood in 2021

Amber Kalnas
Sports Feature Editor

CHS band and chorus are headed to Dollywood in 2021. The Catasauqua School Board approved their trip after Band Director Robert Arnold presented his proposed trip to the board on February 11 for their review.

After multiple trips to Disney in the past, Arnold was looking to give his students a new musical experience that was different from Disney.

“I wanted to run another trip soon after the last Disney trip, but I didn’t want to take the group back to Disney,” said Arnold. “I wanted to try something new and different.”

Dollywood is a park and resort that is located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. It is centered around famous singer Dolly Parton who was born in Tennessee. It is also fairly close to Nashville and Memphis, two cities known for their music.

Freshman Aidan Heil is very excited for this trip next year.

“It should be a lot of fun,” said Heil. “I’m excited about what we will be doing while we are there. I get to go to a new place and experience new things, which I’m looking forward to.”

They will be performing at Dollywood and the famous Titanic Museum. The museum gives passengers a real-life look at what the historic ship was like back prior to its sinking in 1912.

Students will also visit the Smoky Mountains, Ripley’s Aquarium and a place called The Island. They will be seeing various shows like “Pirates Voyage Dinner Show,” which allows students the opportunity to explore and participate in the show.

Robert Arnold
Band Director

Arnold is very excited for this trip and thinks his students will truly enjoy every aspect of it.

“I know that they will all have a great time, perform very well and represent our school and community to the best of their ability,” said Arnold. “It will be educational and fun for everyone that attends. They will make Catasauqua proud.”

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Originally scheduled for March 19 through March 22. It has been postponed due to the Coronavirus situation. Please reference our school website for updates.



Photo by Amber Kalnas

New Football Coach: Travis Brett is present at the board meeting to be approved as the new coach. Brett previously coached the middle school team.

Brett named new head football coach at CHS

Tyler Monahan
Review Editor

The Catasauqua board members voted to make Travis Brett the new Catasauqua head football coach on March 10. After the resignation of Mike Mclarin in early February, the search was underway for a replacement. Brett has been coaching the Catasauqua Middle School football team for the past five years, having two undefeated seasons in 2018 and 2019.

Before becoming the middle school football coach, Brett coached for the Catasauqua Youth Athletic Association. One of his first accomplishments as a coach was winning the 130’s Colonial League Football Championship in 2012. He also coached youth baseball for multiple seasons, leading his team in 2013 to an undefeated season and a championship trophy.

Brett, a Catasauqua alumnus, knows what being a Rough Rider is all about and knows the players he will be working with.

“One of my main goals is to bring back the winning tradition of Catasauqua football,” said Brett.

Brian Monahan, a previous assistant coach for the Catasauqua Middle School football team, believes the Catasauqua connection will work in Brett’s favor.

“I think that a lot of the players have a lot of respect for him,” said Monahan. “I believe there is going to be a significant attitude change with the football players with him as coach.”

Brett has coached all of the Catasauqua football players in the middle school program in the past five years and looks forward to coaching them again.

“I want them to learn what it means to be a Catasauqua football player,” said Brett. “It’s a privilege not a right.”

With the transition of yet another Catasauqua football coach, the new league leaves an open path for the Catasauqua Rough Riders under the direction of Brett in the 2020 season.

Course offerings continue to expand

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News Editor

With the advent of block scheduling, Catasauqua High School seeks to further improve students’ education by expanding their selection of courses. Next year, many reforms and new classes will be available for students to take.

One example of a new and improved class is the official establishment of a computer science program. Catasauqua High School Principal Adam Schnug is very proud of the establishment of the program.

“Mr. Inman has done a great job learning the curriculum and developing instruction for computer science,” said Schnug. “We have added two new computer science courses thanks to his hard work. We will be offering Advanced Placement Computer Science beginning next year. It is an exciting time to be a student at CHS.”

Principal Schnug is proud of not only the future additions of classes, but the ones this year as well.

“I am proud to say this school year we were able to add 18 new courses for students, and we will be adding 12 new courses to the 2020-21 school year,” said Schnug. “30 new courses since the start of block scheduling is awesome. Students

having choices in the education they receive while here at Catasauqua High School is a priority for our staff and district.”

Additional classes that are being added cover a wide range of topics for students to evaluate many fields of interest. New sciences include Physical Sciences, Honors Earth Science II, Marine Biology, and Botany & Zoology. Junior Trista Graser thinks highly of the science courses.

“I am really excited for the Marine Biology course,” said Graser. “Since science is a topic that interests me, any class that participates in labs is exciting. I am looking forward to studying the diversity of different oceanic life and having detailed discussions on the topic.”

Furthermore, there will be an addition to the Business Information Technology subject area. Sports & Entertainment Marketing is the new addition to the department that teaches basic economic concepts with a focus on the industries of sports and entertainment.

Some new classes

will allow for a more creative approach. Students who are astute in the language arts department will have the opportunity to take Communications through Multimedia Design, a class focused on honing skills used for digital and print news publications, and Creative Writing, a skill-heavy class that guides students in original works of writing.

New Courses for 2020-21

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Computer Science Discoveries
Advanced Placement Computer Science

SCIENCE
Physical Science
Honors Earth Science II
Marine Biology
Botany & Zoology

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Sports & Entertainment Marketing

MUSIC
Guitar

ENGLISH
Communication through Digital Media
Creative Writing

North Catasauqua gains new development near golf course

Sydney Gebhardt
News Editor

North Catasauqua will be home to an additional 153 homes in the completion of the Willowbrook Estates. These homes will be built on a portion of the Willowbrook Golf Course, which was divided and sold in February 2019.

The building process will be completed in four phases. The first phase is said to consist of about 39 homes in North Catasauqua and about 11 in Northampton, allowing additional students to attend Catasauqua High School and Northampton High School. This phase should be completed in early 2021.

Ground broke for the estates in the summer of 2019, and the community should expect to see the model home up and ready to tour by the middle of May. Ryan Homes, in conjunction with Pennington Property Group, has finished the initial infrastructure for the first 50 homes. This includes water, sewer, gas, electric, paving and stormwater management. Change does not come as easily to some as it does to others. CHS senior Alyssa Lee is not happy about the detours and construction on Howertown Road.

“Every time I drive to school



Photo by Katie Verenna

Construction on the New Development: Pictured above is the progress of construction on the new housing development on Howertown Road, located in Catasauqua and Northampton, as of March 2020.

I have to take different detours to avoid construction,” said Lee. “I have been late to school a few times because of the detours, and the roads near the construction are just awful to drive on.”

The single-family homes will range between 2,000 to 3,500 square feet with each home boasting three to five bedrooms, two and a half to four bathrooms and a finished basement. Some features could include granite or quartz

countertops and white or espresso cabinets. Homes are expected to sell between the high \$300s and the high \$400s. Ben Goldthorp, of Pennington Property Group, said the homes will be completed in 2025.

The Willow Brook Golf Course has been reduced to nine holes from a full 18. According to Council President Peter Paone, some are not happy to see the golf course shortened but most are

receptive to the new development.

“There are always people upset when green space is converted to homes,” said Paone. “There are some people upset at the contraction of the golf course, but most people understand that the property owners have the right to build the homes.”

Paone has also noted that a designer for the property has been working with the North Catasauqua Council to try to incorporate

a bike and walking trail in and through the development and golf course. As for students of Catasauqua High School, many have mixed views on whether the development will be beneficial or not to our community. Senior Hannah Lewis is not in favor of the additional houses, like many other students.

“The construction is going to last a very long time, which is an inconvenience to the town,” said Lewis. “I think it’s a shame that the beautiful, open fields are being turned into more housing that we probably do not need.”

Freshman Briell Carvalho believes this development will be very valuable for the community.

“I think the new development will be very beneficial for North Catasauqua,” said Carvalho. “More residents will be able to experience the life of a small town like Catasauqua. I also believe that it could help our school district grow and excel.”

Paone is hopeful that this development will be beneficial for all in the end.

“I hope that the homes tie well into the community, and that the small-town atmosphere of North Catasauqua can help to draw people to the development,” said Paone.

Dr. Christina Lutz-Doemling appointed as Assistant Superintendent at CASD

Alexis Rushatz
Activities Editor

Christina Lutz-Doemling has been a member of the Catasauqua Area School District Administration for 16 years. She has 23 years of educational experience and is presently an adjunct professor at Lehigh University where she teaches a graduate course titled “Curriculum Management for the School Executive.” Lutz-Doemling was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, her new position, during the Catasauqua Area School District Board of Education meeting on February 11. Robert Spengler, District Superintendent, stated “She (Lutz-Doemling) is an incredibly capable professional who grew up across the river in Whitehall, is dedicated to Catty, our small school traditions, and is committed to providing valuable learning opportunities for our students.”

Prior to this promotion, she was the director of curriculum and assessment of the district. As former director of curriculum and assessment of the district, Lutz-Doemling’s main responsibilities included providing provision and leadership in areas of curriculum review and development. She was also in charge of assessment programs and services, as well as professional development.

As she begins her new position, she will continue to make it her responsibility to direct the curriculum, assessment



Photo by Amber Kalnas

Newly Established Assisant Superintendent: Lutz-Doemling (above) working on her new tasks such as personnel, budget, technology and special education.

and professional development, but she has additional duties added to her repertoire. Additionally, Lutz-Doemling will be able to work more closely with the superintendent, Robert Spengler, on other district matters including but not limited to personnel, budget, technology and special education. She will also enhance the district’s cyber learning program and plan new learning opportunities for all of our students. Spengler believes Lutz-Doemling is an asset to the district.

“Christina works as an integral team member in the district and has continually employed stakeholders in the development of a shared vision in the area of curriculum

and instruction,” said Spengler. She recently received a tremendous award from the PA Department of Education for being a PA Career Ready Champion due to her workplace projects and district’s focus on career education and employability skills. Board Member Carol Cunningham believes Lutz-Doemling will be an outstanding assistant superintendent.

“Christina has been a very responsible addition to our school district,” said Cunningham. “In addition to her tenacity to achieve, Christina has managed the curriculum with perfection.” Lutz-Doemling hopes to move forward by “continuing to expand

our district’s focus on career education by securing additional grant funding to support the implementation of new higher education and business and community partnerships that promote a variety of education and career opportunities for students.”

A school district is required to have at least one State commissioned officer (Superintendent) and CASD has employed an Assistant Superintendent through 2004. At this time, the administrative team was restructured and the position of assistant superintendent was replaced with the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Lutz-Doemling fulfilled that position before her promotion. Spengler recently, however, recommended the conversion of her position to assistant superintendent “in order to better serve the needs of the District and also provide the next level of responsibility and leadership for Christina. As a leader and mentor, it is essential to provide learning and growth opportunities for the professionals in our organization, ultimately better serving the students and community of CASD.”

Lutz-Doemling is proud of those in the district and is excited for what is to come.

“I hope to be able to broaden my scope of influence,” said Lutz-Doemling. “I feel extremely fortunate to have been afforded this opportunity as assistant superintendent.”

Dr. Lutz-Doemling will share in district-level decision making and assist Spengler in long-term planning.



Photo by Amber Kalnas

New Secretary at CHS: Kellie Browne in her new role as high school secretary after working at central administration and transportation.

Browne ‘hits the ground running’ as the new secretary in the main office

Catasauqua High School has recently added Kelly Browne as a new secretary in the main office. Browne replaced former secretary Sue Moser who resigned in January.

After only being in the position for a little over a month, Principal Adam Schnug believes Browne has already had a positive impact on the school’s environment. “Mrs. Browne has hit the ground running and has already become a vital part of our day-to-day operations,” said Schnug. “She is a really fast learner and is willing to help wherever needed.”

Browne previously worked for the district in central copying and the transportation department.

According to Browne, her favorite part of her new position at CHS is being able to interact with students again. Sophomore Kyra Jackson believes that Browne is a good fit for the job.

“I’ve seen her help others very often,” Jackson. “She looks like she enjoys her job and is good at it.”

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ROUGHIE REVIEW

In this review, we will be highlighting some of our favorite local restaurants in Catasauqua. These restaurants are well-known throughout town and are highly rated by residents.



Tony’s Top Cat has been a local eatery for many years and is one of the most popular spots in town to go grab something to eat. This local spot is not easy to find on a map, the restaurant is actually located in a building that looks a lot like a house at 607 Front Street. This restaurant is known for its excellent food and friendly employees. Tony’s menu has a wide range of food from bar food to Mexican cuisine. One of the most popular things that the restaurant is known for is Taco Tuesday. Every Tuesday the restaurant has their tacos at a set price of only one dollar. When ordering your taco, you can get your taco on a soft, hard, or even a fried shell. My personal favorite kind of shell is the fried shell. When eating it, it has a little bit of a crunch, but it is still soft. The taco comes with chicken or beef and toppings like cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and sour cream. Another delicious item they have on their menu is the steak sandwich. It is made with steak and peppers and placed on a delicious roll. This is one of my favorite items on the menu, and I think it’s one the best dishes they have at the restaurant. The setting in the restaurant is very secluded from the outside streets, which allows the customers to enjoy their meal, and the food is reasonably priced. I give this restaurant a 9/10.



By: Tyler Monahan



Blondies is a small restaurant that specializes in unique hotdogs and cupcakes. It’s location in Catty is 333 Front Street, however they have three other locations throughout Allentown. Their menu includes twenty-two different variations of toppings which you can put on either a hot dog, or a burger, nine varieties of loaded nachos, ten different comfort foods and “Slovak Food”, and of course a massive variety of their famous cupcakes. These cupcakes are changed frequently and new ones are always being added, so it’s not easy to tell just how many there are, the possibilities are seemingly endless for these talented bakers. Blondies prides itself in selling affordable but quality food, with a very homey environment, welcoming everyone who enters. The owners of the restaurant also work there and are always very generous, kind and welcoming to everyone. It’s my opinion that their hospitality is a large factor in the restaurant’s success. With over 200 consumer reviews the restaurant has an average score of 4.6/5 stars on Google, many reviews mention the hotdogs and cupcakes, as they are the most famous and arguably best two things offered by the restaurant. Reading through reviews, I found that the “ram” hotdog was the most popular among consumers, including mac and cheese, chili, and crushed nacho chips on top. As far as the cupcakes go the only complaint that I commonly saw was too much peanut butter in too many of the cupcake varieties. However, some people might actually consider that a positive! With so many different flavors of cupcakes there’s guaranteed to be one that any person will fall in love with. I give this restaurant an 9/10.



By: William Elston



In November 2018, the Catty Corner Neighborhood Pub & Pie reopened following an 18-month closing. The restaurant, located at 301 Mulberry St, Catasauqua, PA 18032, has become one of the biggest hits in the town for family and friends to go enjoy a bite to eat. The Catty Corner is not your typical restaurant. It is open 365 days a year from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. and has a variety of special events. They recently hosted a Super Bowl party, which consisted of drink and food specials and raffles with prizes. People had the opportunity to win two 50” smart TVs. Back in June 2019, owners Jay and Renee Cimerol held a celebration for the reopening of the Catty Corner. Mulberry Street was blocked off and a performance by the band “Common Bond” was put on for spectators. A street fair was also held where children were able to make colorful chalk drawings. An estimated 1,000 people were in attendance. The Catty Corner is known for their daily specials. Monday is Mexican Monday, Tuesday highlights \$6 cheesesteaks, half-price wings can be purchased on Wednesday, clam specials are found on Thursday, Friday and Saturday feature dinner specials, and Sunday boasts the famous \$6.95 steak special. The menu consists of a wide range of different foods like pizza, sandwiches, wings, and more. My favorite food from the Catty Corner would be their pizza. I sometimes add sausage as a topping, but I usually just get cheese. As an appetizer I get their mozzarella sticks or macaroni bites. The chicken parm sandwich is also really good as well. I give this restaurant a 10/10.



By: Derek Troxell

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Martin Goodman created Timely Comics and released their first comic titled Marvel Comics which featured characters like the android The Human Torch, Namor the Sub-Mariner and Ka-Zar, the Great. Timely continued for 12 more years and created stories that focused on the war effort of World War II, like Captain America.

Due to Marvel Comics constantly showing up in the title of many of their books, Atlas officially changed their name to Marvel Comics. Around the same time, superhero stories began to resurface in popularity so Marvel began to write superhero stories once again. Their first story was The Fantastic Four #1.



Stan Lee became the publisher of Marvel Comics.

The speculator boom ended in 1996 due to comic book companies oversaturating the market, making a majority of their issues worthless. At this time, Marvel was forced to file for bankruptcy.

IRON MAN

After barely receiving any profits from the movies of the characters that they had sold off, Marvel decided to create their own movies in house. Unknowingly, they started a cinematic universe with their release of "Iron Man."

1939

1961

1972

1996

2008

MARVEL TIMELINE

Marvel Comics is an 81-year-old company that became a subsidiary of the conglomerate Disney in 2009. The company is commonly associated with its extremely successful cinematic universe. The company released "Avengers: Endgame" in 2019, which became the highest grossing film of all time and wrapped up its 10-year long story.

1951

1960's-1970's

Early 1990's

Early 2000's

2009



As the public's interest in superhero comics began to decline, monster and western comics became more popular causing Timely to alter the genre of the stories they were telling. At this time, Timely Comics became Atlas Comics.



Writers like Stan Lee, Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko created many of the iconic heroes we know today, such as Spider-Man and The Incredible Hulk. They also reintroduced Timely characters, like Captain America and Namor the Sub-Mariner, to a new generation of readers.

News that copies of Action Comics #1, Detective Comics #27 and The Incredible Hulk #181 in mint condition were being resold for upwards of a million dollars. Comic book collecting rapidly increased overnight and created a speculator boom in the purchasing of comics. Comic book companies, such as Marvel Comics, were inspired by this boom to create variant covers in order to get speculators to buy more of their comics.

Marvel sold the movie rights of Spider-Man, X-Men, The Fantastic Four and many more characters in order to build itself back up.



Disney acquired Marvel for four billion dollars in order to "provide significant opportunities for long-term growth and value creation," as stated by Disney's CEO Bob Iger.



Catty High Students Respond

Roughies React: New Development

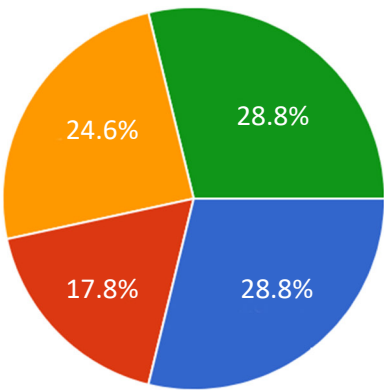
Students at CHS were surveyed in March about their opinions on the new development that is being built in place of the first nine holes of Willow Brook Golf Course. The overall results, as well as a sampling of some of their responses, are given below.

Survey Statistics

All CHS students were emailed the survey and asked to give their opinions on the new development. Here is how 118 out of the 465 students in the school responded.



Do you think the new development will benefit the community?



- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- I don't know

“New houses will be built so more people could move in, but I feel like it’s ruining the environment.”
-Makenna Delucia, Sophomore

“With the addition of the new community, I feel it will be too much for our small town. It’s already too much with all the construction happening, so when a whole community is put in, there will be too many problems that will arise like traffic, population and also safety concerns.”
-Mitchell Lewis, Sophomore

“I am not sure if it is considered to be in Catasauqua or Northampton, but if the people living there had children and they went to Catty, it would definitely help keep Catty going because we are a small town.”
-Tory Simmons, Senior

Has the construction of the new development affected you in any way? (i.e. traffic, detours, etc.)

“Howertown road has become a road that can potentially break your car. I don’t want to spend more money on alignment or new parts at all.”

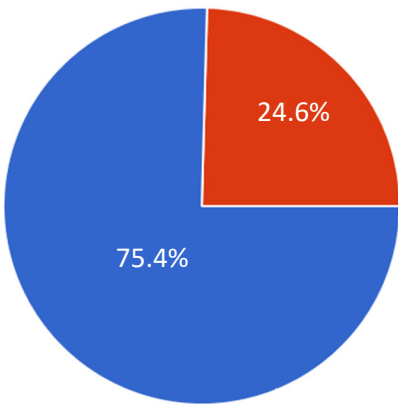
-Simon Tanyous, Senior

“I take Howertown road to get to school, and the detours have made my commute to school take longer.”

-Alex Treiber, Junior

“It blocks up places to drive, and it’s very unsafe for children to walk where the construction is.”

-Eden Davis, Sophomore



- Yes
- No



A Message from the Class of 2020

Please understand and listen when we say to get involved in as much as possible and live in every moment...

because you never know when life can get in the way...make all the memories now so you don't regret it later.

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Staff Editorial

Air quality in the Lehigh Valley needs to improve

Air quality and the amount of pollution and emissions that have been released into the air have been recently brought to light after the Lehigh Valley received a “failing grade” on their air quality test as part of a national report by the American Lung Association. According to an article written by Steve Novak for Lehigh Valley Live and posted in April 2019, “The region received an F for the number of days of high ozone pollution, aka smog, according to data for the years 2015 to 2017. The Lehigh Valley ranked as the 55th worst metro area in the country for smog.”

This ozone pollution is a result of the chemicals emitted from large construction plant equipment. According to airnow.gov, pollutants like different oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds react with sunlight to create the harmful ozone that is creating a harmful smog in the Lehigh Valley. One may be able to look out and see the blue, clear sky and think the air is clean, but the invisible particles that pollute the air are a major concern for our environment.

According to the Respiratory Health Association, air pollutants can cause a variety of respiratory impairments like “shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, asthma episodes and chest pain.” The Respiratory Health Association also states that air pollution can lead to lung cancer, heart attacks, stroke and can even cause death. Nobody wants to deal with these ailments.

If something is not done to repair the damage already done, the quality of the air will only get worse along with the severity of the health problems that come along with air pollution. These problems do not only affect people with weak or impaired immune systems, like the elderly or young children. People who work or spend time outdoors are also at risk for these diseases, according to the Respiratory Health Association, due to regular contact with pollution in the air.

There are many steps that need to be taken in order to help reduce the impact of the pollutants we release into the air. Emissions produced by cars can be reduced by ride sharing, using a form of public transportation or riding a bike or walking to one’s destination. The Environmental Protection Agency cites many examples like looking for the Energy Star label on home or office equipment, not letting the car sit idle for too long and using environmentally safe paints and cleaning products. All of these activities can be implemented into a person’s everyday life.

Even newer and cleaner forms of energy production can be used. According to an article by the National Resource Defense Coalition, the oil drilling might require strip-mining Canada’s boreal forest. This can cause earthquakes and water pollution. Coal power plants also release pollution into the air. All of these activities are heavily present in Pennsylvania and contribute to the horrible air quality.

Wind turbines and hydroelectric dams can produce a high amount of energy while being much cleaner alternatives to natural gas and fossil fuels. By implementing cleaner forms of energy production in the Lehigh Valley, the emissions produced by fossil fuel and natural gas production would be cut down, thus improving the air quality.

The quality of the air in the Lehigh Valley is a serious issue, and action to fix this problem should be taken immediately. The health issues as a result of the poor air quality pose a threat to the citizens of the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas. This needs to be fixed to prevent further damage. Small steps can be taken during everyday activities to help prevent further damage to the atmosphere. Everyone needs to help fix this problem before it becomes irreversible.

-Contributed by Gabriel Gurrea

Student Voices

Which courses would you be interested in taking next year/which courses do you wish you could have taken?

“I would like to take Sports and Entertainment Marketing, because I’m very interested in sports. It would be helpful to learn how to market a product.”

-Luis Silva, Freshman



“I’m interested in plants and animals. I would enjoy taking Botany and Zoology because it’s something I like learning about. I see plants and animals every day, so learning about them would maybe help with my future.”

-Trisha Bloszinsky, Sophomore



“I really like computers. I am looking into computer hardware engineering for college, which is a more specific part of computer science, so AP Computer Science could possibly help me.”

-Jordan Nonnemaker, Junior



“The class that interests me the most is Zoology. I want to have a career in my future that has something to do with animals. I’d love to be a zoologist and study the way animals behave and interact with each other.”

-Alyssa Lee, Senior



Do streaming services make cable TV obsolete?

Since the early 2010s, cable television has faced a slow decline in subscribers. According to Amy Watson of Statista.com, it has gotten to the point that less than half the country’s population has cable TV in their household. This is mainly due to the amount of people switching from cable TV to online streaming services such as Netflix or Hulu.

One of the main reasons that consumers have made the switch from cable to streaming services is the cost. When it comes down to having all of the features that a cable provider provides versus having all of the features that a streaming service provides, it is much cheaper to have all of the features on a streaming service. If someone were to have a premium Netflix account, the Disney+, ESPN and Hulu without ads bundle, and an Amazon Prime video account, the cost would be about \$44. In comparison, the most basic plan for DirecTV, Dish, or Fios is around \$50 for only a little bit more than a hundred channels.

Another possible reason that people choose streaming services over cable is that streaming services are more convenient. This is because streaming services can be accessed anywhere and at anytime as long as there is internet connection available. Cable requires the consumer to watch shows at home when it is live or to record the show prior to it being live. The problem with this is that if someone was recommended to watch a show and they were to only have cable, they would need to rely on reruns, which rarely release the episodes in order, or just miss out on the show.

Unlike cable, many streaming platforms do not have advertisements. Even if they do, it costs less than ten dollars to remove them. They also give producers more creative liberties, allowing them longer time slots to develop plots and characters of the various shows developed through these streaming services.

Cable television is a dying market that has paved a way for streaming services to grow exponentially.

As a devoted customer to cable TV, I say that streaming services cannot replace cable TV and surpass its universal benefits in convenience, viewing and bundles that give you more in addition to just watching TV. Streaming services often lack certain channels that are only available on another service, which would rack up the total price you pay. I often hear people say that they have multiple streaming services because the shows they watch are only available through certain services.

Similarly, almost no local sports broadcasts are available on streaming services. This applies to the news as well. This hassle can easily be fixed with cable, as they usually have a large amount of channels and shows broadcasted, which includes almost all sports and news.

People also argue that streaming is immediate and can be viewed at any time. They say that they never worry about missing shows, however most cable services allow you to record shows when you are not even present. One can simply record shows to watch at a later time.

There is also the issue of the internet. Streaming services all depend on the quality of your WiFi. Cable will run no matter what kind of internet problems you may be experiencing. Cable will provide many movies and shows sooner than streaming services anyway. Many people often talk about how they are waiting for a certain movie or show to come to Netflix or some other streaming service.

Cable also often bundles internet and TV together which means that an internet only bundle coupled with what you pay for your streaming services may be just the same as simply keeping cable or even more. The disadvantages of cutting the cord and the likelihood that you will pay the same as always for your entertainment, if not more, is justification enough for you to simply keep cable.

-Contributed by Sarah Yandrasitz

Spring Sports Preview Page

Track and field takes advantage of mild weather

Derek Troxell
Sports Editor

At the conclusion of the 2019 season, the Catasauqua Rough Riders had three individuals placed at districts. The boys finished with an overall record of 1-7, while the girls finished 0-8.

Third-year head coach Kyle Rusnock has a lot of confidence in his team and is extremely excited to kick off the season. Despite not getting as many wins as a team, Rusnock still enjoys seeing the kids improve and become better athletes.

“It is an honor to be the head coach of the Catasauqua Track and Field team, especially following in the footsteps of great coaches before me,” said Rusnock. “It is also a joy to coach the athletes. They make it fun and always want to get the work done and better themselves.”

Senior Tory Simmons, who placed fourth at last year’s league meet for javelin, is hoping to continue her success.

“I would love to be able to beat my personal record from last year and go to states,” said Simmons. “My role as a senior this year is to try to help the underclassmen develop their skills and better themselves so they have success in the seasons to come.”



Photo by Sabrina Safadi

Track and Field March Practice: Junior Ty Reitz (right) trains at practice as track coach Janine Hemond looks on (left).

Many members of the throwing events enter the season with experience from last year’s team. Key returners include Zach Scheirer, Shaziya Roberts, Dorian Hoagland, Tyler Monahan, Trisha Bloszinsky and Stewart Oakley.

Oakley is looking forward to competing this season.

“I would like to throw 40 feet in shot put by the end of this season,” said Oakley. “Making it to districts this year would be an amazing experience. The Zephyr Relay is always a fun event to be a part of. I can’t wait to compete against some of the other schools.”

Lexi Rushatz was the only runner who placed at districts last year. With a heavy load of runners from the cross country team, more individuals look to put themselves on a podium for the postseason, like junior Breonna Brinkley. Brinkley who runs the 4x800m and 4x400m relay, has high hopes this upcoming season.

“The team as a whole did very well at districts,” said Brinkley. “Personally, my goal this season for districts is to place in the 4x800m relay since we were close last season.”

With the Pennsylvania spring weather cooperating so far, the Rough Riders have been able to be outside for most of their practices. The first meet is currently scheduled for March 24, where they will go up against Pen Argyl and Saucon Valley in a tri-meet.

“As a team our goal is to improve on a daily basis and qualify athletes for leagues, districts, and states,” said Rusnock. “It will be a very enjoyable season watching the athletes progress and rise to the top.”

CHS baseball ready to compete

Olivia Emery
Sports Editor

As the 2020 spring baseball season swings into play, the Roughies are slowly preparing for their upcoming games. With seven starters returning, senior Andrew Torres believes the team is eager to up the wins on their previous record.

“I think that the season is going to go pretty well,” said Torres. “The older players have grown stronger mentally and physically, and the younger players are really excited and prepared.”

Sophomore pitcher Brandon Jenny has confidence that the team is going to be able to compete with anyone they face as long as they put in the work.

“We are going to need to push harder than last year,” said Jenny.

In the 2019 season, the team had an overall record of 4-16 los-

ing to teams like Northern Lehigh, Palmerton and Saucon Valley. Assistant coach Andrew Oswald believes the coaching staff is setting high expectations for the team and its senior leaders.

“We are counting on the seniors to step up and lead the rest of

the guys,” said Oswald. “I do think we have the ability to be competitive this year as long as everyone takes the season seriously.”

Opening Day, originally scheduled for March 20 against Northampton is on hold due to the Coronavirus issues.

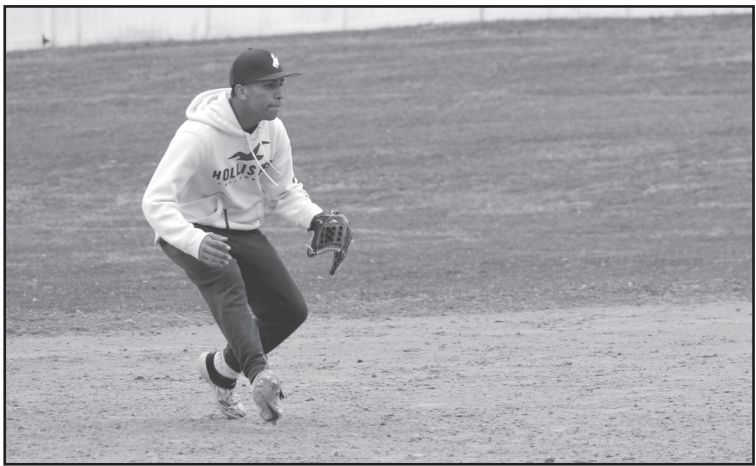


Photo by Sabrina Safadi

Baseball preseason: Senior Andrew Torres fields balls during practice in early March. The team will start games in April.

Softball continues rebuilding process

Sabrina Safadi
News Editor

Catasauqua’s softball team started off 2020 continuing to rebuild the program with second-year head coach Paige Kogelman, a CHS alumna, and assistant Kip Kogelman.

Junior Janessa Ortiz is excited to see what Kogelman will bring to the table this year. “It’s nice to have a coach who really cares about us as a team” said Ortiz. “We can tell that she really loves the sport and wants to see us succeed as a team.”

With only two seniors returning this season, Madison Kessler

and Joscelyn Acevedo, and the loss of two seniors in 2019, the squad will be constructed of a majority of underclassmen. Key players that are returning this season include juniors Hailey Deschaine, Marissa

Rice and Yesenia Ramos.

With a samll team this year and failing to clench a win in the 2019 season, Acevedo believes that the team will have to rely on each other in order to make this season

a success.

“Last year we came on the field to prove to people that we are changing,” said Acevedo. “This year we are going to make a difference.”

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Joscelyn Acevedo
Senior Softball Player

XFL Longevity: Will the XFL be able to survive?

The XFL will prosper for years to come

I believe that the newly founded Xtreme Football League has the tools to be successful and profitable for a very long time. There has been a lack of competition for the NFL in terms of other prominent leagues that pose a challenge to them. The Alliance of American Football, founded about a year ago, was hailed to be a formidable competitor to the NFL but the league closed after only a portion of their first season due to bankruptcy.

The XFL was rebranded and started their first season right after the NFL Super Bowl ended. The founder of the league is successful businessman and CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment Vince McMahon. McMahon rolled out the XFL in 2001 but it failed quickly due to poor planning. The XFL is now back and better than ever with new rules and ideas that will allow it to compete with the NFL for years to come.

The XFL has focused on capitalizing on some of the rules that the NFL is not willing to implement. The XFL allows players and coaches to talk to each other for the whole length of the play clock while the NFL cuts off their mics when the clock hits 15 seconds. The XFL also mic’s up the players and allows the fans to listen in during reviews and timeouts.

Another rule they have is an experimental kickoff which is supposed to bring down the percentage of concussions on kickoffs. The XFL kickoff begins with the defending team’s kicker kicking off from the 30-yard line. The blockers and defenders line up opposite each other downfield and cannot engage each other until the kickoff returner touches the ball. The returner waits for the ball at the goal line to receive the kick. The sudden rebirth of the XFL has given football to fans all year round and has given them a chance to watch something new and exciting.

-Contributed by Mason Schlofer

The XFL will fail like other start-up leagues

The XFL is a bootleg “professional” football league that will not last. Of course, there is going to be fanfare regarding its commencement, but it will die out and dissipate.

The XFL currently consists of eight teams that play in a 10-week long season. History has already shown that these off-season leagues have not worked out before. Before the “new and improved” XFL we have right now, this league was started and run by the current founder of the new XFL, Vince McMahon. McMahon is most famously known for his business in the professional wrestling industry, but decided to try and branch out to something different in 2001. He started the XFL, this league only lasted one season and gave NBC and McMahon’s wrestling company the WWE, a \$35 million loss on a \$100 million investment.

For a span of 18 years, the world did not see another American football league on the brink of having any success. Then came the Alliance of American Football in 2019. For the beginning of its short life, the AAF had a decent following and good social media presence. This being until all operations were suspended in week eight of the league and the AAF had filed for bankruptcy.

So, what exactly is going to make the XFL different from the rest? They preach that the reason this league was started was solely “for the love of football.” If they loved football so much, then they would have let the NFL run its course. Trying to compete with a superpower franchise such as the NFL, nothing new is going to work. History shows that independent football leagues that are “fresh” have all been set up for failure. The XFL is surely going to go down that path as well.

-Contributed by Jacob Drummer



‘March Sadness’ infects the sports world

The recent spread of the Coronavirus has taken a major toll on all sports at the professional, college and even the local high school level. Let’s take a look and see all the sports that are affected by this quickly spreading virus.



The NBA made national headlines when the league decided to suspend its season. It was announced on March 11 during a live game shortly after reports were confirmed that a Utah Jazz player, Rudy Gobert, tested positive for the virus. This marks the first time in history that the NBA suspended a season after it had already started. In 1998-1999 and 2011-2012, the start of the seasons were delayed due to labor disputes.

The NHL followed soon after the NBA’s announcement and decided to postpone its season indefinitely due to the virus. This became a big concern for fans everywhere with playoffs right around the corner. The NHL has previously postponed seasons due to global pandemics, lockouts and even a strike. The Stanley Cup Final was canceled in 1919 after five games had been played due to the Spanish Flu, which actually took the life of a player.

The MLB announced that the start of the season would be postponed for two weeks and spring training was cancelled. The MLB season has been postponed indefinitely. In 1918, after the U.S. declared war on Germany, the season was ended after 140 games. Labor issues disrupted the 1972 and 1981 seasons, and the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001 postponed the games for one week.

The NCAA made a bold move when they decided to cancel the men’s and women’s tournaments, also known as March Madness. This came a day after and several conferences cancelled their championship tournaments. With just three days until brackets would have been released, this took fans by surprise. This is the first time in history that the NCAA March Madness has been cancelled.

The PIAA decided to postpone the PIAA basketball playoffs and swimming tournaments for a minimum of two weeks. Then on March 13, Governor Wolfe mandated the closing of all schools in the state for a minimum of two weeks. This decision caused spring sports across the state to come to a halt. It is uncertain when spring sports will resume or when the winter postseason tournaments will continue.

Other sports have been affected by the Coronavirus across the globe. The PGA has cancelled several golf events and postponed The Master’s Tournament and the PGA Championship until a future date. The XFL has suspended play, while Champions, Europa, Premier and MLS soccer leagues have all suspended play. The Kentucky Derby, originally scheduled for May 2, has been postponed to September 5.


Other sporting events are still pending as this pandemic unfolds. The NFL stated that, at this time, the draft will still happen from April 23-25 but all fan events have been cancelled. The 2020 Summer Olympics scheduled to be held in Tokyo, Japan are still planned. A decision to cancel or postpone could be made as late as May.

Muller vaulting into college Acrobatics and Tumbling team

Competitive gymnastics has been an integral part of Montana Muller’s life for 13 years. She is currently competing in her senior season for Force Gymnastics.

“I am excited to compete at my last regional championship with a great group of girls who have helped me grow as an athlete, teammate and leader,” said Muller.


She has been a level ten gymnast for five years and has qualified for the Region Seven Level Ten Regional Championship in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and once more in 2020. While this is her final season with Force Gymnastics, it is not the end of her athletic career.



Muller plans to attend Gannon University, a Division 2 school located in Erie, Pennsylvania, where she will continue her academic and athletic careers as a member of the school’s Acro and Tumbling team. Muller is very much looking forward to learning and competing at Gannon University.

“Gannon University offers a variety of high-level academic courses as well as an opportunity to be a part of such an exciting, emerging sport,” said Muller. “I am so excited to be a part of this team and university.”


Acrobatics and tumbling and women’s wrestling have recently been added to the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Program. Gannon University is one of the advocates for these emerging sports, and the acrobatics and tumbling team has been very successful so far.



Muller excels in both athletics and academics and is able to balance everything despite her busy schedule. She is involved in many activities in and out of school. She also has maintained an impressive GPA and a schedule made up of all honors classes.

“Academics are equally as important to me as athletics are,” said Muller. “I have found that it is very important to maintain a high level of academics as well as balancing athletics and extracurricular activities.”

Throughout high school, Muller has shaped herself into a well-rounded student. She has participated in cross country for four years, track and field for two years. She is a member of the Varsity ‘C’ Club, and she is the president of the National Honors Society.



Sports

League nixes then coaches reinstate league honors

Aidan Gerhard and Lucy Brubaker
News Editors

The Colonial League chose to end naming of all-league teams for various sports at the start of the 2019 school year. This controversial move highlighted complex issues taking place within the league. Catasauqua Athletic director Tom Moll is aware of these on-going problems that the league is attempting to resolve with the removal of all-league teams.

“There were issues with certain coaches and schools who would not vote for particular athletes from other schools,” said Moll. “Some coaches did not take the voting seriously, and there were also issues with parents of particular children who were not getting picked for the all-star team.”

Since this became so problematic, they have now discontinued the award that many athletes were honored to receive. Many students, parents and coaches think this was not a good decision, including CHS head basketball coach Eric Snyder.

“Overall, it was very sad, discouraging, and frustrating to have the Colonial League All-Star teams removed from the part of the process of being a high school athlete in the Colonial League,” said Snyder.

Although many people think awarding a player from the team is a great opportunity, some people, like CHS teacher Kevin Foley, believe it puts the “I in team.”

“In my opinion, the team’s success is what should be first and foremost on everyone’s minds,” said Foley. “When a team is successful, everyone plays a part. One player is not more important than the other. It creates a ‘look at me’ society as opposed to a ‘look at us’ society.”

Catasauqua’s Assistant Principal, Christopher Gerhard, believes the award was such a great opportunity, especially for students from smaller schools such as Catasauqua.

“The all-league team was something that was done in every sport since the inception of the league in 1975,” said Gerhard. “It was a way for the student athletes to gain recognition for excelling in their sport. To be voted to the team by their peers and coaches in the league was an honor”.

As this tradition has now been discontinued, both boys and girls basketball coaches have come together and paved the way for a new tradition. They took this issue into their own hands and decided to create their own opportunity for

the Colonial League athletes to be honored under no oversight from the Colonial League.

Ultimately, the decision to form a new all-star team for boys basketball was initially started by Palmerton’s coach Ken Termini. The coaches all joined together to nominate and vote on the players in the league deserving of this award.

Junior Derek Troxell was honored by making second team for his performances in basketball. Junior Lexi Rushatz earned honorable mention for the girls basketball all-league team. This new tradition created for the student athletes has now provided an opportunity for many of these athletes to be honored for their athletic achievements.



Photo by Tyler Monahan

Wrestling Postseason: Junior Austin Brett pins his opponent during the district championships at Freedom High School.

Reinhart, Hartranft compete in Hershey

Sabrina Safadi
News Editor

As the 2019-20 regular season came to an end for the Catasauqua Rough Riders, the postseason commenced. Each individual on the Catasauqua High School team entered the PIAA District XI tournament and competed February 21-22. As a team, the Rough Riders placed fourth.

Participating in double-elimination rounds, three individuals advanced into the regional tournament; senior Adam Reinhart and junior Austin Brett placed fourth, and sophomore Jaryn Hartranft placed second in the district competition.

With a regular season record of 29-8, Reinhart went 3-2 for a progression to the next level. Reinhart was proud to have qualified for regionals.

“It felt pretty good being able to place in districts my senior year and get to regionals,” said Reinhart. “I hope to go out with a bang.”

The three wrestlers traveled to Freedom High School, battling a new group of competitors for another double-elimination competition.

Wrestling in his fourth match at regionals, Brett succumbed to an injury. Surgery was required, and Brett was forced to end his season prematurely.

With a 3-3 record, Reinhart succeeded in clinching a spot in the state tournament. Joining Reinhart at the Giant Center in Hershey was Hartranft, concluding the tournament with a 4-1 record.

Hartranft and Reinhart became the 39th and 40th wrestlers in the history of Rough Riders to represent Catasauqua at the PIAA state wrestling championships.

On March 4, the wrestlers traveled to Hershey, PA to compete. Concluding his high school wrestling career, Reinhart lost his two final fights of the season. Hartranft competed in three state-level matches, winning his first and losing the next two, bringing his season to an end.

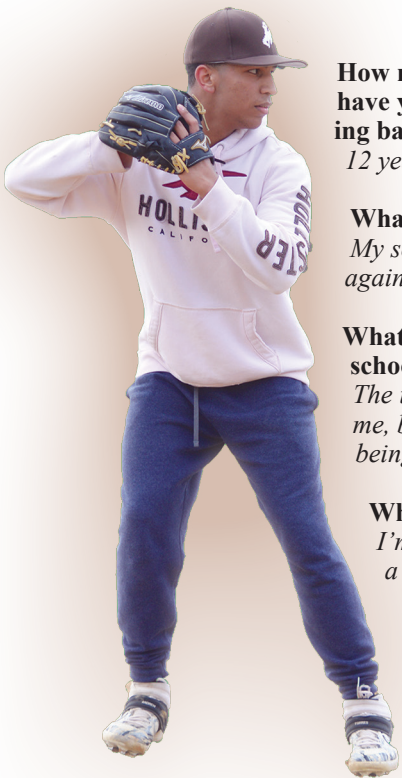


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Colonial League: Juniors Derek Troxell and Lexi Rushatz made the new all-league teams, which were chosen by the coaches and not sanctioned by the Colonial League.

Second Team All-league
Derek Troxell
Honorable Mention
Lexi Rushatz

Male Athlete of the issue: Andrew Torres



How many years have you been playing baseball?
12 years.

What’s your favorite memory?
My sophomore year I was the closer pitcher against Salisbury, and I got the save.

What are you going to miss most about high school baseball?
The team chemistry that I have with everyone. For me, baseball was always a break from reality and being able to spend it with some great teammates.

What are your plans after high school?
I’m planning on joining the Army and going to a trade school to be a mechanic.

Female Athlete of the issue: Maddie Kessler



How many years have you been playing softball?
10 years.

What’s your favorite memory?
When I was 12, my team placed second in the World Series.

What are your plans after high school?
I’m undecided right now, but I’m leaning towards physical therapy. I plan to attend Northampton Community College to play softball, then transfer to Penn State Hazleton to play softball as well.

What advice would you give to underclassmen?
My advice to underclassmen would be to never give up. Through all the struggles I’ve faced with injuries and different things, I have never given up on the sport I love the most. It has allowed me to meet so many amazing individuals.

