

# Hawk Happenings

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## HAHS teachers speak various languages

Bella Kenyel - 9

One of the many teachers in Hamburg Area High School that can speak another language is Frau Stevens who teaches German. She undoubtedly knows how to speak, read, and write in German, along with a bit of French and Spanish to get herself in trouble and have a little fun. Frau Stevens grew up hearing German and Pennsylvania Dutch from her grandparents, and she learned German in Hamburg Area High School, as well as Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and Philipps-Universitaet in Marburg, Germany. She also listened to German music and practiced her German by role-playing out different situations that would happen in real life. Nowadays, Frau Stevens improves her German by watching movies.

Another teacher in Hamburg Area High School who also speaks another language is Mr. Hetrich. He speaks a bit of French to order himself a meal, but he cannot have a full conversation with another person due to the fact that his French is broken. Mr. Hetrich used to speak French periodically when fishing up in Quebec, Canada. He learned French in Wilson High School in Whitfield, Pennsylvania because it was required to take a two-year language course to go to college. He took French because it interested him the most. No one in his family speaks another language; they only speak English.

Mr. Reinhart is one of the teachers whose only language is English, but he wants to learn Spanish because he has some students who only speak and write in Spanish, and he would like to provide them the opportunity to learn as well as the students who speak English. Mr. Reinhart would like to use Babel and a program called Rosetta Stone to help him learn.

Rosetta Stone is a program where they provide and send their users kits that are filled with CD's, pamphlets, and music in a different language to help their users to learn another language.

Mrs. Herman is one of the teachers at Hamburg Area High school who knows a few words and phrases in Spanish. She cannot necessarily be understood by most Spanish speakers, but can be interpreted correctly most of the time. Mrs. Herman would like to re-learn Spanish to be better understood by her Spanish speaking students. Along with re-learning Spanish, Mrs. Herman would like to learn Polish and Lithuanian because her grandparents both periodically spoke Lithuanian and Polish. The program she would most probably use is Rosetta Stone.

Mrs. Herman got taught Spanish in Marian High School in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania because she thought that Spanish would serve her better use in the future than French. There were three teachers that taught Mrs. Herman Spanish, but she only remembers two: Sister Marita de Lourdes and Mrs. Heffelfinger. The three teachers guided her and her classmates through various exercise lessons, some which stuck with her. Another person who speaks Spanish in her family is her husband Mr. Herman, who uses Spanish at his job fairly often.

Mrs. Bucheit is another teacher who does not speak another language, but she would like to help out her students who speak Spanish because more Spanish speaking students are moving into the district, and it would benefit her and her students if she spoke Spanish. The only way to get around this language barrier is for her to use Google Translate to speak with other students. Mrs. Bucheit did take four years of German in high school and 2 semesters of German in college.

Mrs. McCarthy is also another teacher who only speaks English, but used to take Spanish and French in high school and continued to take French in college. She also took an ASL (American Sign Language) class with some HEP students years ago. However since Mrs. McCarthy did not actively use these languages, she forgot how to say them and sign the words. She can understand French and Spanish writing due to visiting both France and Spain a few times. One of Mrs. McCarthy's nieces minored in French in college.

One of the many languages that Mrs. McCarthy would like to re-learn is sign language because there are not many people who know sign language. The only apps to communicate with speaking users who speak another language are translation apps. For deaf people, they either have to lip read, write, text, or sign to others.

If people want to learn sign language, they can go to the app store and download an app called 'SignSchool.' SignSchool is an app where they show videos of people doing hand signs along with the words.

## Girls play soccer

Izzie Gonzales - 10

This soccer season has been great for many of the female athletes. Sophomore Kaylee Fornwalt is one of who plays for Hamburg Area High School and Reading Rage. On both teams she plays center back, but in her past years she played center mid, and striker. Kaylee plays on varsity for Hamburg and plays her heart out every time she steps on the field and wears her uniform.

"I play soccer because it runs in my family and my father and grandfather have played it." Fornwalt states. Kaylee is an athlete who can balance both school and sports all at one time. Her schedule is usually busy but has enough time for herself, and her family. She has been playing soccer for 11 years, and started when she was four years old.

This astronomical season she feels as if they had made an amazing achievement by having 13 shutouts. During this time they only lost three games with a final record of 14-3-1. This has been the best record Hamburg has ever had. "We have made a tremendous leap since last season and I am proud of everyone's hard work and I am looking forward to next season."



## Sophomores take on the Haunted Hollow at Jim Dietrich's Park

Bethany Stuffle - 10

Every year, in the town of Muhleberg, Jim Dietrich's Park hosts an event called the Haunted Hollow. With two spooky events: a haunted hayride and a haunted barn experience. On October 13, three sophomores attended the event; Allie Houck, Tia Adam, and myself. Out of the three of them, the only one that had gone to this event before was me, Bethany Stuffle. Although we did not go into the haunted barn, we did have fun. However, in Allie and Tia's opinions, "It wasn't that scary."

As soon as we arrived at the park, the festivities began. Once we got in line for tickets, which were only \$12 dollars per event and \$30 for both, I noticed that there was the infamous clown that I saw last year when I attended. It carried a chainsaw, with no blade of course, and wore a creepy mask with colorful hair. My mother then pointed out the photo op area where we got a picture of us and the clown. We then got our tickets for the hayride and hopped in line for that. By the time we got on the ride, it was pitch black. We listened to the rules then the ride began. I noticed that most of the hayride was different from previous years. For example last year there was a butcher area that the ride went through and a butcher running around. They also had it this year. Some new things were a clown area where two clowns came onto the hayride and the one clown bopped us on the head with a balloon. The other clown was crying. Therefore, there were only a couple things that were the same.

Other than the clown with a chainsaw, there was one other guy that I recognized from the previous years. This guy had a big belly and a butcher mask on, and he was pulling something out of that belly. He explained to everyone on the hayride that they were his guts and intestines, then he offered some to Allie's mom and she replied with, "No thank you; I already had dinner." This then got most of the people on the ride to laugh. When the hayride concluded, Tia and Allie were both relieved but also sad. We all agreed that next year, we will go on the hayride and in the barn. After the ride, we then got some food from the food truck and ended our night with a fun Target run.



## Students discuss Earth's changes

Isabella Forte - 11

Students in environmental sciences and biology, taught by Mrs. Sinopoli and Mrs. Farina, discuss some of the scientific changes on Earth. What will the future look like? Nature will be a lot lonelier. Since the start of agriculture 11,000 years ago, Earth has lost almost 50% of its plants and roughly 20% of its animal biodiversity. If current trends continue, as many as 1 million of Earth's 7 million to 10 million plant and animal species could face extinction in the near future. There have been enormous losses of biodiversity that disrupt major ecosystems on the planet. With fewer insects to pollinate plants, fewer plants to filter the air, water and soil, and fewer forests to protect human settlements from floods and other natural disasters.

Junior Grace Cromyak states, "It really won't affect me. I am doing my part as much as I can by reducing my waste, but otherwise, in order to save the planet on a larger scale, the government and other countries have to take part in it too."

Junior Raymond Attkinson states, "Things will start to flood, initially, and there's really nothing much we can do about it. Even these more "greener" solutions still emit things."

There are many ways to save our planet including conserving water, reducing the use of oil and embracing green energy. Reducing waste and single-use plastics and planting more trees. Looking for small ways to make a difference helps in the long scheme of things, to start, search online for ideas of how to get started.

## 2023-2024 STUCO advisors plan

Molly Krick-10

Starting this 2023-2024 academic school year, Student Council has two new advisors. Mr. Kline and Mr. Gaul stepped up and are ready to make a change for the student body. They share the same common goals: to get more involvement in the school and a better high school community.

The Student Council club description on Hamburg Area School District website is: "Student Council is responsible for activities like Homecoming, pep rallies, spirit weeks, the Holiday Dance, and various fundraisers throughout the year. The purpose of the club is to promote school spirit and provide fun, safe ways for the student body to interact, get involved, volunteer to help others in the district, and to be the student leaders and role models." According to Mr. Kline, this year's student council membership numbers have tripled, especially males.

A new big event that STUCO will be doing this year is a charity basketball game. This will be a basketball game that is middle school staff vs highschool staff. The event will be held in the high school gymnasium on February 23 at 6-8 pm. The goal of the event is to raise money for charity and to get the community involved.





# It's My Life inspires young girls to never give up on themselves

Hailey Quinn - 11

It's My Life by Stacie Ramey is a young adult novel that was first published in 2020. The story focuses around the life of Jenna, a girl in high school who has cerebral palsy. Her condition had never bothered her in the past, but when she finds out that it was caused by an injury at birth, she becomes angered at her parents who failed to tell her the truth of her birth. This anger sparks a desire in Jenna to take control of her life, including school and medical decisions, which she feels her parents were monopolizing.

In an effort to assert control over her school decisions, Jenna drops all of her AP classes. When her childhood best friend and crush, Julian moves back to town, he ends up in Jenna's English class. Noticing that he was struggling with school, Jenna reaches out to him anonymously to help. Their relationship soon develops into something more than friendship, however, Jenna is plagued by doubt. She believes that her condition will change the way Julian sees her. Her self-pity and self-doubt create a large challenge for her and cause her to push people away.

It's Her Life is an exploration of self-discovery and the complexities of living with cerebral palsy. The story dives into the universality of making life choices and the struggle to balance one's desires with what's truly best. Jenna's journey to assert her independence showcases her determination to make her own decisions, even if they are not always in her best interests.

The novel effectively illustrates the power of self-worth and the impact of relationships on personal development. Jenna's realization that helping others can be a means of helping oneself is a valuable lesson, and her evolving connections with her family and Julian serve to spark her personal transformation.

It's My Life is a heartwarming and thought-provoking novel that emphasizes the importance of self-acceptance, the strength of relationships, and the significance of embracing one's true self, even in the face of challenges.



# HAHS students discuss clubs

Hannah Kristiniak - 11

Hamburg Area High School offers a variety of clubs for students to join and get involved in. There are two different club days when these clubs are held, club day A and club day B. Each club is held once a month and HAHS follows the specific club schedule that is in place every Thursday. Clubs are held right in the morning from 7:41 until 8:17. In order for this to happen, the normal daily schedule had to shift and classes periods one through five are 36 minutes long when typically they are 44 minutes long. After fifth period, the normal schedule returns. Each club has an adviser and each club varies, but typically there are fun activities in place or clubs will set up fundraisers to help fund their activities.

Landon Poulios, a freshman at HAHS, was eager to see the clubs offered at the high school. Landon signed up for Drama club because he thinks drama is a perfect place for people that are considered extra and he considers himself an extra or over the top person. Landon is also involved in the musical, which is directly involved with the Drama club. The Drama club holds fundraisers to help support the music programs at HAHS and the students in this club get to do fun acting activities and practices. Landon has enjoyed the club this far and is excited to continue participating in it throughout the school year. Landon says the only club he wishes HAHS offered was a debate club because he would definitely join that. Other than that, he feels the high school does a good job at offering a good variety of clubs. He is very appreciative of the time allotted for students to have clubs, but he still wishes there was more time or clubs could meet more frequently.

Kirra Goetz, a junior at HAHS, is a member of the Drama club as well and the Tri-M club. Tri-M stands for Modern Music Masters and is an honors music society. The Tri-M club does volunteer work, music service projects, fundraises money for musicals and choir, and has a stand at May Day to fundraise money. Students in this club also get to sing and do other fun activities. This club is unique in that students have to be recommended and meet certain criteria to be a member. A student must have two teacher recommendations, three volunteer hours, and maintain a C grade or higher in every class. Kirra is new to both of these clubs this year, however she has knowledge on these clubs from friends and her existing involvement in choir and the musical. Kirra adds that the Drama club sometimes gets to go to other schools and see their drama showcases. She also says every year the Drama club holds a Drama club showcase at the Strand Theatre for students to watch. Kirra was influenced to join Tri-M because of being involved in the choir, and she wanted to join Drama because she has been in the musical. She feels that HAHS has a nice variety of clubs that are offered and she cannot wait to see each club get better and better as time goes on. She is very grateful that there are so many clubs and that students get the opportunity to participate in clubs, but it would be helpful to have more time or to meet more often because it can be challenging to plan fundraisers.

If a student has a club that they want to start and can come up with a teacher to advise it as well as other students who are interested, clubs can always be added.

# FNAF movie review

Koa Binder - 9

The Five Nights At Freddy's series started as a video game where the player would be a security guard and work the night shift at Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria. The game was a sensation with many people enjoying the game and creating lore. This is why so many were excited when they heard the game was being turned into a supernatural horror movie. It was rated PG-13 and stars Josh Hutcherson, Matthew Lillard, and Vanessa Monroe and came out on October 27, 2023. It was directed by Emma Tammi and produced by Jason Blum and Scott Cawthon.

While watching, the audience can expect an interesting plot line with the movie following the lore(or history/plotline) of the game, but also adapting it and making its own. The main character, Mike, gets fired from his job and goes out looking for a new one. He finds a job working the night shift at an old rundown pizza place. During the movie, he is faced with many battles. For instance, he has to try and keep custody of his younger sister while also trying to remember who kidnapped his brother when they were just kids through dreams. While the movie does follow some parts of the video game, you do not need any background knowledge to enjoy and understand the movie.

Student Adam Epting and I went with our friend from Schuylkill Valley to the AMC Theatre on Sunday October 29. Adam was very excited, talking about it the entire week prior. He enjoyed the movie very much. "It was exactly what I expected and was predictable in the sense that it followed the lore in every right way"

There were not many on screen deaths, but the ones that did appear on screen were disturbing and well thought out. The characters were well played by the actors who really did an amazing job putting their all into their performances, especially the child actors, where some had to play darker characters. Many are already hoping for a sequel.



# 1989 Album review

Dakota Schneider - 9

Pop star Taylor Swift has recently re-released her version of her fifth studio album, 1989. In 2014, Taylor Swift released 1989. Around 2020, her manager Scooter Braun owned all of the rights to her first six albums. Taylor ended up having to buy her music back from him so that she could own it. This is when Taylor Swift started something called, "Taylor's version." Once she owned her stolen album, she would re-record the whole album and title it "Taylor's version."

On October 27, Taylor released her version of 1989. The album contains all the same songs as the original album just re-recorded almost ten years later. Taylor added five additional tracks that she calls "vault tracks." Vault tracks are songs that almost



made the original album. Swift re-records them and releases them as bonus tracks. The vault tracks are titled, Say Don't Go, Now That We Don't Talk, Suburban Legends, and Is It Over Now?

Freshman, Chase Brodhead went through a rollercoaster of emotions when the album was announced. "My reaction to the announcement was just shock. My friends and I were on Face-time while we watched a live stream of her concert." Taylor Swift announced 1989 while she was on tour. "The fans live stream the show when they are there so everyone can tune in for surprise songs." While on tour, Taylor does two totally different songs each concert that she calls surprise songs, and all the fans look forward to it. "Once Taylor came on stage during the 1989 era with a teal outfit, I knew that 1989 Taylor's version was on its way."

This album is truly one of the most iconic because it includes the songs, Shake it off, Style, and Blank Space. Freshman Hailee Riggeal was just as excited for this album. "My favorite songs off the album are Say Don't Go, New Romantics, and I Wish You Would." Overall, the iconic album is still rising to the top of the charts ten years later as well as going viral all over social media.

1989 has met everyone's expectations and the Swifties are so excited for more albums to come.

# Hubie Halloween Review

Deja Wagner-Wakefield - 11

The mystery horror Halloween comedy Hubie Halloween directed by Steve Brill and co-written by Tim Herlihy and Adam Sandler, who also is the main character, was released on Netflix on October 7, 2020. The cast consists of Adam Sandler as Hubie Dubois, Kevin James as Sgt. Steve Downey, Rob Schneider as Hubie's friend Richie Hartman, and June Squibb as Hubie's mother.

I would rate this movie a 7/10. I thought that this movie was a good Halloween movie for people who do not like horror films, but I thought it was a little cheesy. While the cast did a great job with their roles, I feel that the story line was a little all over the place. This is because the movie jumps from place to place introducing new characters and new events. The setting is in Salem, Massachusetts which adds to the spooky Halloween feel of the movie, which I really liked. I feel that if the movie followed a central storyline it would make more sense in the beginning and middle instead of it making sense in the end.

Adam Sandler did an excellent job with his role and making his character believable. While his character was bullied, he was the best character and the hero in the end. I liked how his character was perceived as too sweet and innocent for the tough world because it added a sense of pity and an emotional attachment. I feel that while he did a good job with the role it was not his best. Adam Sandler had been in many movies, and I find this was not his best performance, but I also do not feel it was horrible. It was kind of a throwback to the way he used to act in his earlier career, while I liked it and it made the character who the character was, I just was not sure it was the right fit for the character. I loved the outcast to hero dynamic, because while Hubie was underestimated and seen as an outcast he ended up saving the day and having the girl he wanted. Also the little romance between Hubie and Violet Valentine, and the history and connection they have with each other. While the movie was meant to be a Halloween comedy, I liked the added romance piece because it was different from other Halloween movies. This would be a great family movie night film, because it is kid appropriate and while it is funny it had a little element of suspense.



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