

# HAPPENINGS

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## Hamburg Boys' Soccer Team is on the ball

Jasmin Modricker – 11

Head coach of the Hamburg Varsity boys' soccer team, Coach Zalasky, has helped the boys produce outstanding seasons with loads of effort and teamwork. So far, the boys have a record of 5-4-1, and he expects them to end the season of 11-6-1. One of the biggest goals Coach Zalasky has for the team is to qualify for Berks County playoffs and District 3 AAA playoffs. He believes in his team that they have the potential to qualify and win at least one game in both.

Being a varsity head coach for 10 years and a coach for boys for 15, he has witnessed the growth of many young men mature. He declares, "My favorite part of being a coach is seeing a freshman come up young and unsure about themselves in soccer or in their personal lives. Then fast forward to senior year; being a mature and confident individual who leads a team on the cusp of being in the real world." He watches the boys become a family during the seasons in soccer where they bicker like brothers, but in the end, fight as a team and always have each other's backs in times of need.

In the past, Coach Zalasky's favorite two seasons were in 2012, which was the first team in 22 years to qualify for county and district playoffs. Starting a new expectation that the boys have the ability and potential to make playoffs. Also, in 2015, his team was the first in 25 years to win a district playoff game and work to their fullest potential every single night they played. Unfortunately they lost in the quarterfinals to Lancaster Mennonite at Hershey Park Stadium; however, it was an amazing experience for Coach and for the boys.

On the other hand, the best accomplishment of the Hamburg boys' varsity soccer team should be known for, is playing a very tight game against a 2016 state finalist (Northwestern Lehigh), 2016 county champ (Oley), 2016 state qualifier (Fleetwood), and 2016 district champ (Tulpehocken). Do not be discouraged as the record considered the game a loss, the games were very tight and proved that the boys have the ability to play with anyone in the county, district, or state.



## Earthquakes scare the American people

Paiton Albrecht - 10

Earthquakes can be very scary because they are very hard to prepare for what might happen during one or how quickly it may come. In Pennsylvania they are not as known as if one was to live in California which is placed right along a fault line.

Earthquakes are usually caused when earth underground breaks along a fault and releases seismic waves and that is what causes the ground to shake, it is a scary and fast feeling. Earthquakes nationwide have caused considerable damage and killed many people.

The most recent earthquake was right outside of Mexico City in Mexico. The shaking traveled all the way up to California, which was a scare and harsh reality to most Californians and what could happen to the very populated state.

The highest hazard rate for earthquakes is on the West Coast so the East Coast is out of the clear but not totally. The closest notable fault line is the Ramapo fault line that spans from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. It goes as far as 185 miles. Though no need to fear because the Ramapo fault line has been quiet for a long long time, and Seismologists confirm that it should be that way for even longer.

In the height of natural disasters happening in the world, Hamburg Area High School students were asked what natural disaster they would want to take on. Ben Macbeth says "I would want to survive a hurricane, so I could play football in it". Sophomore Kyle Reppert says "Majoring flooding like a tsunami because I would head to high ground like a mountain and take supplies with me to live up there until the waters receded."



## Alumni volunteers in Peace Corps

Jennifer Hoshauer – 12

Peace Corps is a service to make changes in the world by working with local leaders to make the world a better place. While volunteering, the three goals are to help people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and woman, to help promote a better understanding of Americans on part of the people that served, and to help promote a better understanding of other people that do not live in America.

Volunteering for the Peace Corps is helping the families that are living there today with agriculture, education, health, community economic development, environment, and youth in development.

Before going straight to help out in a community, there is basic training that is needed. During the first ten weeks of the mission, there will be training with all of the volunteers while learning technical, languages, cross-cultural, health, and safety and security training.

Olivia Shaffer, who graduated from Hamburg Area School District in 2011, just started her mission on August 29, 2017. Her training is going on right now in Narocake, Fiji for the next six weeks yet until she moves to her community that she will be at the next 27 months. She has a blog that she writes journals in, so if interested more about to read the everyday lifestyle, visit <https://livlikenoother.blog/2017/09/10/adjusting-to-the-fijian-way-of-life/>

For more information: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>

## Political Concepts

Autumn Richard – 12



Starting today your school newspaper is going to have a political column. In this column I plan on challenging your beliefs, and yes, I may even attack some beliefs you hold dear to your heart. I, myself am a conservative Republican. In this first article I will explain the differences between a conservative, a liberal, and an independent.

First, I would like to start off with what it means to be a liberal. A fellow student of mine, Giovanni Klahr, when asked the question, "What does it mean to

you to be a liberal?" responded, "Being a liberal to me means empowering my fellow Americans through love, companionship, and justice. It also means to promote kindness, and nationalism in our country by standing up for the right things." A liberal is one who seeks to change things rather than holding on to tradition. They actively seek change socially and politically. They believe in advocating for the LGBTQ community, feminism, and global warming.

A conservative is an individual who believes the government should be based off of traditional values, such as Judea-Christian values. Conservatives are mostly advocates for the Second Amendment right to bear arms, prolife, and value their free speech. My Christian values play a huge role in my political beliefs. I am a strong advocate for Pro Life. I believe that once a child is growing and beginning to form, it is alive and should, therefore, be considered a human life. I believe there is only one God who spoke the world into motion and created all life.

An independent is one who votes for a candidate based on issues, rather than allegiance to a political party. They agree with principles from both sides. Eliza Moseman responded to the question, "What does it mean to you to be an independent?", "To be independent means to borrow ideas from both ends of the spectrum. I then asked why haven't you chosen a political party, she responded, "I do not feel as though I fit within one category enough to devote myself to only one political party." Perhaps the independents have it right. Are we blindly following a party and defending every one of its beliefs without really agreeing with it? We have seen the destruction that a divided America has caused before. Maybe George Washington was correct when he warned America to stay away from forming political parties.

On the left, we have liberals who claim for peace but then go out into the streets and cause destruction. On the right, we have conservatives who claim to be Christian but turn their backs on refugees when their Bible tells them to feed and clothe the oppressed. Are America's political parties filled with biased, pious, and hypocritical human beings? Or are we just seeing the fault in a man-made system?

So my question is now fellow classmates, where do you fall on the political line of views? Have you done your research to actually understand and defend your beliefs? Or perhaps you have followed in your parents footsteps and have claimed their political party for your own? Which party is correct? Are the liberals justified in calling conservatives racist? Do you believe that conservatives have due merit in calling liberals "snowflakes"? Regardless of what you believe, one thing is for certain. A house divided cannot stand.



# Field of Screams celebrates 25 years of fright

Eliza Moseman - 12

Founders of Lancaster’s Field of Screams, brothers Gene and Jim Schopf mark their 25th year in the business of terror. Field of Screams consists of four main attractions with smaller activities on the side. The four main attractions are the Den of Darkness, Nocturnal Wasteland, Nightmare Asylum, and the Haunted Hayride. Two of the attractions, the Haunted Hayride and Nocturnal Wasteland, are outdoor attractions that immerse the attendee into the horror the outdoor has to offer. The other two are haunted house style attractions with tight twists and turns with never ending rooms at every corner.

The Den of Darkness is set up as a classic haunted house with a bit of a twist. The house, complete with a black and white room, living room, and attic, contains an endless yet terrifying tunnel that set this attraction apart from the others. Not only is the tunnel completely black, but there may just be something (or someone) lurking in the darkness. The house has everything an horror house would need. Monsters taken straight out of nightmares, scary screaming children, and even vampires at the foot of the stairs.

The Nocturnal Wasteland is an outdoor haunted house that features a variety of walkthrough attractions. This “wasteland” has a series of tunnels, twists and turns, and terrifying creatures that lurk in the shadows. This attraction used the setting highly to its advantage. By using the trees of the forest it was built in, it gives an eerie realism to something that will, hopefully, never come to life.

The Nightmare Asylum encaptures all of the terrors that live inside all of us. There is the dentist, covered in patient’s blood, doctors around every corner wanting to perform horrifying experiments, and so forth. The Nightmare Asylum is a haunted house, though, unlike the Den of Darkness, is not laid out in a home-like format. While the Den of Darkness felt like a demented owner’s home, the Nightmare Asylum was a terrifying twist on doctor’s office, that is sure to leave anyone who dares to enter wishing they hadn’t.

Finally, the Haunted Hayride is a classic take on the family friendly hayrides that are popular this time of year. The hayride will take the passengers through a series of stages, even under the Nocturnal Wasteland. The passengers will be met by clowns, medieval executioners, and gun-slinging cowboys. Though the hayride does move along, it makes stops that allow for the creatures to attack, aboard, and most of all- fright.

Something my friends and I really appreciated about Field of Screams was the attention to detail. At every attraction, whether it was indoors or outdoors, there were minute details that could only be seen by the closest speculators. We chose to do two of the attractions, the Den of Darkness and the Haunted Hayride, twice, and each time we found something new. Though they were admittedly less scary the second time, we each saw how incredibly detailed everything was. There was not a single wall that went uncovered, or a surface not covered with gore.

Field of Screams though not perfectly suitable for children of all ages, is definitely the place to be this halloween season! For more information on Field of Screams, visit [www.fieldofscreams.com](http://www.fieldofscreams.com).



# Jason Missimer catches an athlete spotlight

Kiana Wright - 12



Jason Louis Missimer is a senior at Hamburg Area High School. He plays football on the varsity team and has been playing this sport since 3rd grade. Missimer is one of the four team captains along with Logan Herber, Austin Carrol and Donovan Remp. H has always played the positions of guard and linebacker for as long as he can remember. Jason’s favorite part about playing football is that he can hit people without getting in trouble. He says, “It is a good way to release your anger because all of the boys are used to being hit.” There is nothing that Missimer does not like about football. The team’s

record for the 2017-2018 school year is 0-5. Jason is most excited to see how the team can produce after such a concerning first start the season. He believes that with the teams they are set to play they can even out their record and climb back up to the top.

The only other sport that Jason is involved in is basketball. He has played forward since he was in 5th grade. Many athletes have pre-game rituals, Jason’s pre-game ritual includes sitting in a quiet dark room to relax and collect himself before the big game. After high school Jason does not have any plans to continue playing football or basketball because, “it takes up too much time in your life and I’m not up for that jawn.” He would rather put emphasis on his academics right away instead of putting more of an emphasis on football. Jason’s role model in athletics would be Carson Wentz, the quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles. His advice for younger players would be, “try your hardest because every game could be your last.”



# Getting to know Miss Stauffer

Cady Moylan - 10

Miss Brittany Stauffer was a long term substitute, last year, for Mr. Bickleman and now has a permanent teaching position where she teaches Civics and Global Studies.

Miss Stauffer graduated from Tamaqua High School and attended Lehigh Carbon Community College through the Morgan Scholarship. After two years of attending she transferred to Bloomsburg University where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Education with to teach Social Studies.

If anyone is interested in winter or spring track, Miss Stauffer is the person to talk to. She is one of the coaches and specifically coaches varsity Hurdling and High Jump. If any student ever needs help in a Social Studies class, or just want to stop in and say “hello” to Miss Stauffer, she can be found in room twelve.

She has been a “history buff” before she knew what that meant. For example she has been watching history movies forever. She watched “*The Patriot*” at a young age. She had such an interest in this subject. As she grew up she wanted to learn more besides just watching movies. She never really saw herself working outside of the school, she knew she wanted to become a teacher. Miss Stauffer enjoys hiking, seeing live music, photography and plays trivia in her free time.

Miss Stauffer likes that Hamburg is a small school. She likes the fact that she gets to know every student in a small amount of time. Miss Stauffer likes that we have a some diverse interests. She likes that our school has very nice group of students and faculty. Miss Stauffer enjoys everyone she works with.

# German students embrace the German language at Penn State

Sarah Gould – 12



On Friday, September 22, 2017, German students from Mrs. Steven’s class took a trip to Penn State to participate in an event organized by the *Goethe Institut*, a program that focuses educating about German language and culture to people across the United States. At the event, Pennsylvania students learned about the German language, were provided information about scholarships and learning opportunities in Germany and

had the opportunity to win door prizes for their knowledge of German, or out of sheer luck.

The students were divided into separate groups based on their interests and skill levels to attend events relevant to them. Older and more advanced students went on to learn about studying abroad whereas younger or less advanced students took short lessons on the German language. Educators from across the globe, including the United States, Germany and even Russia, were there to share their knowledge of German to students across Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Stevens was surprised at how much the event was focused on underclassmen, rather than seniors as she expected. Many of the traveling abroad opportunities were for current underclassmen. Additionally, senior Gaetana Argot was surprised at the focus on underclassmen. Even with this focus on younger students, the seniors had a fun time on the trip, especially with the opportunity to visit and tour a potential college.

While the center of the event was the German itself, the students took particular interest in the various pins provided by the *Goethe Institut*. With German words on them such as “Brot” (“Bread”) or “Mutti” (“Mom”), the random charm drove many students to take large handfuls of the pins, keeping them as souvenirs of the learning experience. In addition to these souvenirs, the students left with a new appreciation of Germany and a new knowledge of opportunities because of their experience in German.

Photo from [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/0/05/Logo\\_Goethe-Institut.png](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/0/05/Logo_Goethe-Institut.png)

# Senior Trip to New York is announced

Eliza Moseman - 12

The Senior Class Trip is something that is highly anticipated for all four years of high school. While previous trips have mainly been to Virginia Beach, this year the Class of 2018 will be travelling to Honor’s Haven Resort and Spa. Recently renovated, the resort includes endless amenities including a movie theatre, game room, laser tag, rock wall, and an indoor pool. The seniors will spend two nights in this New York resort, costing them about \$429. The trip will be from May 4 to May 6, and will include six meals, and all of the amenities listed above.

The payments have various deadlines, the first one being September 29 of \$50. \$75 will be due on October 27, \$50 on November 17, \$50 on December 22 and January 26, \$75 on February 23, and \$79 on March 23.

If you are a senior interested in the Senior Class Trip, visit Mrs. McCarthy-wright in the library, or speak with one of the class officers.

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