



# LHS Echoes



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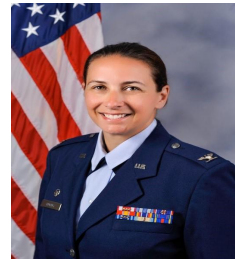
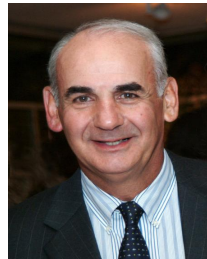
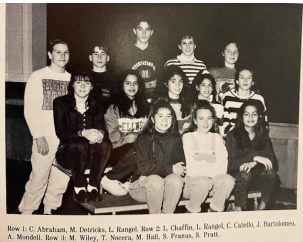
# The *HALL* of FAME

By: Ava Robbins

The Ellwood City Area School District Hall of Fame Committee is unveiling a new Hall of Fame to celebrate the **professional achievements and athletic accomplishments** of Lincoln Jr/Sr High School alumni.

The 2023-2024 Hall of Fame Inductees Include;

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| ★ 1992/1993 PIAA Championship Women's Cross Country |
| ★ 2003 PIAA Championship Baseball Team              |
| ★ Mr. James Ammeen                                  |
| ★ Mr. Karl Florie                                   |
| ★ Mrs. Stacey McAnallen McKinney                    |
| ★ Col. Nicole Ewing Hurley                          |



While all of the inductees are accomplished alums, this article will focus on just one of the six incredible individuals/teams in this year's class. **Mrs. Stacey McAnallen McKinney**, class of 1986, is the **Vice President, Technical Services for Koppers**. She is responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the company's research and development, technical services, quality management, and process engineering groups. Stacy is an experienced chemist and in 2019 she was recognized as a STEP Ahead Honoree by the Manufacturing Institute, a division of the National Association of Manufacturers. The STEP Ahead Awards recognize women in science, technology, engineering, and production careers who exemplify leadership within their companies. Stacy is an independent woman in her work field and is someone that we as women should aspire to be!





# Naughty or Nice?

By: Carson Cappello

The age old question. The question every girl and boy gets asked soon before Christmas: What are you asking Santa to bring you? It's amazing how Santa always has his hands full with billions of wishlists, yet always finds time to read yours. Whether it's the newest video game, a shiny new bike, or even a trip to see your favorite music artist, Santa always pulls through. It always intrigued me as to how Santa and his elves manage to wrap billions of presents each year. More importantly, how he managed to find all the wrapping paper for them. How does he travel across the whole world within just a day? Some may say fantasy, others will say magic, we may never know the truth.

Now to finally answer the long-awaited question. What will I be asking Santa for? This may come to your surprise, but I don't want any materialistic items for Christmas. The only thing I ask for Santa is to have a fun and enjoyable Christmas Day. Spending time with family is way more important to me than any material item. Seeing their reactions to opening their gifts is the best part of Christmas for me. So the only thing I need from Santa is to have a good time with my family.

## Christmas Gift Ideas

By: Will Nardone

Trouble coming up with gift ideas for the special people in your life? Here are some suggestions based on recent shopping trends!



### Close Family Gifts

- *Jewelry*
- *Customized family tree*
- *A new mug*
- *Coffee maker*
- *Shirt that says I love my brother/son*
- *Cardigan or new robe for mom*



### Gifts for friends

- *New clothes*
- *Shirt of favorite sports team*
- *A new book*
- *Candle*
- *Wall Decor*
- *Blanket*
- *Mugs*
- *Merchandise from favorite tv show or movie*
- *Picture of you and your friend*



# EC Boys Basketball

By: Isaiah Lutz

As section play begins in our winter sports, Ellwood City's basketball team is now under the direction of head coach Dan Bradley after Scott Dibble resigned. Scott only coached the Wolverines for one year. The team is currently 2-4, although their losses have all been close. The team only lost by one point in their first game and by seven in their second game.

The team is led by senior Joseph Roth, who is working away at setting another record: 2,000 total points. Senior Colten Crizer has also shown a lot of improvement this year. Colten is currently shooting 50% from the three point line. Seniors Nate Williams and Ryan Widmaier and juniors Will Nardone and Chuckie Schweinsberg also contribute on the court. The future of the Wolverines is looking bright as well, with sophomores Aaron Lake and Nate Kenndey starting to show flashes of what they can do. The team is well rounded and believe they can go far this season. They are just waiting for the team and coaching style to click. If you haven't made it to a game yet, be sure to check them out soon at one of their remaining games!

*12/19 7:30 PM @ Neshannock*

*12/22 7:30 PM @ Shenango*

*12/27 6:00 PM @ Mercer Christmas Tourney (Mercer)*

*12/28 6:00 PM @ Mercer Christmas Tourney (Mercer)*

*01/02 7:30 PM vs. Mohawk*

*01/05 7:30 PM vs. Freedom*

*01/12 7:30 PM vs. Beaver Falls*

*01/16 7:30 PM @ Riverside*

*01/19 7:30 PM @ New Brighton*

*01/20 1:00 PM @ Quaker Valley*

*01/23 7:30 PM vs. Neshannock*

*01/26 7:30 PM @ Mohawk*

*01/30 7:30 PM vs. Freedom*

*02/06 7:30 PM @ Beaver Falls*

*02/09 7:30 PM vs. Riverside (Senior Night)*



# EC Girls Basketball

*By: Keira Rozanski*

With the winter season approaching, winter sports are in full swing. Among the many sports beginning their seasons, our girls basketball team has wasted no time in starting a successful season.

In a recent game, the girls played at Brentwood in a varsity only matchup. The Lady Wolverines beat the Spartans with a 56-35 final. In this exhibition matchup, junior Kayla Jones led the scoring column with 22 points and senior Co-Captain Claire Noble followed with 19. Sophomore Abby Caminiti contributed 10 rebounds, and Noble recorded 6 assists and 3 steals. This victory advances the girls to 4-1 on the season going into their next home game against New Brighton.

This season will be the third season for head coach, Dena Noble, who has big goals for the team. When asked about the goals of the upcoming season Coach Noble stated, "EC Girls Basketball has not won a playoff game since 1995. We are expecting to not only make the playoffs this year, but make a playoff run!" Noble also stated that the team has 7 returning lettermen, whom she hopes will make the biggest impact on the team meeting their goals. However, she noted that several non-starters will add to the team's overall improvement within the season. Coach Noble most notably mentioned transfer, senior Guard Maddy Long, to be a vital new addition to the team and their success.

The team is bound to have a stellar season, so be sure to follow the girls and wish them luck over this upcoming season. If you haven't been to a girls game yet, put one of these remaining games on your calendar!

*12/18 6:00 PM @ New Brighton  
12/20 7:30 PM vs. Aliquippa  
12/22 7:30 PM vs. Wilmington  
12/27 7:00 PM @ Shenango Christmas Tourney (Shenango)  
12/28 TBA @ Shenango Christmas Tourney (Shenango)  
01/02 6:00 PM vs. Neshannock  
01/04 7:30 PM @ Riverside  
01/08 7:30 PM vs. Mohawk  
01/11 7:30 PM @ Beaver Falls  
01/15 7:30 PM vs. Laurel  
01/18 7:30 PM vs. Union  
01/22 7:30 PM vs. Ambridge  
01/25 7:30 PM @ Neshannock  
01/29 7:30 PM vs. Riverside  
02/01 7:30 PM @ Mohawk  
02/05 7:30 PM vs. Beaver Falls (SN)  
02/08 7:30 PM @ Laurel*



# Ellwood City Wrestling

By: Scot Dennis

It's time for the wrestling team to hit the mats again and I interviewed senior Chris Quintanilla to get his perspective on this year's team as well as his experiences as a wrestler. We would like to wish all of our Wolverines best of luck in their matches and if you haven't had a chance to check them out yet, see the schedule below so you can attend a meet!

**When did you start wrestling?**

*Fifth grade*

**What school do you think will be our biggest competition?**

*Laurel*

**Have you had to overcome any obstacles to compete this year?**

*I'm coming off a concussion, but I feel really good.*

**How far do you think this team can go?**

*I think we have a great chance to make it to the playoffs.*

**What is your favorite memory of wrestling?**

*When I wrestled Grant from Laurel and he flipped me over, He turned it into a poster!*



**How many new people started wrestling this season?**

*We actually just started a co-op with Beaver Falls so we got a lot more numbers.*

**What wrestling accomplishments are you most proud of?**

*I placed 6th in the WPIAL and then got the concussion but came back after it and went to states for freestyle!*

*12/20 7:00 PM @ Summit Academy*

*01/03 7:00 PM vs. Hampton*

*01/06 8:00 AM @ Ed Driscoll MAC*

*01/10 7:00 PM @ North Catholic*



*01/12 4:00 PM @ Burgettstown*

*01/13 8:00 AM @ Burgettstown*

*01/17 7:00 PM vs. Knoch*

*01/19 4:00 PM @ Mercer VFW Tourney*

*01/20 8:00 AM @ Mercer VFW Tourney*

*01/24 7:00 PM @ Highlands*

*02/07 7:00 PM vs. Beaver (Sr. Night)*

*02/10 8:00 AM @ Cuyahoga Fall Duals*

*02/17 TBA @ District 7 2A Sectionals*

*02/23 TBA @ District 7 2A*

*Championships*

*03/01 TBA @ South West 2A Regionals*

*03/07 TBA @ PIAA 2A Championships  
(Hershey)*

# *C'mon Now! LHS Bocce*

*By: Annabelle Woodhead and Nathan Williams*

The bocce team is back and ready for action! There are 4 matches on their schedule this season and they are looking to repeat some of the success they have had in the recent past. Last year's team took 3rd in the State, but they lost a lot of those core team members to graduation. Look for this year to be a bit of a rebuilding phase for the bocce team.

Although the team has been practicing for several weeks, their season really began on December 14th, when they traveled to Blackhawk to face the Cougars. Unfortunately, the Wolverines came up short. Their next match will be after Christmas break, when they face Beaver Falls at home on January 25th. They will follow that with a match at New Brighton January 30th, and then they will close out the season with the big rivalry match, Ellwood vs. Riverside. Last year, the team kept the Riv-Ell cup in Ellwood and they are hoping to repeat that success again! In post-season play, they placed 3rd at States and would love to make a return trip to Hershey to repeat or better that.

This year's team consists of: Kyree Beachem, Hannah Cameron, Gianna Carusone, Paxton Christofferson, Dominic Dibugno, Jean Kreiling, Meredith McCommons, Quinn Smith, and Seniors Joy Mangiapane and Joey Thompson. The Wolverines are coached by Mr. DiBuono, Mrs. Szakelheidi, Emma Szakelheidi, and Darren Pigza.

Best of luck to this year's bocce team!!!!



# Teacher Feature: Mr. Ludwig

By: Ethan Patterson

*Get to know one of Ellwood's newer teachers: Mr. Christopher Ludwig! He was hired last year to replace Mr. Dugan, and he teaches wood tech and tech ed. Mr. Ludwig came to us after starting his career at Beaver Falls. Although he is fairly new to the faculty in Ellwood, he is very familiar with LHS as a graduate from the Class of 2006! He helps coach the cross country and track teams and was recently honored at the Teacher Appreciation basketball game by Colten Crizer. We are so glad to have Mr. Ludwig at Lincoln.*

## **How does what you teach come into your own life?**

*I have a construction job outside of school and I also do woodworking as a hobby.*

## **What is the best thing about teaching your subject?**

*You get to work with your hands to create things and everyday is always different.*

## **How do you think your students would describe you and how you teach?**

*Fair and consistent while holding students to a standard.*

## **How do you handle disruptive students?**

*Redirect them and check their work. Change their seat if necessary.*

## **What do you wish to be able to accomplish while you are here?**

*Refine my classes and curriculum. Bring in more innovative, relevant, and fun projects. I want to continue to grow as an educator and also start a club or two.*



## **Why did you become a teacher?**

*Teachers and coaches made a difference for me so I want to be a difference for others as well. I also enjoy the projects and making things so tech ed is perfect for me.*

## **Do you think a teacher's personality affects their success?**

*Absolutely!*

## **What do you consider the most challenging about being a teacher?**

*Education is constantly changing in some way or another. Just keeping up with the changes, big or small, while staying focused on the constant goal, can be challenging.*



# Senior Feature: Mitch Covert

By: Colten Crizer

*This month's senior feature, Mitchell Covert, is ready to graduate. Mitchell, or Mitch as most of us know him, is a staple of the senior class and everyone should have the opportunity to get to know Mitch. Get to know Mitch on a deeper level with me as I ask him a few questions!*

**What college are you planning on attending?**

*I'm undecided right now, but looking at IUP*

**If you are going to college, what do you plan to study?**

*Probably Finance*

**What are you most excited for in these last few months of school?**

*The possibility of finally finding a high school sweetheart*

**How has the senior experience been so far?**

*Weird being the top dogs in school*

**Will you cry at graduation?**

*Yes, I'm going to bawl my eyes out*

**What activities have you been involved in?**

*Hockey, Golf*

**What will you miss most about Lincoln High School?**

*Definitely my Stats class*

**What has been the hardest class you've ever taken?**

*English 12*



# Career Spotlight: Exploring the Role of a Realtor

*By: Evan Schwartz*

In the bustling world of real estate, the role of a realtor is super important. Realtors are the guides and experts that help individuals who are trying to buy or sell a home or property. Realtors, also known as real estate agents, facilitate the sale, purchase, or lease of residential or



commercial properties. Their responsibilities include conducting market research to determine property values, listing properties, showcasing them to potential buyers or tenants, negotiating deals, and guiding clients through the intricate legal and financial aspects of real estate transactions. Beyond the transaction side of their business, successful realtors build lasting relationships. They have to in order to have continued success because they rely on referrals from satisfied clients. Strong interpersonal skills are vital to being a successful realtor.

The path to becoming a realtor involves a blend of education, licensing, and continuing professional development. Prospective realtors typically undergo pre-licensing courses and pass a state-administered exam to obtain their real estate license. Additionally, ongoing education and staying on top of market trends and legal changes are important. While the hours can be irregular and unpredictable, realtors do have flexible schedules and the potential for substantial earnings based on commissions. If becoming a realtor sounds like something that you are interested in, start by calling one of the local real estate companies in Ellwood and asking if you can job shadow a current realtor! They can also advise you on what steps to take after high school.

