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## The government shutdown

**Aurora Petrie**  
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The federal government shutdown happened at midnight on October 1st, 2025, due to a failure in congress to reach an agreement on funding, which had affected up to 750,000 federal workers.

What exactly happens during a government shutdown? A government shutdown leads to the cessation of non essential government functions and the unpaid leave of non essential federal employees. Some federal employees, such as those in national security, border protection, and air traffic control, continue to work without pay until the shutdown ends. Many government services experience significant delays, such as, processing for FHA loans can be delayed, and some

immigration cases may be postponed. A lot of public services are impacted

Overall the government shutdown will negatively impact the economy by

How is the shutdown affecting our community? The government shut-

downs in vital programs like the LIHEAP (low-income home energy assistance program) as well as interruptions in food service programs like SNAP and WIC. The shutdown will also lead to federal employee furloughs and potential impacts on the availability of health insurance tax credits.

As scary as that all is, thankfully the government re-opened on Wednesday, November, 12. After Trump passed a bill to end the 43-day shutdown. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives that day and signed into law, which resumed the federal operations the following morning.



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like food inspection services and WIC programs.

slowing down and rattling the financial system.

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## Snap benefits

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Social Media Editor

SNAP benefits provide food stamps for about 42 million Americans a year. President Trump decided that he would be getting rid of SNAP entirely—but not exactly, because for the month of November, the Trump administration told a Rhode Island federal judge on Monday that it would tap billions of dollars in contingency funds to pay 50% of the normal amount of SNAP benefits in November. Some recipients may have already received particular benefits. There may be delays in receiving full amounts due to

state-level reprogramming of systems.

Several states have said that they will use their own funds to cover any shortfall in SNAP funding. However, the Trump Administration has warned it will not reimburse states. Some states, including Arkansas, New Hampshire, and Washington, have announced some measures to help support food banks and pantries.

Another person who was affected was local resident Lexi Miller. She's a friend of a friend, but she lost her SNAP benefits. She had to go down to the police station to try and get them back. "I had to call so many different places to try and figure out what

happened, but I eventually got to talk to the police, and they explained everything to me." They figured it out, but now she's even lower on funds than before. With SNAP being cut in half, people are struggling even more with putting a meal on the table for them and their family.



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## Government class addresses budget freeze with letters

**Rorie Howles-McBeth**  
Social Media Editor  
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Social Media Editor

PENNCREST superintendent Shawn Ford suggested that the government classes should write and send letters to the representative and senator of Pennsylvania about budget freezes in the state and how they affect schools across Pennsylvania. One of our own government classes, run by Mrs. Shissler, wrote letters to Pennsylvania.

Some of the letters by the students said things like, "Do you understand you're risking the education of hundreds of children in Pennsylvania without funding schools and freezing the budget because of differences that happen between one

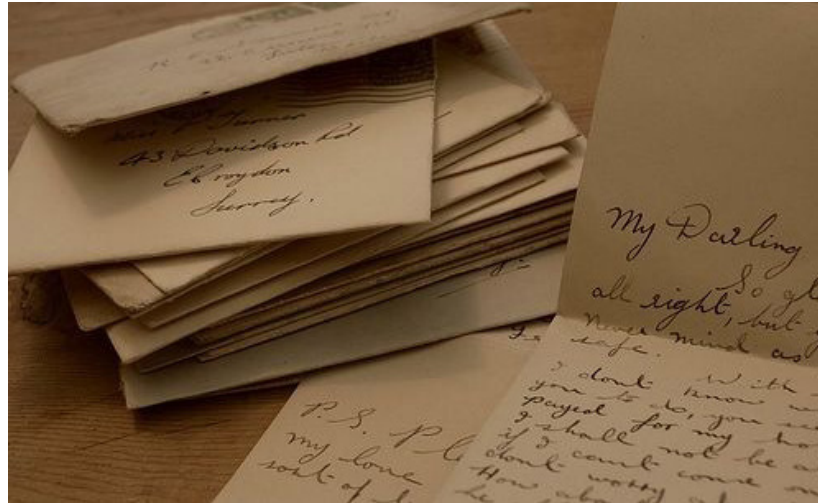


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another?" and "Not only are you risking teachers' jobs, there are teachers who are regular people just like anyone, some may even

live paycheck to paycheck, day to day life."

These letters are to help show that the freezing of the budget

will not help anyone in the long run. This was such an issue in the state of Pennsylvania that teachers in parts of Philadelphia

went on strike in August of 2025 due to being underfunded by 1.25 billion. The risk of defunding schools is that it cuts the important stuff that moves the creative wheel and competitive edge in things like sports, art, music, chores, yearbook, robotics, and so much more. These would be the first things to go to make budget cuts, and then who knows what else. Some things it affects are teacher pay, which in my opinion isn't right—they are humans too. These teachers didn't just go on strike for money; they went on strike for the children to better the education system.



## Another look into new faces: New teachers in Q2

**Anna Bradshaw**  
 Editor-In-Chief  
**Trinity Gohn**  
 News and Features Editor

As we approach the start of a new quarter, so too do we get a look into the minds of our new teachers. We've taken the liberty of interviewing them for the second time this school year, and this is what they had to say.

Ms. McGarry is our first-year teacher in Saegertown this year. She is a math teacher who teaches various levels of math, including Algebra one all the way up to Trig. She was first asked for a small update on her teaching thus far into the second quarter, now that she had the first nine weeks of school under her belt.

"New-wise, I'm definitely adapting to what my students like and want to see. I know that they like a lot of practice problems, spending time collaborating. But I don't want them to abuse those kinds of things so I've seen and learned the new balance of what's productive and what they like. But yeah, just changing my teaching style and methods to better help my students."

She sounded pretty confident while saying this, so she was then prompted about her newest favorite part of teaching, including her classes and her students/teaching ability, to which she replied happily, "I'm still really excited to challenge my higher level math classes. I'm really excited to challenge my trig students and even my algebra 1 class. I like challenging them and pushing them to their limits, so I'm excited to keep doing that."

Finally, to end off our questions, McGarry was asked, "Out of everything you've taught so far, out of all your classes, what is your favorite part?"

"It's still the students. Like, that's why I come here every day is for every one of my students. I think my favorite thing is continuing to watch them grow."

Our second new teacher is Ms. Shissler. Shissler is the 11th grade government teacher, as

well as 7th grade science, and she teaches the 7th and 8th grades for academic enrichment as well. Shissler is a teacher that originally taught at Londonder-

Shissler was asked, what is your favorite thing you've had to teach about so far this year? To which there could be many responses, yet she replied with, "This is a really hard question because I have been really teaching a variety of topics this year." Shissler continued, "I am really enjoying learning about cells with my 7th graders, building a model Hershey Pennsylvania, and I am enjoying the Stick Market Challenge in my Government/Economics classes."

Now that we're starting off strong in our second quarter, teachers have had more time to think about how they feel about Saegertown high school.

Shissler was asked, how do you like being a teacher at Saegertown Highschool? She then happily replied, "I enjoy being a teacher at Saegertown Highschool, especially now that we are further in the year. I am making more connections with other teachers and finding my role in the building. However, my favorite part is the students I

teach, as they make me excited to come to school everyday!"


Our last teacher we have is Mr. Roesch. Roesch teaches Math 7 and pre-algebra. He was asked what his favorite thing he taught about was so far this year. He proudly responded with, "I have really enjoyed teaching math operations with numbers in scientific notation. At first, the concept appears really difficult, but students catch on quite quickly. When students pick up a concept that is a good feeling for a teacher."

When asked about how he likes being a teacher at Saegertown Highschool he surprisingly responded with, "This is my second stint as a Saegertown teacher. I taught biology from 2019-2022. In between I was a PCA Math and science teacher." Roesch continues, "I found that the cyber environment was not a good fit for me, so I came back to a brick-and-mortar classroom. It was bittersweet leaving some great colleagues in 2022, so it has been fun to work with them and some new great colleagues added since 2022."



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ry Middle school in New Hampshire, but now she is a teacher at Saegertown High school. After being at Saegertown for the 1st quarter of the school year the students nominated her to win the teacher of the month!



**MATH**

MR. ROESCH- 7TH-8TH GRADE MATH

MS. MCGARRY- ALGEBRA 1-2 TRIGONOMETRY



**SOCIAL STUDIES**

MS. SHISSLER- US GOVERNMENT/ECONOMICS

## The origins of Thanksgiving

**Claire Harrison**  
Broadcast Director

Thanksgiving is celebrated primarily by Canada and the United States. The traditions and cultural practices date back centuries. Long before any European settlers arrived in North America, Indigenous people held harvest festivals to give thanks for bountiful crops and successful hunts. The ceremonies varied among the tribes. But it mostly involved feasting, rituals, and community gatherings to honor nature and their ancestors.

Most people know the story of Thanksgiving from when the Pilgrims came to the United States at Plymouth on the Mayflower in 1620. That year they had a horrid winter, sadly claiming multiple lives. After the horrible winter,

the pilgrims asked for help from the local Wampanoag people growing crops for this year's winter. In 1621, to celebrate their first successful harvest, they had a feast that lasted 7 days and also invited the Wampanoag tribe to join the feast. This event is often regarded as one of the first celebrations of Thanksgiving.

In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November. This helped formalize Thanksgiving as a national holiday. In the 19th century, writer and editor Sarah Joseph Hale spent many years advocating for Thanksgiving to become a national holiday. Her efforts paid off in 1941 when Congress passed a law, establishing it on the fourth Thursday in Novem-

ber. Today, Thanksgiving is a time for families to come together, express gratitude, spend time with family, and have big feasts.

When asked why she likes Thanksgiving, Kaiya Levesque said, "I like the food and it's a pretty chill holiday." Traditional food most eaten on Thanksgiving includes turkey, stuffing, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. When asked what her favorite food was, Anna Bradshaw said, "Pumpkin pie is my favorite."



## Racing to success: Highlights from Soapbox Derby

**Trinity Gohn**  
News and Features Editor

Ms. Thomas recently held a soapbox derby on October 20th in her physical science classes. She had her 4th and 6th periods compete in this derby by creating their own car to race. Students used materials like cardboard, cotton balls, popsicle sticks, wood, rocks, and other materials brought from home. The finals for the races were held in the school auditorium.

The teams had around a little less than 2 weeks to build and create their car. They had to come up with a creative design but also make sure that the car has the right equipment so that

it wins in the race.

Once all of the cars were built, she held a contest in the classes to see who went the fastest. In her 4th period class, Ryan Ruff and Myles Baker's team, Ryan Chapin, Bryce Smith, and Logan Brauen's team and lastly Noah young, Lincoln drakes, Quinton Burchill, Rory Ament, and Taylor Egli's team qualified.. And in her 6th period class Layne and Zayden qualified, and Claire Harrison, Bella-grace Boesch, and Trinity Gohn's team qualified. She held the final race in the auditorium during lunch plus. All the following teams reported to the auditorium and brought their amazingly built cars. There were tables set up as ramps, kids recording with iPads, pictures

being taken, and of course amazingly built cars waiting to be raced!

Now that everybody had time to prepare their cars and get ready for the race, the finals were ready to start.

Everybody was patiently waiting for the word "GO." Soon enough Ms. Thomas yelled "GO!" The cars were let go and started zooming down the ramps. They all went every which way and some even bumped into each other making the cars go in completely different directions.

In first place was Quinton, Taylor, Lincoln, Noah, Rory's team. They cheered with excitement. All the teams came together and were telling each other good job.

Ms Thomas also held a vote to let students vote on the best designed car. Out of all the cars, Adele's cheese looking car.

Photo Courtesy of Trinity Gohn



## The first Thanksgiving

**Aurora Petrie**  
*Managing Editor*

The first thanksgiving is recognized as having taken place in the fall of 1621. After a harsh winter that had resulted in the deaths of nearly over half of the original settlers, the remaining pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest with a feast. This event was attended by around 50 pilgrims and around 90 members of the Wampanoag tribe, who had played a crucial role in the survival of the settlers by teaching them lots of essential agricultural practices as well as providing assistance during their first year in the new world.

While the exact menu of the first thanksgiving is not definitively known, it is believed to have had included a variety of foods that were available at the time. Historical accounts suggest

that it most likely included foods such as wild fowl, turkeys, venison, corn, beans, squash, and possibly seafood. The feast had lasted for about three days, emphasizing the communal spirit as well as gratitude shared between the two groups.

The modern evolution of this holiday happened when in the 19th century recognition was brought to it after writer Alexander Young had rediscovered Edward Winslow's letter which described the event. In 1863, Sarah Joseph Hale had advocated for a national day of thanksgiving, to which president Abraham Lincoln made it so there was a national Thanksgiving day to be held each November. Today, Thanksgiving is obviously celebrated quite differently than it was back in the 1600s with different foods and family. Happy Thanksgiving!



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## Meadville Halloween tractor parade

**Sophia Pacak**  
*A&E Editor*

As of 2025, Meadville has hosted its 58th annual Meadville Halloween tractor parade! It was hosted on the 25th of October, and it was a smashing success with the theme being under the sea.

Many of the tractors were filled to the brim with sea-related props, costumes, and even music, including multiple SpongeBob-themed and even The Little Mermaid! The event was filled with fun for many families willing to enjoy watching or participate in the excitement. Not only were there festive tractors, but there were also lots of marching bands who came out to participate in playing festive music for everyone—including the Saegertown Marching band!

Over 180 floats participated, and some floats even went above and beyond and included pyrotechnics and flames.



*Photo Courtesy of ErieNewsNow*

Many of the families who had volunteered passed out sweet candies for all the kids on the streets. Some even had bubbles blowing.

The parade was set up in Diamond Park and had took place from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The Saegertown Panthers Marching Band was number 68, right next to numbers 67 and 69, and had played their showtune "Greedy" and their new rave-able song, "Stadium Rave," from the popular children's animated show by Nickelodeon, SpongeBob SquarePants!

8th grader Heaven Hippo, who had participated in the parade as a clarinetist for the Panthers marching band, claims that, "Even though we put all of our pain, sweat, and tears into our music and learning new moves, I can say for certain that almost all of us enjoyed participating. We did our best to make it happen and to entertain the community, and we may have not been the best, but the thing that matters most is that we tried."



*Photo Courtesy of MeadvilleHalloweenParade*

## Bookbag policy pushback

**Vladimir Petrie**  
*Website Editor*

School districts around the country have been issuing a book bag ban in schools, and students have been needing to use their lockers again; but at Saegertown Highschool, the book bag policy has been pushed back until further notice with an outburst of students heavily disapproving of the new rule. Students are currently happy with the situation due to us not being required to use our lockers, but depending on how long this pushback will last, there is no saying how long the happiness will be kept.

When students first heard about the book bag ban, they were definitely far from happy. Some students were unhappy to the point of starting a petition against it, getting signed by a large portion of the student body.

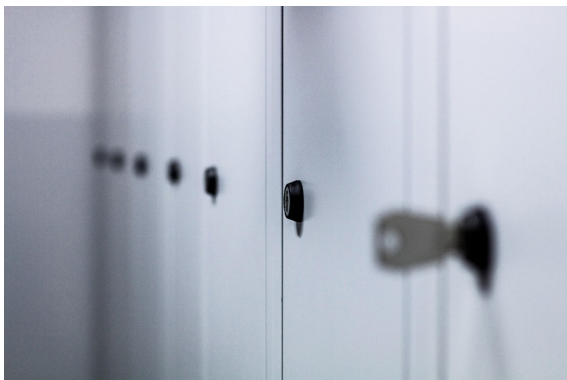
Schools are banning backpacks primarily for safety and

security reasons, such as preventing students from concealing weapons, drugs, or other prohibited items. Most students think that the district's reasoning for the ban is stupid because we are still bringing our backpacks into the school and just putting them in the lockers. That really doesn't stop much due to the fact that people can now just conceal their weapons and drugs inside the lockers. A better solution to the backpack ban is metal detectors; metal detectors could detect metal objects brought into school, keeping it safer, whilst letting us keep our backpacks in class, which keeps the student body happier.

All in all, the backpack ban has been pushed back to an unknown date, and students are happy because of it. Nearly every student in the school is unhappy about it, but who knows what will happen next?



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# Is the rise in tariffs really necessary?

**Sophia Pacak**  
A&E Editor

With Trump's reelection in 2024, tariffs have driven the prices of many necessities up the roof, notably those imported from outside the United States. This has left many of those without a huge amount of money in their pockets dry from buying human needs. Many say that more tariffs are the best op-

tion for America, but how high should they be before it becomes "biting off more than what we can chew?"

According to the abcnews.go website, they have recited one of General John Sauer's statements in response to President Trump's tariffs: "We don't contend that what's being exercised here is the power to tax, it's the power to regulate foreign commerce. These are regulatory tariffs, they are not revenue-raising tariffs.

The fact that the raise revenue is only incidental."

One side claims that the higher tariffs will positively boost local businesses, encourage local production, and even create strategic protection, while another side states that the higher tariffs involve trade wars, create negative impacts on global relations, and creates the disruption of global supply chains.

While each side has no wrong or right answer to the economic

change for little to big businesses everywhere, I personally believe that high tariffs are becoming an issue. For little businesses, it could push them into a state of crisis as the prices of their products increase. It would worsen their state with competition, especially towards big companies that have many rivalries—everyone's trying to gain attention with the U.S. citizens to buy their items more than others with cheaper outcomes. Why bother

raising prices and tariffs so high if neither side is satisfied with the conclusion?

Ninth grader Claire Harrison was asked one simple question: what do you think about the tariffs? Their response went along the lines of, "I think tariffs are fair, but if they get too high, a terrible trade war could start. We've been trying to save the economy since the Great Depression, but some ideas are a bad turn for the worse."

## HOW TARIFFS AFFECT PRICES

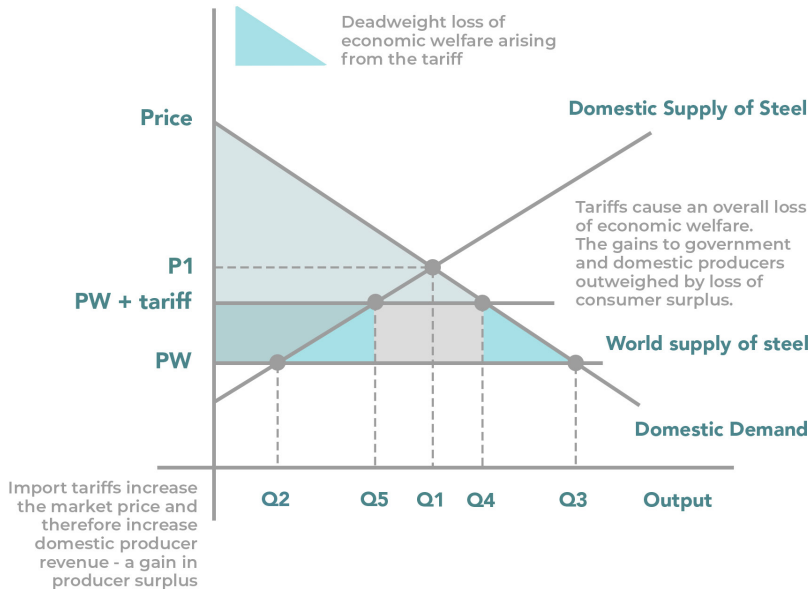
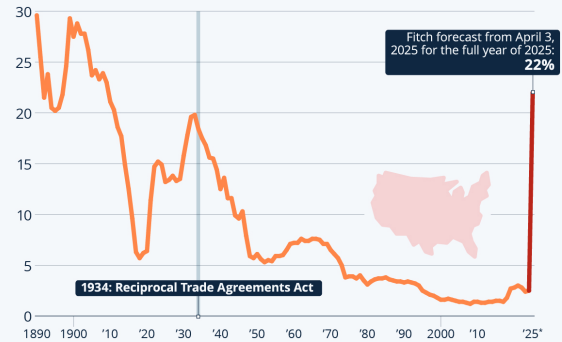


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## U.S. Tariffs Forecast To Hit Highest Levels Since 1910

Average effective tariff rate on U.S. imports (in percent)



Sources: U.S. International Trade Commission, Fitch Ratings



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Photo Courtesy of Fityclub

# Thanksgiving or Franksgiving? When FDR tried moving Thanksgiving

**Aleigh Powell**  
*Opinion Editor*

What's Franksgiving? It's okay if you don't know; not many people do. But if you want to know how Franklin D. Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving, then give a moment at your feast, and ponder this read.

In August of 1939, FDR held a press conference, declaring that a permanent change would be made to the well-known holiday of Thanksgiving. He stated to the press of the time that Thanksgiving would now be on November 23rd and that this change would be permanent... it wasn't.

Roosevelt had multiple reasons for wanting this change, some for "public convenience" and others for economic convenience. One earlier announced reason was that, according to poklib.org, "Since Thanksgiving was [currently] on the 30th... that would only leave folks with 20 days for Christmas shopping." This reasoning was more

sensible when we consider that back in the '30s, stores wouldn't sell Christmas items until after Thanksgiving.

Another reason for this decision is that Roosevelt was allegedly hounded by businessmen to make this change since he had been elected for the purpose of sales.

To protect his decision to change Thanksgiving, he reminded the people that Thanksgiving was not in fact a national holiday and therefore there were no laws stating a specific date it had to occur, and even went so far as to say the day was "nothing sacred." As you could imagine, this decision did not go down well with the American people, from the faithful to the football fans who waited for game day.

In Massachusetts, disbelief erupted at the moving of the holiday and at the words of their current president. A reverend even reported to the New York Times that this was a "calloused attack on a religious tradition." This, along with annoyance

from football fans and coaches, filled the air with this decision. Whether this surprises you or not, the nation was divided on whether or not to celebrate on this new day. Twenty-two states stayed with the old date, twenty-three tried the new one, and three had two Thanksgivings.

In 1941, Congress made it official that Thanksgiving would be on the fourth Thursday of November, where it had originally been. And just to top it all off, the ordeal didn't actually end in any economic gains, which led Roosevelt to make a joke of it, saying, "Two years ago, or three years ago, I discovered I was particularly fond of turkey! So we started two Thanksgivings. I don't know how many we ought to have next year. I'm open to suggestions."

For more information, visit <https://poklib.org/franksgiving-franklin-delano-roosevelt-messes-with-a-tradition>.



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## THANKSGIVING ISSUE QUIZ

### QUESTION ONE

What percentage of new vehicles sold were equipped with a manual transmission as of 2023?

### QUESTION TWO

When did the first recognized Thanksgiving take place?

### QUESTION THREE

During what war did Abraham Lincoln proclaim a National Day of Thanksgiving be celebrated on the final Thursday of November?

### QUESTION FOUR

Which new teacher won the teacher of the month after just one quarter at Saegertown Highschool?

See Mr. Steiger with all correct answers for a prize!

Infographic by Lincoln Flowers

## Are Manual Vehicles a Thing of the Past?

**Lincoln Flowers**  
*Panther Paw Editor*

The first manual transmission cars were invented and produced in 1894 by Louis-Rene Panhard and Emile Levassor. This innovation laid the foundation for modern manual transmission cars. Although many people still love manual transmission vehicles, they seem to be more popular among collectors, becoming a seemingly forgotten relic in today's world of automatic vehicles.

As of 2023, 1.7% of new vehicles sold have been equipped with manual transmissions. In 1942, nearly 70% of American cars were equipped with stick shifts, leading to many questions about the sudden and astronomical shift in transmission preferences. According to the Autopian, a car culture website, fewer than 30 manual transmission car options are available on the market in 2025. Many Americans have stated that the reason for their preference for automatic transmission vehicles is the ease of driving.

According to MotorBiscuit, as of 2016, around 18% of adult Americans know how to drive a manual transmission vehicle. With the further advances of automatic transmissions, more Americans are choosing to drive without the third pedal, some people even believing that it is safer. While many people seem to prefer automatic vehicles, there are no U.S. crash site statistics that show that either manual or automatic transmission vehicles are safer. Additionally, one major reason for the increase in automatic car purchases is availability, as many car brands

are choosing to decommission manual transmissions for reasons such as cost, customer preference, and convenience.

Convenience and preference seem to be a slippery slope leading to the fall of manual transmission vehicles. Companies producing automatic vehicles, coupled with the decommissioning of manual transmission vehicles, has led to the lower numbers of manual vehicles on the road today. The future of manual transmission vehicles has declined rapidly, though nobody truly knows how much longer they will stick around on the road for.



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## Why is Thanksgiving so culturally controversial?

**Anna Bradshaw**  
*Editor-In-Chief*  
**Vladimir Petrie**  
*Website Editor*

Thanksgiving in America is many things. Quality time with family and friends, a large meal or buffet, sometimes even just a

night of relaxing. But how come for others, Thanksgiving is a time for controversy?

Traditionally in America, we think of Thanksgiving as a time for celebration, eating, and joy; however, this isn't the same for all cultures.

"Its historical origin story is often a whitewashed version of

the violent and oppressive relationship between European colonists and Native Americans," says Americanindian.si.edu, then going on to continue to explain that there were many other impacts that occurred. Some being that settlers brought diseases that decimated Native populations, and there were instances of kidnapping, enslavement, and massacres. Others say that since 1970, Native Americans have observed a National Day of Mourning on Thanksgiving to protest the history of injustice and oppression they still face.

A clash of culture, religion, and revamping the same story throughout the years is cause for this holiday to become prime grounds for controversy. People of Native American descent and modern day Americans will often clash against each other, both in person and online especially. But this doesn't mean that every-

one does.

Though that doesn't mean you should take the holiday as a day of hate and bloodshed, but you look at it as a modern perception of the holiday, so you can express love and thanks, instead of malice and distraught, so with all that said, have a happy Thanksgiving.



*Photo Courtesy of Britannica*

## Winter Sports Preview

**Quinton Burchill**  
Sports Editor

### Boys Varsity Basketball

The Saegertown basketball team had a great basketball season last year. Hopefully, they are able to bring that great season into this season. The Panthers are stacked with very skilled players this year. The seniors on the Saegertown Panthers basketball team are Luke Young, Everett Gardner, Ryder Bailey, William Shaffer, and Weston Baker. The juniors on the Saegertown Panthers basketball team are Blake Leslie, Jackson Scott, and Levi Gardener. Sophomores on the Saegertown Panther basketball team include Mason Gjovik, Riley Wilkinson, and Van Newman. Freshmen on the Saegertown boys basketball team include Grayson Burchill, Quinton Burchill, Mason Zimmerman, Kaleo Ah Wong, and Carson Ruff.

Senior Luke Young gave us some words for this upcoming season. Young said, "I feel like we will make a run into the playoffs this year. I like my team this year due to everyone on the court having an athletic ability and

being able to press constantly. I am very excited for this season, as I'm a senior and looking for my best season yet. What I love about this sport is seeing the stands packed in the bleachers that the community fills."

Senior William Shaffer also gave us some important information about how he feels going into senior year. He went on and said, "I believe the season will go extremely well. We have a lot of our key guys back from last year, and we are all a year older. I think we are very good; we are big and physical with guards that can shoot. I am very excited because it is my senior year, and I think it will be one to be remembered."

Senior Everett Gardner told us how he feels going into the senior year and how he feels about his team. He went on and said, "I think it will be a great season. We are keeping a lot of players from last year, and we have gotten stronger. I think we will have a better year because the guys have gotten bigger. I like our team a lot. I think we have good chemistry. I am excited for the season because games are fun and I like being on this team. I like how the games are fast and very competitive."

### Girls Varsity Basketball

The girls' varsity basketball team had a decent season that year. They did lose some key players due to graduation. Hopefully, they can bring that decent season and make it a great season this year. But they have a few freshmen coming up to take the spots. Their team has some strong and confident players and works hard. The Saegertown Panthers girls basketball seniors include Abby Rockwell, Brook Newmen, and Miley Manning. The juniors and sophomores of the Saegertown Panthers are Leah McGill, Abby Collins, Addie Orosz, Lily Muckinhaus, and Kendall Gregor. The freshmen for the Saegertown Panthers are Tori Obenrader, Makenna Shaw, and Leah Scott.

coln Flowers went on and said, "I think a couple of people will make it to the states."

Glenn Sample is the only senior wrestling for the Saegertown boys' team. The Saegertown Panthers juniors on this team include Winston Zook, Isaac Huya, Nate Shartle, Preston Allen, Chase Ishman, and Caleb Goodwell. The sophomores on the Saegertown Pan-

thers wrestling team are Nate Eckart, Austin Proper, Allyene Sweeny, Lincoln Flowers, Milan Harrison, and Gavin Krider. The freshmen on the Saegertown Panthers are Mason Groner, Ryland Spencer, Pryce Whiteman, Jaxton Amy, Wyatt Douglas, Matthew Shartle, Kadin Fogus, and Logan Alexander. Additionally, the Saegertown Panthers also have a girls' team.



### Varsity Wrestling

The Saegertown Wrestling team did well last year. Hopefully, they can bring that good season into this year. They lost a couple of great wrestlers, but they also gained a lot of great wrestlers.

Lincoln Flowers gave us some good information. He said, "I think it's going to be a good year for the team." The wrestling team has some tough matches coming up, but they are confident. Lin-

## Saegertown Girls Varsity Wrestling Schedule 2025-2026

- 11/22 Scrimmage (HOME)
- 12/13 Redbank Valley Tournament (away)
- 12/27 & 28 Powerade Tournament (away)
- 1/3 North Allegheny Team Duals (away)
- 1/10 Mid-Winter Mayhem Tournament (away)
- 1/17 Sharpville Tournament (away)
- 1/21 Fort LeBoeuf Dual (HOME)
- 1/23 Corry Dual (HOME)
- 1/28 Sharpville Dual (away)
- 1/30 & 31 North Allegheny Tournament (away)
- 2/3 Seneca Valley Dual (HOME) \*Senior Night\*
- 2/10 North Allegheny Dual (away)
- 2/14 District 10 Championships
- 2/28 West Regional Championships
- 3/5-7 PIAA State Championships

\*\*Schedule as of October 28, 2025



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## Upcoming games

<p><b>GIRLS JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING</b></p> <p>22 November, 2025 9:00 AM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> <b>BIG TEAMS</b> OPEN</p>	<p><b>BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>22 November, 2025 10:00 AM</p> <p>Saegertown High School @ Girard High School</p>	<p><b>GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>02 December, 2025 6:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> <b>Oilers</b></p> <p>Saegertown High School Oll City Senior High School</p>	<p><b>GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>02 December, 2025 7:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> <b>Oilers</b></p> <p>Saegertown High School Oll City Senior High School</p>
<p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING</b></p> <p>03 December, 2025 6:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School @ Franklin Area High School</p>	<p><b>BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>03 December, 2025 6:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School @ Titusville High School</p>	<p><b>BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING</b></p> <p>03 December, 2025 6:30 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School @ Franklin Area High School</p>	<p><b>BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING</b></p> <p>03 December, 2025 7:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School @ Franklin Area High School</p>
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<p><b>GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>08 December, 2025 6:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Wilmington Area High School</p> <p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL</b></p>	<p><b>GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>08 December, 2025 7:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Wilmington Area High Sc</p> <p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING</b></p>	<p><b>GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>09 December, 2025 6:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Union City High School</p> <p><b>BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING</b></p>	<p><b>BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING</b></p> <p>09 December, 2025 7:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Union City High School</p> <p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL</b></p>
<p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>10 December, 2025 4:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Titusville High School</p> <p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL</b></p>	<p><b>GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>10 December, 2025 6:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Cambridge Springs High Sc</p> <p><b>GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p>	<p><b>GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>10 December, 2025 6:30 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Cambridge Springs High Sc</p> <p><b>GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL</b></p>	<p><b>BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING</b></p> <p>10 December, 2025 7:00 PM</p> <p>Saegertown High School <b>VS</b> Cambridge Springs High School</p> <p><b>BOYS JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL</b></p>
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