

Michael Cotchen graduated from Conemaugh Township Area Middle School/High School in 1984. During his years attending Township, Michael was influenced by Dr. Tighe, the twelfth grade English teacher at Conemaugh Township at the time.

Mr. Cotchen said, "She (Dr. Tighe) taught us how to write effectively and efficiently."

Outside of class Michael said his fondest memories were Friday night football games.

Directly after finishing his high school education, Michael attended the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for two years majoring in business management. He then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh main campus to continue his major in business and minor in accounting.

After college graduation, Mr. Cotchen pursued a job in the business field, obtaining a seat as a state employee of Pennsylvania as an auditor.

He currently resides in Davidsville, Pennsylvania with his wife Barbra and their two children, Ryan and Benjamin.

