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The All Pro Team

By Staff Writer Maggie Surdovel



For the 55 seniors named to the All-Pro Team at Northern Lehigh High School, the hard work is about to pay off big time.

These students, who scored Proficient or higher on all four areas of the 2011 Pennsylvania System of School of Assessment (PSSA) tests, are members of a select group receiving incentives as a reward for their achievement.

The All-Pro Team has proven popular in its first year, and NLHS Principal Mr. Robert Vlasaty could not be happier.

The idea for the All-Pro Team stems from Mr. Vlasaty's years at Bangor Area High School, where he wanted to motivate

students with an incentive program. After researching programs at other schools and polling students for their preferences, Mr. Vlasaty developed a group of incentives that would be motivational yet cost effective.

"I was creating a spreadsheet, and I abbreviated All-Proficient to All-Prof, and I looked at it, and I thought, Hey, All-Prof looks a lot like All-Pro," said Mr. Vlasaty of the name.

The incentives for All-Pro students include free admission to athletic events, reserved parking spaces, and exemptions from final exams.

The exemption incentive already existed at Northern Lehigh, and Mr. Vlasaty was happy to include it in the All-Pro package. The free athletic admission incentive may also act as a way for students who are not involved in activities to become well-rounded and to gain stronger school spirit.

"High School should be the whole package; academics should be the base for everything else," claimed Mr. Vlasaty, praising the school's athletic and musical groups.

In addition, the students each received All-Pro Team t-shirts, a gift Mr. Vlasaty hoped would make

these achievers stand out in the school. Wearing these shirts, the members were photographed together for a poster that is displayed throughout the High School, as well as in the Northern Lehigh District Office.

All students who did not score Proficient or Advanced on all sections of the PSSA tests will be required to retake the tests, offering them the chance to become members of the All-Pro Team. Mr. Vlasaty hopes that these students will work to improve their scores in order to receive the incentives in the spring semester, giving each student the chance to earn a reward for his or her hard work.

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A New Principal with a Positive Attitude, a Positive State of Mind

By Co-Editor Laura Grammes

We are Northern Lehigh. Our high school is a jungle all on its own teeming with creatures of all sorts - the almighty seniors, the fierce juniors, the loyal sophomores, and the naive freshmen. Together we form a world where everyone has a role, an approach of going about our days, an unbroken system that

My question was answered when I walked downstairs to the lunch room to find our new principal casually playing a game of chess with a group of students at one of the tables. Perhaps this was not just a man with a suit but instead a person who wishes to connect with his students, not just as their

perseverance.

"I had no desire to become a principal when I first started out teaching; I didn't know if I could even handle the idea of it," Mr. Vlasaty fondly recalled his earlier days as a special education teacher at Pocono Mountain.

Also certified in social studies, he first found himself at a centennial school run by Lehigh University where he would soon earn his first Masters in teaching. "It was a life changing experience for me because it's where I first learned to teach. It took a lot of discipline but it was well worth it. I have no regrets. Like anything else, I just had to adjust," he reflected.

Soon he was inspired to go for his second Masters at Wilkes University for his certification as a principal and then later for his superintendent letter from the University of Scranton. This degree led to a newfound career as an assistant principal for four years at Pocono East Mountain High School.

Afterwards, he moved up to the principal position at Bangor High School until he finally made it to the big leagues here at Northern Lehigh High School as our principal.

Mr. Vlasaty credits our former administrator with making his transition smooth. "I knew your previous principal Mrs. Yadush, and I always respected her for all she accomplished here at Northern Lehigh. She promoted the positive energy found within the school and essentially cultivated and nurtured the student body into a great learning community," Mr. Vlasaty warmly stated.

"She and Mr. Allen made this school great, something outstanding for even newcomers like me to recognize, and for that I thank them."

And what a transition it was. Mr. Vlasaty admits that when he first came to Northern Lehigh, he had no idea what to expect. However, despite the unfamiliarity evident in a new "jungle," this king still knew what job he had to do and exactly what it would take. "Sure, I have the suit. I have the title. I have the parking space. But that doesn't mean anything when it comes to doing my job. My

job is to do what is best for kids and make sure you are doing the best for yourselves, and by what I have seen so far, there are no doubts that you will succeed," he stated.

Of course, Mr. Vlasaty also has new ideas to bring to our school. He remarked, "There is always something to improve on, no matter how well off everything seems to be." He continued on with how additions such as the All-Pro Team- an organization of seniors who achieved proficient or advanced scores on their PSSAs- will encourage and excite students in not only doing well educationally and raise AYP but also in displaying outstanding school spirit.

"Another thing that I would really like to bring to this school is a Pep Band for the Winter Season. We had one back at Bangor and I can tell you that it really got the crowds going not only for our teams but for the school's name," Mr. Vlasaty said, an obvious sign that he has great plans to show the Bulldog pride.

"If it benefits the student in any way, then I am all for it!" He laughed, taking another sip of his cola. "The transition was smooth and there is a lot of support from the faculty. I have a good feeling about this place."

Apart from being the new head of the pack at the high school, Mr. Vlasaty has diverse personal hobbies. A man who enjoys hunting in regions from which the average Joe may shy away, he once took down a black bear in the Canadian wilderness.

Also, he was a chess coach whose team eventually made it to Nationals. Mr. Vlasaty, although professional when need be, still enjoys his American Idol and pizza.

When asked what he cherishes in his life, this administrator did not hesitate with his response, "My boys, AJ and Kyle, they are the most important things in my life. My ideal vacation would just be spending time with them in the Outer Banks, Corolla NC, fishing and watching them surf it up. Nothing could ever compare to that."

Then Mr. Vlasaty grew serious as he reclined back into his chair. "One thing that many don't know about

me is that I'm adopted. It takes two individuals to have a child, but it takes two great people to raise one. Those who raised me, those whom I consider my mother and my father, are the greatest role models that I could ever ask for."

A smile formed upon his lips as he went on; "My mother taught me to be honest while my father showed me the value of hard work. They are what brought me to where I am today."

After this interview, it was clear great things are coming to Northern Lehigh High School. Mr. Vlasaty has shown that he is not afraid to step up and take control, make something great out of something good, and do so with keeping the student in mind.

He encourages everyone not to be afraid of what life has in store and to grasp the unknown, "You just have to have a positive attitude, a positive state of mind. Failure is not an option; it all just means that success has been delayed. You must overcome, adapt, and improvise. Everything you encounter in life is there to benefit you in some way; you just have to realize why and take advantage of that," he advised.

These wise words spoken from our new principal, our new king of the jungle, ended the interview. The year is still young so we have yet to see what Mr. Vlasaty will add to our ever growing bulldog pride, and if he will enjoy his time here still as the months go by.

Despite being the authority, despite wearing the suit and having the parking space, Mr. Vlasaty was not ashamed to barge into the Student Council homeroom one morning during our annual Spirit Week and shout out, "No school has school spirit like the Bulldogs!"



has been our way of life.

Now, as the sun rises on a new school year, the halls hold more suspense; returning students exchange curious glances; something strange is happening. A new king of the jungle is taking over.

My opinion of Mr. Robert Vlasaty was the same as any other student who sat in the auditorium on the first day of school. Taking a seat, I saw before me a cool and collected man whose voice dominated the room with vigor and excitement. He spoke of academic achievements, admirable aspirations for students, and above all, the traditional bulldog pride.

Hearing Mr. Vlasaty speak, however, made me wonder what seemed to separate this principal from those in the past. There definitely was something about his character, no doubt about that, but what exactly was it?

administrator but also as an individual.

I felt the same atmosphere as the two of us settled down for an interview in his office one sunny Friday afternoon. The sun shone brightly through a wide-open window, displaying dozens of students bustling back and forth after hours on the school grounds. Classic rock and roll music played softly yet distinctly in the background of his navy blue office as Mr. Vlasaty reclined casually back in his chair, a Coke bottle in his hand.

His demeanor was cool and collected as he bypassed the occasional phone call, "Don't they know I'm being interviewed?" He laughed lightheartedly, taking a sip from his soda bottle.

Little does the average person know, acquiring such a position takes more than just a suit and tie. It takes years of hard work, determination, and



Meet Northern Lehigh's New Assistant Principal, Mr. Pyne

By Co-Editor Kirsten Leskovich

As Northern Lehigh High School vibrates with class activities and the 2011-2012 school year approaches full swing, a truly significant individual has recently emerged among the Bulldogs. Just take a quick stroll to the

fathomed a position as an administrator.

To fulfill his dream of teaching, he attended East Stroudsburg University. With his degree, he became a substitute teacher at many contiguous school districts before obtaining a full-time

After three years, Mr. Pyne left the Bangor area and went back to school at the University of Scranton to acquire his administrative certificate, which he received just seven months ago. He then began working for a school district that resides in Slatington called Northern Lehigh.

When Mr. Pyne initially heard about NL, he knew "it was over here somewhere" and that the bulldogs had an excellent academic and athletic reputation, but little did he know that he would one day become a part of the school system.

Fortunately for us, Mr. Vlasaty, our new NL principal and Mr. Pyne's former coworker, heard about the opening position at Northern Lehigh and got in touch with Mr. Pyne without delay.

He encouraged Mr. Pyne to apply and interview for the assistant principal position and told him, "You'll want to be here."

So, Mr. Pyne did exactly that and he is certainly glad he did. As he sits in his office today, he is starting to find his inner bulldog spirit.

Every morning, Mr. Pyne is delighted to arrive at work with numerous plans to continue improving the school from where Mrs. Yadush and Mr. Allen left off. He asserted that they, along with the staff and student body, fostered an exemplary school community with a shared vision of excellence.

Now, Mr. Pyne and Mr. Vlasaty seek to examine the small details and strive to continue making improvements for the school, such as the minor elements within safety and discipline.

They will also persist in creating a shared forward movement while searching for those small changes that

will make NL an enhanced and uplifting school.

Only a few months as the assistant principal and Mr. Pyne is already impressed with the student ambition, brilliant success, and dedicated school spirit that radiates throughout the classrooms and hallways.

Quite honestly, he was initially surprised at the level of accomplishment that occurs in a school without state of the art technology and within an area that lacks industry.

Outside of school, Mr. Pyne enjoys many aspects of life. Most importantly, he enjoys spending time with his beloved daughters, four and six- years -old. His girls are of the greatest significance to him, along with his pet bulldog, Millie (pictured below), who is also quite special.

When he finally finds time to relax in solitude, he grabs some Chinese food, his first choice being general tso chicken, and watches his favorite TV program, *The Daily Show*.

After tediously paging through all the channels on TV, sometimes he will not come across anything else of interest, so he finds a good movie to watch. *Braveheart* remains his all-time favorite movie among the many he has viewed.

In contrast to his private leisure, Mr. Pyne also enjoys spending time

with his friends whenever he gets the opportunity.

He recently discovered such relaxation can be hard to come by. A few years ago, Mr. Pyne envisioned the perfect, idyllic vacation. Being an active person, he daydreamed about constantly traveling, seeing, and doing.

His thoughts about the ideal vacation have taken a turn to just the opposite these days. Instead of journeying around the earth, he now wishes to lounge on a beach and take a break.

To all the NL students and community, Mr. Pyne promises that he wants nothing but the best for our high school and school district, and he hopes for a smooth transition. His dedication to the bulldogs will remain unyielding.

He also offers his favorite quote by Socrates for consideration: "The unexamined life is not worth living." Mr. Pyne believes everyone, from high school students to parents and much-loved grandparents should take time to understand who they really are inside.

We are extremely lucky and proud to have Mr. Pyne in the Northern Lehigh High School. Take a moment and think about this: his favorite colors are blue and white, and he owns a bulldog! Obviously, he was meant to be at NL.



main office, and perhaps you will get to meet him.

His name is Mr. Pyne, and he happily accepted the position as the NL assistant principal in our reputable high school. Here is a little bit about him:

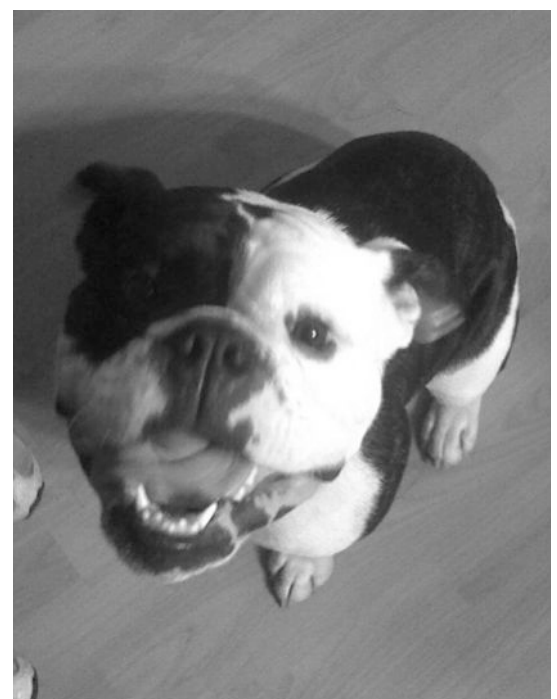
As a child, Mr. Pyne knew teaching would dominate his future. He made this decision as a teenage boy in his Philadelphia hometown.

Such inspiration for teaching came from his best friend's father, who was passionate about teaching history. Additionally, Mr. Pyne's idolization for his patient writing and speech teacher, Mr. Januzzi, helped him make his decision. At the time, Mr. Pyne never even

employment opportunity in the Bangor school district as an English teacher.

After five years of teaching English, he was promoted to a position called the Academic and Data Coach. Under this title, he maintained and analyzed test data for the Bangor school district and worked one-on-one with teachers who had difficulty conveying information to their pupils.

Mr. Pyne considers this to be the most amazing time of his previous career because he could see the positive impact he had on the students. Inspiring him to pursue the administrative field, this position also allowed him to work closely with building and district administration.



Rivalries Unite

Under Every Helmet and Hat is a Child Who Needs Us

Bo Tkach Foundation



Within the Colonial Football League, the Northwestern Tigers and the Northern Lehigh Bulldogs have become significant and well-known football antagonists. Their long-standing rivalry vibrates throughout the entire state of Pennsylvania. During the month of October,

however, they eagerly teamed up to support an honorable cause, one that is held dear at our high school and strikes the emotions of many students and staff.

During the mid-Fall weeks, the two schools produced and sold specially-made T-shirts and bracelets in support of the Tackle ALS and Bo Tkach Foundation. NL and NW sold within their

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schools as well as at the football game, held in our NL stadium, on October 14th, 2011.

Jim Tkach, the former football NL coach and founder of the Bo Tkach Foundation, was pleased to have their support. He is the father of Bo Tkach, a NL 2001 graduate who suffered through a terrible battle against OCD and depression, which in the

end claimed his life in July of 2007.

The bulldog students and faculty were more than willing to contribute to a program in memory of our very own NL alumnus and to a cause that advances awareness of Lou Gehrig's disease and obsessive compulsive disorder.

Between Northern Lehigh and Northwestern, a total of \$2,500 was raised and each organization received \$1,250.



Contributors may send their donations to:

Men of Marian
166 Marian Avenue
Tamaqua, PA 18252
Attn: William O'Gurek

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Movie Review

By Staff Writer Brandon Horvath

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (film not yet rated)

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, a mysterious and eerie horror film based upon the opening book in the Larsson trilogy, depicts the long investigation of the disappearance of Harriet Vanger, a girl whose abduction case has yet to be solved.

Her devoted and concerned uncle, Henrik Vanger, played by veteran actor Christopher Plummer, is a benevolent and kind figure in her brief life.

Immediately, her uncle is drawn to the suspicion that one of his own family members plotted and committed the offense because they often betrayed him in the past.

Consequently, he hires a group of professionals to uncover the truth behind the wall of lies and betrayal created solely by her Vanger family members.

The unknown course of gruesome events causes the audience members to sit on the edge of their seats, as they await yet another twist thrown into their paths.

Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist respectively played by stars

Rooney Mara and Daniel Craig, continue to dive into the world of the Vangers and are interrupted by the many grotesque and unsolved murders of the past.

Similar to other families, the Vangers hold a number of secrets from the rest of the world and plan to keep it that way unless given orders to do otherwise.

As the clock continues to tick, the pair is soon swallowed by the terrors and betrayal that surround the undetermined cause of Harriet's disappearance. The suspense continues to build, and the team is soon faced with a number of new dilemmas.

This constant change in events takes viewers for a long emotional ride until the pair becomes the new target in the Vangers' game of deceit and betrayal.

All the investigators, including the uncle, are welcomed by terror-filled trials at every turn, and eventually, by situations which cause them to become victims themselves.

The constant spurts of violence, barriers full of lies, deception and continuous growth in

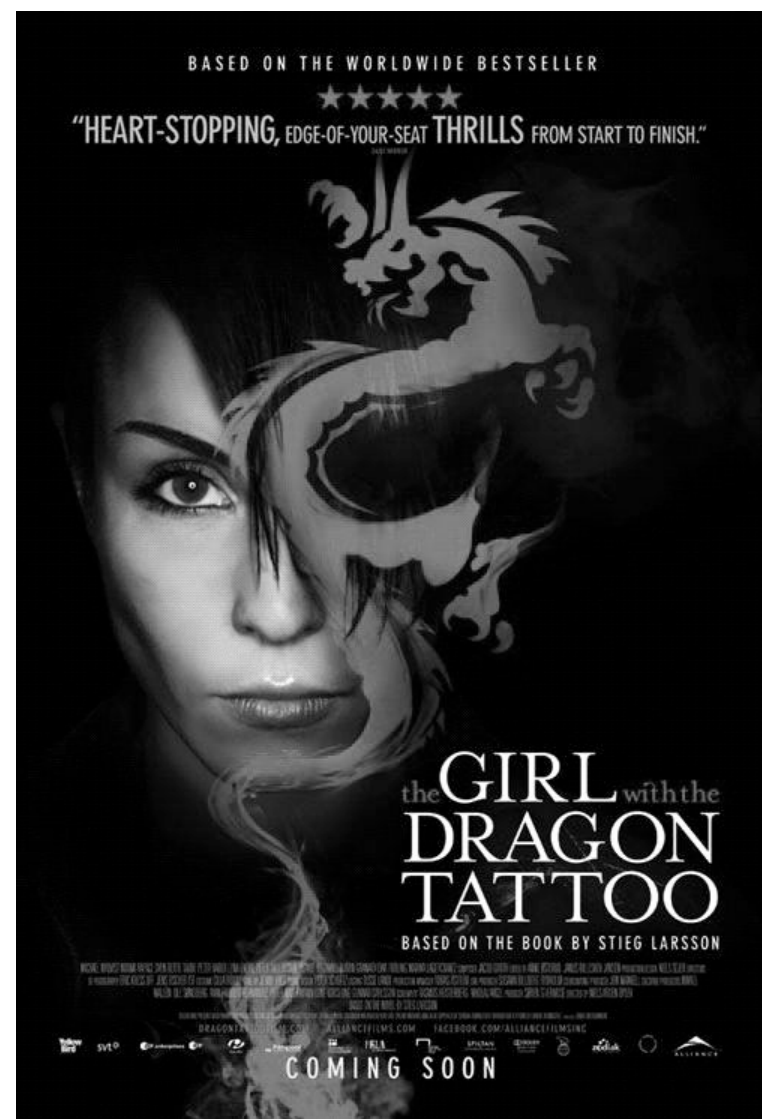
suspense pave the course for yet another classic crime scene thriller.

From My Perspective:

Being an aficionado of horror and action films, I would definitely put *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* on my list of movies to see in theatres. From the footage that has been released so far, the setting and characters create an aura of suspense and bewilderment that will keep the viewers' eyes glued to the movie screen.

With secrets constantly being unveiled, the conundrum continues to build and the audience will be left with a desire to continue watching. So if you are a fan of thrillers, I definitely encourage you to add this your list of must-see movies.

Mr. Sander has seen all three movies of the original trilogy and although they are dubbed, he believes them to be excellent due to their complex characters and stunning visual details. After viewing the trailer for this new remake, Mr. Sander predicts it will be highly successful because its characters and setting hold true to the original.



(Photo credited to tribute.ca)

Director David Fincher

Writer Steven Zaillian

Producer David Fincher

Actors

Daniel Craig

Stellan Skarsgard

Rooney Mara

Elodie Yung

Christopher Plummer

Mads Mikkelsen

Joely Richardson

David Dencik

GO GUIDE

By Staff Writer Michelle Bingert

Bethlehem Steel Stacks

The Bethlehem Steel Stacks, built in place of the Bethlehem Steel plant, is an arts and cultural campus in the south Bethlehem area.

Receiving many great reviews from visitors across the Lehigh Valley area, Steel Stacks hosts many exciting events, such as concerts and comedy shows, some even free of entrance fees.

Bethlehem Steel Stacks is divided into many segments that offer a variety of activities for all ages.

Air Products Town Square, one feature of Steel Stacks, offers music festivals and a stunning view of the nearby blast furnaces.



Another impressive component of Steel Stacks is the spectacular ArtsQuest Center, which includes an art gallery, family activities, and films at Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas.

The Musikfest Café presents amazing shows all year long on almost all week nights.

Also, make sure to visit the PNC plaza this winter to experience the lively holiday

festivities.

Check out www.steelstacks.org for more information.

Don't miss the PEEPS Fest on December 29-31, 2011 from 12 pm to 8 pm!



Promenade Shops in Saucon Valley

The Promenade Shops are an excellent place to shop during the winter season. As shoppers stroll through the colorful walkways, they are greeted by soft holiday music that is piped into speakers.

The landscaped view is extraordinary, and the stores, such as PacSun and Barnes & Noble, are plentiful.

A variety of services and restaurants can be found within the outlets. The most popular site visitors must be sure to visit includes the Rave Motion Pictures and IMAX Movie Theater, where audiences can watch current, high-quality movies.

Likewise, the Promenade shops provide events and special offers during select times of the year. For example, gifts from the outlets make great Christmas presents!

Go to www.thepromenadeshopsatsauconvalley.com for directions and much more.

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Bear Creek Mountain Resort

Bear Creek Mountain in Macungie offers many snow sports such as skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing all at one place. Visitors will also find excellent places to dine, such as The



Grille.

Moreover, if competitors are interested in a fun and safe contest, Bear Creek Mountain has a racing program where they may compete against other rival skiers and snowboarders.

Go to bcmountainresort.com for a season pass and for more information.

Penn's Peak

Penn's Peak, located in Jim Thorpe, is the perfect place to watch a variety of concerts for visitors of all ages and tastes. Penn's Peak also has delicious food to



make concert-goers experience more

enjoyable.

Go to Pennspeak.com for upcoming concert dates.

Allentown Art Museum

The Allentown Art Museum is a local art gallery housing thousands of popular masterpieces for public viewing.

Presently, the art museum features a show entitled "Shared Treasure: The Legacy



of Samuel H. Kress," which will be running until January 15, 2012.

Another art show dubbed "Who Shot Rock & Roll: A Photographic History, 1955 to the Present" will take place beginning February 11, 2012 until May 13, 2012.

Visit allentownartmuseum.org for additional information.

Hot Yoga at Lehigh Valley Yoga

Health-nuts and amateurs seeking new exercises may be interested in Hot Yoga classes at Lehigh Valley Yoga on Union Boulevard in

Allentown. These classes, which take place in a hot room, help participants feel



energized and allow proper stretching of the muscles. The Hot Yoga class focuses on strength, stamina, and concentration to benefit bodies of any age.

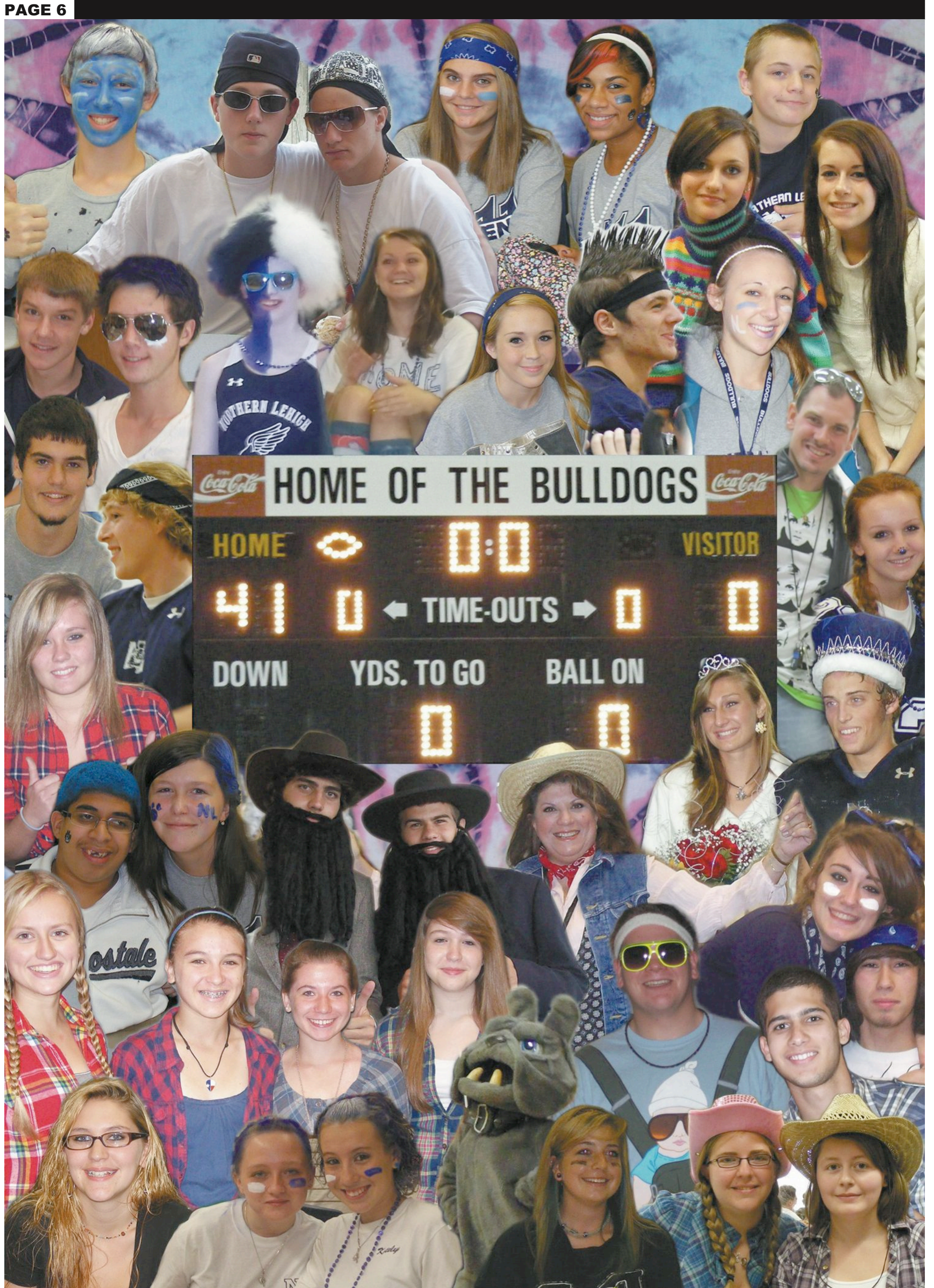
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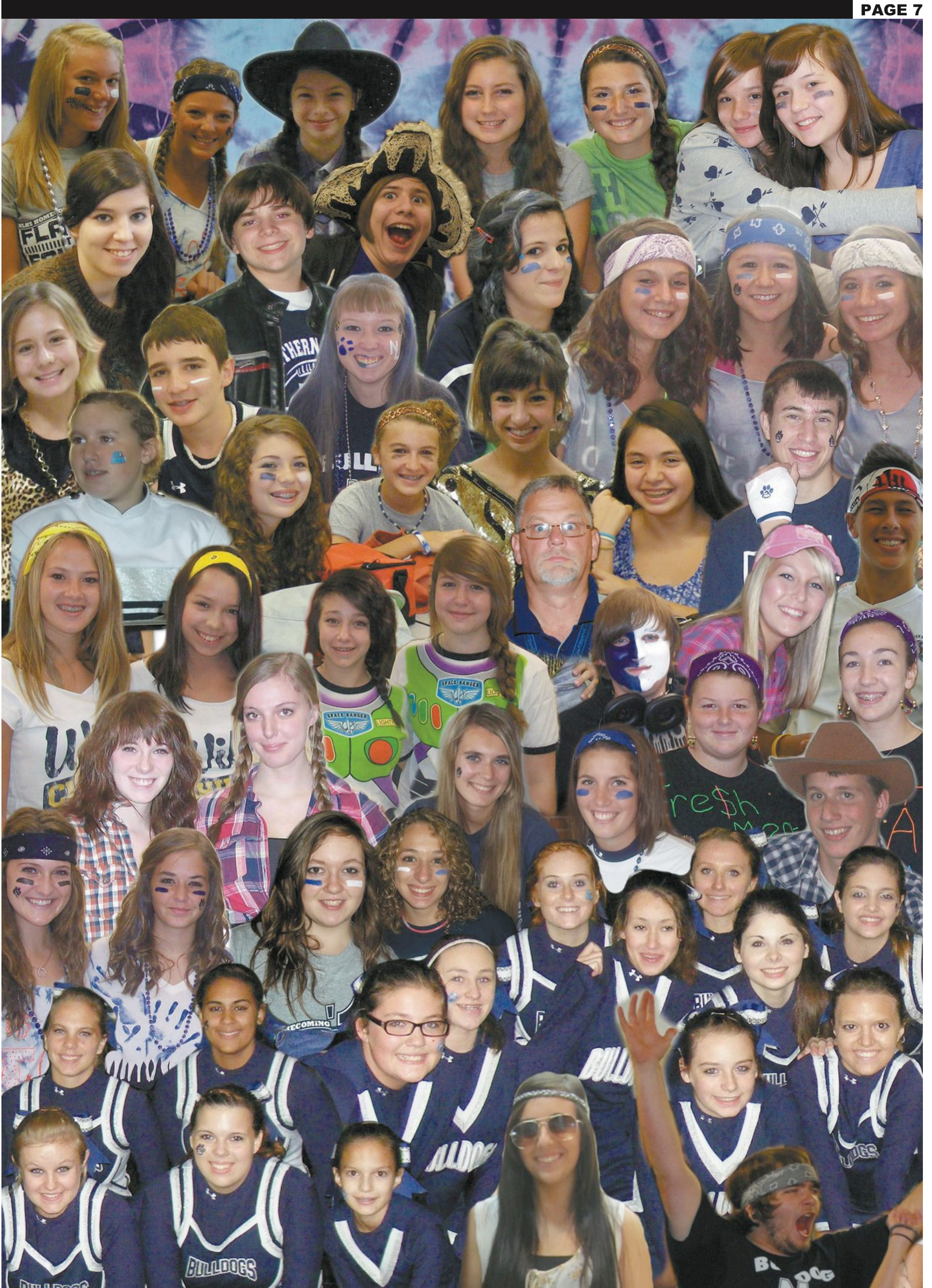
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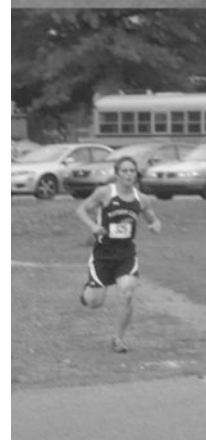
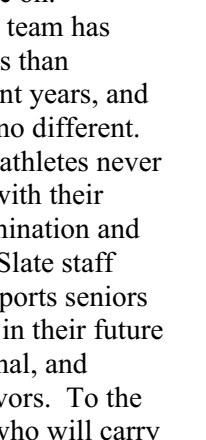
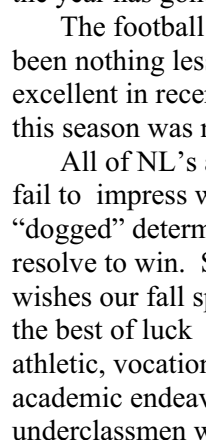
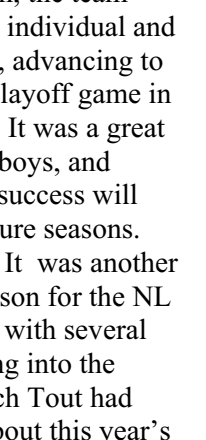
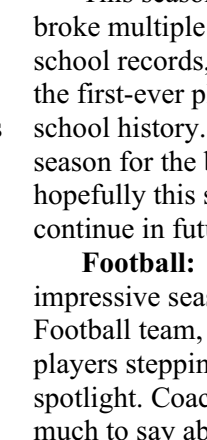
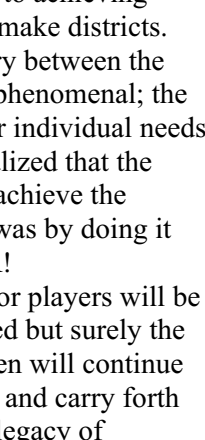
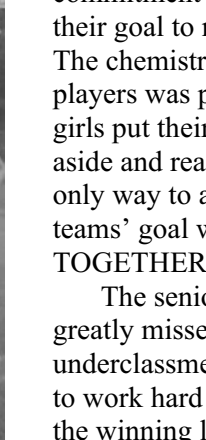
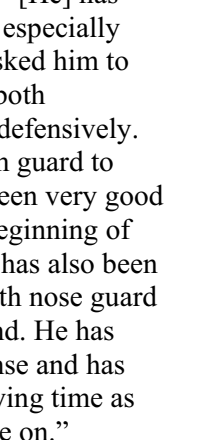
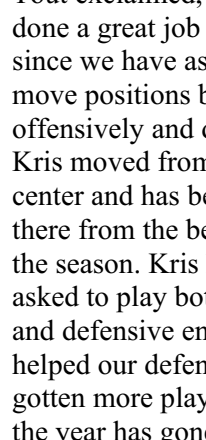
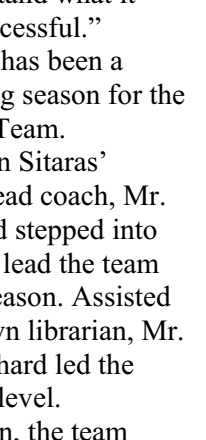
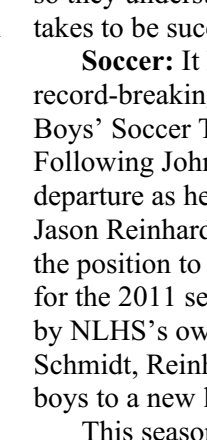
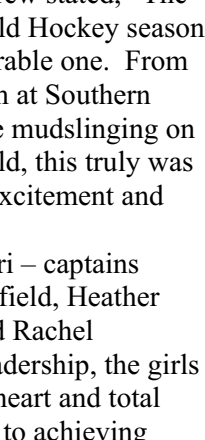
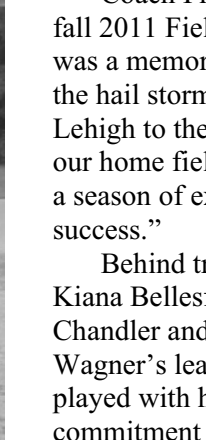
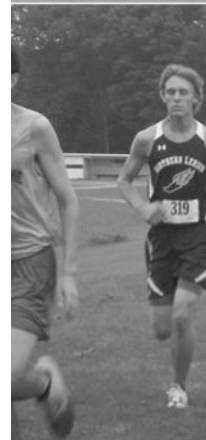
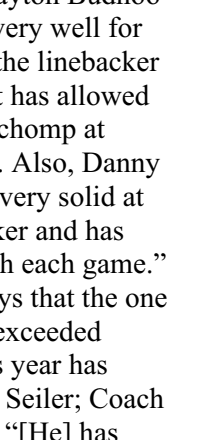
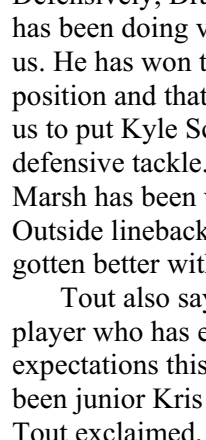
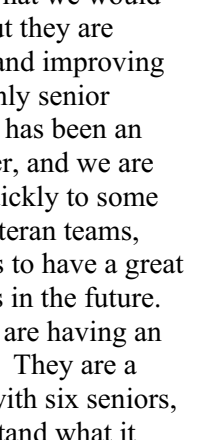
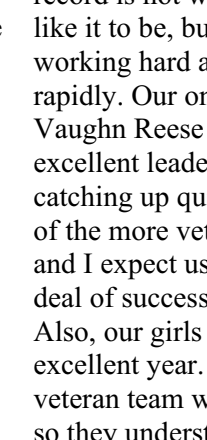
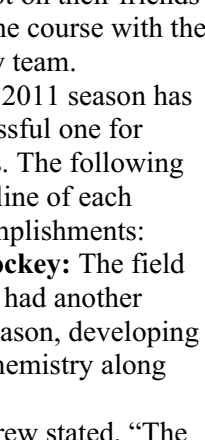
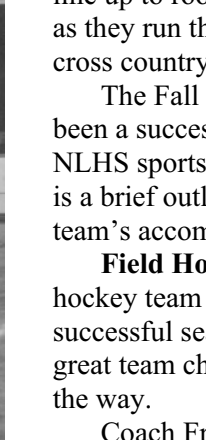
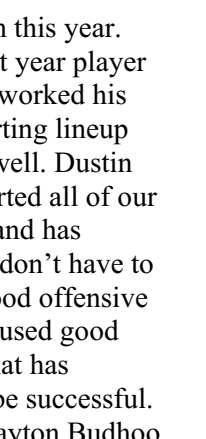
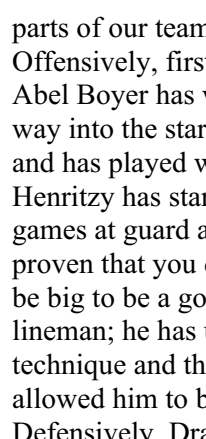
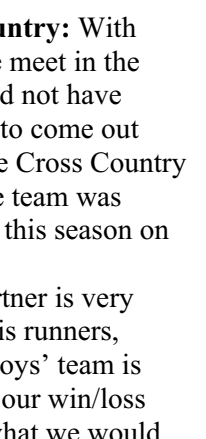
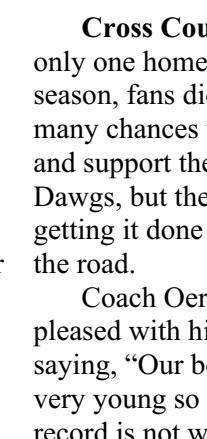
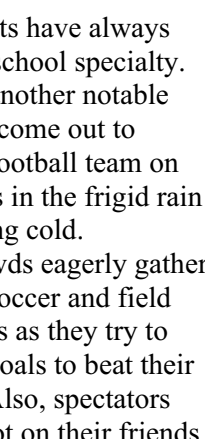
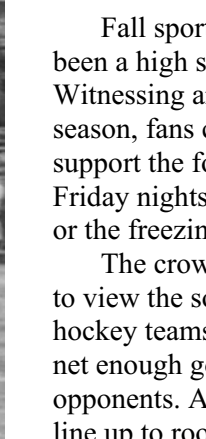
Lehigh Valley Grand Prix, located at the former Mack Trucks building in Allentown, is a great source of adrenaline for thrill-seekers. The race center features a quarter mile track with eleven thrilling turns. Competitors can compete against up to ten other drivers and receive scores after the race.

Lehigh Valley Grand Prix has membership options and hosts challenging racing events. For warm entertainment during the upcoming winter months, look into this indoor center at their web site, lehighvalleygrandprix.com.









Fall Sports Capsules

By Staff Writer Tyler Trumbauer

Fall sports have always been a high school specialty. Witnessing another notable season, fans come out to support the football team on Friday nights in the frigid rain or the freezing cold.

The crowds eagerly gather to view the soccer and field hockey teams as they try to net enough goals to beat their opponents. Also, spectators line up to root on their friends as they run the course with the cross country team.

The Fall 2011 season has been a successful one for NLHS sports. The following is a brief outline of each team's accomplishments:

Field Hockey: The field hockey team had another successful season, developing great team chemistry along the way.

Coach Frew stated, "The fall 2011 Field Hockey season was a memorable one. From the hail storm at Southern Lehigh to the mudslinging on our home field, this truly was a season of excitement and success."

Behind tri – captains Kiana Bellesfield, Heather Chandler and Rachel Wagner's leadership, the girls played with heart and total commitment to achieving their goal to make districts. The chemistry between the players was phenomenal; the girls put their individual needs aside and realized that the only way to achieve the teams' goal was by doing it TOGETHER!

The senior players will be greatly missed but surely the underclassmen will continue to work hard and carry forth the winning legacy of Northern Lehigh field hockey."

Cross Country: With only one home meet in the season, fans did not have many chances to come out and support the Cross Country Dawgs, but the team was getting it done this season on the road.

Coach Oertner is very pleased with his runners, saying, "Our boys' team is very young so our win/loss record is not what we would like it to be, but they are working hard and improving rapidly. Our only senior Vaughn Reese has been an excellent leader, and we are catching up quickly to some of the more veteran teams, and I expect us to have a great deal of success in the future.

Also, our girls are having an excellent year. They are a veteran team with six seniors, so they understand what it takes to be successful."

Soccer: It has been a record-breaking season for the Boys' Soccer Team. Following John Sitaras' departure as head coach, Mr. Jason Reinhard stepped into the position to lead the team for the 2011 season. Assisted by NLHS's own librarian, Mr. Schmidt, Reinhard led the boys to a new level.

This season, the team broke multiple individual and school records, advancing to the first-ever playoff game in school history. It was a great season for the boys, and hopefully this success will continue in future seasons.

Football: It was another impressive season for the NL Football team, with several players stepping into the spotlight. Coach Tout had much to say about this year's standout players, stating, "We have had some unsung players who have really become big

parts of our team this year. Offensively, first year player Abel Boyer has worked his way into the starting lineup and has played well. Dustin Henritz has started all of our games at guard and has proven that you don't have to be big to be a good offensive lineman; he has used good technique and that has allowed him to be successful. Defensively, Drayton Budhoo has been doing very well for us. He has won the linebacker position and that has allowed us to put Kyle Schomp at defensive tackle. Also, Danny Marsh has been very solid at Outside linebacker and has gotten better with each game."

Tout also says that the one player who has exceeded expectations this year has been junior Kris Seiler; Coach Tout exclaimed, "[He] has done a great job especially since we have asked him to move positions both offensively and defensively. Kris moved from guard to center and has been very good there from the beginning of the season. Kris has also been asked to play both nose guard and defensive end. He has helped our defense and has gotten more playing time as the year has gone on."

The football team has been nothing less than excellent in recent years, and this season was no different.

All of NL's athletes never fail to impress with their "dogged" determination and resolve to win. Slate staff wishes our fall sports seniors the best of luck in their future athletic, vocational, and academic endeavors. To the underclassmen who will carry on the tradition, we look forward to future success.

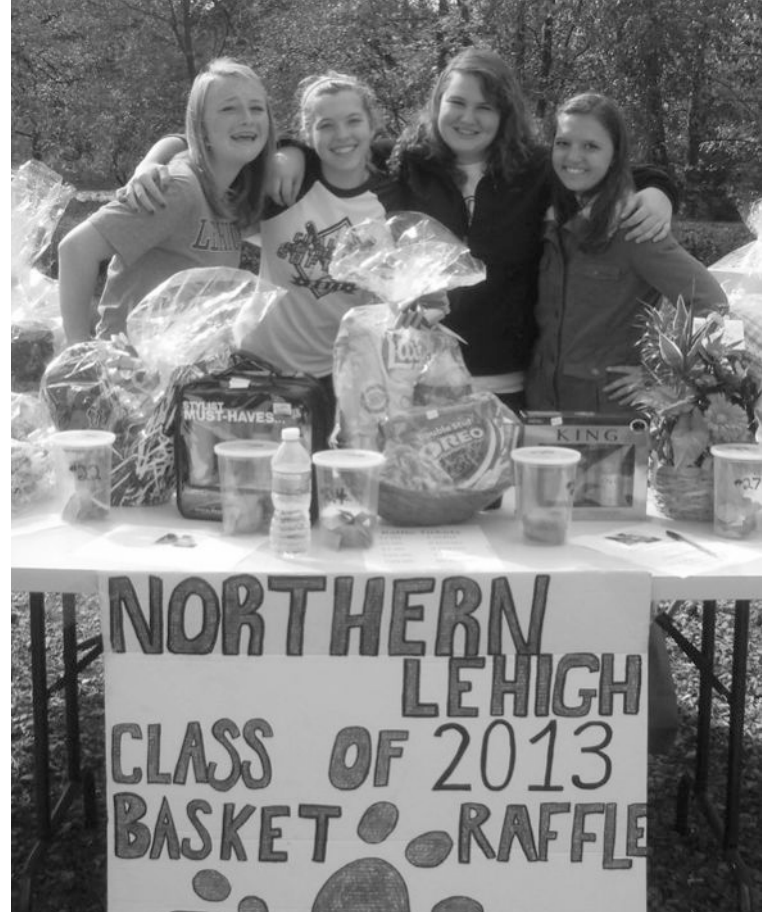
Class of 2013 at Walnutport Canal Festival

Written By Ms. Saville

The Class of 2013 participated in the Walnutport Canal Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2011. This was the second year participating in the festival at the request of its coordinator, Greg Soltis, who first spotted our class at the Walnutport Playground Carnival in the summer of 2010. At the carnival in 2010, Mr. Soltis approached Mrs. Shoemaker because he liked the energy and enthusiasm our students displayed and noticed that our obvious link to the community brought our stand many visitors. He asked us to consider participating in the 2010 Canal Festival, offering us a prime location and billing in the Canal Festival Booklet. We, of course, accepted and returned again this year. The Northern Lehigh Class of 2013 holds a gift and basket raffle and

50/50 drawing each year it participates. The officers enlist the support of community businesses, our students and their families to make these fundraising events possible. The class officers ask for donations to be raffled off and donates 10% of its profit to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank to give something back to the community. This year we had over thirty items donated including gift baskets made by students' families and various gift certificates from businesses: AF Boyer Hardware, the Bakery Nook, Mama's Pizza, Pizza Village, China Inn, Ami Gruber's Salon, Country View, McDonald's, Neff's National Bank, Polish Water Ice, Thomson's Meat Market, Weis Market, and Schaffer Enterprises. Miss Saville's mother, Alice Saville, a breeder of AKC registered shih-tzus,

brought puppies from a recent litter and advertised them at our stand this year. Mrs. Saville promised the class a one-hundred dollar donation if a puppy was sold at the festival, and one puppy was, in fact, sold to a woman who had been waiting 28 years to own a puppy. The Class of 2013 officers, Jesse Pavolko, Courtney Blocker, Morgan Farber, Travis Gruber, and Kendra Smith and advisors, Miss Candice Saville and Mrs. Angela Shoemaker, work very hard to put together such fundraising events so the entire class can benefit. They also feel it's important to give back to the community that supports their efforts.



HOROSCOPES

By Staff Writers Kelsey Hosford and Taylor Vrabel

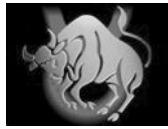
Aquarius

This month, a sudden change will come upon you. Do not fret! You will come out of it as a stronger, better person.



Taurus

Confidence is the key! Keep your potential in mind to trigger your inner spirit. You never know who will notice.



Leo

You have been trying to break the ice lately with a new coworker, but the ice is anything but broken. Try to focus on your work and getting your job done. This person will miss the attention and start putting effort towards a potential friendship.



Libra

School work has been consuming you these past weeks, and you are starting to panic. Take a breath Libra! Try to balance your time for work and play. It's only healthy to have some down time to rejuvenate yourself!



Sagittarius

You have a bright future ahead of you. When the stress of college applications begins to pile up, begin to focus on your goals. You will succeed!



Pisces

You will soon be put in a position where you will have to make tough economic decisions. Consider your options carefully, and remember, money does not grow on trees!



Gemini

You have been a little ambiguous lately, and you are giving off the wrong signals. If you do not define yourself now, you will find a serious consequence in your near future.



Virgo

A friend you have been missing seems to have totally forgotten all about you. Take the first step! A friendly hello text, or FB post will surely have you two reconnecting!



Scorpio

You seem to be splitting from your normal group of friends. Although it is important to expand your horizons, do not forget where you come from.



Capricorn

You are known as someone who keeps to themselves. But lately, rumors have been going around, and it is time to stand up for yourself! Be brave and you will notice a gain in self-respect!



Aries

When stress comes your way, be calm and think rationally. Before the situation gets better, things have to get worse. Remember, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel!



Cancer

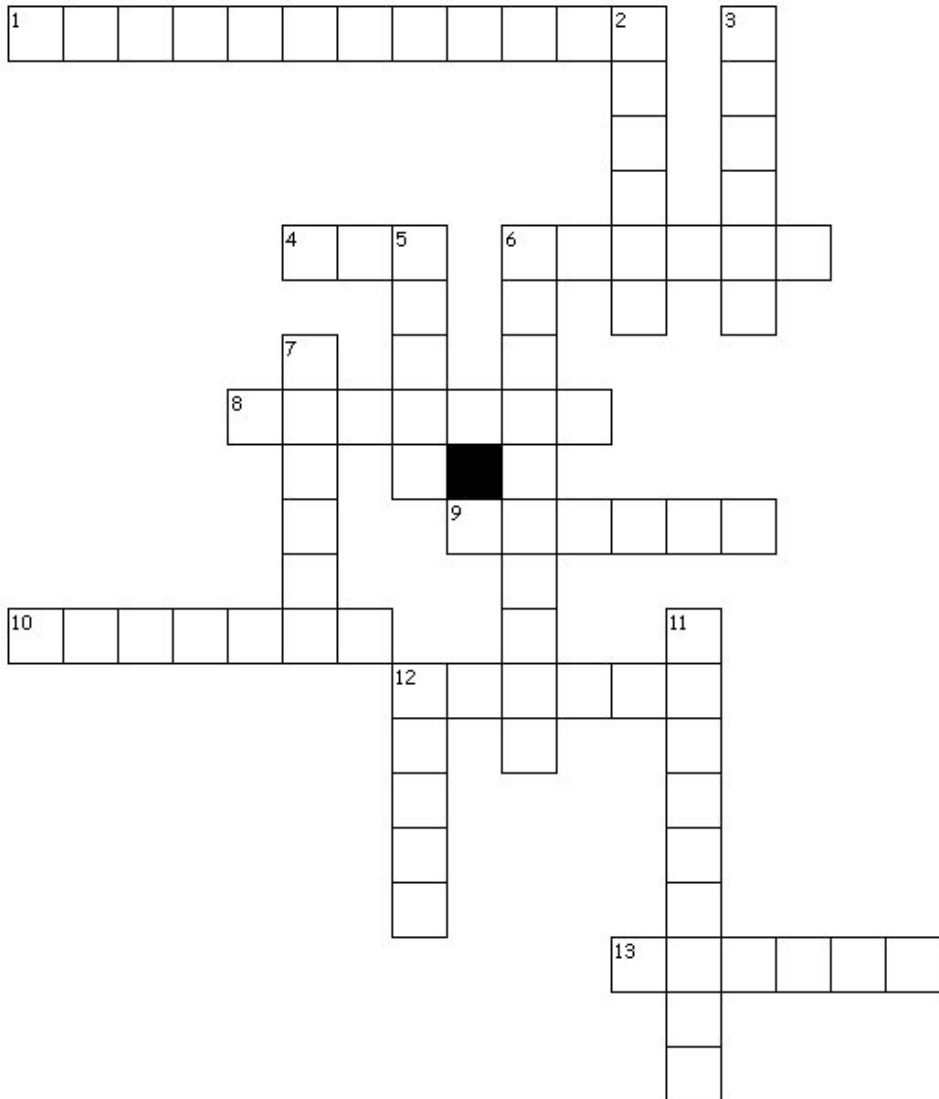
An important event is coming up soon, and you are everything but confident. Be positive Cancer! The outcome is greater than you could ever imagine.



The Slate Crossword Puzzle A Recap of this Edition

Created by Kirsten Leskovich

Puzzle courtesy of puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com



Across

1. The city where Mr.Pyne grew up
4. The type of yoga being offered at Lehigh Valley Yoga
6. The genre of *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*
8. The director of *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*
9. The male fall sport that gave NL the biggest surprise this year
10. The university that brought the Romeo and Juliet live production in the NL auditorium to our school
12. The zodiac sign represented by the crab
13. The zodiac sign in which confidence is the key

Down

2. Many seniors were inducted into this team courtesy of Mr.Vlasaty.
3. The school district at which Mr.Vlasaty previously worked
5. The foundation that Northwestern and Northern Lehigh teamed up to support
6. The event that the collage of football players and spirit week represents
7. The name of Mr.Pyne's pet bulldog
11. The name of the shops at which The Rave and IMAX theater can be found
12. The place where the class of 2013 had their basket raffle

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Romeo and Juliet comes to Northern Lehigh

By Co-Editor Laura Grammes

William Shakespeare's tale of *Romeo and Juliet* is familiar to both young and old readers alike, and students at Northern Lehigh High School are no exception to its fame. This love story is not only a must-read for all sophomore English students but also a staple in classic literature.

Being in a small school in a small town, students may find it difficult to grasp the universal impact of such a beautiful piece, yet that all changed when a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* was held within the walls of our very own auditorium.

Thanks to English teacher Ms. Saville and the 2011 Linny Fowler Willpower Tour, a group of young actors from DeSales University, NLHS students were finally given the first hand chance to witness the blinded efforts of the star-crossed love.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our school; not every high school can say they hosted a professional performance," Ms. Saville remarked.

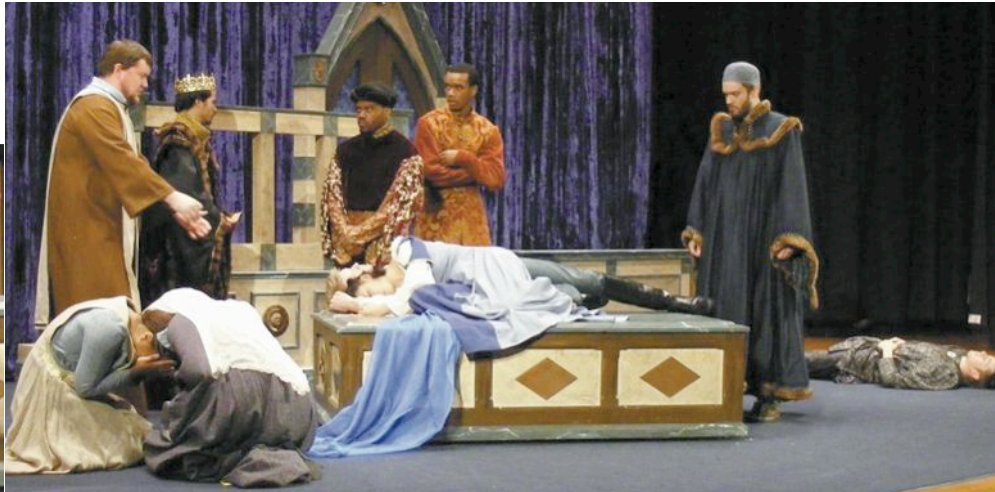
She continued, "Northern Lehigh has an excellent reputation for sports, but it should also extend to culture and the arts. Thanks to the Linny Fowler Willpower Tour, our students can now further appreciate Shakespearean literature and what it contributes to our community."

The traveling theatre group that performed met its 21st mark this season touring Pennsylvania schools, and students enthusiastically responded to the excited nature of the performance once the cast hit the stage. One could sense right away the powerful emotions and

passions emitted from the actors as the scenes unfolded and without a doubt, these professionals gave the play a new perspective. Some may not know that Shakespeare wrote with the common man in mind, and these actors kept true to his philosophy as they mingled a modern sense of humor along with the classical Shakespearean quirks. Overall, the performance was profound, refreshing, but most of all enlightening to all those present that afternoon. Students laughed, cheered, and even cried along with faculty as the curtains came to a close



"for never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo."



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