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A Look Through the Lens

Winter Sports

By Emily James

Top right Bocce:

Zach Miller

Top left Wrestling:

Tylor Thomas

Bottom Basketball:

Carsyn King

Winter Sports

By Hailey Yommer

On Wednesday night the wrestling team hosted a match at home against Southern, losing 29-36. The team tried a new strategy by moving Jarrett Kelly into the lineup. After getting a win they bumped everyone up in order to get the best match possible. The team won 7 matches, but so did Southern. Southern had more pins so the boys were a little short of a win. "Everyone on the team wrestled well. People with wins and even the ones who lost fought hard. The team is back working hard and will be ready for the next go around" says Devin Wilhelm. The next match will be against Frankfort at home on Wednesday the

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Breaking News: Prison Break

By Heritage Hamp

On January 3, in Kidapawan, Philippines, there was a mass prison break in the North Cotabato District Jail of approximately 160 inmates. Kidapawan is located in Cotabato Province, which is 580 miles southeast of the capital Manila according to NBC.

The prison break began when a large group of nearly 100 men broke into the prison, killed a guard who was standing by, which was followed by "A two-hour firefight [that broke] out when more than 100 armed men believed to have been led by a local Muslim rebel commander attacked the jail" according to The Guardian. Five others have been reported as dead, which were escapees of the jail. It has been stated that the attackers are Muslim extremists who belong to "the outlawed Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters" as stated by NBC.

It is theorized that the extremists planned the prison break to bust out "Bangsamoro members facing murder charges for a series of bombings in the province". According to CNN, "Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) group were suspected of being responsible for the attack." (Continued on page 2)

Science Now: Gravitational Waves and Why They're Neat

By Heritage Hamp

Every year, the Science Magazine names a scientific breakthrough of the year. This is determined by how much the breakthrough would impact the rest of the science community and the world.

This year's most extraordinary scientific breakthrough was the detection of gravitational waves in space. What's most exciting about this

breakthrough is that Einstein had predicted the presence of gravitational waves 100 years ago. Naturally, no one believed him as there was no evidence to speak of, but here we are, 100 years later with a newfound discovery leading to a new age of science.

Gravitational waves are "ripples" in the fabric of space-time caused by some of the most violent and energetic processes in the Universe" (LIGO). These violent processes can be caused by black holes and stars colliding with one

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Breaking News

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Which is a break-off group from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters. The breakoff group separated from the larger group because the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters signed a treaty with their government.

After the break, there were large search parties conducted by local police and military, which included the use of armored tanks, scouting for the escapees and attackers in the surrounding forests. CNN says the attackers and escapees were able to escape through "the back portion of the jail" while using the firebrigade as a distraction.

On January 5, 21 of the escapees had been found and arrested. The local authorities are still searching for the rest of the missing escapees and attackers, but 21 is still better than finding none of them.

Science Now

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another. Think of when something drops into still water; the ripples on the water's surface are like the ripples in spacetime from the collision. Earlier this year, "On 11 February, physicists working with the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)—twin instruments in Hanford, Washington, and Livingston, Louisiana—announced that they had seen just what Einstein predicted: a burst of waves created as two black holes spiraled into each other 1.3 billion light-years away." Earlier this year, "On 11 February, physicists working with the Laser Interferometer

Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO)—twin instruments in Hanford, Washington, and Livingston, Louisiana—announced that they had seen just what Einstein predicted: a burst of waves created as two black holes spiraled into each other 1.3 billion light-years away." (Sciencemag.org). These two black holes that collided caused ripples large enough through space that our interferometers were able to detect the waves, proving Einstein's theory correct.

It is said that there are gravitational waves constantly flowing through space, they are just too minute and spaced out for us to detect. For example, Einstein imagined two orbiting stars that collided billions of lightyears away, we would never be able to detect the waves that were produced as they would have nearly leveled out by the time the ripples reached earth. This is why we have only recently been able to detect the waves; most of the sources of the gravitational waves have been much too far away and too small to cause large enough waves for us to detect. So when the two black holes collided, they created a large enough gravitational pulse that we were able to detect it from such a large distance. Black holes are incredibly dense and are defined as "a region of space having a gravitational field so intense that no matter or radiation can escape."(Google). These masses in space are so dense, that when two of them collided, their gravitational fields crashed as well, sending off the gravitational waves

into space.

Witnessing these waves provides scientists with a better understanding to the way outer space works and the physics behind the void. According to Sciencemag.org, "LISA could track the mergers of smaller supermassive black holes with much greater precision than pulsar timing. It should be able to spot the long, slow windup of two black holes spiraling together before ground-based instruments like LIGO see the crashing finale." This means that we will be able to predict when black holes will crash and stars collide. We will be able to witness more of these gravitational waves in action. Witnessing more of these collisions will allow us to study these events in greater detail and increase our knowledge about the universe.

Student Spotlight

Unified Bocce: What It's Really About

By Abby Burdock

Northern High School's Unified Bocce team will be officially kicking off their season this Saturday, January 7, 2017. The team will host their first match at home Saturday morning. The team will be up against teams from Fort Hill, Allegheny, Mountain Ridge, and Southern. Unified Bocce is a Special Olympics sport that involves throwing four balls close to a smaller yellow ball thrown into the middle of a court. The balls that are the closest to the yellow ball score. The sport was designed for athletes with disabilities who wanted to enjoy a competitive sport. The Northern team is made up of

partners, who are not disabled, and athletes which the sport the focuses on.

Partner and senior member, Bethany Hershberger, says, "It's a fun and great program that allows students to work with the special olympics. It's so great to see the look on the athletes faces when they do well. They love it and we love it". When asked about the team's performance at the Southern scrimmage, senior member, Justin Hershberger, says, "We did not do our best at our Southern scrimmage, but there is only room for improvement. I think we stand a very good chance on Saturday". Coach Dewitt says he loves the sport and thinks it is great for all participants. He says, "We have a really good team this year with a lot of returning players. I think we have a good chance this season to make it to states and do really well there. It's a really great group of kids this year".

The team stands a very good chance Saturday, but winning is not the team's priority. Coach Dewitt is more focused on making sure all athletes have fun and enjoy the sport, winning is just an added bonus. Unified sports give athletes the opportunity to have fun and be competitive just like any other sporting event. Unified Bocce is a wonderful program that has been very successful at Northern. It is fun for all involved!

Watch, Look,**Listen:****Young Adult Books
You Should Read
This January****By Abby Burdock**

With January upon us there will soon be plenty of snow days to keep everyone indoors. Winter storms may keep you inside and even shut off your electricity or even worse, keep you off of social media, so be prepared and stock your bookshelves with these two good books. Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher follows Clay Jensen as he listens to tapes left by his classmate and love interest Hannah Baker, who committed suicide two weeks before the tapes were left for him. Through the tapes, Hannah explains the thirteen reasons why she made the decision to kill herself. The moving novel explores themes of bullying, betrayal, guilt, blame, and choices. The novel has received rave reviews from both readers and reviewers. The Guardian describes the book as being "...hard hitting and powerful" and "truly remarkable". Maudeen Wachsmith a parent who read the book simply fell in love with it saying "I am telling you it was compelling. I believe it should be required reading". The novel is both fast-paced and moving and should definitely be added to your winter book list.

If you are looking for another moving young adult novel to read during your next snow day, look no further than Love Letters to the Dead by Ava

Dellaira. For an English assignment fourteen-year-old Laurel is supposed to write a letter to an important historical figure. This turns into a journal of sorts for Laurel who ends up writing her life story to people such as Janice Joplin and Kurt Cobain, whom Laurel's deceased older sister, May, loved. Through these letters Laurel begins to accept her beloved sister's flaws and the past that has haunted Laurel. Through the letters, Dellaira has created an intriguing narrative that makes this novel a must-read. Even actress Emma Watson enjoyed the novel tweeting, "Dear Ava, I loved your book". The novel is a relatively quick and worthwhile read.

Both of these young adult novels are have powerful messages for their audience. These are both excellent reads with excellent reviews that are sure to keep you entertained when you are snowed in.

Entertainment:**By Karen Beiler**

This weeks entertainment is about a movie called Mamma, it's an edge of your seat, jump scare, and nail biting horror movie, I recommend it for all you fans of the scary nature. The best time I think to watch a horror movie is at night in your room with all the lights off and wrapped in your warmest blanket. Let me begin to tell you about this movie so get comfortable. This movie is about a distraught dad after losing his fortune in a financial crisis stockbroker Jeffrey Desange kills his business partners and estranged wife before taking his children,

three-year-old Victoria and one-year-old Lilly, away from home. Driving dangerously fast on a snowy road, Jeffrey loses control and the car slides down the mountain, ramming into the woods. Surviving, he takes the children into an abandoned cabin. Planning to kill his daughters and commit suicide, he holds a gun to Victoria's head, but a shadowy figure kills him. The girls, huddled by the fireside, are tossed a cherry by the mysterious figure that killed their dad. Five years later, a rescue party, sponsored by Jeffrey's identical twin brother Lucas, finds Victoria and Lilly alive, but in a feral state after years of isolation. The girls are put in a welfare clinic under the psychiatric care of Dr. Gerald Dreyfuss. Victoria starts to talk about the figure called Mamma a maternal protector figure, who Victoria later learns to love Annabel whether Mamma likes it or not. The girls are initially hostile to Lucas but Victoria recognizes him after he gives her a pair of glasses and she can see him properly. Dreyfuss agrees to support Lucas and his girlfriend Annabel's custody claim against the girl's' maternal great-aunt, Jean Podolski. Victoria acclimates quickly to domestic life while Lilly retains much of her feralness not being used to being around people. While in bed with Lucas, Annabel is startled by the appearance of a monstrous figure. Lucas is attacked by "Mamma" and is put into a coma. Annabel, who is uncomfortable being around the girls, finds herself left alone to care for them. Although Annabel makes progress with Victoria, she finds Lilly hostile. Alarmed by nightmares of a woman and Victoria's warning

about Mamma's jealousy, Annabel asks Dreyfuss to investigate. He initially thought "Mamma" to be an imaginary alter ego of Victoria; however, his research corroborates Victoria's story that Mamma is an aggrieved mother and brings to light the story of Edith Brennan, a mental asylum patient in the 1800s who is now called Mamma by the girls. According to wikipedia.org.

Strange Happenings**By Karen Beiler**

This article is truly a strange happening. It deals with the Muslim culture and their worship. The way they worship or praise an object is by self-flagellation a technique where a group of men parade around and hit themselves with daggers in the head in order to pay tribute and absolve sin. People spill their own blood and those of their relatives to mourn the fact that they were not present to save Hussein. The Shiites a type of Muslim celebrate a day in commemoration of the death of Imam Hussein, a grandson of the prophet Muhammad, at the 7th century battle of Karbala. Hussein, along with his comrades, was repeatedly struck on the head with daggers, according to all that is interesting.com. The whole day is called Ashura, a day of remembrance, it is the tenth day of Muharram in the Islamic calendar. Cutting the body with knives or chains was banned in Iran and Lebanon, it is still practiced in Bangladesh and India. In India what they do now is instead of self flagellation they cover themselves in wet mud and walked around bonfires to dry the mud to their skin and clothes. On some occasions the Iranians will do a voluntary fast in
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Slice of Advice

By Emily James

"How should I ask someone to Snowball?" - Anonymous
Wise words from Shia LaBeouf, JUST DO IT! Don't let your dreams be dreams.

"What is the best way to study for finals?" - Anonymous

If you're a procrastinator like many of us are, start by turning off the Wi-fi and all electronics to avoid those easy distractions. Find a quiet place where you will be able to focus, and begin reviewing notes or flashcards, highlighting the most important parts. Try rewriting down facts or information, as repetition is key to rooting it in your brain. Finally, remember to only study for hour-long increments at most, allowing time for breaks in between.

Need some advice? Send an email to nhsmorningshow@garrettcountryschools.org and our newspaper staff will do our best to provide you with some answers. Remember to keep all questions school appropriate. Student contributors are allowed to remain anonymous, but you must inform the newspaper staff in your email.

Winter Sports

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11th. The match will begin at 6pm.

The Boys basketball team hosted the Igloo Christmas tournament at home over the break. On the first day of the tournament Northern played a game against Tucker County. The team lost 49-64, with Austin Evans leading the scoring for the boys. On the following day of the

tournament the team played against Turkeyfoot, beating them by over 20 points. "This was our first game that we came out and played as a team; because we play well as a team we were able to get the win" says Austin. On Tuesday the 3rd the team played a game against Fort Hill at home, losing by 23 points with a score of 40-63. JV also lost to Fort Hill by 12 points. Carsyn King scored 14 points followed by Cody Eyler with 10. The JV team won their game against Allegany with a score of 51-37. Peyton Carr led the scoring with 16 points followed by Cody and Carsyn, both with 14. The next game will be an away game against Allegany on Tuesday the 10th, beginning at 6pm with a JV game followed by varsity at 7:30pm.

The Bocce team started out their season with a scrimmage against Southern on December 22nd. The Blue team did not have the best luck at the match, losing all 3 matches. "It was a really good effort for our first match of the season. We have some things to work out with it being our first one, but I think we will see a lot of improvement next time" said Bethany Hershberger, a senior member of the team. Cyntia Anderson, Brooke Rishel, and Zach Miller did remarkably well in the match. The Gold team had a successful day with a win in both of their matches, a great start to the season. "It's a great sport with a team of great people that I'm very lucky to be a part of. Our wins against Southern were a great start and it shows what we are capable of for the next few matches" says Mckenna Fazzenbaker. Bocce's next

match will be held at home on Saturday, beginning at 10am. This will be the teams' only home match, so don't miss your only opportunity to support them!

The Girls basketball team has been quite busy over the break. On December 29th the girls attended a tournament at Berlin to play a game against Evert. Both JV and varsity managed to do a lot of good things, but they did not work out in the end which led to both teams coming back with a loss. The second day of the tournament was snowed out so the team did not get the chance to play Fort Hill. On December 22nd JV and varsity played a game at home against Keyser. At halftime the girls were playing tough and were only down by 5. After halftime Keyser pulled ahead to win by nearly 25 points. Two days later the team traveled to Hampshire for an away game. Both varsity and JV lost their games. It may have been a tough couple games for the girls, but they can make a comeback at their next game. Come out to support our girls basketball team on January 9th, with a home game against Allegany. JV will play at 6pm and varsity at 7:30pm.

Editorial

To Weed or Not To Weed

By Emily James

Marijuana legalization has been a controversial issue that has been sweeping our nation for the past many years. According to CNN, "In 2016, more countries legalized the use of marijuana for

medicinal or recreational purposes". However, it seems like 2017 will be a big year for marijuana legalization. Nevada recently legalized the medicinal and recreational use of marijuana, and more states are predicted to follow suit

throughout this year. With the rise in the amount of states legalizing marijuana, questions have also begun to skyrocket concerning the safety – or lack thereof – of instating permissible marijuana use. These concerns, while valid, are dull in light of the good that could come from this, if the proper precautions are put into place.

Ironically, one of the most substantial pros to marijuana legalization is that our nation would see a drop in drug-related crime. Nyln.org suggests that this is because marijuana legalization "will cut off a revenue stream for illegal drug traders" and making "the substance less profitable for criminals will result in a decrease in violence associated with the trade". In addition, because marijuana is one of the most used and distributed drug around, legalizing the substance would put many drug dealers and drug cartels at a major loss of business, and possibly even put some of them out of their job.

Our overcrowded prisons would also benefit from the legalization of marijuana, as it would allow the release of inmates who are only in for usage or possession of the drug. Through this course of action, more violent crime-doers would be prosecuted and placed behind bars, and this would also allow judges to focus more on these violent crime cases.

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Tech Now:**By Kristen Kight**

Last week I talked about the pros and cons of the home AI systems Amazon Echo and a Google Home. This week I am going to follow up with some recent things that have happened with the Echo. In Arkansas, they hope that the always listening Echo can help solve a murder case. Ford is going to be the first automobile company to bring the Echo in their vehicles. Also, you have a 6-year-old in Texas who used their families Echo to order a really expensive doll house and some sugar cookies. The Amazon Echo can do many things for you like turn your TV on, control the brightness of your lights, and read you the news. Law enforcement officials are hoping the Echo can help them solve this murder case. Last November in Bentonville, Arkansas, police found the body of Victor Collins in the home of James Bates. While searching around the house they also discovered that the house had been equipped with many devices including Amazon's Echo. The device is always listening, but only records bits and pieces unless the wake word "Alexa" is spoken. So far Amazon has refused to release the data they have without a warrant, but that raises the question. "If Alexa is always on and always listening, can she incriminate you?" (according to Los Angeles Times)

Last year Ford teased everyone with the idea of integrating Amazon's Echo devices. This year it is a reality, so in the upcoming weeks Ford will have Echo

controlled cars. "As soon as Alexa is available, Ford owners will be able to play and resume audiobooks, order items on amazon, and search and transfer local destinations to the in-car navigation." From home, they would be able to start their cars and lock and unlock their doors. Ford may be the first to get the Echo in their vehicles, but they are not the only car company that want Amazon's products in their car. (according to theverge.com)

Lastly, we have the lovable 6-year-old girl from Dallas, Texas, who ordered a \$160 doll house and 4 pounds of sugar cookies while chatting with the families Echo dot. Megan Neitzel has experienced the downfall of technology when her 6-year-old used the device as a playmate. Her daughter Brooke said that she hadn't intentionally ordered anything. She just asked Alexa if she could get her a doll house and some cookies. Neitzel reported that they were going to use this as a teaching moment since it was already too late to cancel the order. They donated the dollhouse to a local children's hospital. This is just one of the many cases where the children have out smarted parents who didn't think to set up child-proof settings with Echo.

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Another important factor is the use of medicinal marijuana. The psychoactive drug is capable of being used as treatment for many different types of illnesses. It is also able to treat many mental illnesses, such as depression, anxiety, OCD, and PTSD, as well as countless

gastro-intestinal conditions, like Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Medicinal marijuana can also be issued to cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy, as the drug is able to calm nausea, vomiting, and various types of pain.

Finally, many areas would benefit financially from the selling and taxing of marijuana, in that its legalization could "boost income to fund projects, such as new parks and road repairs", according to Nyln.org. For instance, in Oregon, marijuana was legalized officially in 2014, and sales began to take place midway through 2015. The state's tax revenue department states that this legalization "allowed the state to collect \$40.2 million in tax revenue from recreational marijuana sales from January to September" of 2016. In addition, analysts are claiming that taxing the drug could gather millions of dollars every year in Colorado.

Admittedly, it is true that the legalization of marijuana must be done with much precaution. With its legalization comes the rise in usage, which would likely lead to more accounts of stoned driving, as well as the likelihood of the drug ending up in the hands of children. However, cigarettes and alcohol -- both of which are legally sold and owned -- hold the exact same risks as applied to marijuana. Therefore, assuming that the same safety precautions are put into place, legalizing marijuana would not place our nation at any more risk than where it already stands.

Looking Back at History:**Rock 'n Roll****By Kristen Kight**

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was established in 1983 by Ahmet Ertegun the founder and chairman of Atlantic Records. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has four categories in which the selected people can be placed into, performers, non-performers, sidemen, and lifetime achievers. Most of the inductees are male performers. The Hall of Fame admitted their first female, Aretha Franklin, on January 3, 1987. Since then the number of women is still lacking compared to men, but there may be some good reasons for that.

In order to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame the candidates must have released their first work 25 years prior. This mean that for the first 10 years they only had rock and roll female's from the 1960s and earlier. Which was a time when very few women were working in "rock and roll". They were limited to Aretha, girl groups like the Supremes and Martha and the Vandellas, and Tina Turner. Although there was other artists like "LaVern Baker, Etta James and Ruth Brown, who were really more R&B than rock and roll". (according to History.com)

In 2008 the total number of inducted performers was up to 159, only 24 of those inductees were women. Out of those 24 only 10 of those women were solo female performers and the other 14 were in groups. As of 2017 there has only been 44 women inducted into the Hall of Fame. That is less than 15% of the total number. Hopefully in the upcoming years many more of the iconic and groundbreaking female artists will be recognized in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Student Art

Spotlight

By Abby Burdock



[Left]
Artist: Ella Warnick
Title: Untitled
Medium: Acrylic

[Right]
Artist: Bethany Hershberger
Title: Sea
Medium: Acrylic



[Left]
Artist: Bethany Umbel
Title: Untitled
Medium: Acrylic

Strange Happenings

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commemoration. This practice has put a negative light on the Muslims,so there has been a thought in recent years to channel the amount of blood los,s into a more constructive and progressive practice some leaders have suggested marking the day by donating blood. This day also marks a day of very high security and violence between Sunni and Shia Muslims because it was a day of their great one being lost in a battle. An Egyptian national driving a garbage truck loaded with explosives and Islamic State papers rammed into a truck carrying five US soldiers in Kuwait, injuring only himself after his bombs apparently failed to detonate.The Kuwaiti authorities had previously warned that they would be increasing security measures in the lead up to Ashura. None of the soldiers were injured in the attack, while the alleged assailant was being treated in hospital, according to independant.co.uk.

Envirothon:

Bottom:

Jarrett Kelly and Garrett Beaulieu who are examining a jaw bone.

Top right: Tony Walker and Garrett Baker



"The kids are busy preparing for the county competition, which will be in late April. They are wrapping up with the Wildlife Unit and getting ready to begin Aquatics. We are hoping to go ice fishing this winter in Deep Creek Lake." Ms. Kenyon-Sisler

Look Through The Lens:

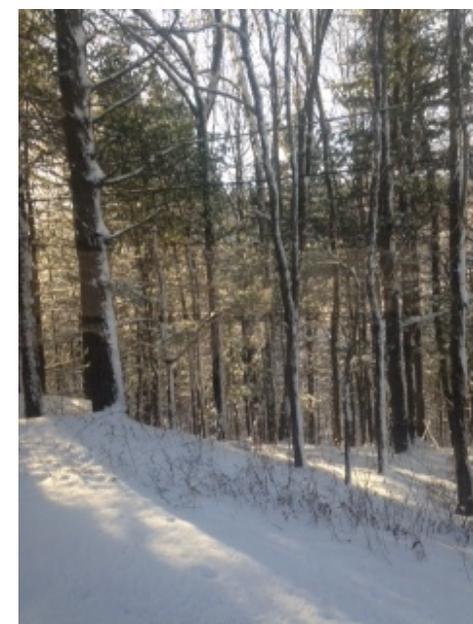
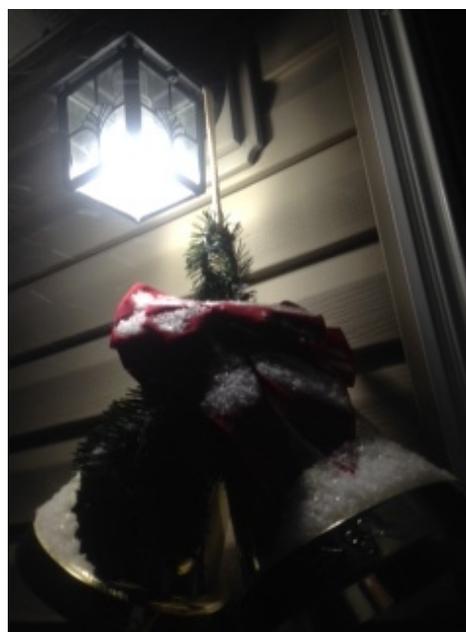
Check it out! Snow Pics!

"Garrett County finally got to see a reputable amount of **SNOW!!!!**"



Your Northern Bark News Staff [pictured left]

Abby Burdock, Hailey Yommer, Emily James, Karen Beiler, Kristen Kight, Heritage Hamp Staff Editors: (not pictured) Ms. Virts & Ms. Roller



Pictured [Above] is the backdrop to Friday night's Band and Chorus concert, including an original painting by senior Cassidy Mark.