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Our County's Christmas



A Look Through the Lens

By Emily James

Pictured [left] are shots from the towns of Accident and McHenry as they get ready and begin to decorate for the busy holiday season.

Breaking News: Pipeline- The Battle Is Not Over Yet

By Heritage Hamp

Despite winning the battle between protesters and North Dakota police, there are still protestors in the Standing Rock area. The protestors fear that despite the Army Corp deciding to reroute, the decision will be repealed. It has been said that Donald Trump is in favor of the current plans "based on policy, not [Trump's] investments" (*Heavynews.com*).

Many of the protestors, in fear of the decision being repealed by Energy Transfer Partners refuse to leave the site. If the decision is repealed there will be almost nothing protestors can do besides continuing to protest peacefully. It is said that President Elect Trump has investments in the company building the Dakota pipeline and may stand to profit if the decision is repealed. Despite the President Elect not having an actual say in where the pipeline is made, he will have a large influence once in office. Many fear that when Trump takes office, he will ignore everything the protestors have already accomplished and have the pipeline go on its original track. This will undermine all of the lives of the Native Americans (Continued on page 2)

Science Now: The Sun Is the Light of Our Lives

By Heritage Hamp

Cool science fact: a light photon takes about 40,000 years to travel from the center of the sun to its surface, but only takes 8 minutes to travel to Earth.

This puts Earth's size in perspective. Our earth is actually a small being in the entirety of outer space. The sun is almost exactly 100 times larger than Earth, meaning that Earth can be put inside of the sun over 1 million

times. The best part, though, is our sun is actually not that large. In comparison to other stars in our Milky Way, our sun is a medium sized star. The star Betelgeuse, a red giant, is about 700 times bigger than the sun and about 14,000 times brighter. We could put 7 million of our sun into that star, meaning our earth can be put into it 7 billion times. That is a large number. Like, a really large number. Imagine all of the people of the earth as individual earths, and place them all in one circle. Also, our sun is a G-dwarf star, which is actually a white color. (continued on page 8)

Baskets and Pins- Winter Sports at NHS

By Hailey Yommer

This week has been an exciting week in Northern Athletics! Our teams all came out with wins in their first games and matches, a great way to start their seasons.

The JV boys basketball team helped kick off their season with a 43-31 win over Bishop Walsh at their opening game on Wednesday night. After winning all 4 of their pre-season scrimmages the JV boys are looking good for the (continued on page 4)

Breaking News

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and their culture.

Many things are coming from this eight month long protest. There are multiple investigations going into the North Dakota police force for using excessive and unnecessary crowd control methods. Throughout the entirety of the protest, there have been attacks made against the protestors by police. Many claim that it was unnecessary because the protestors were being peaceful. During Labor Day weekend, Amy Goodman of *Democracy Now* went to the camp to interview the tribal people and other protestors there. While she was there, she witnessed security dogs attacking many of the protestors who were doing nothing but yelling to try and stop bulldozers. Goodman recorded most of her time there and here is part of the transcript: "People have gone through the fence—men, women and children. The bulldozers are still going. And they're yelling at the men in hard hats. One man in a hard hat threw one of the protesters down....Some of the security have dogs....Protesters advance as far as a small wooden bridge. Security unleashes one of the dogs, which attacks two of the Native Americans' horses. Security has some kind of gas. People are being pepper-sprayed." This is just one of the times force was used against people doing nothing but standing. There was a woman who was reportedly threatening the Native Americans and 'sicking' her dog on them. "Ma'am, your

dog just bit this protester.

Your dog just bit that protester. Are you telling the dogs to bite the protesters?" Goodman asks the woman, who does not reply.

Another, separate instance is more recent. The protesters were being attacked by water cannons in sub-degree weather. This is incredibly dangerous because this can very easily cause hypothermia, which did happen. According to *The Guardian*, "Twenty-six people were hospitalized and more than 300 injured after North Dakota law enforcement officers trained water cannons, teargas, and other "less-than-lethal" weapons on unarmed activists". Not only did the police make a terrible decision, but many unarmed people were actually injured. The police used concussion grenades which are typically used during mass riots, not crowd control. One woman, 21-year-old Sophia Wilansky, was handing out water bottles and had her arm nearly blown off from one of the grenades and now will require at least twenty surgeries to repair her arm. The police also used mace and tear gas to try and disperse the protesters. All of these acts of violence have caused the police force to be placed under investigation. Despite being horrific in the act, many people hope this will show the public just how much power the police have and that the investigations into the police actions will cause some changes in what the police are allowed to do.



Pictured [above] are Mr. Paxton (in yellow) with his AP Art students.

Offhand Opinions:

Be Cool: Take Care of Your Pets This Winter!

(Editorial)

By Emily James

As the temperature begins to decrease, the amount of risk that could come to your pets due to the cold will begin to increase. While many of our furry companions have enough fur to ward off most of the chill, leaving your pets outside for longer periods of time can prove devastating. If you are the caretaker of a pet, you are responsible for finding a way to safely accommodate your pets while they are outdoors, as well as offering them indoor shelter if the weather becomes too unbearable for them. Extremely snowy conditions, or freezing temperatures can cause hypothermia to animals who cannot find appropriate shelter. Pets can also become susceptible to frostbite on parts of their body where there is a lack of fur. The Humane Society warns that, "exposed skin on noses, ears, and paw pads can quickly freeze and suffer permanent damage". Generally, it is a good idea to keep your pets inside for most of the day and throughout the night once the

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Northern Spotlight: **Painting Futures:** **Mr. Paxton**

By Abby Burdock

All students attending Northern must earn at least one Fine Arts credit to graduate. Students have the option of taking Theatre, Piano, or Art to receive this credit. Many students opt to take Art class with Mr. Paxton. Students begin in Art I and learn the basic principles of art, like color and basic composition. Next, students have the option of taking Art II where students have the opportunity to explore new mediums. After that students interested in learning more about the subject take an advanced art class or a studio class. In these classes students have more freedom to explore mediums and subject areas. This is the first year Mr. Paxton is teaching an AP art class for students who have taken all of his other classes.

Mr. Paxton studied sculpture at West Virginia University. He majored in fine arts and eventually art education. He decided he wanted to teach after he spent a few summers doing art activities for kids in his local community parks. "I really liked working with the kids. It was really fun," says Paxton. He has learned all mediums of art so that he can teach them in his classes. "I've had to learn different things as I've taught, so that I can help my students with them. I've learned pottery, different paints, ink, and other drawing mediums so that I can show the students how to use them," says Paxton.

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Watch, Look, Listen: **Beat the** **Cold- Netflix in** **December**

By Karen Beiler

Are you ready for the cold and festive holiday, Christmas where you can sit back and watch a new movie release on *Netflix* with a cup of hot chocolate, then check out these movies that I'm sure will be very entertaining. Here are just a few already picked out for you if you don't know what to watch.

Captain America-Civil War hits *Netflix* Christmas day, talk about a Christmas treat. This movie is a sequel of *Captain America-Winter Soldier* and *Captain America- First Avenger* produced by Kevin Feige. It follows all the marvel comics so all you nerds out there you'll know everything that already happens. Its world premier was held in Los Angeles on April 12 and released into the U.S on May 6, it became a critical and commercial success, grossing over \$1.1 billion worldwide, making it the highest grossing film of 2016 and the 12th highest grossing film of all time.

Another binge worthy film would be the thriller *The Good Neighbor* that came out december 5. It's about these two tech savvy boys who decide to prank their neighbor and make him believe that his house is haunted, so they place cameras in his house one afternoon to catch his reactions to the ghost simulations they do. The boys are doing this for a school project and soon realize that there neighbor Harold Grainey

is not one to mess with. The boys neighbor has been known throughout the neighborhood as being hostile, a recluse, and a creepy old man so they thought he was a good target. So you see there are plenty of movies and shows that you can watch instead of going out in the cold. There are all assortments of things to watch on *Netflix* from thriller, romance, to even comical, so just sit back prop your feet up get some hot chocolate and blankets and enjoy whatever you decide to put on.

Northern Spotlight

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Northern students have nothing but good things to say about Mr. Paxton. His AP Art students have had him for most of their high school careers and have many funny stories and kind remarks to share. Emily James, a senior AP student of Mr. Paxton's, says, "I cause him a lot grief and I'm thankful he can put up with it. He's a cool dude".

Hailey Yommer, another senior AP Art student, says, "I've had Mr. Paxton for three years, and he is my favorite teacher. He's shown me a lot of techniques, and has definitely made me a better artist". McKenna Fazenbaker, another senior AP student, says, "Paxton has a box of worms that he feeds and cares for them. He's really funny teacher and does a lot of funny things to keep art interesting". Nate Durst, a member of Mr. Paxton's Art Enrichment, says, "Mr. Paxton is my brother from another mother and the coolest dude I know". Paxton is not only respected by his students he is respected by his colleagues as



Keep Us Warm: Pictured [left] Is Frisk, who is often outside, but she keeps warm in her very own cat house. Pictured [right] is Beasley. He is an indoor cat, and does not require any outdoor shelter. [Photo courtesy of

well. Mrs. Savage says, "Mr. Paxton is a good neighbor and teacher. He is always there when I need something from him". Mr. Paxton has helped to paint the futures of Northern's students.

Offhand Opinions

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temperature has dropped below the freezing point of 32 degrees, keeping in mind the wind chill factor in addition. If they must be left outside for an extended period of time, they must have access to plenty of food, unfrozen water, and a warm area to shelter away from the cold and wind. One danger that winter poses for pets, especially dogs, is the risk of coming across rock salt and antifreeze while left outside. The chemicals in rock salt that are used to melt snow can irritate the paws of a dog who has tread over it, and it can also irritate a dog's mouth if the dog happens to lick his or her paws. Traditional antifreeze is incredibly deadly to pets when ingested. Unfortunately, antifreeze is sweet-tasting to pets, and this often entices them to be more attracted to it. If possible, try to use antifreeze that is made with propylene glycol, as it is less toxic to animals. In any case, remember to always wipe your dog's paws after they've been outside, in order to prevent them from ingesting any chemicals that they may have stepped in.

A threat that is specific to cats, on the other hand, lies in their habit to seek shelter in warm and closed spaces. Many felines, whether owned or feral, may attempt to escape the cold by climbing up under the hood of a car. The SPCA of Maryland reminds everyone that, "when the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt". To prevent these incidents, bang loudly on the hood of your car before starting the engine. The noise will scare off any cat that may have taken shelter inside.

Ultimately, you are responsible for keeping your pets out of harm's way. Restricting them to an outdoor life without shelter is considered an act of animal neglect, and is a misdemeanor crime in all 50 states. There is absolutely no excuse for this type of negligence. This winter, take the necessary steps to preserve the well being of your beloved pets, and remember to report any possible acts of animal neglect to a local animal control center.

Slice of Advice

By Emily James

Congratulations, you've stumbled onto our advice column! Is dad not letting you go to the game? Did the dog eat your homework, again? Well, you've come to the right place. All the advice you could ever need can be sought out right here.

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.

Baskets and Pins

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rest of their season. Peyton Carr and Cody Eyler led the scoring against Bishop Walsh, Peyton with 16 points and Cody with 15. Bradie Moore also contributed 8 points to help the team earn their victory. Sophomore Cody Eyler has been a part of Northern's JV basketball team for the past 2 years, in regard to their win last night he says, "It feels really good to get out first win of the season! We still have a lot more to prove". The next two games will be away, On Friday the boys travel to Frankfort and on Monday to Paw Paw, both JV games beginning at 6:00pm. Following the JV teams success, the varsity boys basketball team also pulled out a win at their season opener against Bishop Walsh with a score of 45-30.

This game proved to be worth the wait after being rescheduled on Tuesday night due to bad weather. After losing Calyb King, one of their leading scorers, in the first quarter to an injury the boys had to bounce back and play the remainder of the game without him. Their defensive playing and quick thinking was what was able to aid in scoring and help keep them in control of the game. Losing a key player so early into the game is never a good situation, but our boys proved that they have what it takes to come out victorious. Senior Kole Bennett states, "I think that as a team we look really good. Our ability to work together as a team to share the ball definitely contributed to our win". Austin Evans led the scoring for the game. "All of our players gave a huge contribution. We played with a lot of heart and this was an amazing start to our season which will hopefully continue to be successful" says Colton Houser. The boys play Frankfort and Paw Paw at 7:30 after the JV games. If you couldn't make it to the home game on Wednesday night come check out our boys basketball team next week. On Wednesday the 14th the boys will take on Hancock at home, JV beginning at 6:00pm and varsity at 7:30pm.

The wrestling team traveled to Mountain Ridge for their match on Wednesday, bringing a 54-21 victory back with them. The boys were able to win every weight class except for 3. Winning with pins were Hunter Wilhelm (113), Devin Wilhelm (126), Tylor Thomas (132), Luke Lowery (128), James Lewis (195), and Riley Brick (220). Jordan Day, Randall Ganoe, Tony Walker,



Pictured [Above] are members of the NHS Wrestling Team at the match at Mt. Ridge High School.

and Brian Tiemersma also won their matches. Randall Ganoe, who won his match with an 8-3 victory says, "We started off the season good with our first win against Mountain Ridge. We only lost 3 matches and 1 forfeit. I think we will do the same against Meyersdale." Perhaps the most exciting moment of the whole match was Luke Lowery's pin. Luke managed to secure his win in only 15 seconds, which is amazingly fast for a pin. Also winning with a pin was Senior Devin Wilhelm. Devin finished 5th at the state meet last year and is hoping to make it back this year for another shot, "Tonight I was following up my little brothers win, I really wanted to keep things rolling with another pin. I did just that and so did the rest of the team! This year we have a great team of humble kids that work hard. The team includes 10 seniors and many other hard workers. It's going to be a great season, so come out and support us!". You have the chance to see the team in action at home on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The boys will take on Meyersdale on Tuesday night at 7pm and Hampshire on Wednesday at 2pm.

On Monday night the girls basketball team played an away game at Hancock. Our ladies basketball team earned a 54-18 win. Leading the girls were Carly Rodeheaver with 12 points and Tessa Gardner with 11 points. Tessa Gardner said the following regarding the win, "It was definitely a well played game and looks to be a good start to the season, but there's always room for improvement and we can only get better from here". The girl first home games will be next week on Monday and Thursday. Monday night will be a varsity only home game against Turkeyfoot. Thursday's game is against Paw Paw, JV beginning at 6:00pm and varsity at 7:30. If you have not already bought your T-shirt for the girls annual spirit night, you still have a chance! On January 9th we will be hosting the Allegany Campers. The theme for this year is "Black Ice" and the goal is to turn the gymnasium into a blackout. The shirts are \$15, contact any member of the basketball team to order your shirt, this game will be one that you don't want to miss! Many home games are coming up in the next week, so make sure you come out and support our winter sports!

Tech Now: Best Christmas Gifts

By Karen Beiler

The 2016 year has been a successful year for technology companies because they keep making new things that people find very cool to buy. The most technology gadgets sold were the Fitbit, Amazon Echo, Samsung Gear VR headset, wireless waterproof speaker, Apple iPhone 7, and the iRobot.

According to *wareable.com* the Fitbit has gone beyond cheap and the plasticity step tracker, they now pack serious style and is a 24/7 heart rate monitor and have serious insight into your health. The right one for you depends on your level activity and your individual needs. Mrs Harvey our Algebra II teacher says, "I have really enjoyed mine it helps me keep track of my health and how many times I am active a day." The fitbit is waterproof up to 50m, so if you're the type that likes to swim for exercise then it's good for you, it also has a week round battery life, and is devilishly good when comes to notifications." Its total cost when not on sale is \$219.99 on *garmin.com* or *Amazon*.

Another cool tech invention to give for a Christmas gift would be the Apple iPhone 7. The iPhone 7 dramatically improves the most important aspects of the whole iPhone experience according to *apple.com*. It introduces advanced new camera systems and the best performance of battery life in a phone, immersive stereo speakers, brightest and most

colorful display, and last but not least its splash and water resistant. The all new redesigned home button is designed to be durable, responsive, and pressure sensitive.

This holiday season if you're tired of cleaning up after everyone, do it know more. The iRobot Roomba is a self cleaning vacuum with 360 sensors so it can clean every inch of your house. Roomba was introduced in September 2002 and as of February 2014 ten million have been sold. Its a computerized cleaner that automatically brushes and sweeps all types of floors. According to *explainthatstuff.com* it has ninety minutes between each charge to clean and the sensors that it has detects chargers and dog toys so it knows not to run over them. When it cleans it pockets the dirt into a container that will need to be changed after every two uses.

So for the tech savvy person in your life, or someone that just deserves a really cool gift this season, consider one of these options as you begin, continue, or finish up your holiday shopping.



Spreading Christmas Cheer! Mrs. Liffbrig's class is building a chain of things students and staff at Northern Garrett are thankful for! The chain will be put on the Main Lobby Christmas Tree. Pictured [above] Brooke Rishel, Emily Shugars, Savannah Poli, Danielle Miller, and Zach Miller.

Read All About It: Student Submission

By Abby Burdock

This week's short story was submitted by senior Nathan Ashley. This is his second time being featured in our newspaper. If you would like to have your work featured in the newspaper please submit it to Mrs. Roller in the library.

"The Legend of the Fabled Klaphiri"

Across a distant ocean, there lies an island. The island is indescribably beautiful and sports an abundance of life. There, many strange and wonderful creatures abide in perfect balance. The people of the island live in eternal peace, being of one race and speaking a single language. Farms, metal-smith shops, shoemakers, cartographers, teachers, orators, and priests can all be found on this island. Every morning, every single inhabitant of the island will awaken early enough to watch the sunrise and wish each other a hearty "Good morning!" It would seem to be a life of immortal happiness; perhaps

even incomparable unity. The island was known as Egomba, a legend or myth usually told to children on the mainland. It had been reported by an accident sailor from the land of Avinae, but was never sought out afterwards, and thus fell into fiction. In the original reports, the people there had been described as horrific cannibals and savages. However, in reality the inhabitants were very welcoming. The legend had been heard all over the world, and all who had heard it believed that it would be best to, "Leave the savages where they lie". One fateful day, the Egombans sighted an array of sailing ships off the coast of their beloved island, which turned out to be from a land unheard of by the people on the mainland. The ships came from Graka, a large island further east of Egomba. They had never been seen before, and were following their new leader on a journey of conquest. They desired to overtake Egomba and add its great beauty to their small empire. The great soldier, (Continued on page 7)

Strange Happenings: Geological Wonders of the World

By Kristen Kight

At home this week my little sister brought a national geographic up to me with a picture of the Cueva de los Cristales (the cave of crystals in Mexico) and as we looked through the pictures I thought, 'Maybe there are other places like this out there that I could write about'. Sure enough we found a bunch of places. Here are some of the coolest ones out there. As you read this, feel free to *Google* these places to see how fascinating they are.

Cabayugan - Cabayugan (also called Saint Paul river) is an underground river located in the Palawan, Philippines. It is approximately 5 ½ miles long and is located under the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park. There are many tours that are offered, so that people get a chance to see the vast chambers filled with Stalactites (which hang from the ceiling of a cave), stalagmites (grow from the cave floor), and over 400,000 bats. The journey ends whenever you flow right into the South China Sea.

(according to *mysteriousuniverse.org*)

Giant's Causeway- The Giant's Causeway is a natural rock formation that is located on the Northeast coast of Northern Ireland. A causeway is a raised road or path that is usually over low or wet ground and this causeway covers an area of more than 40,000 interlocking columns. The pillar like structure of it is

caused by Horizontal contraction as the lava cooled. "Horizontal contraction fractured in a similar way to drying mud, with the cracks propagating down as the mass cooled, leaving pillar like structures, which are also fractured horizontally into "biscuits"". Although if you ask the locals they will tell you that a giant Fionn MacCool built it in order to fight the Scottish giant Benandonner. (according to *primaryfacts.com*)

Crystal Cave - The Cave of Crystals is a stunning cave located 300 meters (950ft) below a mineshaft in Naica, Mexico. It was discovered in 2000 by two miners who were pursuing some traces of silver whenever they broke into a subterranean chamber. In the main chamber is some of the largest natural crystals ever discovered. The largest being 38ft and weighing approximately 55 ton. What makes this site even more special is the pool of magma located beneath the cave and although this makes the lower caves unbearable for any length of time it also is the reason the crystals are as big as they are.

The Door to Hell - The Door to Hell may not be as natural as some of these other sites, but it is just as exciting. The Door to Hell is a 230-foot-wide crater in the middle of the desert near the village of Deweze. In 1971, Soviet scientists set up a drilling platform for natural gas. "The rig collapsed, and fearing the spread of poisonous methane gas, the researchers set the crater on fire hoping it would burn out in a few hours." Now over 40 years later it is rated

one of the creepiest places on earth, but still attracts hundreds of tourist every year.

Student Art Spotlight

By Abby Burdock



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Title: Alex

Medium: Acrylic Paint



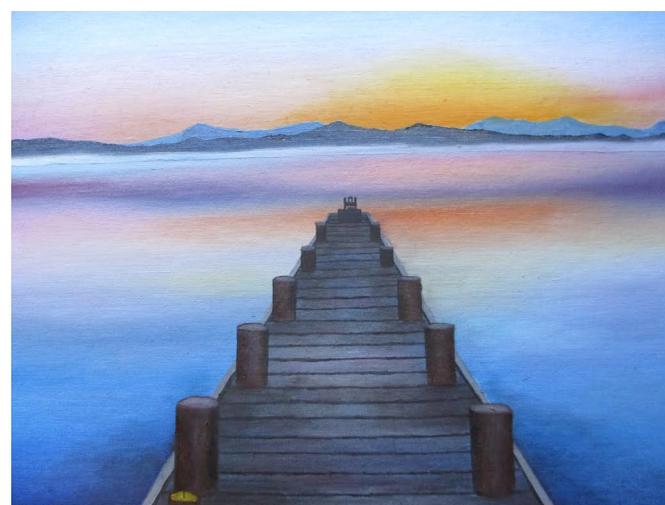
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Artist: McKenna

Fazenbaker

Title: In the Spotlight

Medium: Oil Paint



[Above]

Artist: Hailey Yommer

Title: Sunset Bay

Medium: Oil Paint

The great soldier, Calem the Mighty, led the Egombans into battle on the shore and slew many Grakans. The Egomban army, however, was failing. The soldiers had not been properly trained or prepared, mainly because their civilization had never seen war. Many of them had previously questioned the purpose of even having an armory in the first place. Their general Calem soon became desperate. As a great sense of dread quickly descended upon him, he cried out to Al'nol, the deity of good magic. Calem's cry was heard and aid came. When the battle had paused for the night, and each army was in its camp, Al'nol descended to the world as a physical being. Strangely, it chose a large cat, which has been described as similar to a black panther. The cat walked through the camp of the Egombans and called the soldiers to rally. Anyone who touched the animal instantly fell to the ground in pain and strange sensations which could never be described in words. Those affected slowly grew wings. They became like great angels of war and their skills in battle improved dramatically. The Grakan army was quickly decimated, and those who attempted to escape to their ships were slain in the water by the flying soldier. These new creatures came to call themselves "Klaphiri," which in their native tongue means "winged-person". Unfortunately, shortly following the battle, there came a great epidemic of death. Those who had been gifted with wings began to commit strange deeds. In their

excitement, they either flew too high or too fast and accidentally ended their own lives. So many incidents occurred that Al'nol decided to intervene. It chose not to merely remove the wings, but instead chose to bring another battle. Those who survived would then leave the island forever. Only a few realized that this was the only way for their race to survive and fought hard. Others did not understand and did not wish to leave their home, thus choosing not to fight and were slain or captured by Grakans in the Second Battle of the Klaphiri.

Of the thousand Klaphiri soldiers who went to war and the two thousand others in the population, only about three hundred survived. Those who finally drove off the enemy loaded their transport ocean-barges and sailed away forever. Today it is believed that Al'nol transformed the island of Egomba into a deserted wasteland; a useless land mass, not valuable enough to settle. The Klaphiri sailed north-west toward the mainland and landed on the island of Lelona. There, they have dwelled in secret for centuries, never once contacting another nation, sitting on the northernmost islands in the known world. The only time they will ever be seen is in the Great World War of the Fourth Age when they aid the other nations against the vast armies of evil.



Grand Volleyball Champions Celebrate: *Pictured [Above] are winners from Ms. Stough's class- Anthony Paul, [seated] Alexis Cole, Alexis Warner, Hunter Hockman, Bethany Umbel, Hunter Meyers, and Jetta Sherbin*

Looking Back at History: Loss of a Legend

By Kristen Kight

For this week's history I have chosen to cover the life and death of famed singer and songwriter John Lennon. On December 8, 1980 Lennon was shot by a crazed fan. John Lennon was beloved by many and is still known for being the Co-Founder of The Beatles and a social activist. Lennon had always had a taste for music. His mother, Julia, taught him how to play banjo, piano, and eventually bought him his first guitar. He was in a band called The Quarrymen before forming The Beatles in 1960 (*bio.com*). Lennon met Paul McCartney in 1957 and the two created a very successful songwriting team. From there the other two members, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, were introduced and the group wrote their 1st hit single, "Love Me Do", under their new record deal. "In 1964, The Beatles became the first British band to break out big in the United States" (*bio.com*). The Beatles returned to Britain to film their

first film, *A Hard Day's Night* in 1964. Their second film, *Help!*, was released a year later. "That June, Queen Elizabeth II of England announced that The Beatles would be named a Member of the Order of the British Empire" (*johnlennon.com*). Lennon left the Beatles in September 1969. Throughout his life he had been married twice. His first marriage was in 1962 to Cynthia Powell and they had one son together, Julian. She and Lennon divorced in 1968. He remarried the following year to Japanese artist Yoko Ono, who he had met in November 1966. Together Lennon and Yoko formed a musical partnership. Not long after the Beatles broke up, in 1970, Lennon released his debut solo album, *John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band*. He followed that project with 1971's *Imagine*, the most successful of all Lennon's post-Beatles efforts. "The title track was later named No. 3 on Rolling Stone magazine's "All-Time Best Songs" list." (*bio.com*). Lennon and Ono moved to the United States in September (Continued on page 8)

1971, but were threatened with deportation because of his 1968 marijuana conviction in Britain. His immigration battle took a toll on Lennon's marriage, and in the fall of 1973, he and Ono separated. During the separation Lennon collaborated with David Bowie and Elton John. Lennon and Ono reconciled in 1974, and she gave birth to their only son named Sean. On Lennon's 35th birthday he decided to leave the music business to focus on being a father and husband.

John Lennon returned to the music business in 1980 with the album *Double Fantasy*. Tragically, just a few weeks after the album's release crazed fan, Mark David Chapman shot Lennon four times in the back outside his apartment complex in New York City. Lennon, pronounced dead at the hospital, died at the age of 40. His wife Yoko Ono decided to have her husband cremated and to have no funeral service.

John Lennon's assassination had a huge impact on pop culture. Lennon, who always talked of peace, was shot in an act of violence. "Lennon's untimely death still evokes deep sadness around the globe today, as he continues to be admired by new generations of fans." Lennon was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1987, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994 (johnlennon.com).



Your Northern Bark News Staff [pictured above]
Abby Burdock, Hailey Yommer, Emily James, Karen Beiler, Kristen Kight, Heritage Hamp
Staff Editors: (*not pictured*) Ms. Virts & Ms. Roller

Science Now **(Continued)**

The sun appears yellow to us because of the way the light photons filter through our atmosphere. Our sun is also 99.8% of the mass of our solar system. Some astronomers jokingly refer to our solar system as, "the sun plus some debris."

It's also been said that in a few billion years, the sun will burn through all of its hydrogen, causing the star to expand into a red giant star and burn up to some of the planets, including Earth. Then, the carbon and helium in the sun will become incredibly hot-like really hot, considering how hot the sun is already- and turn into oxygen, causing the star to dramatically shrink into a smaller, white-hot dwarf star about the size of the earth. How exciting.

Holiday Music in the Air **NHS Music Department** **- Christmas Holiday** **Concert**

(Article Courtesy of Mrs. Ahern)

The Northern Garrett High School Music Department will host it's annual Christmas Holiday Concert on Friday, December 16, beginning at 7:00 PM. Performing in the the program will be the Concert Chorus; the Concert Band; a Piano Performance; and the Marching Band. This performance will consist of a variety of popular music, concert music and holiday favorites. Donations will be accepted at the door, and snacks and beverages will be available throughout the evening, also on a donation basis. In addition a 50/50 raffle will be held. All proceeds will benefit the Northern Music Boosters in support of their upcoming trip to the Presidential Inauguration. Come out and join us for an evening of celebration and musical fun!

In case school is cancelled, or we have an early dismissal, due to inclement weather on December 16th, there is a make-up date of Thursday, December 22nd.