

OBAMA CLAIMS VICTORY

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Editor-In-Chief

President Barack Obama has won the 2012 Presidential Election, and earned his place in office for a second term.

This year's race has been extremely close ever since it started after the primaries ended in June. Up until the end the race was pretty much tied and it was hard for analysts to determine who was going to win. As the totals came in on Election Day, they remained extremely close only leaving at most a 20% margin. In the last month, the candidates gave it their all and put endless amounts of money into each of their campaigns. According to <http://townhall.com>, it is said that they spent approximately \$2 Billion on their campaigns.

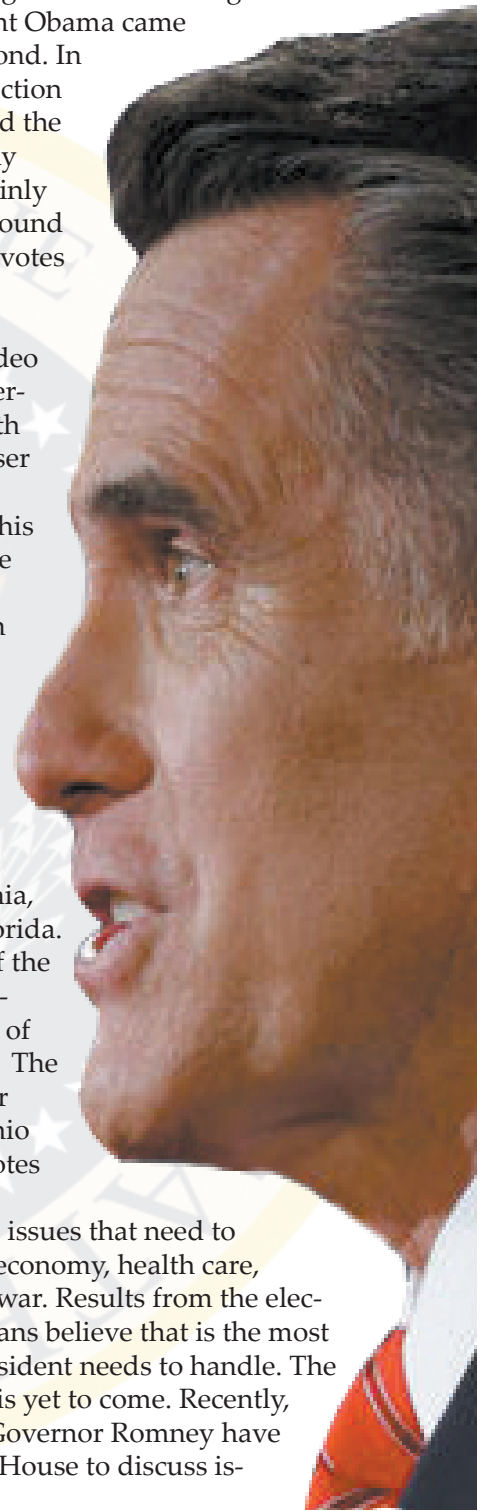
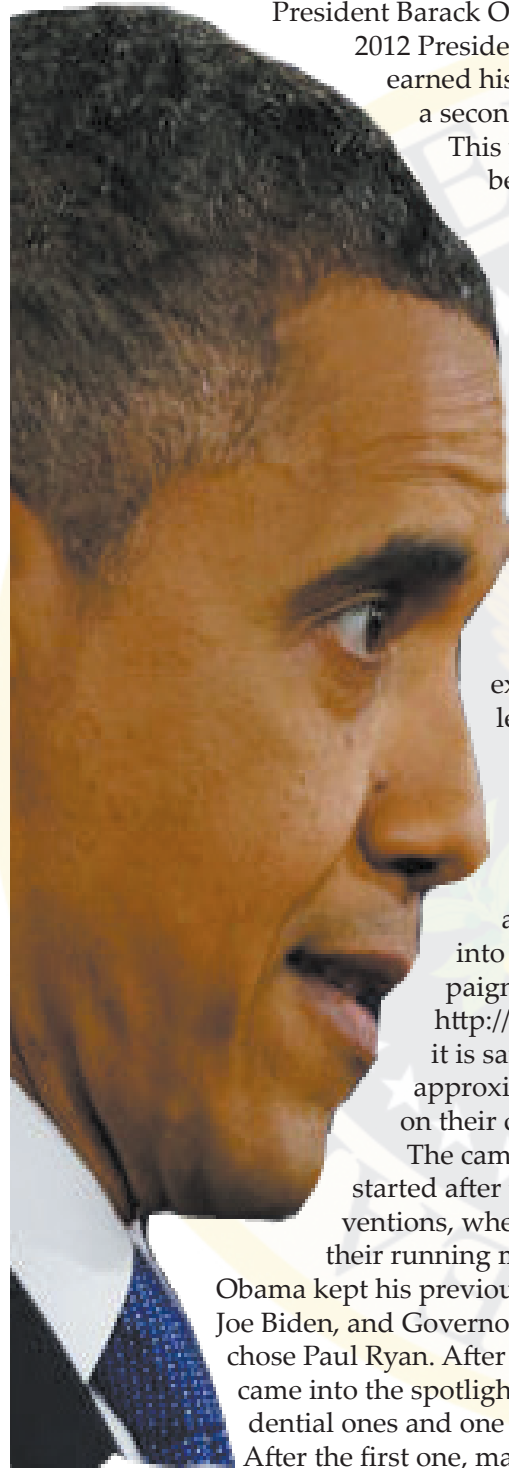
The campaigns officially started after the National Conventions, where they announced their running mates. President Obama kept his previous vice president, Joe Biden, and Governor Mitt Romney chose Paul Ryan. After that, the debates came into the spotlight with two Presidential ones and one Vice President. After the first one, many experts believe

that Governor Romney gave himself a surge in popularity, but President Obama came with revenge in the second. In the last week before Election Day, both teams traveled the country making as many stops as they could. Mainly stopping in the battleground states to try and secure votes from the independents.

In approximately the middle of October, a video had surfaced with Governor Romney talking with supporters at a fundraiser about his plans. Many voters were angered at his compulsive ideas for the middle class.

President Obama won his victory by securing many of the battleground states that could have swung either way. These states included Nevada, Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida. He also secured most of the higher populated northeastern states with a lot of Electoral College votes. The most important state for both candidates was Ohio due to the amount of votes up for grabs.

In the next four years, issues that need to be tackled include: the economy, health care, social security, and the war. Results from the elections show that Americans believe that is the most important issue the President needs to handle. The President says the best is yet to come. Recently, President Obama and Governor Romney have had lunch at the White House to discuss issues.



Mock Elections

Students cast their ballots in electronic election.

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Editors wish BHS a happy holiday on behalf of Student Times Staff

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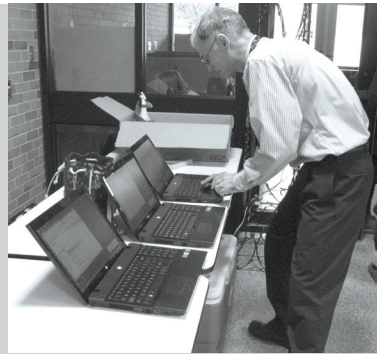
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Student Mock Elections



Seniors, Josh Lowery and Makenziy Meeker, check-in students at the voter registration table.



AP Government and Politics teacher, Bruce Guenther, loads the ballots onto the laptops.



(Photos by Brooke Wharton) Senior, Lisa Bugasch, dressed up in a patriotic outfit for Election Day at BHS.

By Erica Robbins
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This year the Advanced Placement Government and Politics class held a student mock election. The class hosts the mock elections, and it happens every four years and models after the presidential elections. Students spent hours planning everything that was associated with it. Since there are only six students in the class, they took on a big project.

Senior, Andrew Maholtra, said, "It was a lot of fun working with our group it made us become closer as a class." They asked some students from the previous government class to help with the polls. The polls were set up in the cafeteria

lobby, where they made individual booths for the voters.

Senior, Kasey Bacher, believes that "the booths symbolized the real ones at the actual polling place, which I have been to with my parents." This was the first year that electronic polling was used through the school. They used a new web-based survey system implemented by Director of Technology, Mr. Steven Christian, that gave survey results almost instantly.

The polls officially closed at 2:30pm, and all votes were cast at that time.

Results from the student mock elections ended up being extremely similar to the actual election results. President Obama had won

the presidency according to the school results. Other election results the students participated include Representative Lou Barletta and Senator Bob Casey winning a second term.

"Our election went extremely smooth. I was surprised how much it resembled the actual election place that we visited the following day," said AP Government teacher, Mr. Bruce Guenther.

Students made sure realistic aspects were in place on voting day to make the students more aware of what Election Day is like.

Local new coverage from Newswatch 16 and The Press Enterprise added to the realism of the election. It was a great opportunity.

Students participate in annual Run for the Diamonds

ASHLEY KOTARSKY
Senior

Since 1902, Berwick has held the Run for the Diamonds on Thanksgiving Day.

This is a 5K race which means that it is a nine mile race in the United States.

From the first race to present day, the participation has gradually increased by at least five hundred runners. With that rate, it is safe to assume that this statistic will surely keep on growing.

For the past three years, Sophomore, Elizabeth Dyer has been running the diamond with her family. Dyer trained with the Cross Country team preparing for the race. Her goals for the race were to beat her sister and hopefully win a diamond. She encourages other students to run the race because of the great experience she has had with it.

As a first time runner, Spence's goal was to finish the race with her friends on the Cross Country team.

Senior, Laura Spence has also been running with the Cross Country team to train and motivate her to run this year's race. "This is the first time my family is staying home for Thanksgiving, so I thought it would be a good idea to run it," said Spence.

Cross Country coach, Mrs. Karen May has been running since she was fourteen years old. "I started my senior year [to Run for the Diamonds] because you were not allowed to run until you were a senior." Mrs. May has always loved running and coaching Cross Country. For the diamonds, Mrs. May use to run competitively and has been awarded actually diamonds but at this age, Mrs. May hopes to finish strong.



(Photo By Bree Klinger) Sophomore, CJ Whitmire, celebrates his confidence after completing the annual Run for the Diamonds on the morning of Thanksgiving day.

The Run for the Diamonds has a strenuous course that includes rough hills and a difficult distance. This year, Derek Nakluski from Kitchener, Ontario came in first place with a time of 45 minutes and 51 seconds for the men and for the women, Karaleigh Millhouse from State College came in first place with a time of 52 minutes and 58 seconds.

Congratulations to those who completed the race.

Sign of the times: Kindles in the Library

JILLIAN HARVEY
Freshman



(Amazon.com/MCT)

There is always new technology coming out, and it is hard to keep up with it all.

The library is trying its best to keep up with advancing technology, and have recently, bought new Kindles for students to sign out and use.

Although the library already has a lot of technology, librarians were looking to get more. The Librarian, Mrs. Heather Henry said, "We would like to add a new database and see where technology takes us." A lot of students do not know that the library has Kindles but the ones that do are starting to use them.

The library has two Kindles now, and they are planning on getting two more Kindles this year. A lot of students think it is a good idea. Freshmen, Raina Goulstone said, "I think the Kindles will encourage more students to read."

When the library buys a book on the Kindle, it saves money because they can put that book on up to six Kindles; therefore they can have more copies of the book for students to use for the price of one.

When students sign a Kindle out of the library, they are not allowed to buy books that they want because they have to be approved by the school before they can be purchased.

Also, students have to get parental permission to use the Kindles. After students turn in their forms in with their parent's permission, students can sign the Kindle out for two weeks. After the two weeks students can sign it out for another two weeks, but then students have to return it back to the library after those two weeks.

So far students have been using the Kindles appropriately. The library has blocked the internet and games on the Kindles, so students cannot use them for anything but reading. For more information about the Kindle or about signing out a Kindle, see Mrs. Henry in the library.

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Members are more than 'smart kids'

ALLISON WYDA
Senior

A club for the 'smart kids' is an understatement when it comes to the National Honor Society. Most students think that NHS is a club for students with good grades. However, scholarship is not the only quality NHS members must possess. Members of the club possess the qualities it takes to make a well-rounded student which includes leadership, service and character qualities.

According to NHS advisor and Math Teacher, Mr. Scott Hook, NHS is an active club that dates back to at least 1968. It is a club that inducts 10th to 12th grade students every February with grade point averages of ninety-five and above. The inductees are not only academically successful, but they are also successful in being leaders and setting good examples in their school and community.

This year, members of NHS and their advisor aim to focus specifically on one of the four main characteristics. The focus of the club this year is to get more involved and give back to the community. Both members and the advisor agree that NHS is a great place to channel community service. Mr. Hook said, "It is a place for students with higher scholarship to get involved with community service."

NHS Vice President and Senior, Caty Davenport feels that community service plays a big role in the club and is a main focus for the year as well. Davenport said, "I would like to see the club get more involved with the community."

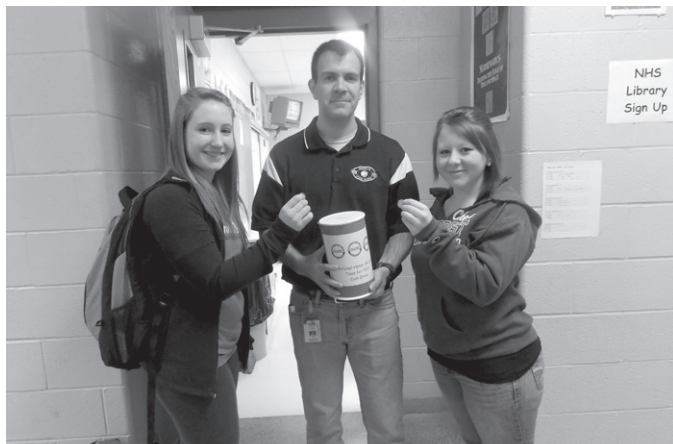
So far this year NHS is involved in volunteering at the McBride Memorial Library as well as holding activities for Pi Day in March. According to Mr. Hook, there is also a possible penny drive for Toys for Tots hopefully

main focus for this year; however, this does not mean the other NHS characteristics will be forgotten. NHS also aims to be leaders and bring out the best in their peers. Mr. Hook feels that the members of the club can influence

Davenport said, "This year to impact our school we need to help others become more well-rounded students."

Mr. Hook feels that the members this year are capable of setting examples that are full of impact. He feels that setting these good examples to get the school on the right track starts with one main moral: respect. Mr. Hook said, "Respect takes care of everything. We need to focus in on respect of people, property, pride, and ourselves."

The National Honor Society is more than a club of students with good grades and smarts. Altogether, they are a service group looking to make a positive impact on the school and community by channeling their leadership, scholarship, service and character. For more information on the NHS's upcoming events or how to get involved see Mr. Hook in room 57.



(Photos by Brenna Goulstone) Above: Advisor, Mr. Scott Hook displays a jar from the NHS Penny Drive. Left, Seniors, Taylor Andress and right, Allison Wyda assist.

other students and make a difference by setting good examples both in academics and character.

The hopes of NHS members are to use their leadership skills in order to build character throughout the school. Senior NHS member Kaitlin O'Reilly said, "Students in

NHS can impact our school by helping other students reach their academic goals." Both members and officers would like to impact the school in the same way.

being worked into this year's agenda. Many NHS meetings are spent brainstorming ideas for the club's next community project.

Community service is a

Christmas Concert displays students' hard work

MIKAELA MASICH
Senior

From the moment school starts, chorus students are in the rehearsal room practicing for the Christmas Concert.

Under the direction of Mrs. Melissa Driscole, head of the choral department, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Modernaires, Moderknights, and Swing are preparing for the concert. Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus and Swing practice inside of school everyday and out of school when it is getting close to concert time. Modernaires and Moderknights have practices out of school at least once a week. Also, they perform in different gigs

or events to give them prior experience before the Christmas concert.



Left: Chorus class discusses details about the upcoming Christmas Concert. Middle: Seniors and Modernaires, Laura O'Brien and Shawnasty Bankovich practice their music for the Christmas Concert. Right: Mrs. Melissa Driscole, head of the choral department, directs student to prepare for the big night.

"Great talent and great kids to work with," motives her to continue being the head of the choral department year



Middle: Seniors and Modernaires, Laura O'Brien and Shawnasty Bankovich practice their music for the Christmas Concert.

favorite part of the concert is watching everyone dress up and hearing the final product. Mrs. Driscole said,

Chorus and run for President because singing gives me joy and it's the activity that I felt I had purpose in."



Right: Mrs. Melissa Driscole, head of the choral department, directs student to prepare for the big night.

Martz believes the Chorus needs improvement on getting everyone's absolute and undivided attention when

it comes to concert time so everyone sounds as a whole, but she knows that the concerts always turn out great.

So much practice is put into every choral concert, during and after school. Everyone who participates in the Christmas concert works so hard on getting every note and every step perfect for the concert that even preparation is tough and the work is difficult. In the end, seeing and hearing the final performance is all worth. To support and see the choral department's hardwork, please attend their upcoming Christmas Concert at the Berwick Area Middle School on December 16th at 7:00 pm.

Club tackles depression

MORGEN KISHBAUGH
Sophomore

There are solutions to depression and suicide, and now there is a way to get the word out. Every day, many students feel that they have nowhere to turn. This is not only a school issue, but also a viral issue. Thanks to Aavidum, the school has a safe and open environment where everyone is welcome.

Aavidum is a depression and suicide education awareness club that deals with every day issues of students and peers. This club is available for anyone who is in need of help and a feeling of individuality. This club focuses on cooperating with each other to create a solution to whichever struggles that may need to be resolved. One of the advisors of Aavidum, Mrs. Lisa Sheptock, is asking for help.

"Many kids struggle with depression and it can be difficult for people to understand the importance of suicide awareness," said Sheptock. Sheptock, an advisor for Aavidum, got involved in this club because her daughter, Kelly Sheptock, had a friend that had committed suicide. Mrs. Sheptock heard

about an Aavidum club in Lancaster and decided to look into starting a club here in school. Mrs. Sheptock's main goal is to get Aavidum back up off the ground. Last year because of the schedule changes and resource being cut, the club had a hard time staying intact. Mrs. Sheptock hopes to get the club back up and running, along with her



(Photos by the Raina Goulstone) Above: Senior and Aavidum member, Kelly Sheptock wants to get the message out about the club.

fellow advisors, Mrs. Debra Kern, Mr. Keith Seeley, and Mrs. Michelle Timbrell.

Aavidum needs more involvement, says former member, Brittany Fisher. "To get more people involved in Aavidum, we try to put up as many posters as we can so that people will take notice of the importance of the club." Fisher recommends this club to anyone who needs easy

access to help, because she enjoys helping people resolve any burdens that they have or have had.

"I would tell people to join this club. I think it's really important to help others in any way possible. Depression and suicide is becoming more of an issue for teens and this club can really help with that. Everyone should know that there are people out there that really do care. All people are important and deserve to be happy," said Kaylee Kachurka, Junior.

Sophomore, Alexis Steeber, said it seems like a good club, but the club needs to be advertised because she feels that it has never really heard about. "This club seems like it would really help people to make it through life without dealing with depression."

Kelly Sheptock feels that this club is one of the schools most accomplishing clubs because it helps students have a feeling of being themselves. "Aavidum is very important and it needs to be taken seriously, especially for kids in need."

Aavidum needs more interaction. For more information, please contact any of the advisors.

BHS gives back to senior citizens

BRIANNA KLINGER
Freshman

This Thanksgiving BHS hosted the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This dinner honors the senior citizens of Berwick and recognizes all the great things that they have done for the community.

The dinner was held in the high school cafeteria from five to seven in the evening



(Photos by the Student Times.) Above: Seniors, Abigail Rowe and Kelsey Rinehimer decorate the S.H.O.W. table. Middle: Sophomore, Lauren Frey sets up table. Below: Junior, Janelle Welsh and Freshman, Katelynn Christian decorate the Student Times table.

on Wednesday, November 14th. Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, desserts made by the culinary students and many other dishes were on the menu for that night. Teachers, students, custodians and others in the community volunteered to help serve, decorate, and make the food.

The facilitator of the event, Mrs. Holly Morrison, Principal of Fourteenth Street Elementary School, came up with the idea for the dinner seven years ago. Mrs. Morrison wanted to recognize Berwick's senior citizens and thanks them for all that they have done. Many people anxiously await the dinner and are very excited to attend it. Every year ap-

proximately, five hundred senior citizens attend the dinner. The dinner is very popular.

A big part of dinner is decorating the tables. Clubs from the high school reserved tables and were in charge of decorating them. Clubs buy decorations for the table and usually decorate their tables in a way that explains

the club. For example, Youth in Philanthropy decorated their table with seashells because of the inspiring story that is the them for their club this year which takes place at the beach. Also, the Student Times incorporated their newspaper in their decoration by using them as place mats.

Another club that participated was S.H.O.W. This club has participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner for the past seven years. S.H.O.W. decorated their table with traditional Thanksgiving decorations

like pumpkins and leaves. S.H.O.W is a volunteer club that helps out in the community.

Overall the seniors enjoyed and appreciated the Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Lincoln Tops the Charts in the Box-Office

KATELYNN CHRISTIAN
Reviews Editor

Currently playing in theaters is a new historical biography/drama that will transport viewers into the eighteenth hundreds. The hit movie, Lincoln, shows the daily triumphs and struggles of one of the nation's most highly regarded presidents, Abraham Lincoln. The movie reveals the choices he made and how he not only freed slaves, but helped get the country through one of the most crucial points in its history, the Civil War.

Directed by Steven Spielberg, this movie is currently getting very high reviews from critics and fans. It is being known as one of the best movies about Abraham Lincoln made to date.

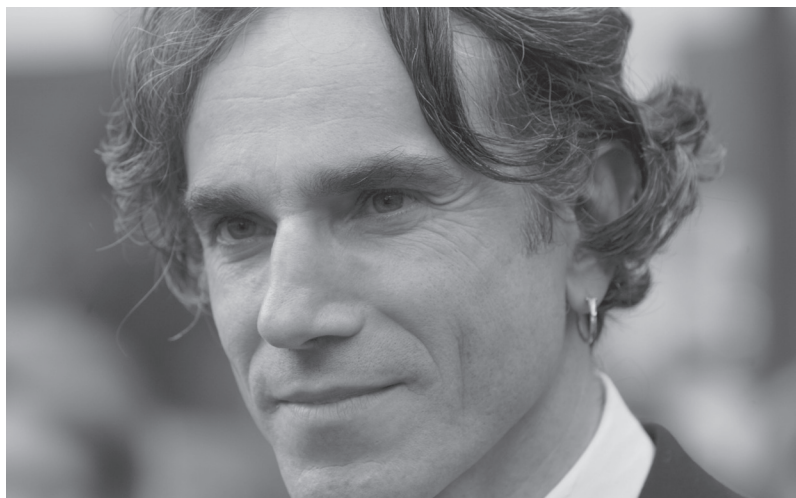
This box-office hit was released on November 16, 2012. It has a run time of approximately 150 minutes (2 hours) and was rated PG-13. Lincoln also has a great cast, including famed actors Daniel Day-Lewis and Sally Field.

Taking place after the Emancipation Proclamation was passed; Abraham Lincoln is working toward getting the 13th Amendment of the Constitution passed. It shows how he and his cabinet members have to work persistently at getting votes in the House of Representatives. Convincing both Democrats and Republicans can prove to be a tricky task when his only tactic for getting them on his side is a quick closing to the Civil War.

The movie also shows a portion of Lincoln's personal life. With his son's death still lurking in their memories, it is hard for the family to move on. It reveals the fights that he had with his wife, especially over the topic of their oldest son enlisting in the war. However, it also proves that they had a strong family that would stick together no matter what life threw at them.

In my opinion, this is definitely a movie worth seeing. From its amazing cast to its interesting story line, it will not fail to disappoint. Overall, I feel that this movie would deserve a five star rating.

While watching this movie, I felt that cast did a fantastic job. Daniel Day-Lewis clearly depicted Abraham Lincoln through his voice and attitude throughout the film. The plot was different and took place in a time that people do not usually read or learn about. This could then create a somewhat suspenseful mood at certain points. Overall, I agree that this was one of the best presidential films made yet.



(Photo by Daniel A. Anderson/Orange County Register/MCT)
Daniel Day Lewis stars as Abraham Lincoln in the movie Lincoln. The movie makes history come alive in theaters.

Electronics top students' holiday wish lists

MARISA MISSIEN
Freshman

Christmas is coming. It is time to start getting ready for this season. Begin planning dinners, parties, decorations, and Christmas lists. Is everyone ready?

As the holidays near everyone is talking about what they would like to see under the Christmas tree. Berwick High School's hallways are roaring with different wishes and lists. 60% of students have already started their Christmas list.

So clearly the top gifts vary, as they do also in Berwick High School. The ideas and

wish lists differ between freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

This is what freshmen want; Monique Hall wants

Luke Fisher said, "It would be wonderful if I could receive a purple care bear for Christmas this year," he also said, "I would like a care bear because it is the new thing."

This is what sophomores would like to receive; Brandon Miller would like a stuffed puppy. Michael Stefanick wants Beats Headphones. Mason Vandermark wants a gun, gum and a new phone. Brianna Wyda wants

Harry Styles and the rest of One Direction, Luke Henger wants a puppy. Juniors; Bryce Kersey wants to be the best of all, Briana Rubenstein wants a flat screen TV. And as for seniors; Arielle Miller wants Assassin's Creed

3 video game, Aldo Mejia wants a job, Aaron Preston wants Fifa 13, Tabea von Garrel said she wants money to go shopping because "I can go get things here that I can't get in Germany."

Through the four years at Berwick High School, everyone, wants different things for Christmas. Most students are ready to enjoy their vacation and enjoy the holidays.



Bruno Mars tickets and Vans. Katie Knorr wants a cardboard cutout of Louis Tomlinson. Katelynn Christian wants a camera. Nicolette Laubach said, "I want an iPhone because I have a dinosaur phone."

Top 10 Christmas gifts

This December according to www.simplybest10.com the ten most popular gifts for this year are:

1. Mobile Smart Phones
2. Designer Wrist Watches
3. Clothes
4. Digital Camera
5. Gift Vouchers
6. Jewelry
7. Universal Remote Control Pillow
8. Air Swimmers Remote Control Flying Fish
9. Plush Massaging Wrap
10. The Amazing Mindflex

What's Hot for the Holidays...



Call of Duty: Black Ops II

New Features:
-New weapons; updated software; improved audio; new maps
Cost:
-\$69.99
Fun Facts:
-Zombie combat



Beats
New Features:
-Executive noise-cancelling headphones
Cost:
-\$179-\$300
Fun Facts:
-Comes in many different colors including sparkles



New iPad Mini

New Features:
-7.9 in. Display; 7.2 mm Width; .68 lbs.
Cost:
-\$329
Fun Facts:
-Thinner than a pencil; 10 hr. battery life; has Siri

UGGS

New Features:
-New designs; New Patterns
Cost:
-\$155-\$300
Fun Facts:
-Consumers spent nearly \$712 million dollars on Uggs



Windows 8 Tablet

New Features:
-Has a kickstand for hands-free entertainment; full-size USB port; Micro SD card slot
Cost:
-\$499
Fun Facts:
-The cover doubles as a keyboard

Making resolutions to begin New Year: 2013

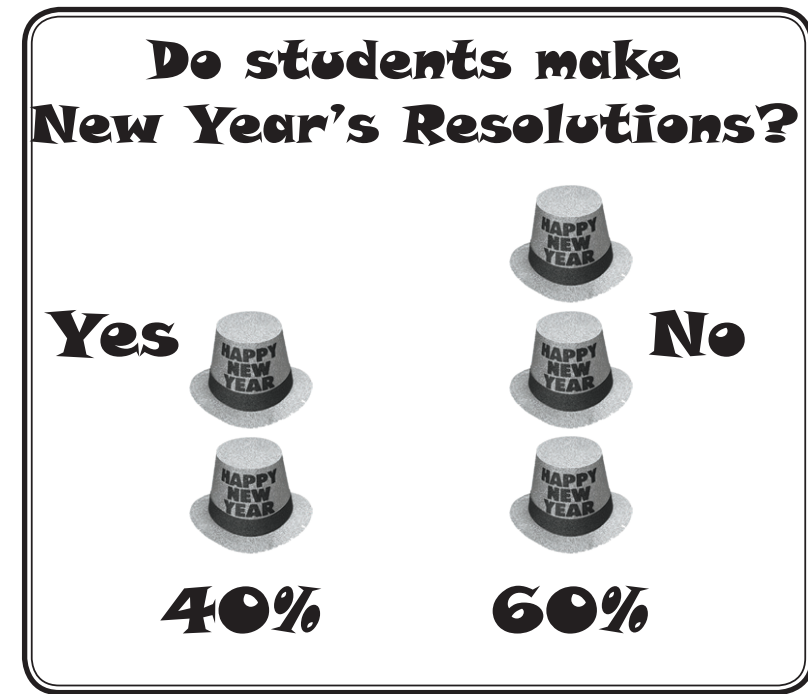
NICOLETTE LAUBACH
Freshman

In the Berwick Area High School, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen all make the New Year's resolutions. Some make resolutions to have a fresh start for the New Year, while others like to have something to work for.

According to recent surveys taken around the school, freshmen make 20% more resolutions than any other grade. Some of the freshmen's most popular resolutions are to do well in school or to meet famous people. For example Sydney Reigel wants to study more, and Monique Hall wants to meet Bruno Mars.

Even though Seniors,

Juniors, and Sophomores do not make as many resolutions as Freshmen do, a couple students in each grade have some interesting goals for the New Year. Brandon Yost, Sophomore, wants to try harder in all of his subjects. Dalton Schechterly, Junior, wants to stop procrastinating and Kristin O'Reilly, senior, wants to have an awesome rest of senior year.



When

"I think people make resolutions to clean their mind... I feel better, I always need something to work for," said senior Tabea Von Garrel. People make New Year's Resolutions to start a fresh new year and to have a goal. Others like Junior Briana Rubenstein, do not make resolutions and said, "Just hoping to have a good year." When

people make New Year's Resolutions, they are making a commitment to accomplish a goal of theirs, but sometimes people's goals do not get accomplished.

Students may not complete their New Year's resolutions; however, most students said they try but they do not have time or they forget about it. Marisa Missien, freshman, said "I try to accomplish them but it never works out, but I would like to try to this year."

Overall, students in the Berwick Area High School have a lot of different resolutions for the New Year. Not all of them are going to be easy to accomplish but the students are determined to get them done.

Holiday Happenings



Sophomore, Erica Fedder decorates a Christmas tree for S.A.D.D.



Sophomore, Katie Gallagher and Junior, Amy Kelchner chat before donating blood.



Seniors, Tyler Quinton, Ethan Thomas and Erica Robbins celebrate and recover at the Red Cross Blood Drive.



Casey Smith makes gift bags for the annual sale.



Senior, Kelsey Rinehimer sets a table for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.



Senior, Tyler Ohl participates in Red Ribbon Week at the elementary schools.



Taylor Smith works on a holiday project in Mrs. Kern's room.



Sophomore, Alyssa Brown hands out ribbons to middle school students during Red Ribbon Week.



Meet Tabea von Garrel: German exchange student

ELLIE OUIMET
Freshman

This year, new exchange student, Tabea von Garrel, is sharing her German culture while learning American customs. Tabea views the typical school day in the US as "very different" than her classes in Germany. "[But] I like it. I love it because the teachers are nicer," said Tabea, "The structure is very different, the teachers are different, the classes are different, and so are the rules." Unfortunately for her, English was hard to learn. Thankfully she thinks we Americans speak with even tones and clearly pronounce their syllables.

Not only is the language foreign, but the education system is totally different. In Germany, instead of switching classes with different people in every subject, they have one class of with the same group of people they stay with throughout the school year. "We become like a little family. I miss that," says Tabea.

To her, Germany is not as conservative as America. "In the US, some people are more conservative, there isn't much church," says Tabea. Also, schools do not enforce as many rules.

She also says the houses are different, along with the food choices. "You can't really get fat in Germany. There's a lot of fast food here." That's one thing she misses most about Germany, other than friends and family, "healthy food!" She also says that Germany is more structured, and that people can get places easier with trains going many places.

But while Tabea is still in America, there are a few places she wants to visit. "[I want to go to] Florida and Disney World really bad, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles." She recently took a trip across the east coast that included New York City and Washington DC and she "loved it!"

Overall, Tabea would rather live in Germany. "It's more structured. It's harder to get places here. I'm more independent there. "But thankfully she still likes it here. As she approaches the middle of her journey, she looks forward to 5 more months of adventure in the United States.



(Photo by T. Christian)

Student Council changes school atmosphere

MARIAH LAUBACH
Freshman

As our student government, Berwick Area Senior High School Student Council strives to make the school reflect the positive constructive thinking of the student body. Many students are unaware about what Student Council really does for our school, so here is a closer look at their responsibilities.

Mrs. Melissa Driscole, Student Council advisor, has been involved with this group for fifteen years. "Student Council is a highly motivated group of intelligent students, with great ideas and concerns to improve our school," said Driscole. Student Council is not only a group that organizes events and fundraises, they represent our school as a student government. "We as a council do the best we are able to do in the limited time we are able to meet and the council is always aiming to come up with new ideas and suggestions," said Driscole.

Student Council dedicates hundreds of hours to school events including: Homecoming, Pink and Denim Day, Speedo Run, Saint Jude's Write Out Cancer, and many more. Student Council also has many opportunities to help out the school and the students with an issue or suggestion, and Student Council has the opportunity to address the problem and take it further at a school board meeting if needed.

Driscole explained the procedure when something important issue occurs. "During our meetings, I always ask if any of the members have heard of an issue or suggestion they would like to address. We then discuss the issue and try and come up with solutions on our own, but if the council feels the issue is important, a member will attend a school board meeting and bring it up with the members presented there and they will address it properly" said Driscole. Many students are unaware that they can have a say in helping out our school.

"I believe that Student Council is there to make school a better place," said Kate Dalrymple, freshman. Some students think that Student Council only organizes dances and help fundraise, while they have no clue that Student Council is their student government. "I had no idea what Student Council did or that they were actually our student government and they represented our school," says Senior, Allison Wyda. Students need to become aware of the responsibilities of our Student Council in order to tremendously help out our school.

Some students that do know about Student Council may be leery or hesitant about coming to another student with their issue or concern. "We are here to deal with any issues that anybody has, nobody should feel that they can't approach us with an issue," says Taylor Andress, Senior and two year member of Student Council. The members of Student Council are aware of the procedures that need to be taken and the process of properly addressing the situation. Most students would agree that it depends on the situation at hand because they are unaware of the procedures taken to properly execute their issues.

In conclusion, Student Council is there to organize school events, help out with important fundraisers, and make significant decisions for our school, and to be our student-body government. The responsibilities of Student Council are great, and students should be aware of them so they could be a part of making our school a better place for everyone.



(Junior Student Council members Photo by T. Christian)

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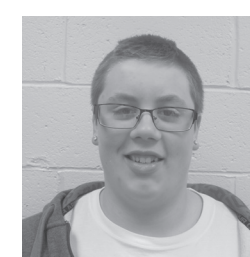
Question: What is your favorite winter sport? And why?



Andrew Force, 10th
"Bowling, because I like seeing pins get knocked down."



Kevin Woodeshick, 10th
"Basketball, because I live for the game."



Dalton Perla, 10th
"Bowling, because I like the sound of falling pins"



Jordan Stout, 11th
"Basketball, because I love watching Eric May tear it up."



Destiny Samsel, 10th
"Bowling, because it is different than the rest."



Emily Dalo, 9th
"Basketball, because my brother plays and I love him."



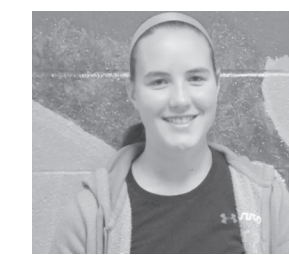
Matt Dalo, 11th
"Basketball, because Kingery is a Beast!"



Ty Morzilla, 11th
"Swimming, because it looks fun."



Anthony Dipipa, 12th
"Wrestling, because it's fun to watch."



Ashton Mensinger, 11th
"Basketball, because it is more unique than all the rest."

Berwick boys' soccer wraps up successful season

JESSICA PREBOLA
Freshman

Throughout the season, Boys' soccer had a record of 10-4-1 and moved on with the title of District 3 Champions.

With their coach, Mrs. Janet Henger, the team improved from last year and had a season of success.

The Boys' Soccer team won the title District 3 Champions for the first time since 1996. The team and coach are

proud to have accomplished it together. The whole team was very happy to have an amazing season and move on even further.



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Players on the soccer team guard during a game.

"It was a very interesting and exciting season because I got to play with the same team mates since my freshman

year. We won our division so that was very exciting. I had the pleasure of having the

same coach all four years of varsity too," said Center Midfielder and Senior, Arlison Reyes.

Although the team had wins and losses throughout the fall, they also had games that were very memorable to them as well. Senior and Forward, Richard Umana



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
The ball is kicked around by Berwick players before being passed off to another.

believes that the most memorable game the team played was, "Meyers, [it was] the

game we claimed the title." Some of the key players on the team this year whom helped receive the title were most of the seniors and

captains. Coach Henger feels that the key players were Seniors, "Richard Umana, Arlison Reyes, Julio Ayala, Aj Woznock, Edgar Guzman, and Erickson Vasquez." Although there are a lot of Seniors for Boys' Soccer

that have to leave this year, many of the Seniors just do not know if they can give

up their high school soccer memories. "I am going to miss having fun with the team," Senior, Defender and Center, Julio Ayala said.

Along with Ayala's memories of other teammates, some of the younger players felt that the seniors played the biggest role on the team. Zach Klingler, Sophomore and Right Midfielder, felt that his strategy was to, "Get the ball and pass it to Richard [Umana]," making Umana a key player.

In all, the Seniors will be missed. Everybody should congratulate the Boys' Soccer team for a wonderful season and winning another title for Berwick Area High School. Now all they can do is try to do even better next season.

Dawgs end season in playoffs

MASON VANDERMARK
Sophomore

Playoffs? Berwick has not been in division two playoffs since 2008. Well they were back and ready to tear it up. After a big win over the Coughlin Crusaders the Berwick Bulldogs improved to 8-1 and had one regular season game remaining. If they won that game they would move to 9-1 and would be the top seed in division two. This means they would have the first playoff game home and if they won that game the second playoff game would also be home.



(Photo by Katelynn Christian.)
The Bulldawgs rush onto Crispin Field.

a pure slug-fest as both teams battled for field position and score, all drives seemingly ending in either a touch-down, a field goal, or a turn over. But the end result was not what Berwick Bulldawgs wanted. Instead of advancing themselves, Berwick watched Abington Heights celebrate on their home turf leaving a bitter taste in their mouths and foreseeing a time next year where they will try to get revenge.

Although the team lost the Bulldawgs as a team were able to accomplish great things together. They got to the district playoff, a place where they were so close to getting a year ago. "I thought our first playoff game will be a breeze", said Andrew Groome senior lineman and captain, before the playoff game against Dallas.

Groome had been playing with the Bulldawgs for three years now. He had been a

starter for all of those years. "I enjoy playing football, it's just what I do... I enjoy playing defense because it gives me a chance to hit the other players and well, I just like hanging out with the family (the football team)," said Groome. Groome also said, "I believed our record would end up being 11-1 and I was looking forward to playoffs because you never know what could happen. It was possible to be able to bring back another state title for this town."

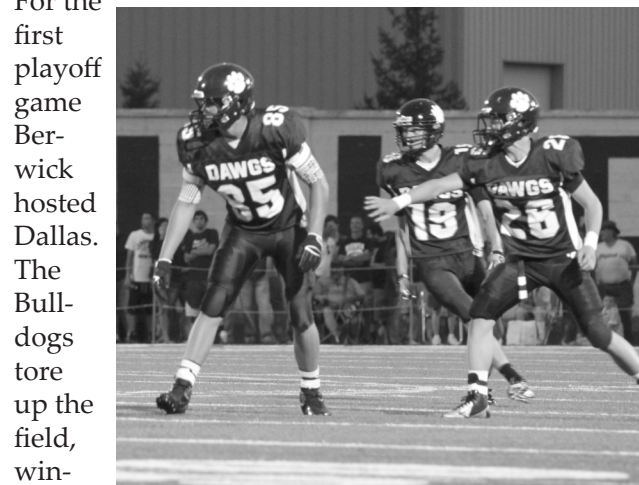
Even though the season has ended, football will be the team's heart forever. Senior



(Photo by Katelynn Christian.)
Defense ready to defend on snap of the ball.

captain Brandon Dalberto said, "I also like the fame and support I get from fans and such." Dalberto played Tight end on offense and Defensive end on defense. "I have a passion for football and always will it is one of the best sports in the world and hopefully I can continue my football career in college", said Dalberto.

Although the Bulldawgs did lose in a hard fought game against Abington Heights, in all the astonished and made Berwick proud. They finished with a record of 10-2. Now they look forward to next year. Great Job guys.



(Photo by Katelynn Christian.)
Berwick Bulldog players are directing traffic on a kick return.

Boys are ready to play basketball

ALEXIS STEEBER
Sophomore

After the loss of five seniors from last year, the Boys' basketball team is pushing to claim a District 2 title. Second year coach at Berwick, Jason Kingery, is trying to turn around last year's record of 3-18 into a winning one this season. They even went out of state to West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, and Baltimore to prepare for the season and their toughest opponents; Hazleton and Central Columbia.

First year on varsity level Freshman Point Guard, Max Melito, spoke on why varsity is harder than the other levels he has encountered. "It's harder because competition and everyone is better." Melito contributes to the team by backing up the point guard and with his speed.

Forward Junior, Will Updegrove, has only been playing for one season, with this now being his second. Updegrove stated, "We were a pretty young team last year so for this season we should

have a pretty put together team that knows what to do to win." Returning Senior Forward, Zach Ladonis, has been playing for 12 years. Ladonis said, "It is humbling because I know I will miss playing once I can't play anymore." Also Ladonis said their biggest challenges as a team are, "to battle through adversity on and off the floor." Kingery expectations for the team are quite similar to that of his players. "Expect are lads to be a lot more competitive and push to district tourney." Also Kingery is very confident in his team this year and believes that if all the players work as a



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Junior, Matt Dalo dribbles the ball past defenders.



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Junior, CJ Curry receives the ball from a teammate and gets ready to pass it off.

team, they will be successful. "All my players are key players." It is still to early in the season to decide who the team's captains are since they are all valuable players but so far, Junior, CJ Curry is a captain.

For more information about the Boys' basketball team, please contact Coach Kingery and to show support, please attend their next game.

Pool is open, ready to swim

BRIANNA WYDA
Freshman

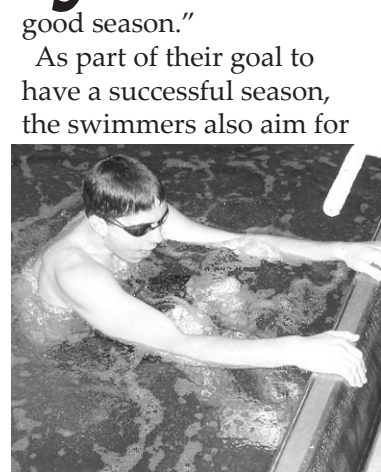
Although the number of members this year is low, the entire swimming and diving team have the same goals for this year. The team aims to do well on their upcoming season despite the numbers they have lost, and go to districts.



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Junior, Troy Stair gets ready to compete before the whistle sounds.

After last year's season, the team lost a big number of swimmers. This affected their size, but it will not affect their performance on the road to a successful season. They have been working hard and started training a lot earlier to get a head start. The entire team feels that even though swimmers were

lost they will still have a strong season. After all, it is the quality of the swimmers not the quantity. Taylor Andress, Senior and swimmer, said "I think once we start to work, we will be stronger, but we lost numbers that we need to gain." The swimmers all have individual strengths and speeds that push the team closer to achieving their goal to do well this season. Sophomore and swimmer, Veronica Shoemaker said, "We have a really small Boys' team as well as Girls' team, but that's not stopping us. All of our strengths will pull together in the end and we will have a



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Senior, Tracy Talanca waits for race to begin at starting block

their entire team to go to districts. Not only does the whole team aim to go to districts, but the members

would also like to try to medal individually. Having these individual goals will help to motivate the members to achieve their team goal. Ashley Hess, Sophomore and first time swimmer said, "I think it would be great to see the team go to districts and medal. I would also like to go to districts and try to medal individually." Overall, the entire swim team has the same outlook on the season to do well and succeed by going to districts. To see how the team does on their upcoming seasons go to one of their meets and help support the team achieve their goals.

Girls' basketball looks to win

ELLIE OUMET & ALLISON RINEHIMER
Freshman & Junior

The Girls' Varsity Basketball season is on its way. The upcoming season started in early November, when the team spent six days a week practicing and preparing for the year ahead.

This year, the team consists of fourteen girls and only three of which are seniors. Head coach and offensive coordinator, Mr. Bill Phillips states, "[This year] we hope to make the playoffs, and be district champions." He believes that the team as a whole needs to improve on their ball handling. "We need to take care of the ball. We had a lot of turnovers," said Coach Phillips.

The Seniors for this season are Margaret Bridge, Caty Davenport and Kelly Shepstock and they are expected to be a big part of this year's team. "Our seniors will make

a big impact," says Sophomore, Olivia Seely. All the girls are close friends on and off the court, and look up to the three Senior captains as leaders. Plus, for those three seniors, this will be their last year playing on the high school level. "I hope to have a good, winning season. [We should] do better in the playoffs," said Senior, Margaret Bridge.

Overall, the team is ready to win this season. "Yes I think this will be a pretty good season. We only lost one senior," says Sophomore, Alexis Steeber. Even though, the team still has some work to do to



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Left: Junior, Allison Rinehimer takes control of the ball before passing it off. Right:

reach the championship. Assistant coach, Mr. Bob Carlarco believes that the biggest challenge the team will face this year is being prepared to compete in a very tough and competitive conference. "[But] I have very positive expectations. [I] expect to have a hard working group." The expected rivals this season for the Girls' basketball team are Dallas, Pittson, Wyoming Valley West, Hazelton, and Crestwood.

Last year the varsity team was (8-14), but they plan to bounce back and defeat the tough opponents that had previously stopped them. Make sure to come out to a Varsity game and to support the Berwick Lady Dawgs as they go on to pursuit the championship trophy.

Cheerleaders place second, head to Florida

KATIE KNORR
Freshman

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads went to the Pocono Regional cheerleading competition this season. School cheerleading was named a sport by the PIAA on July, 1st 2012.



(Photo by Student Times staff.)
Junior, Kylie Ridall stands at the top of the pyramid as she cheers for the team.

that the varsity team and the junior varsity team competed separately. Going into the competition, both squads were anxious but knew they could do it! Mariah Laubach, a flyer on

the Junior Varsity squad, was exceptionally excited to compete. "I was really excited to compete because our team did really well at camp. So I believed that we were ready to compete and do our best," said Laubach. The teams were very excited to start their competition season. Most of the girls were confident in themselves, in their team and believed that they had a good chance of winning. The girls were right! Both Junior Varsity and varsity placed second in this competition. The varsity girls will get a chance to compete in Nationals in Orlando, Florida this February. Coming in second was a great accomplishment and the girls can not wait to do even better in Florida!

Congratulations Coach Phillips! 100 wins

Coach Bill Phillips of the Berwick Lady Bulldogs basketball team reached a milestone as he earned his 100th career coaching victory over the Delaware Valley Warriors in the semi-final round of the Nespoli Tournament on Friday, December 7. This was the first year the girls participated in the tournament, and they took the title, defeating Hanover Area in the championship game.

The Lady Bulldogs work hard in the offseason to prepare for their competitive schedule, which has been a huge contributing factor to their success in the past. This year, the coaches are hoping that the girls will establish an identity as one of the toughest, most aggressive, and hardest working teams in the conference. They hope to win as many championships as possible, and they are off to a good start with their Nespoli Tournament triumph.

The Lady Bulldogs have a different look this year; their height and size allows them to work the ball into the post and get rebounds, both on the offensive and defensive ends of the court. As a team who had trouble scoring last year, the players and coaching staff are working on improving their offensive game. However, the bulldogs are continuing to focus on defense, as they have in the past. They are working hard and maintaining their focus in order to succeed.

Phillips' 100th win was a major achievement, and as he said, "a credit to the team and the girls who played before them." The current Lady Bulldogs were happy and thankful to be a part of it, and they are looking to continue to win throughout the next few months. With an excellent coaching staff and a team who is prepared to work hard and always find a way to win, the Lady Bulldogs are expecting great things this year and hope to live up to and surpass those expectations.



Phillips

LADY BULLDOG FAN

Are libraries becoming obsolete?

The school's library has been open since the school was built in 1957. Other schools are not so lucky. Libraries across the U.S. are becoming a part of the past, and are now nothing but an empty room with the word "Library" written above the door. If people do not do something to help the library soon, it may be headed down the same road. The High School Library might meet the same fate if students are not careful.

Students have been going to the library every day, but some would rather mess around then use the library for what it is meant for. "It's a combination of both. It all depends on the personality," said High School Librarian, Mrs. Heather Henry. Henry has been a librarian for twelve years, ten of which she spent with the High School.

Library aid, Mrs. Sandy Kile, states, "Sometimes when students come for study hall, they kind of take advantage of the library. However, out of all the kids that come, I would say most do not. I think they use it for good purposes, meaning the question should be whether or not students use the library properly, not if they take advantage of it."

Many students are grateful for the library and would be sad to see it close. Senior, Brittani Shaffer said, "That [it] would really stink, because no one really realizes how much they need something until it is gone." Shaffer went on to say how she liked the library the way it is, and how much she has come to appreciate it.

Libraries are threatened like endangered species and may become something of the past. Only American states and individual counties can decide if they want their libraries to disappear. Hopefully, America will not let the books slip away from our hands.

Now is the time for our students to take action. We need to make sure that our school library does not disappear. What can we do as students? Basically it is simple: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THAT OUR LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER. Utilize the resources and technology in a positive and resourceful manner. Every student can make a difference.

SARENA MARTZ

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Editors' holiday message

Dear BHS,

The holidays are quickly approaching and things are becoming hectic very quickly. At home, we are all struggling to finish our Christmas preparations such as shopping for the perfect gifts. At school, we have a number of things happening, such as Keystones and school work, homework and studying for tests we have to cram in before the Christmas break. There are also, plenty of school activities happening like the Door Decorating Contest, Jolt's

Adopt-a-Family, NHS's Penny Drive for Toys for Tots and many others. Aside from the school activity, we encourage everyone to kick back and enjoy a school-free vacation. However, do not forget about Bulldawg pride come out and support of Winter Sports teams. There are plenty of sporting events including basketball games, wrestling matches, and swim meets. Amidst the craziness and busy schedules, take a step back and reflect this holiday season.

Think about all there is to be grateful for each day. As we approach midpoint in our school year, reflect on the direction of your life. This New Year is a time when you can make a difference in your own life or the lives of others. Remember, we may not be able to change our yesterdays, but we can alter tomorrow. On behalf of our Student Times family, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday!
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Top Right: Mrs. Kern's Life Skills Class display their decorated bags which they are selling for this holiday season.

Middle Right: Freshmen, Ellie Ouimet and Jenny Yeastedt work on their Odyssey of the Mind skit.

Middle Left: Senior, Bethanna Perkins decorates her homeroom door for this year's Door Decorating Contest.

Bottom Right: Senior, Kasey Bacher ties a red ribbon around an elementary student's wrist in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

Bottom Center: Senior, Alex Martenas flashes a smile as he is donating blood.

Bottom Left: Senior, Tressa Hummel, and Sophomores, Katelyn Gallagher and Christina Malinowshki, judge the Writing Center's Contest.

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