



# The Bulldog Times

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## Academic Challenge

By: Maggie Surdovel

**W**hich future president was hiking in the Adirondacks when he heard of President McKinley's death? " Captain Ahab sailed the seven seas in what?

These are just a few of many questions asked at the Academic Challenge Eighth (ACE) competition held March third and fifth at Jim Thorpe High School. This annual competition includes teams from Leighton,



Tamaqua, Palmerton, Catasauqua, Jim Thorpe, Panther Valley, Northwestern Lehigh, as well as our own school district. Northern Lehigh, coached by Mrs. Skinker, was well represented by six eighth graders: Juan Cabrera, Heather Heiney, Brandon Horvath, Chris Lefrancois, Kirsten Leskowich, and Maggie Surdovel.

Our school's team competed in the first round on the March third, losing a close match with

Palmerton Middle School (Palmerton-31 and NL-23). On March fifth the team once again competed first, coming just behind Jim Thorpe Middle School with a score of Jt-37 and NL-30. Though they did not win the competition, the team learned a lot watching the fierce competitions of the other teams and enjoyed the two days free of classes to represent our school at this fun and educational event.

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## DANCE TEAM

BY: RYAN TREXLER & KYLE BAUMANN

**R**eady, set, dance. Meet the amazing N.L dance team. The two girls that were interviewed for this article were Bry Tomkins and Bri Handwerk. They are 2 girls from the NL dance team.

When asked why they joined the dance team,

they stated that they thought it was going to be cool. When asked why they like to dance, they replied that it is awesome.

The dance team dances to mostly pop songs. The team practiced every Monday and Friday; they danced every time there was a home

basketball game or wrestling match.

There are 12 girls on the dance team. They are Bryanna Tomkins, Brianna Handwerk, Alana Hein, Kelsey Vince, Brittany Stokes, Samantha Troxell, Brooke Snyder, Alex Boyesen, Ashley Uebele, Sydney Martin, Jackie Taylor and Gabby Marcantoni. The two coaches were girls from our high school. Now you know a little more about our

amazing N.L Dance team.



## MRS. HOPPES

BY: KYLE BAUMANN & RYAN TREXLER

**T**he amazing life of Mrs. Hoppes....

Mrs. Hoppes is a new aide in our school. She works specifically with a child in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and his name is Julian. Mrs. Hoppes also works with other IU kids and 7<sup>th</sup> grade IU teachers and aides.

Mrs. Hoppes didn't need training for her job but it helped to have some experience. She likes to work with kids; she says that

she "really enjoys it." No day is a typical day in her job because every day is different, but every day is a good day!



Mrs. Hoppes went to school at Lehigh Carbon Community College. Purple is her favorite color. Her favorite movie is called Overboard, and her favorite TV show is Two and a Half Men.

Someday, Mrs. Hoppes would like to be a regular IU teacher.

That is the amazing life of Mrs. Hoppes.





## Some Clubs

By: Kirk Bender

**D**uring several Wednesdays this year, the Middle Students participated in various clubs instead of the regular remediation time during period eight. Some students on the clubs were interviewed and asked what club they were in and if they like them or not. Those people were Abel Boyer, Dylan Hofmann, Ryan Trexler, and Derrick Keeler. The clubs they were in were Sports Videos, "Just for Laughs", CSI Club, and the Kickball Club.

Abel Boyer was in Sports Videos. He said it was very fun and educational to be in that club. They watched several historic



sports videos from the great games of the glory days. Abel stated that this club was very good for people who like sports and that some of the videos were funny and some were memorable. He also said it was very informational and exciting to watch.

Dylan Hofmann was in the "Just for Laughs" club. In this club one watches comedy movies, old ones and new ones. Dylan said that Mr. Barnes made it funny aside from the movie and that a student's sudden outbursts during the movies were some of the best parts of the club.

A member of the CSI club was Ryan Trexler. He said the club was very fun because there was a lot



to do. Ryan stated, "You learn about a bunch of things about crime scenes, and this club teaches you how to investigate those crime scenes. If you are into law enforcement or something like that, then this club is perfect for you."

For the Kickball Club, Derrick Keeler was interviewed. He said that kickball was very fun, and it keeps you active. He also says that they pick the teams very fair and that it is very competitive. Derek recommends this club if you like to run around and stay moving.

For many, club period is a great way to end the day in the middle of the week.

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## Track Statisticians

BY: KYLE BAUMANN



**T**here are four students in our eighth grade that help out the track team. They keep stats for the

runners, jumpers, and the other athletes on the track team. They are Rachel Barnett, Christina Bastardi, Aimee Oertner, and Rebecca Howell.

Thanks for the coming out and helping the team!





## Ellis Island

By: Channing Shiffert

**I**n April the seventh and eighth grade classes on the South East team will be taking a field trip to Ellis Island.

They will be going on this field trip to learn about all the immigrants that have passed through this Island. The immigrants came from all over including Italy, Britain, and Germany.



Everybody is very

excited about having the opportunity to participate in this field trip. The trip will consist of the group riding a bus to New York City and taking a ferry over to the Island itself.

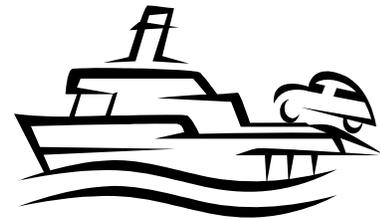
While there, they will be able to see the Statue of Liberty and also be able to look where the immigrants must go to get through the examination in order to enter the United States.

To help cover the prices of the New York trip, the members of the SouthEast team sold hoagies as a

fundraiser.

The people that sold the most hoagies got the reward of having an Ice Cream Party.

By the time *The Bulldog Times* is published, the South East team will have gone on this exciting adventure to Ellis Island. It will be a good time and create many memorable memories for of them.



## School Charities

BY: Connor Hedash

**S**ince the beginning of the school year, many of our students have been contributing to local charities. Some of them included Box Tops for Education, Have a Heart for the Homeless, The Read-On Program, and Toys for Tots.

Have a Heart for the Homeless was started with the seventh graders on the SouthEast team in connection to the book they were reading.



This book was called "Monkey Island" which Mr. Barnes read with his classes. They collected supplies such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for underprivileged children.

The Read-On program was run by our two reading teachers, Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Grega. The students read their favorite books and every book they read counted as one dollar towards a donation to the Child Advocacy Center. As of now our school has read about 1,000 books which means our school has raised \$1000 total so far.



The Toys for Tots program is a program organized by the marines. Miss Case and her student council members helped collect toys donated by our students. They were then given to those in need at Christmas time.

The last organization donated to was Box Tops for Education. This program helped raise money for supplies in our school. Over the course of this fundraiser, we collected 6,000 box tops.

With the support from our school, we have continued to help many people who are in need.



## Our High School Musical

By: Maggie Surdovel

**I**f you love music, theatre, and dancing, I hope you went to see our high school's musical, "The Apple Tree", on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.



The musical presented three stories, each one very different-

ent, but with a very similar theme. The first act was a comical spin on the biblical story of Adam and Eve, giving a new perspective to their famous tale. The second act, "Passionella", gave the audience a slightly updated version of the fairy tale, Cinderella. In each story the leading lady got what she wanted but found she was not happy.

This musical featured many students from our middle school

in the talented acts and behind the curtains as stage crew. Brandon Horvath and Maggie Surdovel appeared on stage in the show, and Tiff Hamm, Calli Zaleski, and Joey Barone kept the show running with the stage crew.

The musical was a success for the students involved, and we're proud of all our fellow students involved.



## WRESTLING

By: Dylan Hofmann

**I**n February of this year, the NL wrestling team participated in the district wide competition held at Parkland High School. For the first time in many years, the Northern Lehigh Middle School wrestling team did not have a district champ this year. However, they did have three place winners: Ty Herzog took the 2<sup>nd</sup> place medal, Dylan Hofmann took 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Zane Heller took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the competition.

Zane Heller wrestled at 110 pounds for the bulldogs. He was undefeated going into districts, and he was the second seed before he had lost in the semi finals. He then wrestled back through

the consolation bracket to get fourth place.

The 85 lb wrestler for the Dawgs was seventh grader, Ty Herzog. Like Zane, Ty was also undefeated going into districts and made it all the way through the winner's bracket, but then he lost in the finals



and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the district. Still an awesome feat!

Dylan Hofmann was the 122 pound wrestler for Northern Lehigh. He had five losses going into districts. He was seeded third in his bracket. Like Heller, he also lost in the semi finals but then wrestled back and walked away with the third place medal.

At the high school level this year, the Bulldogs wrestler, Casey Hedash, had placed sixth at States. He wrestled 215 and was a district and regional champ going into states.

Congratulations to our place winners! We are very proud of you!



# Hot Vacation Spots for the Bulldog Times Members



Conner is going wherever wrestling takes him.



Maggie will visit Universal Studios in Florida.

Dylan will be seen at the beach and, maybe, Lake Ontario."

Kirk is going to a NASCAR race and Knoebel's.



Ryan will bask in the sun in Ocean City, Maryland.  
Channing will be overseas in Sweden for a soccer tournament.  
Kyle can't wait to head to Myrtle Beach.

## Sports Word Find

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| cross country | dodge ball | field hockey |
| football      | handball   | hockey       |
| ping pong     | polo       | softball     |
| rugby         | soccer     | track        |
| swimming      | tennis     | wrestling    |
| volleyball    | wall ball  | water polo   |