

Knights In Shining Armor

By: Alisa Andrews and Allison File

Morehead and Park Nominations



The Morehead Cain and Parks scholarships are two of the most prestigious scholarships at UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University, each valuing up to \$110,000 for in-state students, along with added grants for research and other enrichment experiences. The selection boards for these scholarships look at 4 different criteria for each applicant: leadership, character, scholarship, and physical vigor. Each school has the opportunity to nominate a handful of worthy students for these scholarships who they feel demonstrates these characteristics.

This year’s NLHS nominees for the Morehead Cain scholarship were:
Lizbeth Woodby
Grace Holbrooks
Nicolas Ruiz

This year’s NLHS nominees for the Parks scholarship were:
Allison File and Alisa Andrews

Congrats to all school nominees!!!



Fall Sports

By: Bella Reid and Mattie Lancaster

As the fall sports season comes to an end, we’d like to recognize all the amazing players and all the work they’ve put in this year, from countless hours spent at practices and conditioning to games and matches, putting their very best effort into everything they do.

One of these teams is the NLHS tennis team. These lady knights are coming up on their final 2 matches, with a current score of 5-7 and scheduled matches against Maiden and Newton-Conover this upcoming week.

Creative Castle

By: Grace Holbrooks & Liz Woodby

The Creative Castle is here to showcase the artists of North Lincoln High School. If you want to share your creativity with us, our emails are below for submissions:

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Poetry

Girl

Words abundant &
Fire consuming.
Brash methods of a softer speech.
But you find a way.
To clash humor & tongues,
To not be swept underneath a rug.
Stand proud.
Stand firm.
Stand willing and able to learn,
Girl of softer flowers...
Protected by armour.
-Anonymous Student

Artwork

This month’s artwork was contributed by senior Foster Williamson. She shares her thoughts about each work below.



“ The dog one was commissioned by my mom, she liked some animal drawings I’d done a while back but all I’d recently done were human portraits, so I decided to paint a photo I’d taken of my dog. I was giving it a floral print background, but I’ve yet to finish it.”

-Foster Williamson, 12th grade

Editor’s Piece

By: Grace Holbrooks

The Storm Florence Left Behind

Along with many, I sat in worry as the monstrous hurricane called Florence came charging at our coast. My worry sank in knowing that my family, along with many others on the coast and surrounding areas, were going to be threatened with losing their homes. Although the initially Category 4 hurricane only hit land as a Category 1, the storm still left behind substantial damage. In North Carolina alone there was a total of 36 casualties said to have been caused by the storm. The damages extent on the coast was large, from tearing roofs off of buildings to clearing out entire sections on high traffic roads. The coast had the most damage caused by wind, but the biggest threat and damage was caused by the extreme amount of water that Florence brought along with it. In Swansboro County, North Carolina there was a startling total of 30.58 inches of rainfall brought in by the storm, setting an all-time state record for the most amount of rainfall from any hurricane or tropical storm. This amount of rainfall led to severe flooding in certain areas leading to damage in the homes that included possible molding, destruction of framework and furniture, electrical damage, and etc. Although many suffered from this storm the damages could have been a lot worse if the hurricane hit as a Category 4. Many people are still displaced from their homes or are running out of basic needs and resources. If you would like to give to those affected please click the link below:

American Red Cross
https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-florence-donations.html/?cid=fy19hurflorence&cid=disaster&med=cpc&med=cpc&source=google&source=google&scode=rsg00000e017&scode=RSG00000E017&gclid=Cj0KCQjw3KzdBRDWARIsAIJ8TMTYiAeKngjHNbS4d_VV8gnEVhl4d5AqPrHD-wrUYdcpgzk5lWg2vCEaAljPEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds&dclid=CNfU6I_N2d0CFdRlwQodgCcCyQ



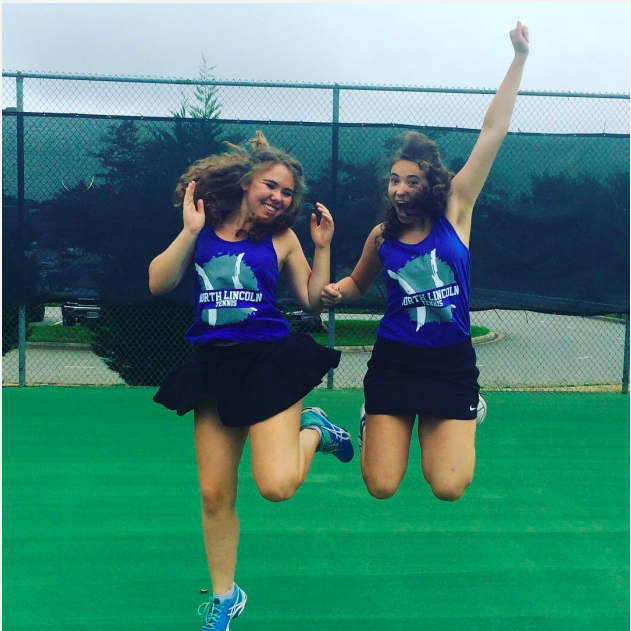
This is Lumberton, NC, another town largely affected by the storm.



The lady knights are gathering for a team prayer before beginning the match.



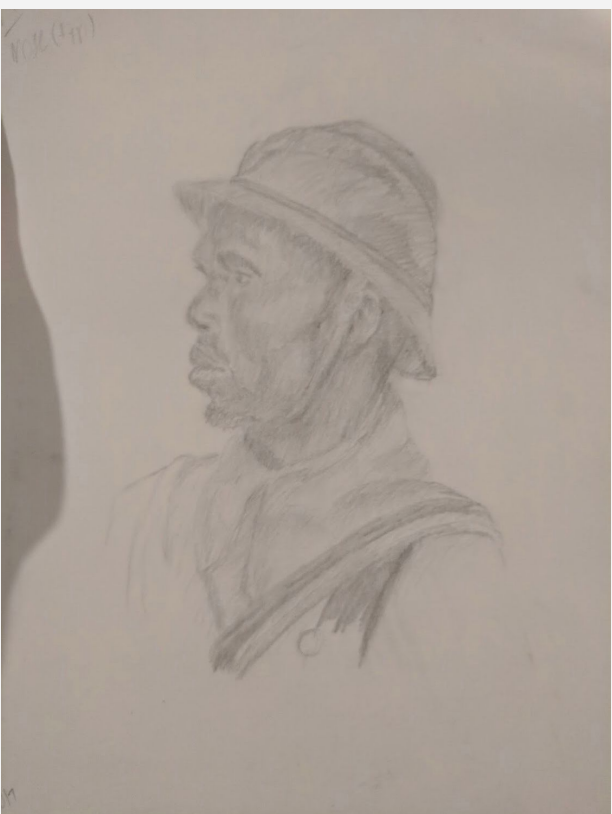
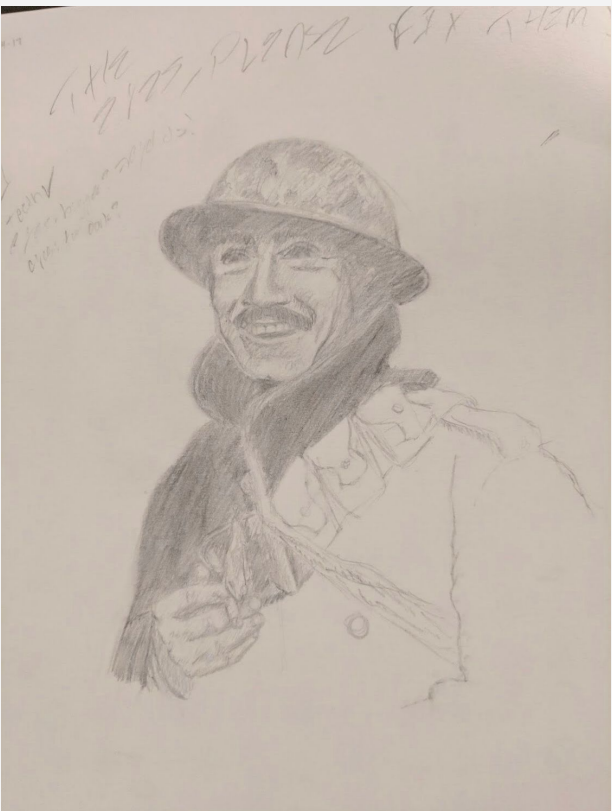
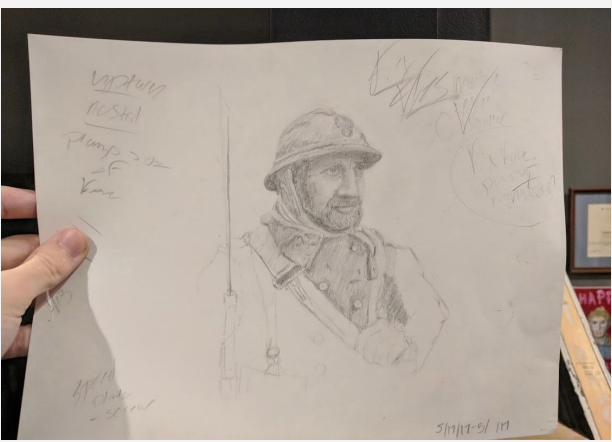
Pictured above is the entire tennis team, with Coach Reeves in the third row on the left.



Pictured above is senior Allison File and Junior Lanie Jordan.



Pictured above is the beautiful “Knight” sunset during the Varsity homecoming game.



“There are three sketches I did of soldiers in World War 1, a Frenchman, a Brit, and a French Colonial soldier. Those were the first realistic portraits I ever tried, and I think you can see the evolution of art as I learned how to draw and shade proportions more realistically.”

- Foster Williamson, 12th grade



Here is a picture of rescue efforts from James City, NC.

Sports

By: Bella Reid and Mattie Lancaster

Football

- 10/05 @ ELHS
- 10/12 @ Maiden
- 10/19 vs. Newton Conover
- 10/26 @ Lincolnton

Boy’s Soccer

- 10/01 vs. Bandys
- 10/03 @ WLHS
- 10/08 @ LKN Charter
- 10/10 vs. ELHS
- 10/12 @ Fred. T Foard
- 10/15 vs. Maiden
- 10/17 @ Newton Conover
- 10/22 vs. Lincolnton
- 10/26 @ Bandys

Cross Country

- 10/03 South Fort Meet #2
- 10/06 Wendy’s Invite
- 10/13 NC Elite Invite
- 10/16 Conference Champ
- 10/27 State Championship

Women’s Tennis

- 10/02 @ Maiden
- 10/04 vs. Newton Conover
- 10/09-10/10 Conf. Tourney @ Maiden

Women’s Golf

- 10/02 hosted by Newton Conover
- 10/08 hosted by NLHS
- 10/09 hosted by LKN Charter

Knight’s Kingdom

By: Grace Holbrooks, Faith Guia, & Rebecca Del Rossi

Volunteer Opportunities

All of these are great opportunities to help out the community and also help those who need volunteer hours for a club!

- Sally’s YMCA - Denver - (704) 716 - 7300
- Denver Baptist Church - Denver - (704) 403 - 3030
- Lakewood Care Center (Retirement Home) - Denver - (704) 483 - 7000
- Habitat for Humanity Restore - Denver - (704) 466 - 4300
- Mooresville Soup Kitchen - Mooresville - (704) 660 - 9010
- The Corner Table - Newton - (828) 464 - 0355
- Cornelius Animal Shelter - Cornelius - (704) 237 - 3602

Photography

Job Opportunities

Go and get an application at any one of these places if you are looking for a job!!!

- Burger King - Denver
- Arbys - Denver & Lincolnton
- Chick - Fil - A - Denver
- Wendy's - Denver & Lincolnton
- Pie 5 Pizza - Lincolnton
- Homingstead (senior care)- Lincolnton



Students showing Knight school spirit during the varsity North Lincoln vs. West Lincoln game.

Congratulations to all of the fall sports teams and their many accomplishments! Keep up the hard work!!!

Mystery Person of the Month

By: Rebecca Del Rossi



- I am a Cheerleader
- I drive a red car
- I am short
- I love photography

Upcoming Events!

By: Faith Guia

October 1st:

- Progress Reports!
- Yearbooks for Sale

October 6th:

- Roundtable Tournament of Bands

October 10th:

- PSAT, NLHS

October 11th:

- Early Release Day, Noon

October 16th:

- 1st Deadline for Senior Ads

October 17th:

- PACT, 10th grade

October 20th:

- Underclassmen make-up pictures
- Senior group pictures

October 26th:

- End of the first 9 weeks

October 29th:

- Teacher Workday, NO SCHOOL



“ Abraham Segura, a senior is NLHS's goalie, before the start of the game he cools off with some water.”

Photographer: Rebecca Del Rossi, 12th grade



“ Holden Davis goes against an opponent in a game, focusing to get the ball.”

Photographer: Rebecca Del Rossi, 12th grade

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Scroll below for the continuing story of Charlie in *The Bard's Tale* by Hannah McGuire.....

The Bard's Tale

by: Hannah McGuire

How often do students get the chance to just sit down and read a story? Now, all you have to do is look at each month's issue of The Sword and Pen to get a few hundred words about a normal high school senior...except she has a hidden talent. Read to find out more!

He was running down the long dark corridor and something was chasing him. He felt the warm breath of the predator on the back of his neck and the cold hand grab his sweat-soaked shirt, causing him to stumble and fall...

He screamed and sat up, waking himself from the nightmare. As soon as his breathing had slowed down and he had forced his eyes open, Charlie glanced at the alarm clock on his bedside table. The acid green numbers told him that it was 3:30 AM. Shaking his head, knowing that it would be difficult for him to get back to sleep, he threw the blanket and sheet off of him and went into the small bathroom that he shared with his younger sister.

The suddenly blaring lights forced him to squeeze his eyes shut again, but once they had adjusted to the light, Charlie found himself looking into the mirror over the sink, sizing up the pale, skinny boy before him whose chocolate brown hair made him look even more sickly and was in desperate need of a trim. The dark circles under his striking blue eyes were much too large for anybody his age, 16, to have, but they were one of the things that came with the restless nights and early mornings of having the same nightmare over and over again. He sighed and turned the tap on, splashing some cold water into his face.

A knock sounded on the bathroom door and Charlie's heartbeat sped up, even though he knew it was just his mother coming to check on him after she had heard his scream. Sure enough, when he finally opened the door, his mother was standing outside, her own brown hair tied up into a messy bunch on the top of her head and a red bathrobe tied around her own thin waist.

“Are you okay?” she half-whispered. “I heard you scream. Was it the nightmare again?”

“Yeah,” Charlie replied, leaning the side of his face against the bathroom door. The cold surface was refreshing against his sweaty face. “It keeps coming back. Sometimes I won’t have it for a few nights, but then I’ll have it for a week straight.”

His mother nodded. "I'm sorry, sweetheart. Why don't you try to go back to sleep? If you think of positive things, I'm sure you'll have a good dream."

If Charlie had been a braver child, he would have rolled his eyes. His mother had been giving him the same advice since he had been 13 and the dream had started. Had it ever helped him? No. However, he responded with, “Okay, I’ll try. Love you, Mom.”

Charlie's mom went up the hallway to her room, while Charlie went down to his. Instead of laying back down in the dreaded bed, however, he walked over to his desk and opened his laptop. If he was going to be awake, he might as well get some homework out of the way. As he was writing an essay for his history class, Charlie's mind started to wander. Why did that dream always freak him out so much? It was, like, a standard nightmare, just like going to school in only your underwear was...everybody has had that dream. So why did it affect him so much?

Charlie was finishing his concluding paragraph when his alarm went off for 5:30 AM. He sighed, closed his computer, and stretched. As he listened to his bones pop ominously, he realized why the dream freaked him out so much. It wasn't because of the endlessness of the corridor or the predator's breath or cold hands. It was the fear of what or who he would find after he had fallen and turned over to look into the face of the creature.