



INVASION IN LEMONT

by Sarah Newton
News writer

“Let it Be” after “A Hard Day’s Night” “Because” “I’ve Just Seen a Face” of the new Beatles who are starting a “Revolution” at LHS. The Liverpool Legends, a cover band for the Beatles, want LHS to “Come Together” on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the PAC.



The Liverpool Legends, which consist of Kevin Mantegna (in the role of John Lennon), Bob Beahon (Paul McCartney), Marty Scott (George Harrison) and Greg George (Ringo Starr), were hand picked by Louise Harrison, sister of the late George Harrison. Harrison created the band as part of the “Keeping Music Alive,” which brings live music to high schools and colleges across the country. “Liverpool Legends present the very best portrayal of The Beatles since the only four guys to play The Beatles were John, Paul, George and Ringo,” says Harrison.

The Liverpool Legends will play the most popular songs of the Beatles starting in the 1960s and ending with a select few of the member’s solo works. The performance will include costumes from each decade, vintage instruments and special effects.

“The concert is open to the public. The purpose [is to] bring the community a great cultural show and bring the LHS students a great experience,” said Terry Redford, LHS coordinator of the event.

The band also asked that the choral and band students be incorporated into the show. Redford commented, “The fact that the group wants to involve the [high school students is] a great idea. Everyone involved from the choir and band people through the tech people will be working with and learning from professional performers and staff.”

Tickets for the performance can be purchased in advance online for \$25 and, if still available, for \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets go to: <https://secure2.ticketguys.com/LemontHighSchool/>

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New Student Wi-Fi at LHS

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The LHS school board decided to add Wi-Fi to the school's networking system. As of this year all LHS students have access to the student-based Wi-Fi.

Wi-Fi allows wireless connection to the internet; With it being available to students, they can now browse the web on their cell phones, iPods and laptops.

According to IT District Administrator Jim Poss, "the intent of providing this access is to facilitate a high-tech learning environment using high-tech mobile tools many of us have at our disposal."

Complete freedom on the internet isn't guaranteed to students while using the Wi-Fi network. Just like the school computers, popular websites such as Facebook and Youtube are blocked from the web.

LHS teachers and students now have the opportunity to use the new network in their classes and throughout the whole school.

According to social studies teacher Mike Pryor, "it's a new opportunity for students to experiment with newer technology," while sophomore Greg Koski said, "I think it's a good idea because kids can now use their smart phones to look up things."

However not all have positive opinions of the student-based Wi-Fi. Business teacher John Aspel said, "I don't think it's necessary." While junior Shannon Turley said, "Personally I believe it is nice to have Wi-Fi for when you want to go on the internet in class. But I don't think that's exactly what the school wants."

The Wi-Fi is new to the system and availability isn't guaranteed; to access the Wi-Fi students must follow steps found in an email sent out earlier this month by Jim Poss.



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Eighth Grade Open House

by Morgan McPartland
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LHS plans to host its annual eighth grade open house next Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 6:30-8 p.m. The open house gives current eighth grade students and their parents the opportunity to preview Lemont High School and meet its many teachers, counselors and administrators.

Students from both public and private local middle schools are invited to attend the open house, which will begin in the school's Performing Arts Center (PAC). After the brief introduction, the eighth graders and their parents can tour the school and visit each athletic, academic and extra-curricular table for questions and information.

All extra-curricular activities, non-athletic clubs and sports will be represented at the eighth grade open house. Usually, the athletic displays are set up in the Fieldhouse while the various club tables are scattered throughout the halls of LHS.

"This is catering to both students and parents," said LHS Activities Director Matt Doherty. "So there is usually a lot more 'Q&A' between parents and sponsors." According to Doherty, the open house allows prospective students and their parents to realize that high school offers much more than the core academic classes.

Any eighth grade student who lives within LHS' attendance boundaries, or plans on living there during the 2012-13 school year, is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the academic and extra-curricular programs LHS has to offer. "I went to the eighth grade open house last year," said LHS freshman Haley Sullivan. "I'm glad I did, because I got to tour the school and it helped me get used to LHS."

Doherty believes the eighth grade open house "is an exciting and important day for our clubs, the students involved and sponsors." For directions to LHS or other important information regarding the Class of 2016, visit www.lhs210.



It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time

by Scott Salvatore
News writer

Lemont High School's cafeteria services provide the school's students, faculty and staff with a variety of nutritional meal choices for both breakfast and lunch. Cafeteria services provide opportunities to purchase either full meals or a-la-carte items for a population of nearly 1,500 students and roughly 200 staff members.

Several a-la-carte items are available at varying prices during both breakfast and lunch. Alternatively, students may bring sack lunches. Senior Bryce Nacker, a frequent "cold luncher" said that "both can be equally healthy or unhealthy, but buying lunch is actually more convenient because bought lunches won't get smashed in your backpack like a sack lunch, and you don't have to worry about making it the night before."

The other a-la-carte lines which include greater variety can be more expensive than tray lines and cold lunches depending on the purchase combination. Senior Tyler Zaremski said, "The store sells a large can of Arizona tea for \$.99 whereas our school sells a more medium size can for \$1.25 but it's provided conveniently refrigerated for you."

More than likely bringing in sack lunches will end up being the cheaper option, but purchasing an all-natural Arizona tea or chocolate milk from the cafeteria would be a healthier choice than the easily-portable artificially flavored Capri-Sun or Hi-C juice drinks.

Moreover, when students bring their own sack lunches there is an advantage of virtually unlimited choices for the lunch time meal. The disadvantage is the hassle of going out of the way to get that desired snack that might be conveniently found in the commons.

The school lunch schedule can be found online at the main LHS webpage under For Students, and then Cafeteria Services. The current month's menus for both student and staff lunches can be found on the right side of this page: <http://www.lhs210.net/about/cafeteriaservices.aspx>.



Photos by Michael Gaytan



Yearbook, Yourbook

by Laura Harding
News writer

As an addition to the 2011-2012 LHS yearbook, students are now permitted to submit pictures they've taken to be included in the book as well. Yearbook Club sponsor Brittany Glowa and the club members have introduced this idea to LHS students with high hopes.

In the past, Marshall Photography has attended events upon request to take photos for the yearbook. Cameras are also available for members to rent and photograph events. Student-submitted photos will be an addition to the collection process.

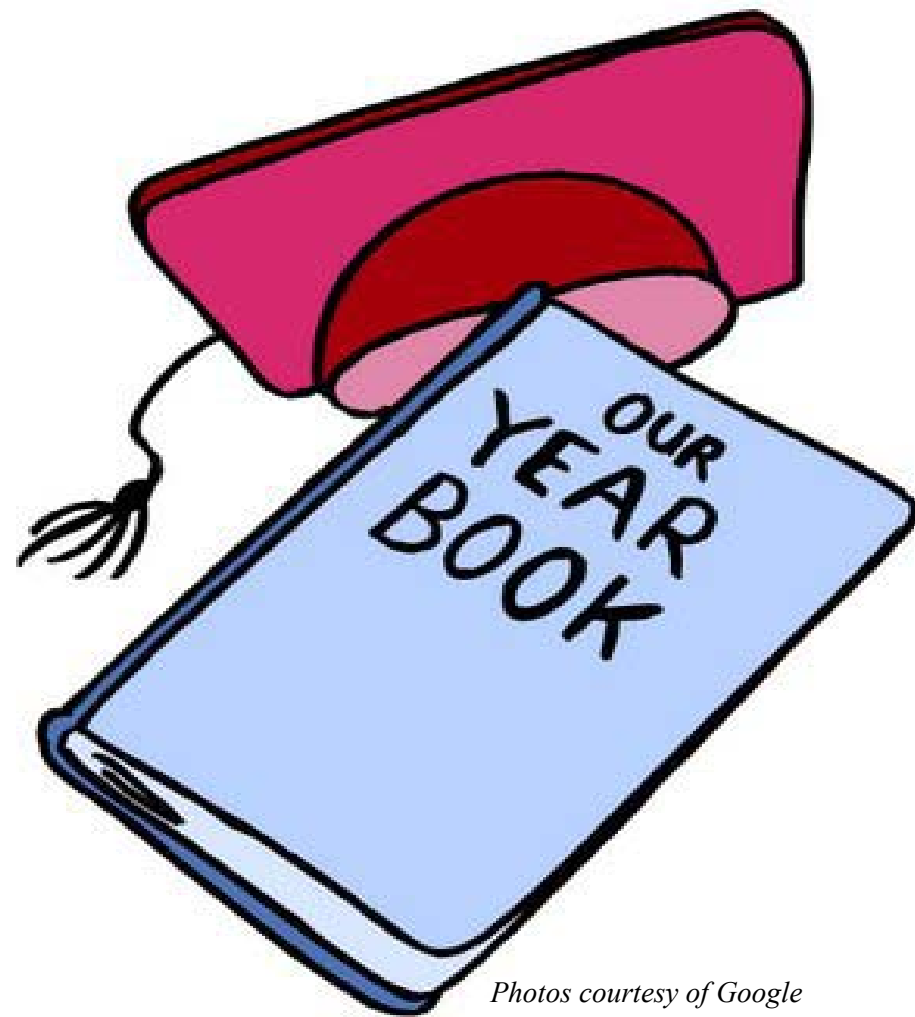
According to Glowa, LHS yearbook provider Heff Jones offers a website for students to upload their own pictures to be integrated in the yearbook. "It has never been in use before but I thought it would be a good idea to try it to collect more photos," said Glowa.

Senior and Yearbook Club member Kendall Kowal seems enthusiastic about allowing students the opportunity to have their pictures incorporated in the yearbook. "People always say 'how great of a picture would that be to put in the yearbook' and now they can," said Kowal.

Yearbook Club is looking for pictures from any and all school occasions such as dances, sporting events, club events and spirit days. "I would like [more] pictures from Spirit Week because we only have a few pictures from most of the days," said Kowal.

"Before the yearbook members even see the pictures, I log in as an administrator and download the appropriate ones," said Glowa. Any pictures depicting vulgar activity or violation of school conduct will not be downloaded for yearbook consideration.

Pictures are expected to be submitted by February at the absolute latest, according to Glowa; anything handed in afterwards "won't make the cut." Teachers, parents and coaches can also send in photos for the yearbook.



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Apathy: The New Plague

by Ryan Kahle
Guest Editorialist

The modern classroom is all but rotting away courtesy of the disinterested, disengaged student. They sit lifeless and dull in the face of succulent discussion material sautéed in their very face.

Maybe this is why jobs in the humanities field don't seem to make ends meet, because the general public is sated and nauseous. According to English and Humanities teacher Marek Dron, there are a host of variables that go into participation or lack thereof; time of day, class size, subject, male to female ratio (in certain cases) and the general student dynamic all factor in to whether or not a class will participate actively in discussion.

"Discussions don't just happen," he said, "they take a lot of planning and effort."

But why do students do it? Lindsay Simonetta, senior and tentative participant, said "I feel like it depends on whether the students feel comfortable with sharing their opinion in that specific setting."

Some are quick to label this position as "cowardly". Sophomore Gabriele Blinstrubate, participant and contributor to most discussion, said, "I don't think setting really matters, I think it's more so [the individual's] personality."

She continued, saying that "we all started school around the age of five, we've been in a classroom setting for a long time now so if anything, the classroom is where it should feel natural to share [our opinions], aside the comfort of our own homes."

And as sad as it may sound, the teacher attempting to facilitate said discussion many times will fall into a cycle of self blame/loathing. Though technically discussion-based classes derive their name from a discussion centered curriculum, and discussions cannot happen without participation, even Dron said, "I put it all on me," in regards to a floundering discussion.

Thankfully, he disagrees with the general consensus; he believes there is no such lack of participation smothering discussion-based classes. Granted, there are different levels of participation, but Dron's goal every class is to have 100 percent of students participate sometime throughout the class period. "I don't feel it is unrealistic," he said of his goal.

As if sitting back and letting other do the work for you is a novel concept. Students have been leaning on the concept for years, using it to pad their respective GPAs; they are too quickly copping out and choosing not to participate. Not many enjoy the presence of the police, and at the same time many of these accosted students are looking for an out. So it all connects.

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Who are You?

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Those Facebook "Friends"

by Cara Dohse
Editorialist

Have you ever logged onto your Facebook account and received a friend request from someone you didn't know? Do you confirm the request or deny this person that is unfamiliar to you?

Do you know all 300 or 500 friends on your FB or are they just acquaintances? It seems to me that the FB world at times becomes a contest. People will add others if they go to their school or have just heard of their name. I bet there is a huge number of people who are your friend for no particular reason.

Your FB friends have the ability to know your name, where you go to school, where you work and see your status updates, pictures; and conversations you have with your friends. Isn't it a little weird to think about how much a "friend" can creep on you? So what's the point of having all of those FB friends besides having a huge number on the sidebar of your profile? Does it make people look "cool" – or just creepy?

Senior Phil Thomas said, "My first reaction when people I don't know on FB add me, I ask myself 'Why are they doing it?' because it seems a little desperate."

FB is a great tool for individuals to see friends' pictures and keep in touch with people they love. But FB at times turns into a big creep-on-everyone website. Maybe it's time to go through your list of FB friends and delete those people you don't know. Is it really necessary to have all those friends and not know half of them? It really isn't.

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a sticky situation

by Maribeth Van Hecke
Editorials Editor

You’re sitting in your class and suddenly someone next to you shrieks in disgust. “EW! I just touched gum!” Every student should have the right to a clean workspace, and not one with a colorful collage of once-chewed gum.

Here’s the deal. The garbage can is not that far away. No body’s gum belongs in the underside of desks or on the bottom on someone’s shoe. That’s what the garbage is for.

LHS senior Lauren Donar says the gum on the underside of desks is “really disgusting” and when she touches gum she “[pulls] her hand away and shrieks.” Surprisingly enough, no one thinks chewed gum is a pleasant surprise underneath desks and no one wants to touch it.

Why put them under desks? LHS senior Zak Kievert thinks, “if more teachers allowed it on the classroom, there would be less gum under the desks.” So, maybe students are just rebelling against their rule-following teachers.

Another unexpected place someone sees gum is polka-dotted on the sidewalk and street. Not to hate on polka dots, but they are much cuter when they weren’t once chewed.

If you need a little release, you can visit the famous Market Theater Gum Wall in Seattle, Washington. Here, gum fanatics can stick their used gum on the brick alley way covered in inches of the sticky stuff. The alley measures 15 by 50 feet and has been a tradition since 1993.

So the next time you’re chewing gum and feel the need to stick it somewhere no one wants to find it, think, “Hey, that’s what the trash can is for.”



Cartoon made by Joshua Shubert



Nowhere To Go

by John Brennan
Editorialist

A lot of people say you don’t need money to be happy. I’m sure those people will be real happy living out of a box and begging for change.

You hear it all the time everywhere. Parents, teachers and churches all instill the idea that being filthy rich when you grow up isn’t everything.

Even the show business does this. The biggest irony is when a film’s moral tries to spread this silly concept, as all movies are an attempt to take as much of people’s money as possible.

But the truth is, money is happiness. Studies at Princeton University show that people who make \$75,000 a year and above are happier than people who make less than that mark.

When you see guys slinging bills around like chump change, you probably think to yourself, “Man, that guy is a pretty cool dude.” Money is THE deciding factor in how successfully you have lived your life.

Money is freedom. With money you can pay for necessities and leisurely things. Paper lets you see the world and experience everything. But above all else, being able to live life without fear of debt, worry over medical bills and not being able to provide for your family is truly the greatest freedom.

That’s not to say that all families need money to be happy, but it sure helps. Kids are expensive. Kids constantly need food, clothes and videogames.

Money is also a representation of one’s success and hard work. Some people work their way up a ladder to great wealth, and some strike gold with an ingenious business idea. At the end of the day, they can look at their money as a sign of their triumphs. They earned it.

Others lie, cheat and steal their way into their fortune. And while what they did might not have been the most morally correct course of action, they end up being rewarded by a culture where what you have defines who you are.

Does money corrupt? That’s a myth. With money, you can actually afford to donate to charities. Sure, it might come with a delicious tax write-off, but, hey, the money is still being donated.



WOZY COW

by Luke Whittingham
Features writer

Although it may fall in and out of fashion, true vegetarians have seen greater improvement in their quality of life after saying no to eating our animal friends. Vegetarianism has many benefits, for animals and for the health of the consumer.

Meat-eaters may view vegetarianism as an unsafe practice because of the lack of protein found in a non-meat diet. However, nutrients found in meat can be acquired through nuts, avocados and other food that contains natural fats and protein. Studies have also demonstrated that vegetarians consume 25% less unhealthy fats annually opposed to meat eaters, according to BenefitsOfVegetarianism.com.

Just as non-prescription glasses and waxed lips candy go in and out of style, so does the vegetarianism fad.

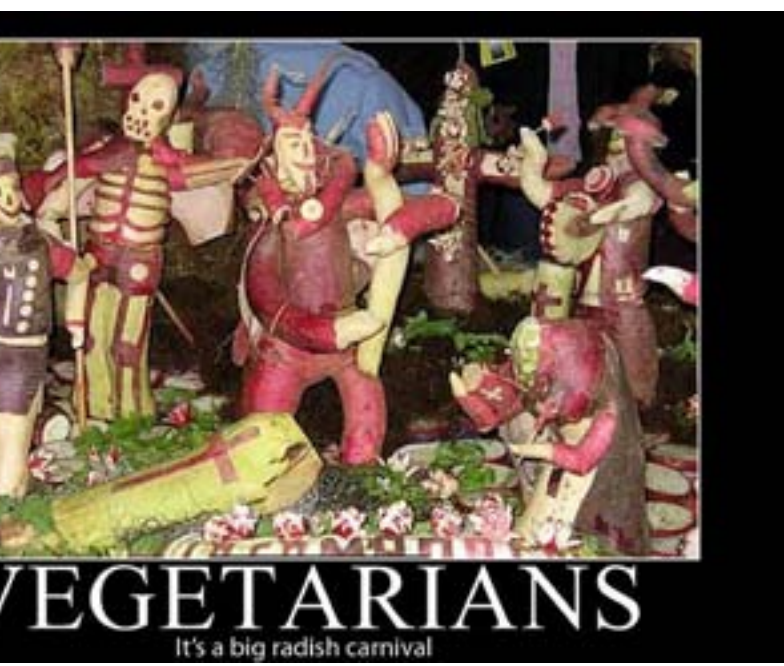
Vegetarians are usually in their strongest numbers when society turns its attention on animal cruelty—like in this day and age. For example, from heart-breaking videos about slaughter houses that PETA has posted on the internet to documentaries like *Food, Inc.*, many previous “vegetarians” return to their old, meatless habits for a short period of time. However, it is those that have gone years without eating mean that demonstrate a true dedication to a cause they believe in, while reaping the benefits of a healthy diet.

But there’s more than one way to be a “veg-head.” Vegans, commonly confused with vegetarians, eat neither meat nor animal bi-products, causing their diet to be strict. Vegetarians, on the other hand, solely don’t eat meat. This gives vegetarians a broader diet, allowing healthier choices and consuming less unnecessary fats found in meat. Other forms of vegetarianism include the fish-eating pescetarian and the on-again, off-again vegetarian, the flexitarian.

Vegetarianism is like taking milk out of your diet. There are other ways of obtaining calcium, and it’s not a necessity for survival.

Vegetarianism affects individuals in different ways. “I really like it, but I still eat fish,” said Lemont High School senior and pescetarian Rhiannon Lindgren. “The reason I decided to stop eating meat was because of the book *Chew on This.*”

When it comes to the well-being of yourself and your environment, vegetarianism is becoming a common practice. If life were a carnival, vegetarianism is a big radish Ferris wheel—so put your grills away and get those veggie steamers a-steamin’!



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Bullying: Why?

by Ashley Murphy
Features writer

A girl is sitting on her computer at home and nervously pulls up her Facebook. Twenty new notifications. She panics. Those two girls wouldn't leave her alone, leaving racial slurs and mean remarks on her status.

Is it a crime? Is it a hobby? What is bullying all about?

Most teens don't know how to handle it. In worse cases, cyber bullying, or any kind of bullying, can result in therapy, injury or death. What can teens do to cope?

Go to an adult and talk about it. "Kids who hang out together should ban together to stop it, or the group that is doing it," states Lemont High School gym teacher Joe Rodeghero. "One person in that group should have the courage to tell that person to stop."


But what really motivates a bully? Studies show that, surprisingly, their motivation doesn't stem from their insecurities. In reality, teens and children who bully do it for social status. They pick on the "unpopular kids" so they won't lose their social status.

Although it may not be the insecurities that lead kids to bully, they're still insecure. They choose to bully to forget about their feelings. Lemont High School junior John Cekanavicius voices his opinion. "I think teenagers don't put themselves in the other's shoes," says Cekanavicius. "They just speak out of anger."

Many people say to get help by talking to someone, but unexpectedly, ignoring it can help. To prevent bullying, stay positive and stay close to the people who care about you. Everyone asks the same thing. Bullying: Why?

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STATESVILLE HAUNTED PRISON:

#1 Haunted House in Chicago

by Sonia Vavra
Features writer



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Some people may claim they don't find enjoyment out of being crammed in the dark, being jumped out at and being scared out of their wits. However, I decided to take my chances a couple weeks ago.

Statesville Haunted Prison, voted number one haunted house of 2010, is one of the most feared and anticipated haunted houses of the students in LHS. "I've heard a lot of things [about Statesville]," said fellow line-goer Kevin McLaughlin. "Everyone says it's really creepy and I'm going to get really scared." Like McLaughlin, many other people in line seemed anxious to find out what was in store for them through the dark entrance with the glowing red letters saying 'Statesville' right above.

While waiting in line, there were various creatures, ranging from screaming zombies to bloody clowns, who would dash in and out of the lines of people, frightening anyone who happened to not be paying attention. Based on the detailed costumes and the monsters' ability to remain in character, what everyone was anticipating inside had to be just as good.

Another rather excited visitor Katie Spinelli shared her thoughts on entering. "I like the thrill of haunted houses and how realistic the monsters are," said Spinelli. As I walked through the various oddly-themed rooms, ranging from a slaughterhouse to a bloody dentist's office to the classic clown room, I couldn't help but think most of the frightening 'thrill' came from whatever appropriately-themed monster jumped out at you from a dark corner. Although the flashing lights, hanging severed body parts and eerie music added greatly to the horrific aspect of the haunted house, I found I had become used to the repetitive banging against the walls and shouting as I walked by.

As my group and I reached the end of the haunted house, we had to dash away from a man with a chainsaw in order to escape. The two-part haunted house was filled with many amazing different theme designs in which I assume a lot of work was put into. However, I'd heard many unconfirmed rumors in previous years of what goes on inside the haunted house—which I admit I had high expectations to take place—that made my Statesville experience not fit my standards.

Emii Ryan, whom I met on the bus ride back to the parking lot, seemed to disagree with me. "I was really freaked out, mostly from the monsters jumping out at you and getting in your face." So, some people seemed to be shaken from what they had just escaped from inside, but others disagreed and thought the \$30 fee may have been a bit too expensive for what they got.

Although it may be my several years of experience with haunted houses, I did not find much of Statesville to be nearly as horrifying as I had expected.

12 Girls Tennis Recap PRANGEN'S GOLDEN ARMY 13

by Kurran Buck
Sports writer

Throughout this entire season, the Indians tennis team showed they could dominate anybody they came across. Just look at one of their most important matches: the conference championship.

“My favorite match was Hillcrest at conference, it was a very close match and it was for the championship title and we ended up pulling through it through a tie-breaker,” said senior Brooke Olsick.

What Olsick says is true, the Indians did pull out a conference championship against Hillcrest, winning in dramatic fashion. This victory showed the hard work and dedication that these girls put into practice every day throughout the season. This work paid off, and will only help their game in the future, whether that is in college or on the team next year, as there is several seniors leaving the team. Their coaches are impressed, that is for sure.

“I thought the season actually went very well, the kids won conference and the kids played hard and we had a good season,” said LHS head coach Chris Hill on his team’s performance this season.

Assistant LHS coach Scott Collins thought so, too.

“I was pleased with the way we did this year, we overcame some injuries and we were fairly young we lost some pretty strong seniors, but overall the conference was really gunning for us...and we obviously took the conference championship,” Collins said.

Overall, this has been a season for Lemont tennis, even if the Indians didn’t pull out a state championship. Improvements are on their way.

“I’ve got to have people step up and fill the places of the graduating seniors,” said Hill about next year’s chances, “so it’s the matter of off-season training and working at camps so they can move up to the next level.

They also will be keeping their top singles player junior Sam Drafke and who “has overcome some injuries... but she for all accounts, she’s moving into her senior year as the number one singles player,” said Collins. This said, Lemont girls tennis should be here to stay, in terms of dominance, for at least the next several years.

And so the journey continues for Lemont girls tennis. With this season under their belts, they can brag that they have done something worthwhile for their home town.



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by Ryan Peraino
Sports Editor



Photos by Ryan Peraino

Almost as good as Section 8 at the Chicago Fire games, Prangen’s Golden Army is at almost every soccer game cheering loudly for their favorite Lemont team.

Prangen’s Golden Army is the supports section for the Lemont Soccer teams. The army was revived this year from the 2007 season by senior Sydney Goushas.

“Elise Cody (LHS graduate) told me about how they had the army when she was a freshman and I decided that I wanted to start it back up again,” said Goushas.

The army is at almost every game cheering on the team and getting in the other players’ heads.

They are most known for their “Roy” chant to the song Shots by LMFAO ft. Lil John and singing the Rocky Theme Song when junior keeper Andrew Putna kicks the ball.

The army has specially-made shirts made by senior forward Mikey Walus. The shirts say “Prangen’s Golden Army” on the front with the Lemont Soccer logo on the front and on the back the shirt says “Prangen Strong.”

“The shirts give the group a sense of pride and brings the group together,” said Walus.

The army averages about 25 students at every home game and they’ve made an appearance at every home and away game except for two. Seniors Brian Hennig and Goushas have been to every home game and away game except for Wednesday nights because they have band.

“I thought the army was only going to be two or three people but it has grown to a lot of people,” added Goushas.

Hennig is always seen with his LHS bedsheet that he uses as a flag. He brought it out for the big rivalry game between Lemont and Downers Grove South. It seemed to work as Lemont won 4-0.

“[The flag] is something different that no one else has,” said Hennig.

Hennig is by far the loudest fan in attendance and says that many opposing fans get upset with his loud comments. He said his favorite comment to yell is, “wait, wait, wait” as the opposing player goes to take a throw in or free kick.

“The team appreciates the support that the army gives every game,” said senior captain Kyle Koehler. “It is so cool to go to away games and see our crowd have more supporters than the home team.”

The army is excited for the postseason and even has some special events like tailgate parties planned for the upcoming games.

The army consists mostly of seniors so Goushas sends this message to the underclassmen: “I hope that they still keep Prangen’s Golden Army strong and they come out and support the team even though half the army will be gone.”

Regardless of the future, the army is enjoying this playoff run and Goushas and Hennig want to invite all to join the army in cheering on the boys soccer team to the state finals.



14 Cross Country Season Recap

by Adrian Kalata
Sports writer

With the season over, Lemont's boys cross country team finished seventh in sectionals this year. Led by coach Jon DeGuzman, the team has improved their performances during sectionals, moving up two places in the last two years. The team began practicing at the beginning of June, where coach Deguzman described that they worked on their "pack", which is the togetherness of our runners during the race." Deguzman also explained that this way of training improves scores, times and develops a consistency among the runners. With only one senior runner, the team will have a similar roster leading into the next season. With all runners focusing on their individual performances, coach Deguzman looks forward to the upcoming summer practices which he believes will help the team reach their goal of qualifying to the state finals. Looking back on the season, coach Deguzman also says that "the boys cross country team had a great season, and I am so proud of what they have accomplished."



15 Indians Stampede Mustangs

By John Fiori
Sports writer

The Lemont Indians football team ended the regular season on top of the South Suburban Conference once again. The team is unbeaten on the year and entered the playoffs with a 9-0 record. Statistically speaking, this team is one of the best teams in Lemont football history. They received the number one seed, along with Batavia in class 6A.

Only giving up 45 points all year, including five shutouts, the Lemont defense was hard to break. Leading the team in total tackles was senior Kyle Krull who finished with 73. Coach John Howell's "hit hard" defense picked off 18 passes, along with 30 sacks. On the other hand the offense racked up 2245 rushing yards and 909 passing yards.

Leading the defense, are captains Krull and Brad Uher. Uher lead the team with six sacks. "I feel the number one success for our defense is that we stick together we play as a unit," says Uher. Junior Jake Lemming, who leads the defensive backs, has accounting for seven interceptions and 37 tackles. The Indians have let up an average of five points per game and scoring an average of 40 points. "I very pleased with the way they performed this year it was a successful season for our hit hard defense," says Coach John Howell.

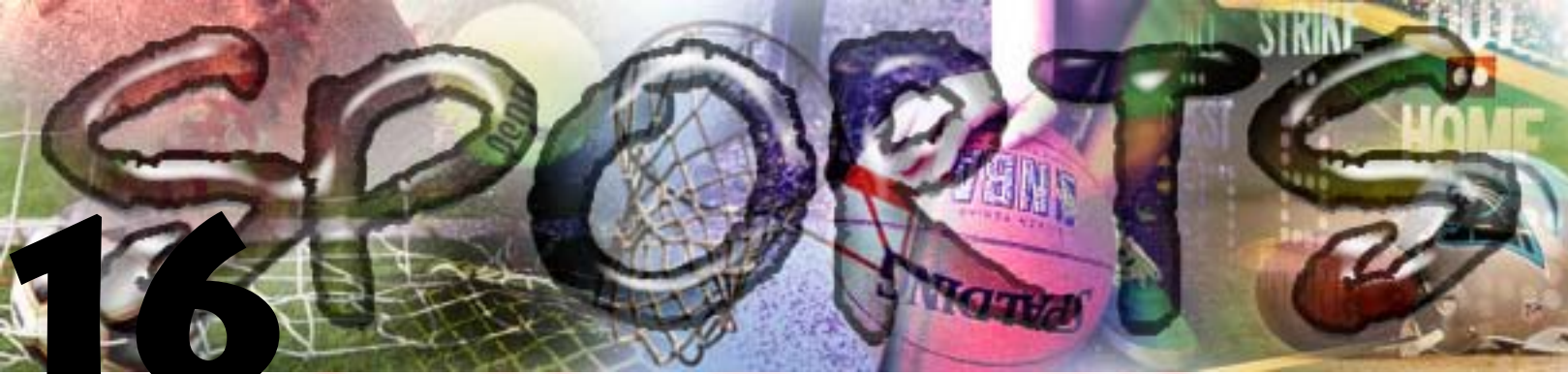
Leading the team on offensive are seniors Damon Aleman and Mike Anzalone. Through the air Aleman has passed for a total of 815 yards with eleven touchdowns and only 1 interception. Anazlone surpassed the 1000 mark rushing for 1007 total yards running in 11 touchdowns. Adding to the offensive success was junior Christos Giatras who also scored 11 touchdowns. Offensive coordinator Brent Gagnon said, "I feel we did two things right on the offensive side of the ball, control the clock and we didn't turn the ball over very often".

Continuing their perfect season heading into the playoffs Lemont (10-0) faced Morgan Park Mustangs (4-6) on Friday. Morgan Park started the game with a full head of steam scoring on an 85-yard touchdown pass from Andre Newell to Javon Bright along with a 65 yard Newell run. Mustangs had 149 yards on their first two plays and six the rest of the game. Surging back, the Indians recorded four turnovers scoring on each of those possessions. Anzalone (32 carries, 165 yards) scored twice, once on a four-yard run and once on an 8-yard run. Damon Aleman (7-11, 122 yards) threw two touchdown passes once to senior Tyler Jay from 22 yards out and another to Giatras from 12 yards out.

The Indians have had success on the both sides of the ball this season. From limiting the opposing team in total yards to having a season rusher over 1000 yards. The Indians look to bring their regular season intensity into the playoffs on their route to the state finals in November.



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Bird's Eye View

The Cardinals entered the playoffs in dramatic fashion and took advantage of their opportunity as they faced off against the Texas Rangers in the 2011 World Series.

There was a lot of excitement in the first three games of the series with the Cardinals winning games one and three.

In game one the Cardinals pulled out a close victory with a score of 3-2. In game two, the Cardinals led 1-0 entering the ninth inning and ended up blowing the lead and losing 2-1. In game three, Cardinals star Albert Pujols went 5 for 6, tying a World Series record with three home runs. The Cardinals clobbered the Rangers in a 16-7 victory.

In game four, Derrick Holland, the pitcher for the Rangers, shut down the Cardinals in a 4-0 win. Rangers manager Ron Washington said, "He showed the world what he's capable of doing." The Rangers pulled away in the fourth inning on a three-run home run by catcher Mike Napoli in the sixth inning to put the Rangers ahead 4-0.

Game five was not decided until the bottom of the eighth inning. The game was tied at two until once again the hero from game four, Mike Napoli, had a two-out bases loaded double to make the score 4-2.

Game six of this series has already gone down as one of the best World Series games of all time. This was a close game until the seventh inning when the Rangers scored three runs to make it a 7-4 Rangers lead. The Cardinals scored one run in the eighth inning to cut the Rangers lead to 7-5.

The ninth inning was where the drama began. St. Louis was down to their last strike trailing 7-5 with two men on base. With two strikes and two outs, David Freese hit a game-tying two run triple off the wall in right field. In the top of the tenth inning, Josh Hamilton of the Rangers hit a two-run home run to put the Rangers back on top 9-7.

In the bottom half of the tenth inning, the Cardinals continued to fight back. The Cardinals scored one run making the score 9-8 with two outs in the tenth inning. Once again down to their last strike, Lance Berkman came through with a clutch single to bring home the run to tie the game at 9-9.

Texas didn't score in the top half of the eleventh inning. In the bottom half, the hero who tied the game with a two-out triple in the ninth inning, David Freese, hit a walk off home run to have the Cardinals go on to win in dramatic fashion.

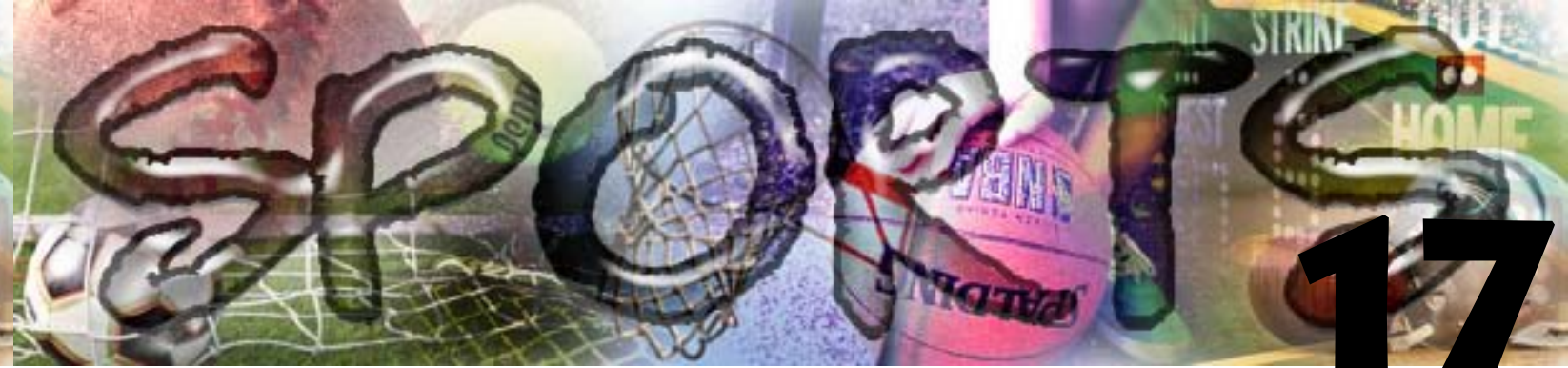
Game seven got off to a fast start with both teams scoring two runs in the first inning. For the Rangers that is all they would get. Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter settled down after the first inning and pitched a great game. St. Louis would score one more in the third, two in the fifth and one more in the seventh to go on to win the game 6-2 and the World Series.

Cardinals third baseman David Freese was awarded the World Series MVP hitting .348 in the Fall Classic.

This was the Cardinals' eleventh championship in team history and maybe the most memorable.



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Second Time's a Charm Pause

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It was the bottom of the ninth inning and Neftali Feliz was pitching for Texas with two outs and Texas was just one strike away from a World Series title. However, St. Louis' David Freese under pressure hit a ball to the right field wall for a triple, driving in the tying run, ultimately saving St. Louis from elimination.

Rallying their way back to a second consecutive World Series, the Texas Rangers had one more obstacle to overcome to avoid failing on baseball's biggest stage for the second straight year, but they could not prevail.

Texas came into the World Series as the favorite over the St. Louis Cardinals and was expected to have an easy series. However, it was anything but a walk in the park for the Rangers.

In game one, Texas failed to get runs across the plate losing 3-2 and then again failed to swing the bats, only scoring two runs in game two, but it was enough to defeat the Cardinals 2-1.

And just as it looked like it was going to be a struggle for the Rangers to get their offense going, the Rangers finally started producing, scoring seven runs in game three. However, pitching failed for Texas in game three, giving up a whopping 16 runs (just two runs away from setting the record for most runs scored in a World Series game).

But Texas' pitching redeemed themselves in the next two games, allowing no runs in game four and only two in game five earning them a 3-2 World Series lead. The Rangers headed back to St. Louis with two chances to finally win the World Series after falling to San Francisco last year.

In game six, the Rangers were just one out away from celebrating a championship, but a breakdown allowed St. Louis to tie the game and eventually win in extra innings, forcing a traumatic game seven.

"Game six was probably the one the greatest baseball games I've seen in my life; it was incredible," said senior varsity baseball player Fred Schuett.

Carrying the momentum, St. Louis rolled over Texas in game seven with a final score of 6-2 due to Texas leaving runners stranded on base too often.

The main reason Texas broke down in the series is because they failed to get their offense in a rhythm, which was surprising because Texas was one of the best offensive teams in the league this season.

"I was expecting Texas to win it but they just weren't the same team they were in the regular season," said senior varsity baseball player Mike Salinas.

Although Texas has failed two years in a row at the World Series, the team has a bright outlook.

With a roster of young, talented players, Texas is going to have a chance to dominate baseball in these upcoming years. So maybe the third time will be a charm for the Texas Rangers in 2012.



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