

# Tom-Tom

## LHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inducting Three Members

By Nicole McKevitt  
*News Editor*

The Lemont High School Athletic Hall of Fame will induct three LHS alumnus on Sunday, September 30, at Cog Hill Golf Club in Lemont. The honorees are Kevin Earnest, Anthony Jordan, and Suzette (Lesnieski) Sniegowski.

Kevin Earnest, '02 graduate, was a four-year varsity soccer letterman who helped Lemont to a 63-15-6 record from 1998-2001. He earned a scholarship to play men's soccer at Northwestern University and was an Honorable Mention selection to Northwestern's "Team of the Decade" in the 2000's. Earnest also played in the 2004 Big Ten Championship Game and helped Northwestern to its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2004.

Anthony Jordan, '91 graduate, is one of the top amateur bowlers in the state. He is an accomplished member of the United States Bowling Congress. He was the only amateur among the top 24 finishers at the 2010 U.S. Open. He also won the Bradley Open in Lexington, Kentucky in 2010, was the Illinois State All-Events Champion in both 2003 and 2005, and is a five-time Boot Hill Champion. Jordan was a member of the five-man Fox Bowl squad that won the Team All-Events title at the 2008 USBC Open Championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Suzette (Lesnieski) Sniegowski, '76 graduate, was the girls' track and field team MVP as a senior in 1976 and won the Northeast Conference title in the high jump her senior year. She won the district title in the long jump in 1975 and she also finished as the Northeast Conference runner-up in the long jump as a sophomore and senior. Sniegowski was a member of the Northeast Conference 440 Relay championship squad in 1974. She was also a four-year member of the cheerleading squad, serving as team captain her senior year and she participated in the uneven bars as a gymnast.

The ceremony will take place on September 30 at noon. LHS School & Community Relations Director, Tony Hamilton, says, "Lunch will be served at 1 p.m., with the induction ceremony beginning at approximately 1:45 p.m."

Tickets are \$25 each; reservations must be made through the Lemont High School Athletic Department by Wednesday, September 26. To make a reservation, call the athletic department at (630) 243-3207.

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## I Am SHERlocked

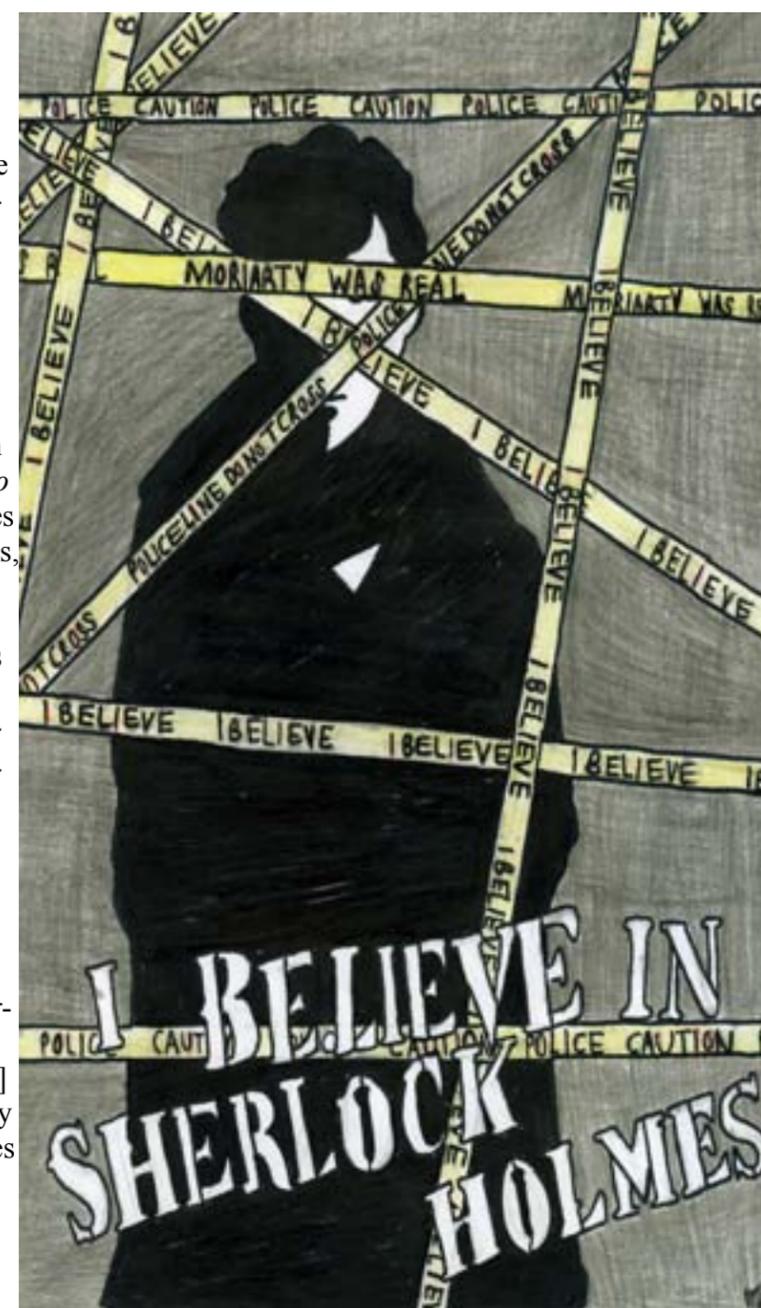
by Sam Moffett  
Features writer

Everyone knows Holmes - the super-sleuth of the 1800's. Sherlock Holmes has become a household name for famous detectives, but not many people know of the modern-day renditions of the classic stories of Holmes, the British Broadcasting Corporation's show *Sherlock*.

*Sherlock* takes place in 2010 London, where army doctor John Watson, played by Martin Freeman (*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*), becomes flat-mates with detective Sherlock Holmes, played by Benedict Cumberbatch (*Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*). Together they solve cases based off the Conan Doyle stories such as *The Final Problem* and *A Scandal in Bohemia*. They also face off against Jim Moriarty and Irene Adler, their two greatest adversaries.

With a brilliant script written by *Doctor Who* writers Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss, *Sherlock's* dialogue is delivered perfectly by the two leading men.

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Artwork by Sam Moffett

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Sherlock Holmes is a great character. Cumberbatch's award-winning performance as the famous detective is solid. He's cunning, egotistical and completely devoted to his job. "In the first couple episodes he's deemed as a hero, everyone says that he is, but he's not. He solves crimes for his own pleasure not for the good of the people," said Bogdan.

Martin Freeman's performance as John Watson is also spectacular. He's kind, generous and smart enough to keep up with Sherlock. Watson's friendship helps Holmes gain emotions he's never had.

With brilliantly written stories, great acting and nice camera work, *Sherlock* is a smash hit that can entertain all willing to watch. On a scale of 1 to 10, *Sherlock* gets a 9.5



# MY BONNAROOVIAN EXPERIENCE: PART 3

by Sonia Vavra  
Features Editor

Waking up on the final day at Bonnaroo gave me mixed feelings. I was, of course, extremely happy and excited to see more bands play. But I was also very sad. It was the *last* day. I wouldn't be able to experience this bliss anymore.

Nonetheless, I woke up to start the day. Actually, I woke up to a weird sound: dripping. Dripping? Why did I hear dripping?

I found out it had rained overnight for a few hours. In a way it was nice because it helped keep some of the dust out of my face and lungs, but rain means mud. And that means I would have to be walking in the mud.



As soon as we were all up and packed, Shannon, Chloe, my mother and I all began to fold away the tents and pile our luggage into the car.

While I was in Centeroo for the last day, I enjoyed the fun, happy music that Grouplove sang. I couldn't wipe the smile off my face as I looked around and realized how much fun I was having with a whole lot of strangers and a couple of friends.

Towards mid-afternoon my Bonnagroup and I enjoyed a laid-back, comforting set from Bon Iver. His music will always put me in a good mood and make me feel at ease no matter where I am.

In the early evening, my group along with a few other friends made our way to another music tent to enjoy a bit of folk music by The Civil Wars. Their music was great and certainly pleasurable, and the crowd made it all that much better.

Throughout the entire set, the audience cheered so much. The crowd I was a part of cheered the entire time, and you could see how happy it made the two people up on stage.

The crowds at Bonnaroo actually added to how happy I was on this gigantic farm. Everyone was so caring and loving towards each other. While I was in line at one of the food vendors waiting for a drink, a little beetle landed on me. A man behind me said to me with a southern accent, "Ma'am, you've got a little June bug in your hair," and kindly took it off for me. It didn't come off as creepy at all, like some would expect; it came off as very considerate.

It's these little acts of kindness I witnessed rather often in Bonnaroo. It was amazing. I've never been in such a caring and loving atmosphere before.

My twin sister Chloe Vavra also expressed her contentedness of our fellow Bonnarooivians.

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"The atmosphere [at Bonnaroo] was very relaxed," said Vavra. "It definitely wasn't what I was expecting at all. The crowds were very nice, everyone was really kind and there was no violence compared to Chicago shows. Everyone there was just there to enjoy good music and be happy."

At the end of The Civil Wars' set, my group combined with yet another group to see the final headliner of the weekend: Phish.

Phish is famous for their lengthy musical jam sessions and unique music genre, and the band played a great show at sundown that the entire audience enjoyed. Every person in that crowd looked so happy to be alive and to be enjoying some good, classic Phish. It was raining, but only enough to be a comfortable mist that cooled everybody off from the heat that surrounded us the whole weekend. Phish played two whole sets, a total of four hours, as a last blast for the Bonnarooivians to end the weekend.

The end of the day finally came, and it was time for my sister, my friend, my mother and I to leave. It was really heart-breaking, but the end of the Bonnaroo wonders had to come eventually.

We drove about an hour away to a hotel to sleep in for the night. I took an actual warm shower, used an actual bathroom and slept in an actual bed. I had grown to appreciate these things after sleeping on a farm for the past few nights.

After a good night's rest, we made yet another 10+ hour drive back home. I was both happy and sad; happy because of the incredible weekend I just had, and sad that it was over.

Unsurprisingly, I wasn't the only one. Shannon Turley felt exactly the same way I felt. "Bonnaroo [had] the most talented, creative atmosphere I have ever been in," stated Turley. "I don't mean just the staff and the tents and the musical performances. It's also the people that attended that made it what it was. And the main feeling that you got when you were there was love, and the desire to express yourself together with everyone else. There was this strong continuity throughout the whole festival. It was truly unbelievable."

Bonnaroo was an experience I will never forget. I will never forget the amazing people I was surrounded by, the incredible music and the constant love and happiness I felt everywhere I went. The most I can hope for is to re-experience this again in the next following years, because I would return in a heartbeat.



Photos courtesy of Sonia Vavra



# New Season Brings Season Premieres

by Alyssa Cinatl  
Features writer

Fall means back to school, but it also means the best TV series are returning. The dropping temperatures give an opportunity to sit in front of the TV and catch up with some favorite fictional characters. Senior Angela Ridgway says “It feels like a century ago they had us all hanging off a cliff, so I absolutely can’t wait for the falls shows to start!”

*Glee*’s fourth season premiered Sept. 13 on Fox. For those who have been living under a rock, *Glee* is a show about a high school Glee club. Oh wait, the characters graduated last season! This season follows the graduating class to New York for a musical college experience. Eon-line.com reports that Kate Hudson guest stars as Rachel Berry’s (Lea Michele) mentor for about six episodes and Sarah Jessica Parker makes an appearance throughout the season as well.

*Pretty Little Liars* continues to be popular and many await the ABC premiere of season four on Oct. 23. This series is based on the book series *Pretty Little Liars* by Sara Shepard. While the show seems to have strayed from the books, it’s still a fantastic show. The season three finale left fans stunned as the BetrAyer was revealed.

If you combine science-fiction and Britain you’ve got a hit. *Doctor Who* is a wildly popular TV series that returned Sept. 1 for its seventh season. *Doctor Who* everyone knows is a re-creation of the Doctor Who series that ran on BBC from 1963 to 1989, 26 seasons. You can’t scroll through your Facebook newsfeed without seeing Doctor Who statuses and memes. Last year *Doctor Who* was the #1 top-selling series on iTunes in the U.S, according to BBCAmerica.com. The “Whovians” watch The Doctor and his companions the Ponds continue to travel through space and time. Oh, and they save a spaceship full of dinosaurs.

Teenagers await these and many more season premieres this fall. Knowing that your TV friends and their dramatic lives will be on makes getting through the school days a little bit easier.

Photots courtesy of Google



# A Soapy Situation

by Laura Harding  
Head Editor

You know who they are: The people that don’t wash their hands after using the bathroom. You watch them out of the corner of our eyes as you dry your squeaky-clean hands. They just walk out after doing their business, *touching* the door-handle, spreading their germs.

It’s hard enough to stay healthy during the school year. With busy days, extracurricular activities and late nights catching up on homework, many kids find themselves stretched as thin as possible. Add 1,500 people smushed into one building and 1 out of 5 people failing to wash their hands after using the bathroom and the germs are just waiting to spread.

By washing your hands after using the bathroom, you not only stop the spread of your own germs, but you also reduce your own risk of illness.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), over 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold and 52 million Americans under the age of 17 are affected by the common cold each year.

Disease-causing germs like streptococcus, staphylococcus and *E Coli* can all live in public bathrooms. And, no matter how much we like to deny it, everybody goes the *number 2*. And sometimes when you have to go, you have to go – even at school.

While you flush away the evidence, fecal germs can be aerosolized and cling to your body. Even more reason to wash those hands, unless you want number two on your top ten digits.

While skipping the sink in the bathroom may be unhealthy, it’s also gross. Of all the people that use those bathrooms, you can bet more than a handful of them use their potty break as a nose-pick break too. Do you want boogers on your hands for the rest of the day?

What about when the lunch bell rings? Are the hands transporting food from your brown paper bag clean? What else are you putting in your mouth along with that PB&J?

So please, if you use the bathroom, do everyone (and yourself!) a favor and hit the sinks on the way out!



Photo courtesy of Ashley Murphy



# Fantasy Football News and Notes

by Ethan Parafink  
Sports Editor

The NFL season is underway, in both the real world and the ever-growing fantasy world. Fantasy football has become a major market for NFL fans of all kinds, from the never-miss-a-gamers to the casual fan.

Fantasy football is now a legitimate business. According to a May 2012 report from Northwestern University's Medill school, fantasy football is over a \$1 billion dollar a year industry, with about 32 million people playing in the United States and Canada. And just about every major fantasy website, such as Yahoo! and ESPN.com, has numerous analysts and writers that report and give advice solely on fantasy football.

What makes it so popular? Well, it is generally easy to play, free in most cases and allows fans to be involved in the game and be in charge of their own team, without the consequences of the real world. With that said, here are some of the biggest storylines from the first two weeks.

Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III was outstanding through the first two games, leading most standard leagues in points with over 500 passing yards, 100 rushing yards and 5 total touchdowns, while throwing only one interception. Meanwhile, some of the usual top quarterbacks, including Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady and Matthew Stafford, haven't been scoring as much as previous years.

As expected, Ray Rice and Arian Foster have been by far the top two running backs, but many rookies and previously average running backs have turned into very productive fantasy players. Rookie Trent Richardson, started off slow in Week 1, but exploded for a monster game in Week 2, while another rookie, Doug Martin has been solid both of the first two weeks.

CJ Spiller of the Bills has been unstoppable in two games since taking over for injured starter Fred Jackson, averaging over 10 yards per carry and scoring three touchdowns. Meanwhile, one time 2,000 yard rusher, Chris Johnson, struggled to even get 20 yards through the first two games. Receivers have not changed dramatically from last year, although the Broncos'

Demaryius Thomas was the highest scoring receiver through Week 2, and as he had a fairly good season with Tim Tebow at quarterback last year, his numbers should stay among the best with Peyton Manning throwing to him this year. Danny Amendola of the Rams has also been very good, and had 15 receptions, 160 yards and a touchdown in Week 2.

At tight end, the usual top players have all been good, but Aaron Hernandez of the Patriots was injured in Week 2 and is expected to miss about month. The Ravens' Dennis Pitta and the Giants' Martellus Bennet have been breakout players early on.



Photo Courtesy of Google

## Lemont Batters *Rams*

Paul Grossi  
Sports writer

It's already the ninth game for the girls' volleyball team. One of their six home games came Tuesday night against Reavis. The winning squad took over the court and won. The team improved to 9-1.

When the team does not have a match, they are busy practicing, doing drills and conditioning designed by their head coach, Chris Zogata.

All teams make it to the playoffs, however Zogata said "this year is tough, and we can't take any team lightly."

The team is moving to 4a, which Zogata says, is a harder conference; she admits they will have to work harder if they want to win.

Senior Kathy Balnius, Megan Litoborski, Kiley Rendak, and Riley Sullivan, are returning for their final season. The team also includes Junior Tess Cannon and Lanie Coules. A lot of the seniors are looking to have a great final season.

With a limited amount of home games and a lack of experience the team hasn't shown any weakness with their record. The team battle hard but managed to pull off the win at home against Reavis. The team under Zogata has been very productive, and the next stop for the girls is Wednesday, against T.F. south.



Photo Courtesy of Tony Hamilton

## Boys' Soccer *Kicks* it Into Gear

by Kieran Ruane  
Sports writer

With an 11-1-2 start to the regular season, the boys' soccer team looks to kick start another successful year in 2012.

Losing a big senior class is a challenge that all soccer programs have to face. And in Lemont's case, a team may lose 4 or 5 senior starters in one season. That can be a big blow to a program. Lemont, however, is taking that challenge in stride.

"We're very young" said head coach Rick Prangen. "We only have four starters back from last years' team and we're playing a lot of under classmen. We have some growing pains."

Some of those growing pains may have been showing for the Indians as they dropped a tough decider to Catholic League powerhouse St. Ignatius in their first game of the season, giving up a goal in the final 24 seconds to seal a win for the Mustangs.

That loss, however, seems to have made the Indians stronger. Going undefeated in their following 13 games (11 wins, 2 ties), there is a buzz of confidence running throughout the Lemont camp.

"It feels good to keep winning" says senior midfielder Thomas Gasienica. "And with a tough schedule up ahead, were going to need all the wins we can get, so we can keep our confidence levels high heading into these big games."

Winning does feel great, and the boys' soccer program is no stranger to winning. With 3 straight class 2A sectional championships under their belts, the 2012 boys will be striving for a season as successful as 2011, where the Indians went 20-3-3, winning the regional and sectional titles.

The Indians will be playing Oak Forest on Sept. 27, Eisenhower on the 29 (Home), and Metea Valley on Oct. 2. Come out and support your boys' soccer team as they look to keep up their great start to the season.



# Boys and Girls Cross Country

by Adrian Kalata  
Sports writer

Endurance, flexibility, speed, and race mentality are just some of the components that make up the exhausting sport of cross country. Most people have trouble running one mile while these athletes cover four to nine miles a day.

The boys and girls cross country team are back this year after falling short of state last season. Returning seniors Scott Franklin, Aaron Oldanie, and Amanda Ruban raise the hope of the teams as they strive for state finals in Nov.

16 of the 30 girls are veteran runners, including senior Amanda Ruban, but sophomore Jorie Dybcio earned the best time as they advance towards the state finals. The girls are currently undefeated in the conference triangular and quadrangular meets, 3rd out of 20 at Plainfield Central Invite (9-1-12), and 11th out of 46 at Peoria's First to the Finish Invite (9-8-12).



Boys Cross Country Team 2012 Photo courtesy of Tony Hamilton

The boys' stats are as follows: 2nd place at our home triangular (8-31-12), 1st place at Reavis quadrangular (9-11-12), 11th place out of 15 at Plainfield Central Invite (9-1-12), and 18th out of 45 at Peoria Invite (9-8-12).

Ruban explained that "running cross country is not as much for the team as it is for you." Oldanie and Franklin both agree that there's "nothing like realizing you just broke your old personal record." They both look forward to doing it more often this year.

Head coach Jon DeGuzman said that he is "confident that with the hard work the guys are putting in this season, we can make it back [to state]." He explained that the team "understands the challenges before them in these earlier months. We began training all through the summer, and I believe we will see the rewards of our efforts."

The teams have five more meets before beginning their road to state with regionals on Oct. 20, including a home meet on Oct. 2 at Mount Assisi Academy. This will be their only home meet this year; a good time to come out and support our cross country athletes.



Girls Cross Country Team 2012 Photo courtesy of Tony Hamilton

# Bears' Offensive Line Still Struggles After 23-10 Loss to the Packers

By Cody Caballero  
Sports writer

One of the most historic rivalries in all of football was revived on a national stage Thursday, Sept. 13 between the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers.

Green Bay and a monstrous defense were able to take advantage of a weak offensive line that struggled to keep Jay Cutler on his feet.

Cutler was sacked seven times, threw four interceptions and only had one touchdown Thursday night.

Cutler was seen walking off the field after a possession yelling at left tackle J'Marcus Webb for missing numerous blocking assignments, leading to Cutler getting blindsided.

On Friday, Webb posted a Facebook status about Thursday's loss, writing, "There is nothing like having a bad game, but when you have it, you have to deal with it correctly. It's not how one deals with a win. How does one deal with a loss or bad game? I'm no different than you. Time to prepare. Go Bears!"

On the other hand, Green Bay was able to bounce back from their Week 1 loss to the San Francisco 49ers, and pulled out all their tricks in Week 2.

In the second quarter, the Packers lined up to kick a field goal but instead ran a trick play where punter Tim Masthay took the snap and flipped the ball to back up tight end Tom Crabtree, who wound up taking the ball into the end zone for the first points of the game.

After a rare play call, Chicago got the ball back and the Packers defense stepped up as Tramon Williams picked off Cutler and gave the ball back to Aaron Rodgers and the explosive offense to drive and have one more shot to score before halftime.

Rodgers and the offense drove the field and gave kicker Mason Crosby a chance to kick a 35-yard field goal that put the Packers up 13-0 at halftime.

Green Bay is not known for their defensive play but Thursday night they looked solid and reminded some fans of the defense they had back a couple of years ago when they won the Super Bowl.

Cutler being on the ground seems to be a reoccurring problem for the Bears front seven. Even in the week one victory against the Indianapolis Colts Cutler was sacked three times.

A change was made to the Bears offensive line but it was made a left guard instead of left tackle. Chris Spencer was benched and Chilo Rachal will now have a chance to show his talents at the left guard position.

The Bears for week three have a home game versus the St. Louis Rams and many worried fans are hoping the offense is able to turn things around and have the offensive line problems worked out.

Week three has come and gone and the Bears came out victorious with a 23-6 win against the Rams.

Cutler was only sacked twice during the game Sunday an improvement from the last outing against the Packers.

Cutler in an interview with ESPN Chicago said the most important thing was "we won the game". "Offensively, there are some things we can get better, but the idea is to win".

Major Wright and the defensive came up big in the victory sacking Sam Bradford six times.

Wright had a 45 yard interception for a touchdown that sealed the deal for the Bears.

Chicago will travel to Dallas and play the Cowboys on Monday, Oct. 1 and look to continue their winning ways.

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