

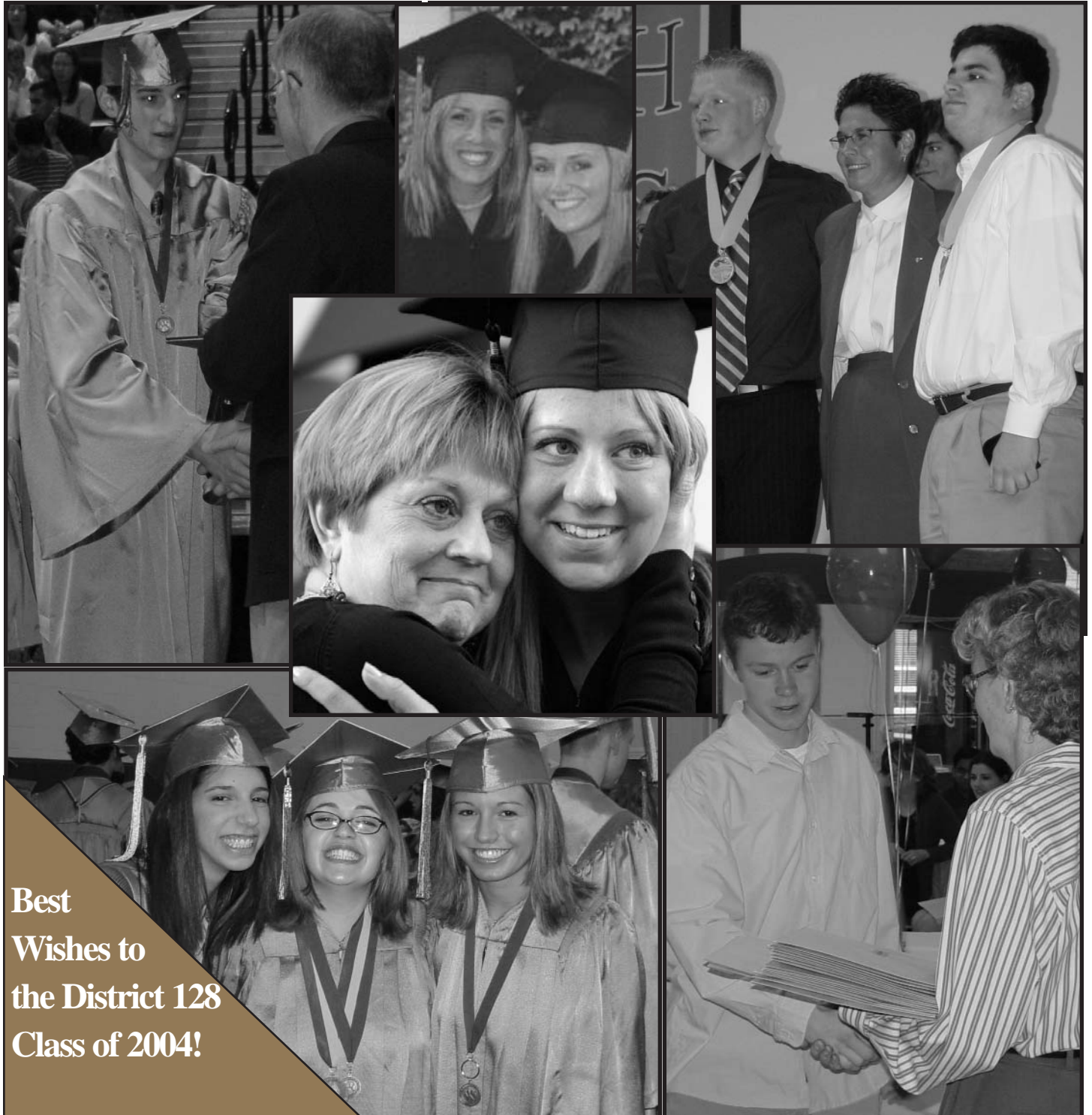


Paw Prints



*News and Information from
Community High School District 128*

Summer 2004



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the District 128
Class of 2004!**

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*Superintendent's Message***A look back on the school year, a look ahead to 2004-05**

You will find this issue of *Paw Prints* brimming with accomplishments of our District 128 students and staff--making 2003-04 another school year filled with pride and success. In addition to the 742 seniors who graduated from LHS and VHHS last month, District 128 also said farewell to 18 staff members as they concluded their careers. The retirees take with them more than 500 years of collective experience in the field of education. We will miss all of our graduates and retirees, and wish them well as they begin new phases of their lives.

As we look ahead to the 2004-05 school year, we see many changes on the horizon. We will welcome more than 820 incoming freshmen and more than 30 new staff members to our schools in August. The classroom and music additions, as well as the football and track renovations at LHS, are on schedule and should be completed in time for the beginning of the school year. The rest room/concessions/storage facility at VHHS should be ready for the fall sports season.

The Brainerd Building may have finally reached the end of its many years of service to our school community. After having recently been assured of the continued use of the Jackson Gym for at least another year, the Board was surprised to learn in May that the Regional Office of Education is requiring several hundred thousand dollars of repair and renovation work by Aug. 15 in order to keep the gymnasium open for student use. At its June meeting, the Board decided this would not be a prudent use of District funds and directed the administration to seek alternative arrangements within the community. LHS Athletic Director **Tim Albers** and Principal **Dr. Joe Wojtena** have discussed the situation with officials at the Libertyville Sports Complex, and are finalizing an alternative plan for our student athletes that will be put into place for the 2004-05 school year. We will continue to use Brainerd for storage, and additional portable storage units will be placed at Brainerd for use by student athletes. We will continue to keep parents updated regarding this situation via our web site and other mailings.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

David L. Clough, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Board thanks outgoing student board representatives

At its May meeting, the District 128 Board of Education expressed its appreciation to the outgoing 2003-04 student Board representatives. Board President **Jan Foreman** presented recognition plaques to **Jenny Byelick** (LHS) and **Brittany Muller** (VHHS) for their many hours of service to the District. The Board also welcomed the 2004-05 student representatives **Madeline Tebon-Tazzioli** (LHS) and **Tom Ginakakis** (VHHS).

Chemistry students making news

Swift receives Moleman Award

Libertyville High School sophomore **Candice Swift** was recipient of the school's 2004 Moleman Award. This annual award is presented to the school's highest achieving chemistry student.

Kornbluh, Gandhi excel on state exam

On May 8, 82 Illinois students took the 50th Annual Scholarship Examination in Chemistry at Loyola University. The exam is sponsored by the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society, High School Education Committee. The students were nominated for the exam by their chemistry teachers. VHHS sophomore **Paul Kornbluh** took first place in the competition, winning a \$5,000 prize. **Anjalika Gandhi**, also a VHHS sophomore, received an honorable mention in the competition. Both students were nominated for the exam by their chemistry teacher **Lynne Shenk**.

Zale honored at staff luncheon



Community High School District 128 mail courier **Jim Zale** was honored at an all-District luncheon on June 4 at Vernon Hills High School. Zale is a World War II veteran who fought in many significant battles including the D-Day Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, the Siege of Cologne, and the liberation of a Nazi death camp in Nordhausen, Germany. He received five Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart for meritorious service. With 2004 marking the 60th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, a small committee comprised of teachers, support staff and retirees wished to honor this special man and his wife Elizabeth by sending them on an all-expenses paid trip to the countries that Jim had liberated a half-century earlier. The committee raised nearly \$7,000, and will send the Zales on a 12-day, fully-escorted tour of several European countries this October. Jim and Elizabeth are seen above at the luncheon, along with their daughters, as they received their travel documents and new luggage for their journey from committee representative and VHHS librarian **Cheryl Sanderlin**. (photo by M. Todoric)

District 128 speakers available for community meetings

Community High School District 128 residents are fortunate to live and work in one of the nation's top high school districts. But how much do you really know about Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools? Why not consider inviting a representative from the Community High School District 128 Speakers Bureau to the next meeting of your business, civic or social organization? The Speakers Bureau was developed as an additional means of communicating with members of the District 128 community. District 128 administrators are available to speak on a variety of topics about Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools.

Please contact **Mary Todoric** at 847-327-7186 or mary.todoric@d128.org for more information on this program or to schedule a speaker.

Voices in Prevention helps eighth graders in transition to high school

by Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator

Voices in Prevention, a drug/alcohol prevention club at VHHS, participated in a transition to high school assembly for eighth grade students at Hawthorn Junior High on May 11. Twelve VHHS students performed skits on stereotypes and the myths and the realities of attending VHHS. They also participated in a panel, answering questions of the junior high students and informing them of all clubs and activities and the day-to-day environment of the high school. The following VHHS students participated in this assembly: **Kevin Adelman, Drew Aichele, Melissa Azul, Maxwell Citron, Maggie Fischer, Kathleen McDonnell, Lauren Redig, Melissa Silverberg, Sam Spinell, Joseph Tsai and Amy Ward.**

Pre-prom assembly at VHHS

On May 13, a crash re-enactment was presented for Vernon Hills High School juniors and seniors to demonstrate the tragic results that can occur when a person uses alcohol or other drugs. Vernon Hills Police, Countryside Fire Department, Libertyville Fire Department, Condell Medical Center, the Lake County Coroner and the Flight for Life donated their time to portray the message that indulging in risk-taking behavior can result in senseless tragedy. Firefighters are seen at right removing a student actor from one of the crash vehicles. At the bottom right the actor is transported to the Flight for Life helicopter.

Lake County Coroner **Jim Whipper** (bottom left) spoke about his work in dealing with the families of the deceased. **Chet and Cathy Stanley** told the story of their daughter, Theresa, and her fiancé's who were both killed by a drunken driver. The speakers detailed the consequences and devastation that is left to the victims' families, and encouraged students to make healthy decisions as they celebrated prom, graduation and the end of the school year.

VHHS students **Brittany Muller, Max Citron, Stephanie Hebda** and **Joe Tsai** acted in this assembly, while **Pat Chmura** and **Guliz Sonmez** narrated the performance. (photos by M. Todoric)



Condell hosts LHS students for job shadowing experience

by Dan Gin, LHS College Counselor



How would you like to hold a gall bladder, see a heart in 3-D, observe creative therapy, help an ailing patient walk, witness a circumcision, talk to cancer patients, or be in the center of an emergency room? For 13 students at Libertyville High School, this was reality when they spent the day at Condell Medical Center shadowing a professional in the medical field.

To be selected for this day, students had to submit an application and essay on what they hoped to gain from this experience. Based upon their essay, Condell was able to place them in specific areas to learn and talk with people in their area of interest. In addition to shadowing, the students were asked to prepare questions to ask throughout the day to gain a better understanding of what it takes to work in this profession.

Having a community resource like this is valuable to students. In addition to exposing them to the medical field, students were introduced to the volunteering program and encouraged to apply. This hands-on experience also gave students a chance to see if they would like to pursue a medical career.

As students begin to think about choosing a rewarding career, it is important for them to be exposed to as many career opportunities as possible.

With the help of Condell, the students were able to witness the ever-changing medical field. It gave them an up-close view of what it takes to be successful in this career.

Many students would like to become doctors but do not know the intricacies of this field. Besides having a passion for mathematics and science, students need to have good interpersonal and communication skills to work with patients and help them rehabilitate.

Exposure to career opportunities is important for students as they face the difficult task of selecting a major. Gaining a better understanding of what various careers entail will help a student focus and not waste valuable time or money in college taking classes that are not necessary towards earning a degree. (photos by D. Gin)

Class of 2005: Your scholarship search time is now

by Vic Capron, College and Career Counselor, VHHS

One of the most frequently asked questions by senior parents is, "Where can we find money to pay for college?" The summer after junior year is a great time to investigate scholarships and financial aid sources.

There are two types of scholarships: need based and merit based. Need-based scholarships, also referred to as grants, are awarded based on a family's ability to pay for college. To apply for need-based aid, all colleges require families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. This form provides information that will determine your expected family contribution (EFC). The FAFSA form will be available at your high school around Dec. 1 but should not be mailed until after Jan. 1 of senior year. The recommended filing dates to complete your FAFSA is Feb. 15 through March 1, but always check the deadlines of the specific colleges to which you are applying. Some private colleges and universities may also require you to complete a CSS profile form or its own institutional form.

For merit-based aid, (academic, music, theater, art, athletics, etc.) be wary of marketing schemes promising to find sources of scholarships for you for only \$39.95. One of the most widely used and respected free scholarship sources is Fastweb.com. Fast Web lets students create a personalized profile that can be matched against an expansive database of scholarship opportunities. The Fast Web database has over 600,000 scholarships total-

ing more than \$1 billion. Fast Web also notifies students when new scholarships are added and application deadlines are approaching.

The following are some other recommended sources for accessing information about scholarships and financial aid:

Collegezone.com

Finaid.org – includes a financial aid estimator

College Web Sites - check out the financial aid web site of colleges of your interest. Many colleges and universities list their merit-based scholarships and other important financial aid information on their web page.

VHHS Scholarship Directory – a list of scholarships for the 2004-05 are posted on the college/career resource center (CRC) web page at www.d128.org.

This should give seniors some direction in searching for scholarships and financial aid information. The more research you can do this summer, the less stressful your senior year will be. If you have any questions about financial aid or scholarships, please call the college/career resource center. Have a great summer and happy searching!

District 128 music students recognized for excellence

Good things seem to come in threes. The music departments at Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools have once again proven this to be true. At LHS, the school's top band, the Wind Ensemble, under the direction of **Don Shupe**, has once again brought home a first-place trophy from the University of Illinois Superstate Band Festival. This highly selective festival features the top bands from across the state. The bands perform at the University of Illinois Krannert Center for each other and for the judges. From those bands, the most outstanding band is named "Best in Class" and will perform as the Honor Band at the following year's festival. The LHS Wind Ensemble has quite a track record, having either won or performed as the Honor Band every year since 1996. The VHHS Wind Ensemble, under the direction of **Randy Sundell**, was also selected to compete in the Superstate competition for the second consecutive year. This is quite an honor for any school and quite an achievement for a new school.

Another honor came to LHS musicians in May when the overall music department (combined band, choir and orchestra) received second place in Class AA at the Illinois Music Sweepstakes Competition. The Sweepstakes competition is designed to encourage schools to have a well-rounded music program that is strong in band, choir and orchestra. The VHHS music program received third place honors in Class A. This third-place finish is the first IHSA state trophy for the VHHS Fine Arts Department.

A third honor for the programs came earlier in April, when the LHS Symphony Orchestra and the Wind Ensemble learned that they were accepted into the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference to be held in December 2004 in Chicago. It is rare for a school group to be accepted to the program, and two groups being accepted from the same school has only happened a couple of times in the more than 50-year history of the conference.

In addition to LHS performing at the Midwest Conference, the VHHS Symphony Orchestra was selected to be a demonstration group at a clinic run by the Northwestern University Music Education Department at the Midwest Conference.

Congratulations to all of the District 128 musicians and their teachers.

LHS and VHHS host art shows



(Above) LHS students view student-made jewelry on display at the LHS Art Show. (Left) VHHS students examine a picture on display at their school's art show. The art shows were held in May. (photos by M. Todoric)

Spring plays in District 128



Students presented "The Man Who Came to Dinner" at VHHS (top photo) and "The Merchant of Venice" at LHS (bottom) as this year's spring plays. (photos courtesy of the LHS and VHHS Fine Arts Departments)

From the Principal's Desk . . .

by Dr. Joe Wojtena, Libertyville High School

We have completed a very successful 2003-04 school year. The graduation ceremony was held on June 4 at Northwestern University. **Ryan Snow**, senior class president, and **Aaron Mowery**, class valedictorian, delivered the keynote student speeches. English teacher **Marti Gorun** and band director **Don Shupe** read the graduate names as members of the Board of Education distributed diplomas. In total, 452 LHS graduates received diplomas.

Construction

Construction and summer projects are in full swing. As of mid-June, the football field irrigation and sod has been installed and asphalt for the new track has been laid. The track should be completed toward the end of June.

The new band room is basically complete except for a few finishing touches. The academic wing is proceeding at full speed. At the mid-June point, workers are installing the terrazzo floor tile near the main entrance and floor tile in the classrooms and adjacent hallways.

Please note: The traffic pattern this summer will flow counter-clockwise while the new circle drive is completed.

Opening of School

School starts on Aug. 24 with half-day student attendance on the 24th and 25th. The first full day of attendance will be Aug. 26.

Honors Breakfast



The Eighth Annual Honors Breakfast took place on April 21 in the student cafeteria. The administration honored 102 students with certificates, pins and special LHS pens. In addition, students invited 46 faculty/staff members who had influenced their lives. Guest speaker for the event was Science Department Supervisor **Pat Somers**, who retired this year after 30 years at LHS. Somers is seen above receiving a standing ovation following his remarks. (photo by M. Todoric) Major award winners included:

National Merit Finalists: **Elizabeth Jordan, Esther Liu, Matthew Mosconi, Aaron Mowery**

National Merit Commended: **John Arduini, George Burnett, Steven Canning, Anthony Carr, Annie Choi, Grace Ding, Eric Grosspietsch, Sarah Halbert, Jessica Hui, Patrick Kaiser, Eleana Lindsey, Eric Meyer, Stuart Montgomery, Nirav Patel, Kelsey Shawgo, Hayley Steplyk, Evan Williamson**

AP Scholars: **Josephine Chang, Annie Choi, Grace Ding,**

Micah Hodosh, Jessica Hui, Bruce Jones, Nirav Patel
AP Scholars With Honors: **Nicolas Abreu, Steven Canning, Scott Howard, Evan Williamson**

National Hispanic Recognition: **Nicolas Abreu**

SAR: **Bruce Jones**

DAR: **Kathryn Kelley**

Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award: **Rebecca Green**

Honors Night

Honors Night was held May 25. Approximately 125 students were honored with academic awards and scholarships.

Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the auditorium. The purpose of this orientation is to provide the students with an opportunity to become familiar with LHS prior to the beginning of school. Orientation activities will provide students with information on expectations, attendance, academics, sports and clubs. Students will participate in a large group presentation in the auditorium followed by a tour of the building. Students will be allotted time to locate and familiarize themselves with their locker prior to bus departure. School buses will run at their regularly scheduled pick-up times. For further information, please contact **Brian Wilcox** at 847-327-7018 or the main office at 847-327-7000.

Official School Photographer

Our new official Senior Class photographer is Root Photographer; our underclass photographer is Halterman Studios. **Willie Randall** is our sales representative and his phone number is 815-433-1869 ext 560. Initial questions should be directed to Mr. Randall.

Official School Ring/Graduation Announcements

Herff Jones is our official school ring company. **Elizabeth Elsner** is our sales representative. She can be reached at 815-756-5670.

As always, if you have a problem, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Principal Diane Phillips at 847-327-7005 or Principal Joe Wojtena at 847-327-7001.

Dates to Remember

Aug. 28	Freshman Dance, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Gym
Sept. 8	Parent Cats Meeting, 7:00 pm, Library
Sept. 11	Kickoff Dance, 7:30 – 10:30 pm, Gym
Sept. 22	Open House, 7:00 pm
Sept. 27-Oct. 2	Homecoming Week
Sept. 27-Oct. 2	Float Building, 6:00–9:00 pm, Field House
Sept. 29	Powder Puff Football, 4:00 pm, Football Field
Oct. 2	Homecoming Parade, 9:30 am, Train Station
Oct. 2	Football Games, 10:30 am and 1:00pm, Football Field
Oct. 2	Homecoming Dance, 8:00 pm, Gym

Student activities update

by Diane Phillips, Assistant Principal

Math Team



The Math Team did it again. The team (pictured above) captured first place in the Division 3AA Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Competition. **Wanda Gongol, Rick Brenner, and Amanda Warfield** coach the team. (photo by M. Todoric)

Choir

April 7 was a first for the LHS choral department. LHS and Stevenson High School combined to perform a Masterworks Concert. This was a great opportunity for two rival schools to join together to sing beautiful music. The LHS Concert Choir combined with the Patriot Singers and the LHS Bel Canto Choir combined with Stevenson's Advanced Chorus.

Debate Team

At the state tournament, **Stuart Montgomery** placed second in state for the Lincoln-Douglas debate and **Bruce Jones** placed fifth.

Interact

Members of Interact hosted a Senior Prom at Winchester House. Everyone had a great time.

Academic Decathlon

The Academic Decathlon team placed seventh in state – the team's highest finish ever. **Nick Abreu** was the state champion in mathematics with a perfect score. The team members were: **Nick Abreu, Nicole Briatta, Sean Gau, Scott Howard, Sylvia Pelayo, Raphael Kaplan, Kevin Ross, Tim Sparer, Chris**

Veit, and Chris Molitor. The team is coached by **Mark Buesing.**

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

FBLA traveled to Decatur for the State Leadership Conference held April 2-3. Seven of the students placed in their events with five students earning the right to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colo., July 14-17. Individual awards were: **Sean Gau** – sixth in advanced public speaking, **Malcolm Vandrevala** – sixth in programming in visual basic, **Amanda Rupsch** – second in business policies and procedures, **Cyrus Vandrevala** – second in international business, **Pat Kaiser** – second in marketing, **Matthew Warren** – first in economics, and **Jackson Lai** – first in business math. **Bill Reichert** and **Wendy Mills** sponsor the team.

Robotics

The Robotics Team competed in the Robotics National Battlebots competition in Owatonna, Minn. on April 21-25. The team members included: **Grant Alexander, Sam Azab, George Burnett, Micah Hodosh, Zachary Holyszko, Alex Meyer, Eric Meyer, Eric Michel, Monica Quimby, Alex Schmaling, Vicki Vepari** and **Sam Berger.** The team is sponsored by **Sherri Rukes.**

Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad Team placed fifth in Division AA State Competition held at University of Illinois - Champaign. Team members received medals in 11 of

the 23 events. Medal winners included: **Mitchell Ji & Raj Patel** – second in chemistry lab, **Jessica Hui & Ellen Marra** – second in designer genes, **Beth Jordan & Hayley Steplyk** – first in both bottle rockets and storm the castle, **Ellen Marra & Raj Patel** – third in cell biology, **Steve Canning & Raj Patel** – third in physics lab, **Mitchell Ji & John Liu** – fourth in practical data gathering, **Steve Jiang & Caleb Ng** – third in remote sensing, **Steve Canning & Nirav Patel** – first in astronomy, **Josephine Chang & Jessica Hui** – fourth in sounds of music, **Beth Jordan & Hayley Steplyk** – third in towers. **Mike Bush** coaches the team.

WYSE Team

The WYSE Team took second place in its division at the State Academic Challenge competition held at University of Illinois. Thirteen individual medals were won by the following students: **Ellen Marra** – first in biology and sixth in English, **Nick Abreu** – fifth in biology, **Aaron Mowery** – sixth in biology, **Steve Canning** – second in physics and sixth in math, **Raj Patel** – third in physics and fifth in chemistry, **David Hruska** – fifth in physics and fifth in math, **Caleb Ng** – third in chemistry, **Jeff Moy** – sixth in chemistry and **Doug Moy** – sixth in computers. Other members contributing to the state finish were: **Josephine Chang, Eric Grosspietsch, Esther Liu, John Liu, and Hayley Steplyk.** **Patricia Sharp** coaches the team.

Accounting Competition

The College of Lake County Accounting Contest was held on April 20. **Rob Batey, Matt Bruno, Tom Butrym, Shaun Cepican, Jessica Letchford, Amanda Lopez, Jeff Lou, Cyrus Vandrevala, Jeff Voelker, Michael Vuturo, and Matt Warren** represented LHS. **Sue Hartman** and **Linda Vadnais** accompanied the students.

The Great Frame Up LISA Show

This year's LISA Show, sponsored by The Great Frame Up in Vernon Hills, highlighted some of the best artwork from LHS this year. The following students won Best of Show awards: **Djurdje Spasojevic** – Painting, **Sarah Halbert** – Drawing, **Kelly Lazar** – Photo, **Alice Zhang** – Computer Graphics, **Laura**

Mohs – 3-D. Their artwork was also part of the “Best of the Best” show held at the Chicago Botanic Garden. At the Chicago Botanic Garden’s “Best of the Best” show, **Kelly Lazar** placed second and she received a scholarship. **Alice Zhang**’s computer design was chosen for exhibition at the Comer Children’s Hospital.

NSC Art Show

The North Suburban Conference Art Show was held at Lakes Community High School. Blue Ribbon Award winners were: **Megan Kenney, Aimee Rusch, Colleen Pfiffner, Rachael Clarke, Michelle Testa, Sam Mattimiro, Laura Mohs, Mia Supanich-Winter, Kristin LaRoi, and Lindsey Snell.**

4 X 5 Art Exhibition

This year’s 4x5 Art Exhibition was held at Fremd High School. LHS artists receiving honors were: **Meg Rades** – honorable mention in drawing, **Kristin LaRoi** – first place in photography, **Kelley Nordin** – honorable mention in photography, **Alex Evans** – honorable mention in photography, **Aneta Kowalska** – third place in painting, **Stefanie Alde** – second place printmaking, **Jarred Kolar** – honorable mention in printmaking.

Strategy Club

The Strategy Club held its first chess tournament. The first-place trophy went to **Chris Girardo.**

Wind Ensemble

Once again, the Wind Ensemble has brought home a first-place trophy from the University of Illinois Superstate Band Festival. **Don Shupe** directs the ensemble.

Illinois Music Sweepstakes

The LHS overall music department (combined band, choir and orchestra) received second place in Class AA at the IHSA Illinois Music Sweepstakes Competition.

SKILLS USA/VICA Leadership & Skills State Competition

The following LHS students competed at the State Skills USA/VICA competition in Springfield: **Mike Logunetz** – architectural drafting (CAD), **Chris Tooley, Nick Szkodyn, Matt Phelan, Steve Freese** and **Jason Davis** – automotive service technology, **Mike Morse, Kevin Wysocki, Andrew Gerberi** – computer maintenance technology, **Artem Okulik**

and **Alex Rodriguez** – television production, and **Mike Gierczyk** – job skill demonstration.

The following LHS Technology Campus students placed in the top four in their divisions at the State Skills USA/VICA Conference: **Tammy Bricker, Sean Canty, James McGinn, and James Schupple.**

Poetry Slam

Chris Moore was the winner of this year’s poetry slam sponsored by the LHS Library Media Center.

Physics Competition

On the 2004 American Association of Physics Teachers Physics Bowl test in April, the LHS Physics B students received first place in the region and fourth place in the nation. The Physics C students received first place in the region and first place in the nation. **Steven Jiang** placed first in the region for Division I students. **James Pessin** placed second in the region for Division I students. **Micah Hodosh** placed second in the region and seventh in the nation for Division II. The four students who contributed to the school score in each division were Division I: **Xin Chen, James Pessin, Julian Bulaon and Steven Jiang**; Division II **Jeff Moy, David Hruska, Micah Hodosh and Caleb Ng**

Prom

“At Last” was this year’s Prom theme. Approximately 550 students and 43 adult chaperones attended Prom at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

Promise Bracelets and Key Chains

Promise bracelets and key chains were sold during lunch periods this year to students who signed pledges to remain alcohol and drug free during Prom weekend. SPARK and ACE sponsored the sale.

Illinois Principal’s Association Lake Region

Lake Region IPA Student Recognition Breakfast took place on May 5 at the Lake County Technology Campus. Seniors **Yasmin Husain** and **Emily Fischer** were recognized for their leadership roles. Principal **Dr. Wojtena**, student council sponsor **Chuck Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Husain, Ms. Fischer**, and Assistant Principal **Diane Phillips** attended the breakfast.

National Chemistry Olympiad Exam

Two of the 11 students qualifying for the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam in the entire Chicago area are LHS students. **Caleb Ng** and **Mitchell Ji** took the national exam at Loyola University. **Caleb Ng** scored in the top 20 nationwide and will attend the study camp.

Girls’ State Representatives

The following students have been selected to attend this summer’s Girls’ State as part of the American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary: **Keri Keehn, Jenny Byelick, Teresa FioRito, Darcy Loeb, Madeline Tebon-Tazzioli, and Carolyn Kozak.** The alternates are **Rachael Clarke, Jamie Freese, Melissa Hill and Jaimie Schulz.**

Boys’ State Representatives

The following students have been selected to attend this summer’s Boys’ State as part of the American Legion Post: **Charles Clow, Kevin Foley, Jeff Fontana, Dennis Hoyle, Brian Herman, Michael Kakenmaster, John Kuceyeski, Caleb Ng, and Brian Paplaski.**

Drops of Ink

The LHS student newspaper *Drops of Ink* received a National Scholastic Press Association All-American rating. That is NSPA’s highest rating. The paper also received the All-KEMPA (Kettle Moraine Press Association) *continued on page 10*

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honors, and a superior rating with four marks of distinction from the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association (EIHSPA).

“Yes I Can!” Award

The “Yes I Can!” award recognizes students with developmental difficulties who have excelled in their particular category. Five LHS students won the prestigious Exceptional Children’s Week “Yes I Can!” student award: **Gary Herzberg** in employment, **Robert Borgula** in academics, **Michael Muniz** in art, **Jason Silsdorf** in extracurricular, **Mary Kloss** in athletics.

Bocce Ball Tournament

The Special Olympics Area 2 Bocce Ball Tournament was held at Batavia High School. Congratulations to the following medal winners: **Doug Ardito** – silver, **Ian Copeland** – silver, **Jason Silsdorf** – silver, **Mitchell Glazer** – silver, **Michael Novy** – bronze. **Robert Borgula** – gold – qualified for state summer games. **Robert Borgula** will be joining **Michael Novy** and **Ian Copeland** at the Summer Games in Bloomington, Illinois.

Special Olympics Spring Games

The following students were medal winners at the Area 2 Spring Games at North Central College in Naperville: **Doug Ardito** – fifth place in the 100- and 200-meter run, **Ian Copeland** – gold in the 200-meter run, **Jason Silsdorf** – silver in 200-meter run, fifth in the 100-meter run, **Mary Kloss** – silver in the 50-meter run, bronze in the 100-meter run, **Mitchell Glazer** – fifth in the 100- and 200-meter run, **Michael Novy** – gold in bench press, deadlift, and combined deadlift and bench press. **Jerry Miceli** and **Susan Kenny** coach the team.

CAT-TV

Artem Okulik won a Student Emmy Award for the best TV sports news story at the 11th Annual Chicagoland Video Festival held at Northern Illinois University. He also received an honorable mention certificate for technical achievement for his direction of the “live” Internet broadcast of the Prospect vs. Libertyville football playoff game. He also received first-place honors for his directing in the “live event sports coverage” category at the Chicagoland Video Festival.

Hannah Boyce and **Michael Novy** received silver award certificates for their story on “Mike Novy Overcoming Downs Syndrome.” **Anthony Scardina** received a bronze award for his one-minute CAT-TV Promo. **Don Johnson** sponsors CAT-TV.

Ping Pong Club

What a great new club! About 100 students participated in the new LHS Ping Pong Club. Club members held numerous fund raisers and numerous donations were made by families, faculty members and Dr. Wojtena so that new equipment could be purchased. **Christophe Guiard** sponsors the club.

Other School News

Madeline Tebon-Tazzioli will be the Board of Education student representative for the 2004-05 school year. **Chris Molitor** will be the alternate.

Nicole Kowalik took first place in all four events in the Region III Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition in Minneapolis.

Madeline Tebon-Tazzioli placed second in advertising and **Ken Young** placed second in editorial writing at the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association Contest.

Jessica Hui is one of 50 students nationwide to be named a 2004 National Coca-Cola Foundation Scholar. Jessica was chosen as a Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholar. She was also named to the *Chicago Tribune* All-Academic Team.

Hayley Steplyk received third-place honors in a national essay contest sponsored by Perma-Bound Books.

Candice Swift will go to Costa Rica and **Cyrus Vandrevala** will travel to Argentina as part of the Experiment in International Living summer abroad programs.

Blake Peacock competed in the USA Swimming National Disability Championship.

Aaron Mowery and **Nick Abreu** were named to the *Daily Herald* All-Academic Team.

Nick Abreu was the state champion in mathematics with a perfect score.

Kathryn Kelley was named the winner of the DAR Good Citizen Award.

Bruce Jones was named the winner of the SAR Good Citizen Award.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation named music teacher **Jeremy Marino** a 2004 Coca-Cola Educator of Distinction.

Dyan Flood successfully completed the National Certified Journalism Instructor test.

Libertyville High School 2003-04 Student Recognition and Awards

Academic Honors

4 National Merit Finalists
17 National Merit Commended Students
41 Honors Graduates
9 AP Scholars
5 AP Scholars w/Honors
95 Illinois State Scholars
1 Finalist in the National Hispanic Recognition Program
1 National Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholar
1 National Principal's Leadership Award - Herff Jones
18 Perfect scores on PSAT
20 PSAT Scholars
2 Students named to the *Daily Herald* All-Academic Team
1 Student named to the *Chicago Tribune* State All-Academic Team
113 Seniors inducted in the National Honor Society
ACT Composite 24.6 - 9th in State

Athletic Honors

150 North Suburban All-Conference Athletes
136 North Suburban Conference All-Academic Athletes
13 All-State Athletes
1 All-State Honorable Mention Athlete
1 All-American
40 Individual State Qualifiers
89 - Total Three-Sport Athletes
Special Olympic Team won 13 gold, 14 silver and 18 bronze medals including 2 team gold Medals and 1 state team silver medal
1 Student competed in USA Swimming National Disability Championships
3 NSC Conference Titles
7 NSC Lake Division Titles
6 IHSA Regional Titles
7 State Qualifying Teams
Boys' Swim - 15th in State
Wrestling - Sweet 16 in Individual State Meet
Cheerleading - 3rd in National Tournament
Poms - 2nd in State
Football - 2nd in State
Summer Baseball - 2nd in State
Boys' Lacrosse - 2nd in State

Extracurricular Honors

VICA (Vocational & Industrial Clubs of America)/Skills USA
Competition - 4 State Qualifiers
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) - 7 State Finalists, 5 National Qualifiers
5 Art Students won Best of Show at the "LISA" Show
1 student named a finalist in Best of College Photography Annual 2004
Academic Decathlon - 7th in State
Science Olympiad - 7th in State
Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering - 2nd in State
1st Year Physics - 1st in Region, 4th in Nation
2nd Year Physics - 1st in Region, 1st in Nation
Physics National Test - 8 National Semi-Finalists
Illinois Physics Teacher of the Year
Chemistry National Test - One student scored in Top 20 in Nation
Debate Team - 2nd in State
2 All-State Theater Students
CAT TV - A student won an Oscar at the Student Emmy Awards from the National Television Academy
Drops of Ink - Student Newspaper National Scholastic Press Association All-American Rating
Math ICTM Competition - 1st in State
1 State Champion in Math - He had a perfect score.
14 IMEA All-State Music Students
Symphony Orchestra & Wind Ensemble accepted to perform at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference
IHSA Music Sweepstakes - 2nd in State
Wind Ensemble - Superstate Band Competition - 1st in State

Special thanks to party contributors

The Libertyville High School Senior Party Planning Committee would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions in helping make this year's senior party a success:

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A.W. Zengeler Cleaners	Scott Brenner, D.D.S.
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Bavaro Hair	Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Bed Bath and Beyond	Condell Medical Center
Ben & Jerry's	Michael Conlon, D.D.S.
Bennett Chiropractic Care	Cousins Subs
Bernard Chevrolet	Culver's
Berry Tire Libertyville	Cuneo Museum & Gardens
Bill's Pizza & Pub	Dan the Key Man
Bishop Heating	Designs in Context
Boehm & Ray Insurance/ Market	DHR Cambridge Homes, Inc.
Financial Group	

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LHS Students of the Month

April Students of the Month

Melissa Klassman, Ashley Huerta-Mack, Dan DiVincenzo, Kristina Grenier, Katie Phillips, Anthony Scardina, Mike Muniz, Eric Fee, Meredith Sargent, Tiffany Wunsch, Sarah Jacobs.

May Students of the Month

Megan Rule, Andy Everding, Katie Bisconer, Doug Ardito, Betsy Knab, Casey Aull, Peggy Chiou, Molly Ostman, Mia Supanich-Winter, Dwana Holmes, Annie Choi

News from the Hills

Principal's Report

by Dr. Ellen Cwick

The 2003-04 school year proved to be a very exciting and successful year. The Class of 2004 graduated in a dignified and respectful manner, enjoying three major events at the end of the school year- Senior Breakfast and Honors Day Assembly on May 27, Senior Party on June 4, and Graduation on June 3. For graduation, **Brandon Maslov**, class valedictorian and **Greg Foreman** gave the keynote student speeches. **Doug Gerber** and **Matthew Bellito** were the teachers who read the names of the graduates.

Parents and VHHS staff put in a tremendous amount of time, passion and energy into each of these major events to ensure that they were well organized and enjoyed by all. I am truly amazed by the number of people who came together and worked together throughout these events. Parents, building and grounds staff, teachers and support staff- the list could go on and on, but a sincere thanks to all who participated! We all will miss the Class of

2004 and wish them the best. Please see the article below that highlights the honors received by seniors at this year's honors assembly.

Construction Update

Construction is an everyday experience at VHHS. Our outdoor athletic storage area and concession stand/rest rooms are nearing completion and will be open for use this fall season. Major work is beginning this summer on the new catwalk to be installed in the Studio Theatre and the cameras/security system for VHHS. It is our hope that these two projects will be completed by the start of school this fall.

Lastly, don't forget two important dates- Freshman Orientation, Aug. 19 and the first day of school for students- half day, Aug. 24. The 2004-05 school year will be here before we know it!

Vernon Hills High School 2004 Senior Honors

Awards for Excellence in Department 1

Applied Technology Award **Michael Kamminga**
Business Education Award **Meghan Krippinger**
Family and Consumer Sciences Award **Jessica Glees**

Awards for Excellence in English

Bill Weber English Scholar Award **Katie Skeeahan**
English as a Foreign Language Award **Paul Lee**

Awards for Excellence in Fine Arts

Art Award **Margarita Korol, Jonathan Steinheiser**
Band Award **Kyle Nuernberger**
Choral Award **Carolyn Grieco**
Orchestra Award **David Ling**
Theater Award **Spencer Leeds**

Awards for Excellence in International Language

German Award **Eric Murphy**
Spanish Award **Carolyn Grieco**

Awards for Excellence in Mathematics

Stephen Heumann, Daniel Lador

Awards for Excellence in Physical Welfare

**Lauren Hulse, Carolyn Rossett,
Brian Nussbaum**

Awards for Excellence in Science

Francis Lee

Awards for Excellence in Social Studies

Maxwell Citron

Continuum Yearbook Award

Myriah Landesman

Production Services Award

Spencer Leeds

Teachers' Choice Award for Mathematics

Andrew Benton

Illinois Science Teachers' Association Award

Daniel Lador

Illinois State Scholars: **Crystal Ahn, Ashley Bacarella, Mrugesh Bavda, Matthew Braslow, Lauren Brenner, Hannah Brignon, Christopher Bryant, Matthew Catanzaro, John Cheng, Erin Chiou, Maxwell Citron, Rachel Cope, Kevin Creighton, Aleksey Dolinko, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Grieco, Iman Hassan, Stephen Heumann, Erin Hoadley, Sara Jensen, Colin Johnston, Sarah Keister, Alex Kibrit, Christine Kim, Lisa Kim, Margarita Korol, Jayson Kramer, Asya Krengauz, Meghan Krippinger, Daniel Lador, Francis Lee, Spencer Leeds, Jacqueline Leffler, David Ling, David Margules, Brandon Maslov, Patrick McDermott, Brandon Mika, Dmytro Mirtsyn, Brittany Muller, Eric Murphy, Laura Paparella, Jessica Pardys, Elina Pasternak, Amy Patel, Michael Paull, Vincent Pierri, Philip Procento, Alex Raskin, Sarah Rau, Bartlomiej Rog, Elisabeth Rutkowski, Sarah Schwartz, Michelle Sham, Katie Skeeahan, Avital Stein, Cosmin Stejerean, Vikas Sunkari, Katie Trione, Brett Usen, Kevin Wender, Nicholas Wrem, Mark Yuan.**

Outstanding First Class Leader Award

Mrugesh Bavada

National Honor Society Scholarship Award

Erin Chiou, Christopher Bryant

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Student activities update

by Deb Beagle, VHHS Student Activities Coordinator

ACE

Members of ACE recently volunteered to help with the Special Olympics Groove Fest dance and the park district's Earth Day Run. They will conclude the year by participating in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Academic Bowl

The JV team finished in the top four in conference. This year outstanding performances were made by freshmen **Alan Xu** and **Shaun Fernandes** and sophomores **Paul Kornbluh** and **David Sievers**. In addition, **Marc Gibson** was an exceptional leader for the team.

Anime

The Anime Pilot completed its first year as a pilot club. Due to Anime's great success it will become an official school sanctioned club for the 2004-2005 school year. Anime members enjoyed a variety of activities this year, from watching Japanese music videos and learning the art of Anime to a little DDR dancing.

Art Club

The following students were awarded Blue Ribbons at the North Suburban Conference Art Show. **Ashley Betke**, **Trinity Bliss**, **Natalia Bulsza**, **Julian Koller**, **Katie Leaver**, **Hun Lee**, **Paul Lee**, **Alex Marvin**, **Amanda Metzger**, and **Guliz Sonmez**.

The following students placed in the Chicago Area 4X5 Art Exhibition: **Natalia Bulsza** first place in printmaking; **Aaron Hollander** third place in printmaking; **Carolyn Rossett** third place in photography; **Rebecca Silva** honorable mention in drawing; **Maggie Korol** honorable mention in drawing.

The following students were named "Best in Show" at the LISA Show: **Jon Steinheiser** in Photography, **Natalia Bulsza** in Drawing, **Jessica Chiarella** in Painting, **Hun Lee** in 3-D, and **Kelly Park** in Graphic Design.

The Great Frame Up "Best of the Best Show" was held at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Senior art student **Kelly Park** placed third in the computer graphics category out of 28 schools. Artwork by junior **Jessica Chiarella** and sophomore **Natalia Bulsza** was selected to be displayed for one year at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital.

DECA

Jared Batson, **Pat Chmura**, **Amanda Garcia**, **George Ginakakis**, **Tom Ginakakis**, **Dino Ranieri**, and **Rob Weekley** participated in DECA's 58th International Career Development Conference held April 30-May 4 in Nashville, Tenn. Dino Ranieri placed in the Top 15 in the nation and was awarded a National Finalist Medallion for the Entrepreneurship Business Plan Event. The VHHS Free Enterprise team of Jared Batson, Amanda Garcia, and Tom Ginakakis earned an Award of Excellence, placing them in the top 20% at the conference.

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America students received the following honors in state competition: **Thomas Rams** first

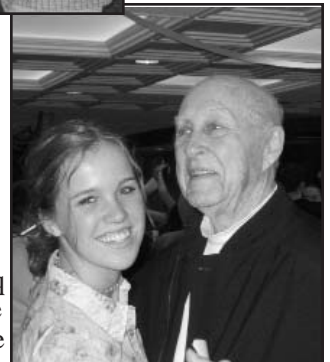
place accounting II; **Sarah Romberg** fifth place accounting II; **Janelle Niskanen** fifth place introduction to business; **Greg Augsborg** fifth place job interview; **Dave Isaacson** sixth place public speaking I; **Andrew Krippinger** seventh place business math; **Dhara Kadakia** seventh place business procedures; **Meghan Krippinger** 10th place business calculations; **Jessica Bobbe** 11th place banking and financial systems. Thomas Rams will be representing VHHS in the Accounting II competition at the National Leadership Conference in Denver.

Interact



VHHS students are seen at left and below dancing the night away with residents of The Park at this year's Senior Prom. (photos courtesy of Interact)

Interact hosted a Prom at The Park Senior Retirement Community Vernon Hills on April 30. Over 75 seniors attended and danced the night away. Snacks, refreshments and good company were provided by VHHS Interact. In addition, Interact helped ship books to Iraq for the Book Drive. The purpose of the Book Drive was to provide the troops in Iraq with books.



International Club

International Club recently hosted a variety of movie nights to try new food and discuss different cultures. They hosted Greek Night and everyone enjoyed eating Greek food and watching "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," Mexican Movie Night and all who attended ate Mexican food and watched a movie filmed in Mexico, and Intercultural Movie Night they watched "Finding Forrester".

Math Team

The Math Team placed fifth at the state competition at the University of Illinois. Individually, the Freshmen team and Senior team finished first at state.

Orchesis

The first VHHS Orchesis dance show was held on May 12 in the auditorium.

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Student activities

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Science Olympiad Team

Congratulations for a Division A second-place finish at the state tournament on April 24 at the University of Illinois.

Special Olympics

The following students brought home a gold, two silver and four bronze medals, a few fourth- through sixth-place ribbons in track events, and three gold and three bronze medals in powerlifting: **Brad Nussbaum, J.P. Rodriguez, Carissa Sung, Lee Velasco, and Mitchell Koziol.**

Congratulations to Brad Nussbaum and Mitchell Koziol who took part in the Area 2 Bocce Ball Tournament at Batavia High School. Brad won a bronze medal and Mitchell a gold medal which qualified him for the state summer games!

Spotlight

This year Spotlight presented its show on March 22 in the auditorium. Clothing and Retailing students sewed garments in class and many were used in the show. Sixteen fancy dresses for Prom or homecoming were seen in the show-stopper run and "collections" (three or four garments sewn by advanced clothing students) were featured in other runs. This was a fun way to showcase advanced clothing students' garments.

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May Cougar Class Act Winners

Twelve VHHS students were recognized as Cougar Class Act Award winners for the month of May. The Cougar Class Act Award recognizes students who make a difference by going above and beyond expectations. The award recognizes students who bring that something extra to the classroom. The May honorees were **Lindsay Donovan, Kacper Minda, Kate Romeo, Leeza Rainey, Justin Feldman, Lauren Hansen, Matt Barker, Wes Sheldon, Mark Price, Kyle Nuernberger, Kenny Mooney, Brittany Watkins, Steve Brancato, Dan Ladorr and Justin Padoan.**

VHHS senior testifies in Springfield and on Capitol Hill

This spring, VHHS senior **Devin Stieber** had the opportunity to help others while gaining experience that few teens have when he traveled to Washington, D.C. to testify on Capitol Hill. As part of Asthma Awareness Day on Capitol Hill, sponsored by the Allergy and Asthma Network, Stieber was part of a panel that spoke in favor of a proposed asthma-related bill.

Stieber's Washington trip came on the heels of his earlier spring trips to Springfield where he testified to the House and Human Service Committee on behalf of an asthma-related bill. Stieber was surprised that so many political leaders were interested in listening to his opinions. He said of his experience, "Being flattered by such influential mentors is quite rewarding." Stieber, a deeply committed advocacy worker, plans to attend Southern Illinois University and major in political science.



Attention VHHS Class of 2008

Mark your calendars for

Freshman Orientation

Thursday, August 19, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

(Buses will be provided)

Presentation Entertainment Tours

More information regarding Freshmen Orientation will follow in the August mailing.
Questions? Call **Marla Pierce** at 847.932.2002

Student activities *continued from page 14*

Student Council

Student Council recently sponsored "Operation Support our Troops Supply Drive." All third period classes collected travel size supplies from the soldiers' wish list to send overseas. Students are seen at left sorting the supplies.



The Senior Class Council hosted the Third Annual Mr. Cougar Contest on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This year's contestants were: **Robby Fiore, Kevin**

Wender, Ryan Dunn, Ramez Hoveydai, Jeff Guerrero, Andrew Koller, Mike Randazzo, Andrew Benton, Pat Chmura, Jay Kramer. Ramez Hoveydai was crowned Mr. Cougar. (photo courtesy of L. Bertermann)

Whispers of Immortality

On May 19th there was a 2004 Release Party/Open Mic Night for the literary magazine titled *On the Edge of Oblivion*. It took place in the library where poetry and short stories were read and some outstanding artwork was on display.

Writing Contest Winners

Each year the Illinois Association of Teachers of English sponsors a statewide writing contest designed to recognize the very best student writers in the State of Illinois. **Donna Goldshteyn** and **Dmitriy Rapoport** from VHHS have been selected as winners of the contest. Donna's essay "The Color of Love" and Dmitriy's essay "Green and Pink" will be published in the volume, *Illinois Best Poetry and Prose*.

Nine students who participate in student publications at VHHS were inducted into the Quill & Scroll Society, which is the International Honor Society for High School Journalists. This year's inductees were: **Brooke Abercrombie, Iman Hassan, Vanessa Bordo, Alex Marvin, Jennifer Castro, Vania Park, Jessica Chiarella, Jacci Stier,** and **Melissa Gray.**

Special thanks to senior party contributors

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Mundelein -Vernon Hills Rotary
Libertyville Bank & Trust
ABT Electronics
Panera Bread
Target
Wal-Mart
Highland Park Health and Fitness
Centre Club
Lori Friend Hair Studio
Liberty Barber
Heidi's Salon
Hawthorn Lanes
Marshall Field's
Rivertree Movie Theatre
Showplace 8
Regal Theatres
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Deluxe Media Services
Journey's End
Hooters

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Famous Dave's
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Caribou Coffee
Quizno's, Vernon Hills
Cousins, Mundelein
Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza, Mundelein
Jimmy John's, Vernon Hills
Steak 'n Shake, Glenview and Gurnee
Rosati's Pizza
Pizza Italia
Jewel, Libertyville
Sam's Club, Vernon Hills
Cub Foods
Dominick's, Vernon Hills
McDonald's, Vernon Hills

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Student Council Outstanding Service Award
Allison Kim, Brittany Muller

Cougar Pride Coaches' Award
Rachael Blanton, Juan Ruiz

Senior Scholar-Athlete Award
Carolyn Grieco, Daniel Fitzpatrick

Outstanding Senior Athlete Award
Lauren Horan, Ryan Dunn

American Association of University Women Award for Academic Excellence
Jacqueline Leffler

Mundelein/Vernon Hills Rotary Scholarship
Rebecca Lachman, David Margules

Amvets Service Scholarship
Sarah Keister

Century 21 Kreuser & Seiler Award
Meghan Krippinger

CLC Superintendent's Scholarship
Vanessa Campos

2004 *Daily Herald* All-Academic Team
Francis Lee, Brandon Maslov

Horace Mann Scholarship Program
Meghan Krippinger

Consumers' Cooperative Association Scholarship
Zachary Foster

United States Presidential Scholarship Program
Stephen Heumann

Erwin Einhorn Student Council Award
Brittany Muller

Cougar Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence, Community Service and Leadership
Brittany Muller

Educational Support Personnel Social Committee Scholarship
Lisa Kim, Meghan Krippinger

District 128 Federation of Teachers Future Teacher Scholarship
Kimberly Gray

James R. Whittington Principal's Leadership Award
Brittany Muller

National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Crystal Ahn, Matthew Braslow, Christopher Byant, Maxwell Citron, Stephen Heumann, Christine Kim, Michelle Sham, Kevin Wender

National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist
John Cheng

National Merit Scholarship Commended
Erin Chiou, Carolyn Grieco, Colin Johnston, Sarah Keister, Lisa Kim, Meghan Krippinger, Daniel Lador, David Margules, Brandon Maslov, Michael Paull, Vincent Pierri, Philip Procento, Katie Skeeahan, Cosmin Stejerean, Andrew Wenman

National Achievement Scholarship
Christopher Bryant

Honors Graduates

Crystal Ahn, Matthew Braslow, Lauren Brenner, Christopher Bryant, Maxwell Citron, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Grieco, Iman Hassan, Stephen Heumann, Erin Hoadley, Colin Johnston, Alex Kibrit, Lisa Kim, Jayson Kramer, Asya Krengauz, Meghan Krippinger, Daniel Lador, Francis Lee, Brandon Maslov, Brittany Muller, Elina Pasternak, Michael Paull, Bartlomiej Rog, Sarah Schwartz, Michelle Sham, Katie Skeeahan, Katie Trione, Mark Yuan

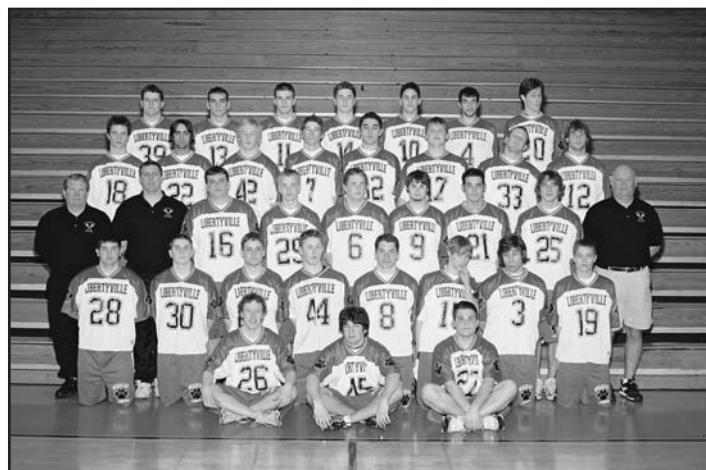
Hallyburton signs with Purdue

VHHS diver **Lauren Hallyburton** has signed a letter of intent with Purdue University.

Wildcat profile: Boys' Lacrosse Team

The 2004 season for the LHS boys' lacrosse team was a season of firsts. The team posted a 17-3 overall record and beat teams that they have never beaten before. For the first time, the team beat Loyola Academy, and they beat them not only once, but twice! This was the first year that the team posted 17 wins. This was also the first year that the team won the conference championship. The team also boasted three All-State athletes and one All-American athlete named in a single season for the first time. It was also the first year that the lacrosse team represented LHS in the state championship game at Palatine High School on May 28. The Wildcats ended up losing in the state final game to Loyola in four overtimes.

This year's varsity team was arguably the best man-for-man lacrosse team to play at LHS. They enjoyed a season of firsts that we hope will be matched or outdone by future Wildcat lacrosse teams. Congratulations to the boys' lacrosse coaches **Rich Martin, Dale Haase, Ron Snyder** and to the 2004 state finalists.



2004 LHS Boys' Lacrosse Team
(photo courtesy of T. Albers)

Athletic Director's Corner

by Tim Albers, LHS Athletic Director

I am sure that many of you have driven by Libertyville High School and noticed a renovation project that has begun on the stadium field and track. We are very excited about the project, as it will not only be aesthetically pleasing for all to enjoy, but it also will be a safer field and track on which our athletes will be able to participate.

The old football field was so compact that it was difficult to aerate and to grow grass. The field was very hard, uneven, and there was very little crown left to the field. It was difficult, at best, to set up water cannons in the summer to keep the compacted soil watered. The old drainage system on the field was pretty much non-existent. The renovation project has allowed us to:

- ♦ Re-grade and till the football field and add pulverized topsoil.
- ♦ Establish a 12-inch crown on the field for proper drainage.
- ♦ Lay perforated drain tiles packed in crushed stone for proper drainage around the edges of the field and track.
- ♦ Install an irrigation system with connection to village water.

The old system of taking water from the lake was self-defeating, as the filters frequently clogged, and it would have been impossible to keep the new irrigation sprinkler heads free of lake water vegetation. The irrigation system includes 10 zones with a total of 58 sprinkler heads. The system will operate on a timing system and we will utilize a rain sensor, which will monitor and override the irrigation system when there is too much rain on the field.

The goal posts were moved so that the football field is now centered with the press box and the 50-yard line is now located in the center of field. Big roll sod has been laid on the field to provide grass in hopes that it will root quickly.

If we continue to get the cool, overcast weather with rain, we have a good chance of playing all of our 2004 home football games on our new field. If the sod does not root quickly, we will have to play some of our home football games at Vernon Hills High School. VHHS Athletic Director **Al Janulis** has been very accommodating, and together we have developed an alternative home football schedule to be played at VHHS if need be. I want

to thank Al and the VHHS administration for being helpful and making some concessions with their field should we not be ready to use our own field. We currently have an approximately 80% chance to play our first home game at LHS. Keep your fingers crossed!

The second half of the stadium project includes installing a new track. The old track system was becoming unsafe and the top rubber latex layer was free floating on top of the asphalt with little or no adhesion at all. The same track builders who installed the VHHS track several years ago are building the new track.

Chicagoland Paving has already removed the old latex top layer and installed new asphalt, once again making the track level. The existing track did not meet the slope requirements set by the USTC and TBA and the NFSHSA. New elevations were set using laser technology in order to meet a maximum lateral inclination of 1.100, and a maximum downward inclination in the running direction of 1.1000. The track company also installed permomat geotextile fabric on the track.

The new track surface will be Rekortan M99 poured polyurethane, which is an environmentally friendly poured multi-layer system. This surface is one of the best running surfaces made, allowing for high-energy return to the runners' legs. Installation of this product will create a smooth and seamless finish to our new red track.

The track and stadium will be closed to everyone for the remainder of the summer as we complete the project and prepare for the fall school year. We hope to open the stadium in August for our first home football game scheduled for Friday, Aug. 27 against Lincolnway Central High School. When the track is completed, it will be open to the public Monday through Friday from dawn until dusk providing it is not being used for school events. The track will be locked on weekends unless there is a scheduled event.

The new field and track will provide our students and community with a stadium of which they can be proud. In addition to being visually pleasing and professional looking, the new facilities will also provide our athletes with a safe playing field and track on which to compete.

2003-04 LHS three sport athletes

Boys:

Seniors: **Jesse Conrad** (cross country, basketball, track), **Douglas Landgraf** (football, basketball, volleyball), **Christopher Mohs** (football, wrestling, track), **Taylor Yetman** (cross country, swim, lacrosse) **Juniors:** **Stephen Arendt** (soccer, wrestling, lacrosse), **Timothy Carlson** (football, wrestling, track), **Patrick Engle** (football, wrestling, track), **Sanket Gokhale** (cross country, swim, water polo), **Kyle Johnson** (football, basketball, baseball), **Colin Marquardt** (golf, swim, water polo), **David Moosman** (football, wrestling, track), **Joseph Palac** (soccer, swim, water polo), **Eric Pickell** (football, wrestling, track), **Alec Rahe** (football, wrestling, lacrosse) **Stephen Revis** (football, wrestling, track), **Nicholas Windmuller** (football, wrestling, track) **Sophomores:** **Aaron Austin** (soccer, wrestling, gymnastics), **John Danilkowicz** (football, wrestling, baseball) **Richard Fantus** (football, wrestling, water polo), **Christopher Haak** (football, wrestling, track), **Tyler Haws** (football, wrestling, track), **Jonathan Henslee** (football, wrestling, gymnastics), **Kevin Koza** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Matthew O'Connor** (football, basketball, baseball), **Peter Pasini** (cross country, wrestling, track), **Vincent Sapienza** (football, wrestling, gymnastics), **Ed Sindles** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Anthony Spinabella** (football, wrestling, track), **Mehdi Syed** (cross country, swim, track), **Spencer Yetman** (golf, swim, tennis) **Freshmen:** **Josh Albers** (football, wrestling, baseball), **Max Bellmore** (football, swim, track), **Robert Boatman** (football, basketball, baseball), **Joseph Bowens** (football, wrestling, baseball), **Mark Callan** (football, swim, baseball), **Steven Clow** (cross country, swim, lacrosse), **George Danilkowicz** (football, basketball, baseball), **Matthew Dowd** (football, swim, track), **Kevin Fanani** (football, wrestling, baseball), **Connor Fox** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Photios Frangos** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Matthew Gavigan** (soccer, basketball, volleyball), **Brad Hansen** (football, basketball, baseball), **Nicholas Holyszko** (football, wrestling, gymnastics), **Kristopher Janezic** (cross country, swim, baseball), **Brian Johns** (soccer, basketball, baseball), **Scott Katich** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Ryan Kennedy** (football, basketball,

baseball), **Christopher Key** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Taylor Kraemer** (cross country, basketball, tennis), **Kyle Lenn** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Patrick Luehrsen** (football, wrestling, lacrosse), **Cameron Micksch** (football, swim, lacrosse), **Austin Schupple** (football, swim, track), **Charles Stewart** (football, swim, gymnastics), **Timothy Taylor** (cross country, basketball, track), **Kyle Weiland** (football, basketball, lacrosse), **Nicholas Wilcox** (football, basketball, baseball), **David Winn** (football, wrestling, volleyball)

Girls:

Seniors: **Lauren Jagiel** (cross country, basketball, track), **Christina Schneider** (cross country, basketball, track) **Juniors:** **Natalie Chase** (golf, bowling, softball), **Jamie Freese** (volleyball, basketball, track), **Tiffanie Hancock** (pom pons, pom pons, lacrosse), **Anne Lubicky** (volleyball, basketball, soccer), **Samantha Mattimiro** (pom pons, pom pons, lacrosse) **Sophomores:** **Mae Armer** (cross country, basketball, track), **Tracy Branding** (pom pons, pom pons, track), **Annelyse Freyman** (pom pons, pom pons, soccer), **Casey Herman** (swim, gymnastics, track), **Molly Kent** (volleyball, basketball, soccer), **Ashley Lane** (swim, basketball, lacrosse), **Nicole Notaro** (pom pons, pom pons, track), **Bridget Quinn** (pom pons, pom pons, soccer) **Freshman:** **Emily Barrett** (tennis, bowling, water polo), **Kimberly Bruett** (cross country, basketball, soccer), **Casey Curschman** (volleyball, basketball, soccer), **Kali Feiereisel** (volleyball, basketball, soccer), **Lauren Heimert** (cheerleading, cheerleading, lacrosse), **Monika Kaechele** (volleyball, basketball, track), **Rachel Kaplan** (cross country, basketball, soccer), **Kaylee Kramer** (volleyball, basketball, soccer), **Carolynne Kruckman** (volleyball, basketball, softball), **Morgan Lopez** (cross country, basketball, soccer), **Jessica Norman** (cheerleading, cheerleading, lacrosse), **Stephanie Orsini** (cross country, basketball, lacrosse), **Milena Savatic** (volleyball, basketball, water polo), **Janna Werley** (golf, basketball, lacrosse), **Allyn Yarc** (volleyball, basketball, soccer)

Wildcat athletes sign letters of intent

Wildcat athletes have been busy signing letters of intent to compete in athletics at the university level next fall. **Stefanie Alde** signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Northwestern University. Wrestler **Mark Friend** signed a letter of intent to attend Penn State University. **Chris Jansen** signed with San Diego University for football. **J.J. Weiland** signed to play soccer at Butler University.

LHS NSC All-Academic Spring Athletes

Baseball

Dan Baldino, Kyle Bruett, Kevin Foley, Joe Harrington, Brian Laspisa

Boys' Gymnastics

Peter Bowling, Ken Klassman, Ian Quinn, Alan Semrau

Boys' Lacrosse

Jason Detweiler, Eric Egler, Todd Labrum, Stephen Arendt, Michael Kakenmaster

Girls' Lacrosse

Kelly Kowalski, Nora Krinitsky, Kristin LaRoi, Kirsten Pfund, Samantha Mattimiro, Lauren Schaefer

Softball

Natalie Chase, Teresa Himmelsbach, Christine Marchinski, Laurie Rosko

Girls' Soccer

Emily Andrews, Stephanie Perry, Allison Van Beek

Boys' Tennis

Nick Abreu, John Liu, Jonathan San

Boys' Track

John Folkrod, Steven Goff, Brian Herman, Alex Mayer, Brian Paplaski, Joseph Rhoades, David Siebert, Tom Sitz, Ryan Solomon

Girls' Track

Shannon Aichele, Jennifer Byelick, Rebecca Garrison, Lauren Jagiel, Elizabeth Jordan, Sharon Knudson, Carolyn Kozak, Brianna Morgan, Christina Schneider, Mia Supanich-Winter

Boys' Volleyball

Terry Hanlon, Doug Landgraf, Matthew Partain, Ryan Wood

Boys' Water Polo

Ken Mullane, Joe Palac

Girls' Water Polo

Emily Fischer, Laura McCormack, Jessica Moser, Jaclyn Patulo, Katherine Tanner

All-Conference athletes

Baseball

Sean Danehy, Joe Harrington, Jeff Keske, Brett Lancaster, Dan Petric

Boys' Gymnastics

Boys' gymnastics is not recognized as an NSC sport. At least half of the teams in the conference must compete to be considered All-Conference.

Currently, there are 12 schools in the NSC, of which three compete in boys' gymnastics.

Boys' Lacrosse

Jason Detweiler, Kevin Fontana, Jarred Kolar (All-State), Brennan Matthews (All-State), Alec Rahe, Andy Russell, Bobby Wilkinson (All-State/All-American)

Girls' Lacrosse

Kelly Kowalski (All-State Honorable Mention), Kristin LaRoi, Dana Parkhill, Nina Pilacoutas

Girls' Soccer

Katy Bauschke (All-Sectional), Bernadette Dierker, Stacy Schuett, Mary Sturgeon (All-Sectional Honorable Mention), Tara Strickland (All-Sectional Honorable Mention)

Softball

Natalie Chase, Michelle Lechy

Boys' Tennis

Pat Kaiser, Nick Boulieris, Peter Herchenbach, Matt Warren, Jimmy Zimmerman

Boys' Track

Ryan Castle, Jesse Conrad, Jeff Fontana, Steve Goff, Justin Hansen, Brandon Hebert, Lamarr Lark, Alex Mayer, David Moosman, Kyle Nader, Brian Paplaski, Josh Schweigert, David Siebert, Ryan Smith, Tim Taylor, Cheron Williams

Girls' Track

MaryAnn Buttitta, Jenny Byelick, Jamie Freese, Becky Garrison, Jackie Hamlin, Lauren Jagiel, Mary Jones, Monika Kaechele, Christina Schneider

Girls' Track

Mae Armer, Shannon Aichele, Tracy Branding, Casey Herman, Carolyn Kozak, Mia Supanich-Winter

Boys' Volleyball

Dan Gibbons, Kevin Morkin, Steve Olson

Girls' Water Polo

Nicole Coton, Rachel Sparks

Spring athletic team accomplishments

Baseball

1st Place tie NSC Lake Division
Jeff Keske, Brett Lancaster, Kyle Johnson, J.P. Kenley – Stevenson Showcase Selection
Sean Danehy, Brett Lancaster – All- Area Selections
IHSA Regional Champions

Boys' Gymnastics

State Qualifiers--**Aaron Austin, Jon Henslee, Scott Brzezinski, Sean Somers**
6 – 0 Conference Record
14th highest score in State – 145.45

Boys' Lacrosse

Number 1 ranking in State
Conference Champions
15 – 2 Season Record
2nd in State
All-State -- **Brennan Matthews, Jarred Kolar, Bobby Wilkinson**
All-American -- **Bobby Wilkinson**

Girls' Soccer

4th place NSC Lake Division

Boys' Tennis

4th place in Conference
Nick Boulieris – State Qualifier

Boys' Track

NSC Lake Division Champions (Tie)
4th place in Conference
State Qualifier -- **Jesse Conrad, Brian Paplaski, Tim Taylor, Jon Valdez, Cheron Williams**

Girls' Track

3rd place in Conference
State Qualifier -- **Lauren Jagiel, Mia Supanich-Winter, Jackie Hamlin, Carolyn Kozak**

Boys' Volleyball

2nd place in Conference
28 Wins – Program Best

Girls' Water Polo

3rd place in Conference

From the Hills . . .

by Al Janulis, VHHS Athletic Director

As you visit the VHAC (Vernon Hills Athletic Complex formerly known as the Nike Site) this fall, you may notice a new device mounted atop a pole between the village ball diamonds and the Cougar varsity baseball field. This would be part of a lightning protection system the Village of Vernon Hills is installing to better protect event patrons and sports enthusiasts from being victims of a lightning strike. Both Stevenson and Vernon Hills High Schools, as well as the Vernon Hills Park District, support and are participating in the initiative. A second structure will be placed at the southwest end of the athletic complex near the Stevenson tennis courts and ball diamonds.

Two types of devices track lightning activity. Lightning "detection" systems detect the electromagnetic signatures that are the by-product of actual lightning strikes. Lightning "prediction" senses and evaluates the shifts and changes in the electrostatic field that precede the occurrence of an actual lightning strike. It reads the energy buildup prior to the first strike. The Village of Vernon Hills has selected the Thor Guard Integrated Lightning Prediction and Warning System of Sunrise, Fla. to manufacture and install the product. This company has installed over 4,000 units worldwide and close to 190 in Chicagoland.

In the United States alone, more than 200 people die each year from lightning or from fires caused by lightning. It kills more people than hurricanes or tornadoes. At any moment, there are 2,000 thundershowers occurring around

the world. Lightning takes the shortest path. It generally strikes the tallest object, a tall tree or building, a tower, or a person standing alone in a flat field. At the VHAC there are no tall trees or towers, and few buildings. A solitary individual walking, jogging, or watching an event is a prime target for such a strike. The Thor Guard System promises to provide advance warning up to 20 minutes prior to a lightning strike.

Critics cite system unreliability and reference inconveniences when the alarm goes off on an apparently clear day with no forecast of thunderstorm activity. Proponents counter that the device accurately predicts the possibility of lightning strikes. What one can expect to hear in the event that lightning becomes imminent is a 15-second horn blast that may be repeated over several minutes. An all-clear signal (three short blasts) may be sounded as early as 10 minutes following the initial warning. Activities may be resumed at that time. If the atmosphere remains unstable, the all-clear signal may take even longer to sound. The system will be controlled from the Vernon Hills Golf Course. Preliminary discussions with administrators from all participating agencies reflect a consensus to operate the system from 6:00 am until 11:00 pm daily on a trial basis. By the time of this publication's printing, the Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System will be operational. Any questions or comments regarding the system should be directed to the Village of Vernon Hills Public Works Department.

VHHS Spring Sports Individual Awards 2004

Baseball

Jason Acevedo All-NSC Selection
Stephen Brancato All-NSC Selection
Nicholas Morreale All-NSC Selection
Robert Kolton All-NSC Honorable Mention
Timothy Rice All-NSC Honorable Mention

Boys' Lacrosse

Kevin Creighton 2nd Team All-Conference

Boys' Tennis

Christopher Brown NSC
Eugene Kakstovs 5th Place Medallists

Boys' Track & Field

Clayton Anderson All-NSC Medallist (4x400)
Erich Burdorf All-NSC Medallist (4x400)
Eric Fettner All-NSC Medallist (Pole Vault)
 All-Sectional Medallist- 3rd Place Pole Vault

Jeremy Shaw All-NSC Medallist (Pole Vault)
 All-Sectional Medallist- Sectional Runner-up

Wesley Sheldon Lake County Invite Champion- 800M
 All-NSC Medallist- 800M Champ.
 All-Sectional Medallist- 800M Sectional Champion

Michael Walsh All-NSC Medallist- (4x400)

Boys' Volleyball

Glenn Scherrer All-NSC Selection
Daily Herald All-Area Selection
Dan Fitzpatrick All-NSC Selection
Daily Herald All-Area Special Mention

Alex Marvin All-NSC Honorable Mention
Ryan Dunn *Daily Herald* All-Area Special Mention

Mike DeLaRosa *Daily Herald* All-Area Special Mention

Boys' Water Polo

Bradley Morris All-NSC Honorable Mention
Ben Rothstein All-NSC Selection

Softball

Jaclyn Aspinall All-NSC Selection
Daily Herald All-Area Selection
Lakeland News Player of the Year
 All-NSC Selection

Rachel Taylor *Daily Herald* All-Area Selection
 All-NSC Selection

Alyssa Wilson All-NSC Selection
Rachael Blanton All-NSC Honorable Mention
Bridget Matsunaga All-NSC Honorable Mention

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Cougar featured athletes: Varsity Girls' Soccer Team

by Alan Janulis, Athletic Director

Coach **Vince DeLuca** knew he had something special when the season began in early March, but didn't know exactly what that was. "Early on I sensed a positive chemistry between the girls on the team," said DeLuca. "They practiced with such great intensity, even in the field house when the weather was bad, I could tell they just collectively wanted to be great and were determined to sacrifice and work hard to reach that goal."

After a rough start, with the home opener against Grayslake being cancelled due to poor field conditions, followed by losses to Buffalo Grove (0-4) and Lake Division rival Lake Forest (2-3), the girls remained upbeat and positive. The team suffered another potential setback when one of the team's biggest backers and father of one of our freshmen, passed away unexpectedly. The girls rallied together, however, and came back even more focused, dedicating their season's efforts to his memory. According to DeLuca, "We were pretty young with six freshmen and two sophomores holding down starting roles and a first year 'keeper' in the net. Past performances and rivalries didn't mean much to them. We even had to teach them which teams were in our conference and which were in the division. That was a good thing, because we didn't roll over when we came up against formidable opposition. We just played that much harder."

That kind of thinking paid off when the Cougars went on a four-game winning streak, defeating Antioch, Lake Forest Academy, Prairie Ridge, and Grant, before dropping one to another group of Cougars, those being from J.B. Conant High School in Hoffman Estates. "I wasn't too disappointed," said DeLuca. "They have a solid program and are well-coached."

On the subject of coaching, **Scott Schinto**, Head Coach of the Libertyville Lady Wildcats, informed us that Coach DeLuca was unanimously voted by his peers as the Sectional Coach of the Year from our region this spring. Schinto should know good coaching, having coached the Girls' State Championship team in 2001, and that year winning the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association's Coach of the Year Award himself. Schinto also warns DeLuca, "Keep lookin' in the rear view mirror, the Cats across the street are on the prowl!!!" A friendly intra-district rivalry started between the two this fall when the Libertyville Cats beat the Cougars of Vernon Hills for the Boys' North Suburban Conference title.

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The VHHS Varsity Girls' Soccer Team
(photo courtesy of A. Janulis)

VHHS All-Academic Selections

The following juniors and seniors have achieved a 3.5 G.P.A. (on a 4.0 weighted or unweighted scale) in addition to earning a varsity letter in their respective sports.

Baseball

Colin Johnston, Michael Johnston

Boys' Lacrosse

Kevin Creighton, Jeffrey Sawyer

Girls' Lacrosse

Kyle Gehrke

Softball

Jaelyn Aspinall, Stephanie Hebda, Lauren Horan

Boys' Tennis

Christopher Bryant, Francis Lee, Dmytro Mirtsyn, Alex Raskin, Joseph Tsai

Boys' Track & Field

Thomas Rams

Girls' Track & Field

Carolyn Grieco, Greta Kerns, Allison Kim, Emily Proctor

Boys' Volleyball

Daniel Fitzpatrick, Thomas Ginakakis

Boys' Water Polo

William Rothstein

Girls' Water Polo

Melissa Gray, Kathleen McDonnell, Sarah Rau

VHHS fall sport start dates

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cheerleading	Marissa Rubin	Aug. 16	4:00 p.m.	Gymnastics Gym
Boys' Cross Country	Doug Williamson	Aug. 16	3:00 p.m.	Foyer
Girls' Cross Country	Andy Compton	Aug. 16	7:00 a.m.	Track
Football	Tony Monken	Aug. 11	8:00 a.m.	American Hotel Register Field #1
Boys' Golf	Shawn Healey	Aug. 13	9:00 a.m.	Room 0211
Girls' Golf	Ron Long	TBA	TBA	TBA
Pom Pons	Emily Pierce	Aug. 16	3:30 p.m.	Field House
Boys' Soccer	Vince DeLuca	Aug. 16	8:00 a.m.	American Hotel Register Field
Girls' Swimming/Diving	Jim Pardun	Aug. 16	9:00 a.m.	Pool
Girls' Tennis	Doug Gerber	Aug. 16	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	West side of high school
Girls' Volleyball	Kathleen Rizzo	Aug. 16	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (so., jr., sr.)	Gym
			1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (fr., so., jr., sr.)	Gym/Field House

Individual awards

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Girls' Lacrosse

Lindsey Maras	All-Conference
Mary Kate Morgan	All-Conference
Maureen Wilcox	All-Conference
Lillian Yanni	All-Conference, All-State Honorable Mention

Girls' Soccer

Brooke Abercrombie	All-NSC Selection
Bethany Brown	All-NSC Selection
Allison Kosatka	All-NSC Selection
Lori Livas	All-NSC Selection
Laura Nardini	All-NSC Selection
Michelle Thorstad	All-NSC Selection
Lauren Redig	All-NSC Honorable Mention
Kaitlyn Yule	All-NSC Honorable Mention

Girls' Track & Field

Jessica Price	All-NSC Medallist (100M Dash) All-NSC Medallist (4x200) All-NSC Medallist (Long Jump)
Myriah Landesman	All-NSC Medallist (100M Dash) All-NSC Medallist (4x200)
Alison Nardini	All-NSC Medallist (200M Dash) All-NSC Medallist (4x200)
Tori Steinhaus	All-NSC Medallist (300 Hurdles) All-NSC Medallist (4x200)
Allison Kim	All-NSC Medallist (800M Run)
Emily Proctor	All-NSC Medallist (Pole Vault)

Girls' Water Polo

Lauren Hulse	All-NSC Selection
Sarah Rau	All-Sectional All-Sectional

Cougar featured athlete

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According to DeLuca, the only thing that could have made winning the championship sweater would have been to be matched again against Schinto and the Lady Cats. "We did, between us, manage to keep all of the North Suburban Conference Soccer titles in District 128 this year!"

The Wauconda match played May 6 on Rust-Oleum Field in Cougar Stadium was pivotal for us. The winning goal late in the second half on a header by **Ali Kosatka** from **Kaitlyn Yule's** corner kick was spectacular! It was a defining moment for the Cougar soccer program. It was the first time in four years that Vernon Hills beat Wauconda at the varsity level. "I looked at the exhilaration and joy in the faces of seniors **Brooke Abercrombie**, **Stacey Kastilahn**, and Kosatka, following the game and knew we had arrived," stated DeLuca. "It was one of those forever moments."

DeLuca's next "forever moment" came just one week later when Lake Division champions, the Patriots of Stevenson, appeared at the gates of Cougar Stadium for the North Suburban Conference title game. It was a great night for soccer. The field condition was excellent, there were numerous people in the stands, and our Cougars were ready! The Cougars scored first and the fans went wild. In the first period, freshman **Lauren Redig** burned the back of Stevenson's net for the initial score. That goal was the first Stevenson goalkeeper **Jenni Banks** allowed in over 650 minutes of play. The Patriots countered and scored one of their own before the first half of play ended. The match seesawed back and forth with both teams executing and taking many well-placed shots on goal. Midway into the second half of play **Kristen Contos** scored what turned out to be the game winner for the Cougars. It was then up to the defense to shut down the Patriots. Down two starters, sophomore **Laura Nardini**, on the sideline with a knee injury, and freshman, **Michelle Thorstad** carried off the field with a concussion, the Cougar defense still managed to thwart every Patriot attack. DeLuca made several adjustments on the fly, moving **Erin Corrado** to an attacking position while dropping playmaker, "Downtown" **Bethany Brown**, to play the role of a defensive midfielder. Veterans **Brooke Abercrombie** and **Lori Livas** teamed with yet another frosh, **Brooke Abderholden**, in providing superb defense, while freshman **Liana Foreman**, stealing her brother's title as the Cougar's official Secretary of Defense, shut down several Patriot scoring opportunities. A true hero of the game, however, goes to the last player on the field, the goalkeeper.

Stacey Kastilahn, a seasoned Cougar (and recipient of the coveted 12 Sport Athlete Award), earned her final varsity letter by tending goal this spring for the lady kickers. A field player for her entire career, she epitomized the character of this group by learning a new position for her team in her final season of high school eligibility. "It was a lot of fun, but the pressure was a bit much. In the championship game I didn't want to let my teammates down, because they all were working so hard. I'll never forget it, we were defending the north goal in our stadium; there were a lot of fans cheering for both teams. It was loud, and I kept looking at the scoreboard clock. It seemed that the last three minutes lasted longer than freshman year." Kastilahn made two outstanding saves in the final minutes to seal the win and the North Suburban Conference Championship for the Cougars of Vernon Hills.

LHS football players lead parade



Members of the Libertyville High School football team led this year's Libertyville Days Parade held on June 12 in downtown Libertyville. (photo by C. Szkodyn)

LHS Poms announce new coach and squad members for 2004-05

After winning 2nd place in dance at the Illinois Drill Team Association State Competition, the LHS pom squad is aiming for even higher levels. The 2004-05 squad is under the direction of new Head Coach **Brooke Adams**. Adams, an LHS graduate, is thrilled to be the head coach. "I'm so excited to be back at LHS as the poms coach," Adams said, "I look forward to a wonderful year with this talented squad." Coach Adams attended Eastern Illinois University and was a member of the Pink Panther Dance Team.

The new LHS pom squad is busy training for summer camp in August at Northern Illinois University. The 2004-05 squad members are **Elizabeth Henderson**, **Kelsey Burke**, **Alex Bowles**, **Nicole Notaro**, **Brittany Wunsch**, **Megan Lowecki**, **Lisa Branding**, **Sarah Janousek**, **Tracy Branding**, **Casey Dugan**, **Samantha Mattimiro**, **Annie Freymen** (co-captain), **Ashley Mayworm**, **Karyn LaRoi**, **Darcy Loeb** (captain), **Bridget Quinn**, **Emily Perse** and **Kathryn Young**.

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LHS and VHHS athletes team up to capture national championship

Nine District 128 athletes competed in the COA National Cheerleading and Dance championship in Orlando, Fla. Representing the Super All-Stars, the group placed third in the Senior Elite All-Girl division and won the national championship title in the Co-ed Elite All-Star division. District 128's championship athletes are **Andrew Carman** (LHS), **Adam Karner** (LHS), **Peter Finkel** (LHS), **Jordan Guillen** (VHHS) **Ashley Glatz** (LHS), **Kimberly Gray** (VHHS), **Brittany Brzezinski** (LHS), **Monica Caraballo** (LHS) and **Ashley Eagan** (LHS). The graduating seniors of the group will continue their cheering this fall at the following universities: Brittany Brzezinski will attend Ferris State University, Ashley Glatz will attend Kansas State University, Jordan Guillen and Kimberly Gray will attend Illinois State University, and Adam Karner will attend Southern Illinois University.

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Front Cover: (clockwise from upper left) A VHHS senior receives his diploma from Board of Education Vice President **John Snow**; LHS seniors pose for a photo prior to commencement ceremonies; VHHS Principal **Dr. Ellen Cwick** congratulates seniors at the VHHS honors assembly; An LHS senior receives congratulations from his counselor at the honors breakfast; **VHHS seniors** smile for the camera prior to the graduation; An LHS senior shares a moment with her mother at the LHS commencement ceremony (*photos by M. Todoric and D. Phillips, center photo courtesy of the Daily Herald*)

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