

## NHS gets started

The Lakes Chapter of the National Honor Society will be inducting its first 52 members on Jan. 31.

To be inducted, students must write an essay, fill out student activity forms, have at least a 3.5 grade point average, demonstrate leadership and show involvement at Lakes and in the community.

Each student who completed these requirements was evaluated by a faculty council, consisting of teachers who were appointed by the administration.

"Our goal for the first semester is to hold elections and decide what NHS project(s) we will be doing for spring," Stampfl said.

NHS will begin meeting the third Tuesday of each month. In February, according to Gutke, the seven positions of the Executive Board will be voted on.

In spring, NHS will be adding to its 52 members.

"In mid-February prospective sophomore students will receive a letter inviting them to apply to NHS," Stampfl said.

NHS will be completing a number of service projects in a semester. The members will decide on what projects and when.

"[Our goal is to] be an organization that provides service to the school and community," Gutke said, "and to have fun doing it."

## District finals discovered on shared folders

Numerous sources say that a math final was discovered on a computer by students prior to the semester exams.

"The fact was it was just an honest mistake that was made. And we took care of it," Principal Dr. Robert Crist said.

The Template Shared Folder is available to all students, while another shared folder is for faculty use only. Two finals were mistakenly placed on the student accessible folder instead of the faculty.

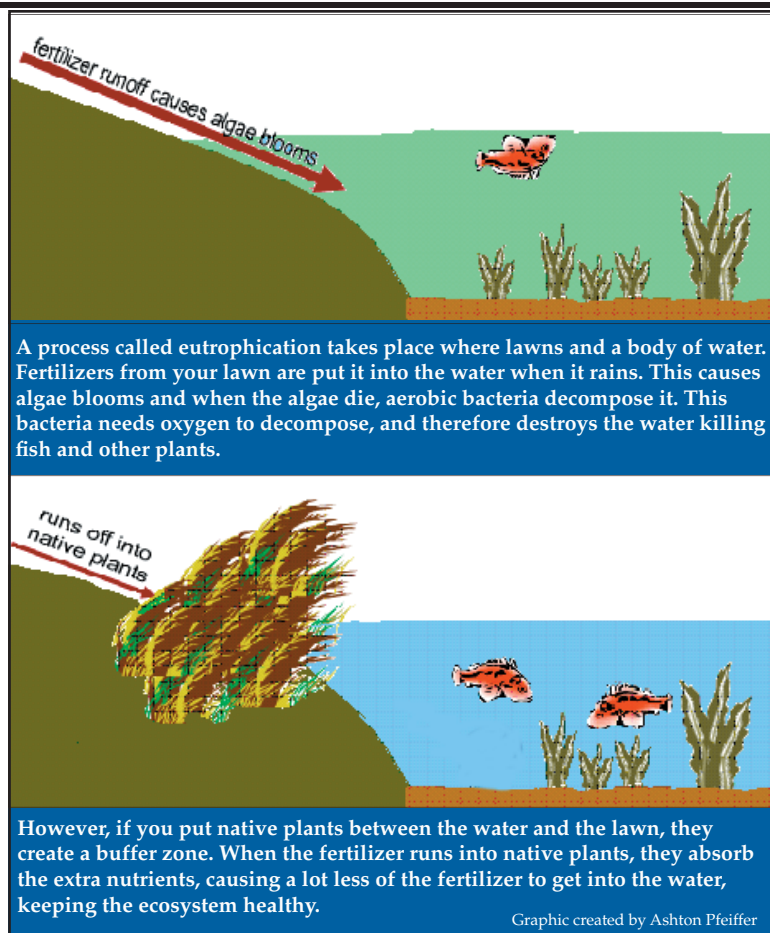
"[It] was discovered early enough that the finals were removed from the template shared folders and re-written prior to the final exams," said Gregg Henning, Director of Technology for District 117.

Neither Crist or Henning believe the finals were found maliciously.

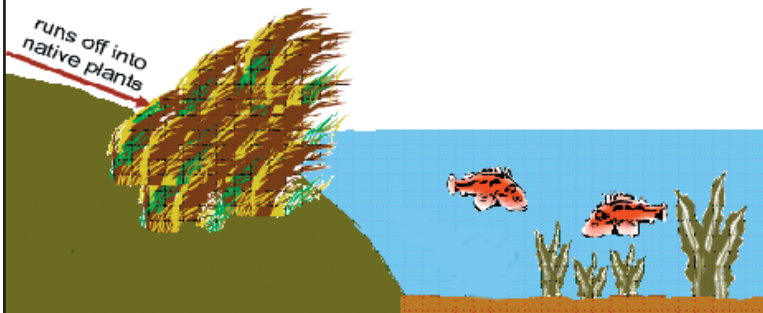
"I don't think a whole lot of damage was done," Crist said. "Educationally, it doesn't matter."

Crist and Henning both declined comment on who discovered the finals.

—by Ashton Pfeiffer



A process called eutrophication takes place where lawns and a body of water. Fertilizers from your lawn are put into the water when it rains. This causes algae blooms and when the algae die, aerobic bacteria decompose it. This bacteria needs oxygen to decompose, and therefore destroys the water killing fish and other plants.



However, if you put native plants between the water and the lawn, they create a buffer zone. When the fertilizer runs into native plants, they absorb the extra nutrients, causing a lot less of the fertilizer to get into the water, keeping the ecosystem healthy.

Graphic created by Ashton Pfeiffer

## Student of the month award established at Lakes

In an effort to recognize students at Lakes who display outstanding character, the administration has decided to establish a Student of the Month Program.

Students are eligible to receive this award if they accomplish great things or simply go out of their way to carry out a good deed and are noticed by a teacher or administrator. The award will not solely be based on academic or athletic success.

Principal Robert Crist was a forerunner from the beginning of this program here at Lakes.

"The door is wide open so that any student can be recognized," said Crist.

Any staff member can fill out a certificate with the student's name, date, and reason behind granting the Eagle Pride Award.

There will be no limit for the number of students selected to receive this award each month.

Every four to five weeks at the end of the progress period, an honorary community gathering will be held for those students selected. It would alternate from being held before or after school so that parents could have the opportunity to attend if they are interested.

— by Kathleen Gliva

## Drama students visit ISU for high school theatre festival

By Adam DeRose  
News Editor

Twenty-two Lakes students attended the world's oldest and largest non-competitive high school theatre festival on Jan. 5-7.

These students saw plays and attended workshops at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival, held this year at the Illinois State University.

Workshops were aimed for all different parts of a theatre production: acting, stage craft, directing. They ranged from stage combat and making blood to improvisation and comedy acting.

Students also saw plays performed by both professional

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The IDNR grant will help fund a small sampling platform into the wetlands to prevent soil compaction around the body of water.

"It's great that people are using that area, but they are tramping down the soil so it doesn't percolate as well," Day said. "Over the years it gets worse and worse. That little wetland is a special thing, so we have to protect it."

There is no established spot for the heated greenhouse, but there are some many options, according to Day. The best would be on Lakes' property near the wetland.

Other options include placing the greenhouse near the turbines that fuel the Gas to Energy Project at Antioch Community High School or near Antioch's new sports fields. Stormwater Management of Lake County would survey the area before any specific plans are determined.

"In the big scheme of things, if we get all the money and if the board and [Superintendent Jay

Sabatino] allow us to build it here at Lakes, we would have a sampling platform, an amphitheater with a roof, and a heated greenhouse, so it would become like a little research center out there," said Day. "That's the big vision."

Day and Long also have applied for many larger grants. They have applied for two \$20,000 grants from home improvement corporation Lowe's and Toyota TAPESTRY's, a \$5,000 Five-Star Restoration Grant, and a few smaller grants.

Day and Long wrote the grants specifically for the Environmental Sciences class.

If the larger grants don't come through, they will use the other funds for other classroom expenses, like their weekly class field trips or supplying each student each with Aldo's Leopold: A Sand County Almanac.

According to Day and Long, the wetlands behind Lakes are special, and well worth protecting.

"It's all connected," Day said "you have to be careful with everything."

actors and high school students.

"We all got to learn about how other schools are putting on their productions, and by doing that we know how far we have to go to succeed with our play," said sophomore Travis Mucish.

Those who attended said they valued seeing the productions. It helped motivate them to finish the end of the rehearsal process for Lakes' first musical, *The Music Man*, showing on Feb. 9 through 12.

"They are more motivated to work hard because they know they have to step it up, to see other high schools are doing really well," said Bridget Sundin, event

organizer and Drama Club sponsor. "It gave them some perspective, I think."

There were many activities merely for the students' enjoyment including a dance, Broadway karaoke, and the All-State Production and Chorus Line. This was performed by students from all across the state.

The bonding experience was incredible Sundin said. She was able to see her students from Theatre I, Studio Theatre, and Stage Craft classes all interact out of the classroom environment. She was excited that her students could see a future for themselves in theatre at the festival.

## GSA reacts to new discrimination law

By Ian Lutz  
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Illinois has enacted a new gay discrimination law that bans anti-gay discrimination in the state.

Shortly after the New Year began, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich signed into law a bill that gives homosexuals the same protection rights that people of different ethnicities fought so hard to bring into existence.

The law states that people cannot be denied a job or housing on the basis of sexual orientation.

It also makes discrimination against homosexuals illegal, and gives them the right to file complaints with the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

Victoria Tremblay, head of the Lakes' Gay-Straight Alliance, says that, "[The new legislation is] definitely a good thing that it went into effect." She also said that, "This was something that probably should have happened a long time ago. This should be common, caring human nature."

Although the Gay-Straight

Alliance does not have any plans to educate people about the law, Tremblay said the group had discussed the law and its significance. She also said that even though the passage of the law is significant, the next steps in anti-gay discrimination shouldn't have to be passed in the legislature.

"I hope we don't need legislation. I hope we just come to a place as a society that looks at all people of all walks of life with an equal stance," said Tremblay.