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ALL-AREA SOCCER MVP

'Everything a coach wants'

Well-rounded Amato a force on field, in classroom for Addison Trail

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ADDISON – Addison Trail boys soccer coach Ryan Dini described Angelo Amato as the total package.

Amato combined standout play on the field with impressive grades in the classroom. He was a three-year varsity starter for the Blazers, a two-time all-sectional pick and all-conference in the West Suburban Gold this year. He also has a 4.4 GPA and scored a 31 on the ACT.

"He is everything a coach wants," Dini said. "He's in the weight room every day. It's amazing how much stronger he's gotten. He's the type of kid that will work out at six in the morning at the school."

His hard work turned him into a force as the Blazers' sweeper the last two years and the Most Valuable Player of the Suburban Life all-area boys soccer team this fall.

Amato is hoping to earn the chance to play Division I college soccer. He already has received interest from Division II and III schools, but plans on attending showcases for next-level coaches with the intent of playing at the highest level of college soccer.

"I've always wanted to get to the highest level," Amato said. "Knowing that there are elite players in high schools in each state that go to college, I just want to see what that level is like."

Amato started playing in park district leagues when he was four and has been playing year round ever since. Typically playing as a defender, Amato began his varsity career as a right back for the Blazers as a sophomore.

With a year of experience, Dini deemed Amato ready to play a more pivotal role in defense the following year and moved him to sweeper.

Amato became the last line in the



Angelo Amato



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Addison Trail midfielder Cesar Chavez dribbles around a Curie defender while teammate Angelo Amato watches in the background. Amato is the Suburban Life all-area soccer team MVP, and Chavez is a member of the all-area squad.

defense and the Blazers went 14-6-1 last year and finished second to state power Morton in the conference.

"He brings that physical presence that teams need in the back," Dini said.

"He has great size. He's 6-1. In the box he wins every 50-50 ball. It's

amazing how well reacts and is able to win the ball."

In addition to keying the defense positionally, he also had to help organize the back line. It forced Amato into a leadership role. He had played sweeper before high school, but still was unsure about the move to a pres-

sure packed position.

Now that his high school career is over he only looks back positively on his time with the Blazers.

"It was great," Amato said. "I put a lot of hard work into it. We didn't achieve at some points what I thought we deserved, but I had a great time."

All-area boys' soccer team

Meet the 2013 Suburban Life all-area boys soccer team



Hugo Aguilar
School: Glenbard East
Year: Senior

Impact: Aguilar has always had a knack for scoring goals for the Rams and was a big part of the East's offense for the past four years. He was the go-to threat in the Rams' attack this season and was an IHSSA all-sectional pick.



Angelo Amato
School: Addison Trail
Year: Senior

Impact: The all-area MVP was a three-year starter on the back line for the Blazers. Each of the past two years he was AIT's sweeper and helped organize the defense. He was twice an all-sectional selection and was one of four Blazers to earn all-conference honors this fall.



Tito Cabral
School: Willowbrook
Year: Senior

Impact: Cabral was a three-year varsity player for the Warriors and their leading goal scorer this season. He was an honorable mention all-sectional pick this season as a forward.



Cesar Chavez
School: Addison Trail
Year: Senior

Impact: Chavez scored 10 goals and had seven assists this season while playing in the central midfield. He was a top playmaker in the midfield for the Blazers and was a West Suburban Good all-conference pick.



Jimmy Clausung
School: Montini
Year: Senior

Impact: Montini won its first ever regional title and made it to a Class 1A sectional final thanks largely in part to the play of seniors like Clausung. Clausung scored in the sectional semifinal win over Chicago Christian and was the Broncos' top attacking threat.



Jon Cuomo
School: Timothy Christian
Year: Senior

Impact: The senior midfielder/forward led the Trojans in scoring each of the past two seasons. This fall he scored 12 goals and finished his career tied for seventh on the all-time Timothy scoring list.



Tyler Gibbish
School: York
Year: Senior

Impact: Despite missing nearly a month of the season, Gibbish still led the Dukes in scoring as they competed in the tough West Suburban Silver conference. The senior forward was an honorable mention all-sectional pick.



Trey Smith
School: Addison Trail
Year: Senior

Impact: The all-conference Blazer forward tallied eight goals and five assists this fall. Smith tallied 18 goals in his two-year varsity career and was named as an honorable mention all-sectional player.



Carlos Urbina
School: Glenbard East
Year: Senior

Impact: Urbina was a midfielder last year and began the season as a playmaker in the Rams' midfield. Midway through the season he shifted to defense and helped solidify the Rams' back line.



Tyler Vlasak
School: Timothy Christian
Year: Junior

Impact: Vlasak was the spark at the heart of the Trojans' sectional title-winning team. He had 18 assists, second-most for a single season in program history, to go with nine goals and a Metro Suburban all-conference selection.



Andrew Wieringa
School: Timothy Christian
Year: Junior

Impact: Wieringa transitioned from defense to offense in the middle of the season and still tallied six goals and seven assists. He efforts earned him an honorable mention all-conference pick.

HONORABLE MENTION

Addison Trail:
Daniel Krajewski

Glenbard East:
Brian Mika

Mount:
Jack Brady

Timothy Christian:
Mike Wieringa

Willowbrook:
Dylon Jones, Dan Torres

York:
Nick Gaudio, Jack Hayes,
Corey McConern

Shot fired as lone gunman robs Lombard gas station

by Bernie MacKoy

A gas station on the south side of Lombard was the scene of a shooting last week as the man who allegedly robbed the business at gunpoint also fired a round during the robbery.

Police were called to the Mohl gas station, 2150 S. Highland Ave., at about 12:41 a.m. on Nov. 2 for an armed robbery with shots fired.

According to Lombard Police Chief Ray Byrne, officers met with the clerk, "who was visibly shaken and distraught." He was the only employee at the time of the robbery.

However, there was a customer in the store during the robbery, according to Lombard Police Detective Lt. Cynid Albemarle. From surveillance video, it appears as if the witness was standing at or near the counter when the alleged offender entered the gas station. The lieutenant related that police are attempting to locate this male subject, as he left the scene before officers could get a witness account from him.

Byrne said the alleged robber entered the store with a red bandanna covering his face and the hood of his black hoodie pulled up. He was described as a black male in his early 20s, about 6 feet tall and weighing about 150 to 160 pounds.

The gunman allegedly demanded money, which the clerk handed him, the chief related. "Then he (allegedly) demanded he open the safe," Byrne said, adding that the clerk told him he was not able to do so.

"He then (allegedly) fired a round and fled out the front door," the chief said.

Officers from the midnight shift and several detectives, as well as a K-9 officer and K-9 from the Bartlett Police Department, responded to the crime scene.

"The K-9 tracked westbound on 22nd Street," Byrne said, adding that the K-9 was able to locate some of the alleged offender's clothing and money that was taken in the robbery.

No one was injured in the robbery. Investigation did recover a spent round, which has been sent to the crime lab along with other evidence collected by officers.

While the numbers for armed robberies in Lombard this year were not available as of press time, both Byrne and Albemarle related that they do not recall an armed robbery in which a weapon was fired during their tenure with the department.

On Tuesday, police released photos from the surveillance video at the gas station. The photos show the suspect, with his arm stretched out as he points a gun.

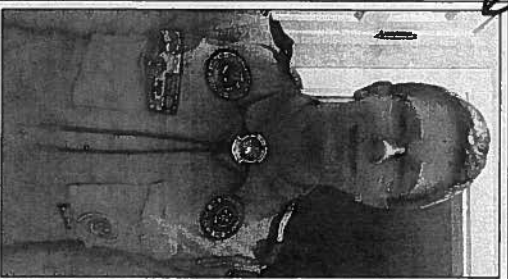
Albemarle said the second photo is that of the witness who was at the counter of the gas station when the robbery occurred. Investigators released this photo as they are attempting to locate the witness so they can take a statement from him. Detectives are asking the public to call them if they recognize either the alleged offender or the witness they are seeking. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact Lombard police at 630-873-4400.

The village's unlimited fall leaf collection runs through November

Yard waste stickers are not required from now through Nov. 30

The Village of Villa Park's fall leaf collection program will allow residents to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers. The program will be in effect during a seven-week period ending Nov. 30.

Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and not larger than 18 inches in diameter. No limbs over 4 inches in diameter will be accepted.



Eagle Scout...

JEREMY GAVARD (above) of Villa Park recently earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America. Gavard, a senior at Willowbrook High School, had to plan and complete an extensive service project to earn the Eagle Scout rank. His project entailed cleaning and staining the wood playground equipment at his church—First Baptist Preschool and Kindergarten in Oak Park. His responsibilities for the project included getting all of the project materials donated, recruiting other scouts to assist with the project and executing the work.

Willowbrook/AT girls swim team wins conference title

team wins conference title

The Willowbrook/Addison Trail girls swim team won the championship at Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Downers Grove South High School. The combined team of athletes from the two District 88 schools won nine of 11 events at the meet and wound up with 294 points to earn the first conference-meet title and first outright WSCC title in the history of the program. One year ago, the Willowbrook/AT team shared the overall conference title with Hinsdale South after winning all of its regular-season dual meets and finishing second to the Hornets at the conference meet. The Willowbrook/AT squad also won all of the conference dual meets this season.

Hinsdale South finished second in Saturday's six-team event with 278 points, while Downers Grove South claimed third with 262 points.

"We wanted to make sure we separated ourselves and got as many wins as possible," said Willowbrook/AT coach Paul Anderson of the team's mindset going into the conference meet.

Willowbrook senior Molly Kueseler and Willowbrook junior Kelly McNamara each won two individual events at the conference meet. Kueseler, who was sick in the days leading up to the meet, earned her first individual victory of the day in the 200-yard freestyle, which she won in 1 minute, 59.97 seconds. She added another first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, which she completed in 54.91 seconds.

"She was really impressive," said Anderson of Kueseler, who was diagnosed with strep throat one day after the meet.

McNamara delivered her individual wins in the 200-yard individual medley, which she finished in 2:13.68, and in the 100-yard butterfly, which she won in a meet-record time of 37.51 seconds. The previous record in the conference meet in the 100-yard butterfly was 38.23 seconds, set in 2007.

"Kelly is so consistent," said Anderson, who noted that McNamara's time in the 100-yard butterfly is the second-best time in the state during the current girls season. "Anytime she's in the water, it's just electric."

McNamara, Kueseler and Willowbrook junior Molly Hill each contributed to a pair of winning relay teams. McNamara joined Hill, Addison senior Julia Rowley and Addison Trail freshman Aunalee Monroe to capture the title in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:54.94. The foursome of McNamara, Kueseler, Rowley and Willowbrook sophomore Melissa Johnson won the 200-

yard freestyle relay in 1:43.25.

The Willowbrook/Addison Trail relay team of Hill, Kueseler, Monroe and Willowbrook sophomore Meghan Kotenba won first-place honors in the final event of the meet—the 400-yard freestyle relay. The four girls won the race in 3:47.68.

In addition to swimming on two winning relay teams, Monroe earned individual victories in the 500-yard freestyle (with a winning time of 5:26.49) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.41).

Hill swam to a second-place finish in 100-yard backstroke, which she completed in 1:35.40. Johnson turned in a second-place effort with her runner-up showing to McNamara in the 100-yard butterfly. Johnson completed that race in 1:07.24.

Kueseler, McNamara, Hill, Johnson and Kotenba are all Villa Park residents and members of the Villa Park Mariners summer swim team.

The Willowbrook/Addison Trail squad will next compete at the 12-team IHSA sectional at Downers Grove North High School on Nov. 16. All individual champions in each event at the state's 16 sectionals will qualify for the IHSA State Meet, which takes place Nov. 22-23 at New Trier High School in Winnetka. Additionally, all swimmers who meet state-qualifying standards at the sectional will also advance to the state meet.

McNamara placed sixth in the butterfly at last year's state meet. She also joined Kueseler, 2013 Willowbrook graduate Colleen Kowczykowska and 2013 Addison Trail graduate Gabriella Monroe to finish 12th in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The top 12 finishers in each event at the state meet advance out of the Friday-evening prelims to the Saturday afternoon final. The top six in each event compete in the championship final, while those in places seven through 12 take part in the consolation heats.

"It's a blessing and a curse to be in the state of Illinois, because there's so much talent," said Anderson. "We aren't just looking to make it to the state meet. We want to be swimming on Saturday."

While McNamara has a good chance of making it to the state finals in the butterfly, the team's other swimmers who could shine at the state meet include Monroe in the breaststroke and Kueseler in the 100-yard freestyle. The foursome of McNamara, Kueseler, Monroe and Hill will try to qualify for the state meet in all three relay events—the 200-yard medley and the 200- and 400-yard freestyle races.

Jacqueline Kennedy program at VP Library

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of President John F. Kennedy, the Villa Park Public Library will host a program by well-known historical interpreter Leslie Goodard on Monday, Nov. 18, beginning at 7 p.m. at the library, located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave. Goodard will portray Jacqueline Kennedy and talk about the events and activities of her life.

Call the Library Checkout Desk (630 834-1166) to register for the program. For more information, visit the library's Web site at www.vppl.info.

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Conference champions...

THE WILLOWBROOK/ADDISON TRAIL girls swim team (above) won the championship at Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Downers Grove South High School. The victory at the sixteen event secured the first outright conference championship in the history of the Willowbrook/Addison Trail girls swimming program. Members of the team will next compete at the IHSA sectional at Downers Grove North High School on Nov. 16.



Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Broncos advance; Willowbrook loses to St. Rita

The Montini football team played well enough to win its first game of the 2013 playoffs, but the Broncos were far from perfect. According to Montini head coach Chris Audriano, the reigning Class 5A state champions will have to stamper their play to win four more playoff battles over the next four weeks and claim a fifth straight title.

The Broncos beat the Morgan Park Mustangs 43-6 in Saturday's IHSA Class 5A first-round playoff game in Lombard. Montini overcame a shaky start to build a 29-6 lead by halftime.

"We were very sloppy in the first half," said Audriano after the game. "We turned the ball over way too many times. We can be better. We've got to hold ourselves to a higher standard. That's how you get to be a state champion. We cannot be happy with a win. We've got to reach for more."

Morgan Park, which finished the season with a 5-5 record, intercepted three Montini passes during the first half. The Mustangs scored their only touchdown on a 65-yard interception return late in the second quarter that cut the Broncos' lead to 29-6.

Senior Nikko Italia scored two of Montini's first-half touchdowns on running plays. Senior quarterback Alex Willis scored the Broncos' first touchdown on a short run. He also fired a 32-yard touchdown pass to junior Leon Thornton.

Willis and Thornton hooked up for another touchdown pass in the third quarter. Senior Connor Casello's touchdown reception from Willis closed out the scoring late in the third period. Senior Tyler Quick made a pair of interceptions to help the Broncos shut

down Morgan Park's offense. Senior Joshua Bell added one interception.

The Broncos, who improved their overall season record to 10-0, will meet their archrivals from Marian Central Catholic in this Saturday's second-round playoff game in Woodstock. In addition to facing Marian Central during the regular season, Montini has faced the Hurricanes in the playoffs every year since 2009. One year ago, the Broncos ended Marian Central's undefeated season with a 42-27 victory in a quarterfinal showdown in Woodstock. That win averaged Montini's regular-season loss to Marian Central.

The Broncos beat the Hurricanes 40-35 in this year's regular-season meeting in Lombard on Oct. 11. "It's always tough up there," said Audriano of the Hurricanes' home field, who told his players during Saturday's post-season comments they were going into a "lion's den in Woodstock. These are two teams that know each other very well and are always very competitive."

Willowbrook played an even battle against St. Rita in Friday night's IHSA Class 7A first-round playoff game in Chicago. Unfortunately for the Warriors, virtually nothing went their way in the second half.

St. Rita pulled away from Willowbrook as the game progressed, pushing a 7-6 halftime lead to a 34-6 victory in cold and drizzling conditions. The Warriors finished the season with an overall record of 7-3. St. Rita, which will face Mt. Carmel in the second round of the playoffs, improved to 9-1.

Senior quarterback Brian Johnson threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to senior Hayden Adams in the middle of the second quarter to give the visiting Warriors a 6-0 lead. St. Rita responded with a touchdown drive of its own, followed by an extra-point kick that gave the Mustangs a 6-6 lead with about four minutes remaining in the first half.

Willowbrook's defense forced the Mustangs to punt on the opening drive of the third quarter. The Warriors' downward spiral began on their first drive of the second half, which ended with an interception that led to St. Rita field goal. Willowbrook, which did not complete a pass in the second half, punted on its next possession. The Mustangs then drove 72 yards for a touchdown and a 17-6 lead. Another interception by St. Rita led to a field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter that boosted the lead to 20-6. The Mustangs added two touchdowns in the middle of the fourth quarter, including a blocked punt they recovered near the goal line and walked into the end zone.

"We put ourselves in bad spots in the second half," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildebrt. "We gave them too many opportunities and too many short fields. We didn't execute when we needed to. Eventually our lack of execution hurt us."

Hildebrt praised the senior members of the team, who suffered through a winless 2011 season before guiding the program to post-season berths in each of the last two seasons.

"This senior class put their heart and soul into it," said Hildebrt. "They were driving force behind us turning this program around."



Montini moves on...

Photos by Chris Fox

SENIOR NIKKO ITALIA (above) of the Montini football team carries the ball during the first half of Saturday's IHSA Class 5A first-round playoff game against Morgan Park. Italia provided a pair of first-half touchdowns runs in the Broncos 43-6 victory in Lombard. Montini, which built a 29-6 halftime lead, improved its overall season record to 10-0. The Broncos will meet Marian Central Catholic in this Saturday's second-round game. The Broncos, who are trying to win their fifth straight state championship, defeated the Hurricanes 40-35 during a regular-season meeting in Lombard on Oct. 11. Montini has posted playoff victories over Marian Central in each of the last four seasons.



Qualifying for the state meet...

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Jack Peters (above, left) earned an individual berth in the IHSA Class 3A boys state cross country meet with his performance at Saturday's Lake Park Sectional in Roseville. Peters finished the 3-mile sectional race in a 13th-place time of 15 minutes, 13.4 seconds. He was the fifth-fastest finisher who was not a member of a team that qualified for the state meet. The top seven runners who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced as individuals to this weekend's state meet in Peoria. Willowbrook Junior Jimmy Fuentes narrowly missed an individual berth in the state meet. He completed the Lake Park Sectional race in a 16th-place time of 15:18.20, less than two seconds behind the seventh individual to earn a trip to Peoria. Glenbard East senior Vince Booth (15:30.8) ran to a 32nd-place finish for the Rams, who placed 13th out of 18 schools in the team results. The top five teams advanced to the state meet.

SENIOR BRITTANY FISHER (above, center) led the Montini girls cross country team to a third-place finish at Saturday's IHSA Class 2A Wheaton Academy Sectional at Kress Creek Farms in West Chicago. The Montini program will make its fourth straight appearance at the IHSA state meet, which takes place this Saturday at Densville Park in Peoria. Fisher completed the 5-kilometer (about 3.1-mile) race in a fourth-place time of 18 minutes, 13.18 seconds. Senior Maggie Hallerud (above, right, 18:05.8) and sophomore Giana Salzhurn (18:11.52) ran to 13th- and 14th-place finishes for the Broncos. Sophomore Emma Malowski (20:34.8) placed 45th overall, while sophomore Lauren Denmark (20:38.14) provided a 51st-place finish. Junior Bianca Montesinos (21:02.87, 52nd) and Junior Madeline Jarmozek (21:32.37, 64th) completed Montini's varsity lineup. Yorkville won the team title with an overall score of 50 points. Glenbard South placed second in the 18-beam event with 60 points, while the Broncos finished with a score of 114 points. The top five teams qualified for the state meet. Fisher, Hallerud, Salzhurn and Malowski ran for the Broncos at last year's state meet. The 2012 Montini team captured the third-place trophy in Peoria.



Big win for the Broncos...

JUNIOR MARY LONG (No. 14, above) of the Montini girls volleyball team celebrates with senior Bridget Lucas (left) after the Broncos won a point late in the third game of their IHSA Class 3A playoff match against Nazareth Academy. Nazareth beat the Broncos 25-12 in the opening game of the IHSA regional semifinal at Timothy Christian High School on Oct. 29. Montini stormed back to win the match 12-25, 25-21, 25-21. The victory gave the Broncos an overall season record of 30-3, securing the first 30-win season in the history of the program. "I was happy with how we played in the first game, even though we got beat pretty bad," said Montini coach Steve Dowdles after the match. "We've been preparing for Nazareth for a few weeks. In the second and third games we did the things we've been working on, and we got results. Our defense at the end of the match was phenomenal." Junior Monica Lottus had 13 kills and three blocks for the Broncos. Senior Natalie Lopez added nine kills, while senior Joyce Balash made eight kills and had three blocks. Lucas completed 34 digs, while sophomore Giana Cappella handed out 21 assists. Montini's season ended with a three-game loss to perennial power St. Francis (the reigning IHSA Class 3A state champion) in Thursday's regional final in Elmhurst. The Broncos won the first game, but the Spartans rallied to earn a 21-25, 25-15, 25-18 Halloween-night victory. Enthusiastic students from both schools attended the match dressed in Halloween costumes.

MAIN NEWS

WBHS hosts
Band-O-Rama

VILLA PARK — On Oct. 20, more than 250 people attended the Willowbrook Marching Band's annual Band-O-Rama concert. The concert featured more than a dozen performances by the marching band and color guard. The goal of Band-O-Rama is for the marching band to gain performance experience and to give seniors the opportunity to take the spotlight.

"I really enjoy this concert, as it gives us a chance to play our marching music in a more traditional format," said Jonathan Bogue, Willowbrook Director of Bands. "The parents and audience seem to really enjoy it."

HONOR AND REMEMBER



THE VETERANS
NOVEMBER 11, 2013

COMMUNITY CAPSULES

Here's what's going
on at Villa Park
Village Hall...

By Paul DeGaudice
For The Villa Park Independent

* The Villa Park Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 28 at Village Hall for a Committee-Of-The-Whole (COW) meeting followed by a formal meeting. The Board heard a presentation by Economic Development Director Marnie Yee, who explained Village staff's recommendation that an economic incentive agreement be approved for Lucky Motors, Inc. The luxury used car dealership located at 225 W. Roosevelt Rd. is already open. According to Yee, the agreement calls for a 50/50 split of sales tax revenue generated by Lucky Motors between the business and Villa Park for seven years. The agreement moves to a 25/75 percent split in last three years of the agreement.

This is needed as an incentive for Lucky Motors to 'write their business' in Villa Park, as opposed to its other location in Elmhurst. The dealership already has a similar agreement with Elmhurst but the tax incentive is capped at \$50,000 per year. The agreement in Villa Park has no such

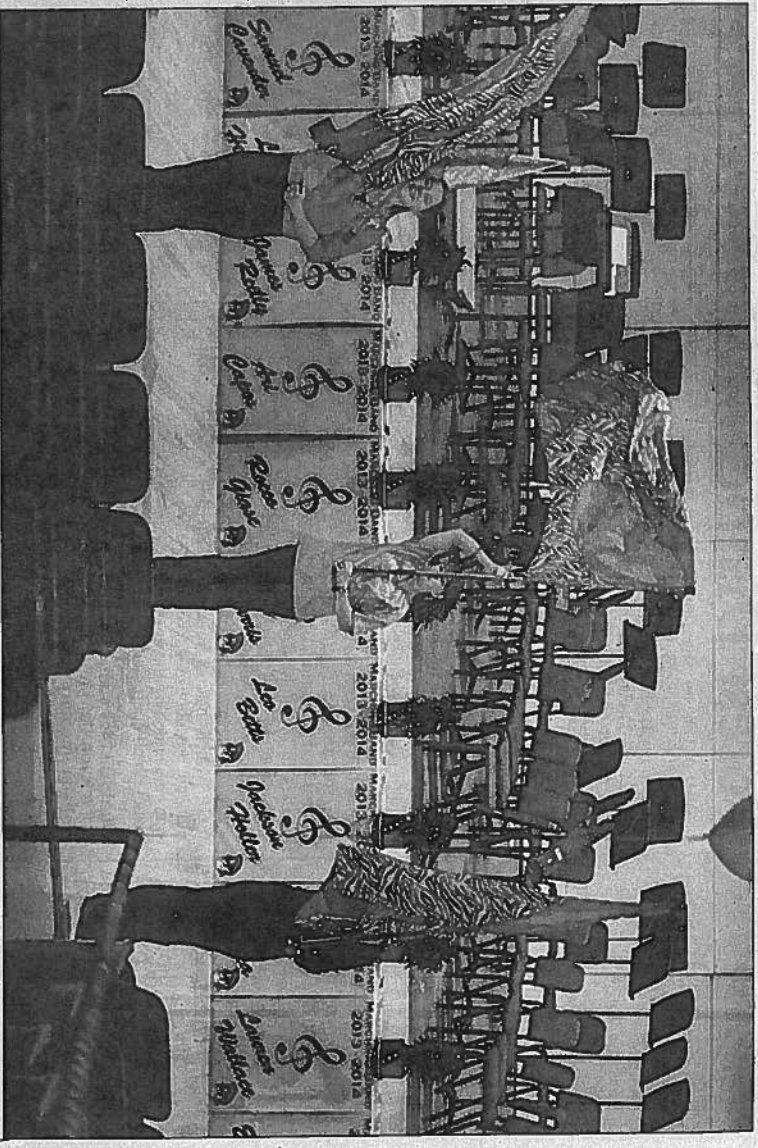


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Color Guard leads off at Band-O-Rama

More than 250 people attended the Willowbrook Color Guard performed. The goal of Band-O-Rama is for the marching band to gain performance experience and to give seniors the opportunity to take the spotlight.

cap. The Board of Trustees approved the incentive agreement unanimously during the Committee of the Whole (COW) portion of Monday's meeting.

* The Board also approved Village Hall Board meeting dates for 2014.

The Board will continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The workshop meetings on the third Monday of each month have been eliminated, but special meetings may be called as needed, according to Village President Deborah Bullwinkel.

* The Board also approved the Village's holiday schedule. The dates and times Village Hall will be open over the holidays will be posted at invillapark.com

* With a unanimous vote during the COW, the Board passed a resolution authorizing Village Manager Richard D. Keener to enter into settlement agreements with two current and three former police officers to compensate them for time they worked as volunteers. According to Keener, these claims amount to about \$29,000.

* A Resolution asking for a contract with Voothees Associates LLC of Deerfield to perform a study of Village non-union employee compensation and job classifications was also approved by a vote of 7-0 dur-

ing COW. According to Manager Keener, no such study has been performed in more than 20 years. Voothees will partner with JoEllen Earl, president and co-owner of GovTemps USA, to present a "comprehensive proposal that includes review of job responsibilities, external and internal benchmarking, salary surveys and compensation pay plan recommendations." The cost will be \$21,500.

* The Board also voted unanimously for a Resolution approving the Sugar Creek Golf Course annual budget for fiscal year 2014. Sugar Creek is operated jointly by the Village of Villa Park and the Elmhurst Park District. Manager Keener said this year the Village will explore more ways to market the golf course, which has seen a decline in rounds played the last three years.

* A work change order for the contract with Schneider Asphalt Services, Inc. of Huntley for the 2013 TIF districts street improvement project was approved. The change order consists of improvements to an unimproved public alley that runs from Wisconsin Ave. to Michigan Ave., between North and the Illinois Central railroad tracks. The change will cost an additional \$32,909, bringing the cost of the project's contract to \$534,070.

* During the Formal Meeting portion of Monday's meeting, the Board approved seven items listed under the consent agenda. These items included approval of the minutes of the Village Board meeting and COW for the Oct. 14, 2013, meeting; the second (final) reading of an ordinance adding medical cannabis dispensing organizations and cultivation centers as a conditional use in M-1 light industrial zoned districts; and, the resolutions discussed during the evening's COW meeting. Trustee Chris Aiello voted to abstain from the consent agenda. Absentee votes fall to the majority, in this instance, a 'yes' vote.

* The Board recognized firefighter/paramedic Brandon Santiago for his successful completion of the one year probationary period. FF/PM Santiago was introduced by Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik. Brandon Santiago's wife Heather pinned his official badge to his lapel in a short ceremony.

* In response to a question during public participation, Manager Keener confirmed that a 'hot box' asphalt machine had been procured and crews were working to patch potholes on Village streets. Public Works Director Wydis Juskeles will make sure the crews have received proper training on the machine.

New Eagle Scout has ties to Villa Park

by Paul DeGaudice
for The Villa Park Independent

"I love camping out," Travis Brauer said, "Exploring the forest with one or two friends is quiet and peaceful."

Brauer, 17, should know: He recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor a Boy Scout can attain.

The smart, articulate high school senior has been involved in scouting since the first grade. He has been to two Jamborees, has been a life-guard at Scouting summer camp and traveled on numerous hiking trips: From the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico to Starved Rock.

"Starved Rock was my least favorite," Brauer recalls, "It was 33 degrees and I didn't have the proper clothing and the food was terrible!"

The experience didn't daunt the accomplished scout, however. He chose as his Eagle Scout project to educate the public about nature conservation. Placing 'Geo-Caches' at the Dunning-Read conservation area in Chicago, Brauer then recorded responses in a log book.

"I feel an interpretive trail (explaining the flora, fauna and geological nature of an area) will have a lasting impact over, say, cutting down overgrowth or cleaning up a disused trail," Brauer said.

Brauer's grand parents John and Betty live in

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Villa Park and have supported his travels. Travis' parents, Dr. John and Sharon Brauer, have provided encouragement and take an active role in Scouting: John has been Travis' Scoutmaster at Troop 562-Woodridge for years. Mom Sharon is the advancement coordinator for the Troop.

What's next for the area's latest Eagle Scout? College. Travis is considering three schools where he plans on earning an engineering degree.

"Right now it's SLU, MIT or Cal Tech," Brauer says, "I love science."

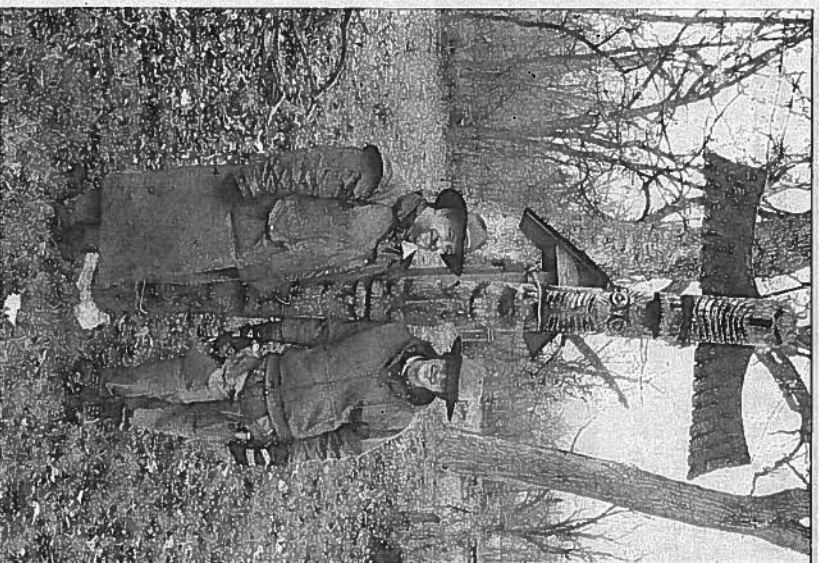


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Nature is in his nature

Eagle Scout, Troop 562 Woodridge, Travis Brauer (right) and his Scoutmaster/father Dr. John Brauer stand by a totem pole during one of the many camping/hiking trips his troop has undertaken.

VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, November 8 VPRD Friday Fun Day

From 11:30-1 p.m., kids ages 4-6 are invited to bring a sack lunch to the Iowa Center and enjoy a day of crafts, music and make-believe, as well as time playing outdoors. Fee: \$14/\$10 addl sibling. Info: 630-834-8970.

Monday, November 11 VPRD offers day-off school activities

From 1-3 p.m., kids ages 5-12 are invited to the Iowa Center for a special workshop, where they can draw, paint and sculpt. Fee: \$20. Info: 630-834-8970.

• VPPR presents Cold Blooded Creatures

From 11 a.m.-12 p.m., the Villa Park Library presents Jim Nesci and his Cold Blooded Creatures, including alligators, snakes, lizards and a tortoise. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, November 12

• Free workshop on healthcare reform for owner of small business

From 7:45-10 a.m., Inland Bank & Trust, 2901 Butterfield Rd. in Oak Brook, will host a free seminar about the Affordable Care Act will affect businesses with 25 or fewer employees.

To RSVP, call 630-908-6532 or visit inlandbankaca.eventbrite.com

• VPRD offers Magic Class

From 5-6 p.m., kids ages 5-12 can learn tricks taught by a professional magician that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. All materials provided; each child gets a magic kit to take home. Fee: \$20. Info: 630-834-8970.

Friday, November 15 Kiwanis spaghetti dinner plus WBHS play

Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will host a dinner and play event on at Willowbrook High School from 5-6:45 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$6 for adults, \$5 for teens/students and seniors over 60; \$3 for children ages 6-12; and kids 5 and younger eat free. Tickets are available at the door of the WBHS cafeteria.

Monday, November 18 Library hosts Jackie Kennedy Program

At 7 p.m., in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of President Kennedy, the Villa Park Public Library will host a program by well-known historical interpreter Leslie Goddard, who will become Jackie Ken-

nedly and talk about the events and activities of her life. Call 630-834-1164 to register.

Thursday, November 21 Multi-chamber football-themed luncheon

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the Chambers of Commerce of Addison, Villa Park, Glendale Hills and Wood Dale will host a networking luncheon called "Kick-Off Your Business," at the Pyramid Club, 236 W. Lake St. in Addison.

\$25/members, \$30 non-members. Registration: 630-941-9133 or e-mail to: typhambert@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, November 24 VFW hosts Sunday brunch

From 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Rd., will hold a Sunday Brunch including prime rib, ham, potatoes, salads, as well as bacon or sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and more. Tickets are \$12.95 for adults; \$5.95 for ages 4-12; children younger than 3 eat free.

Monday-Wednesday, November 25-27

VPRD offers fall camp

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, kids are invited to the Iowa Center for fall camp, which will include fall-related games,

Kiwanis to host spaghetti dinner before WBHS play

The play "Into The Woods" will be performed by the Willowbrook Drama Department beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets for the play will be on sale in the lobby outside the Doris White Auditorium.

All funds received from the spaghetti dinner go toward the efforts of the Kiwanis Club to support the local community and its children.

activities, crafts and more. Fee: \$28 per day; extra for before- or after-care. Info: 630-834-8970.

Friday, December 6 VPRD Friday Fun Day

From 11:30-1 p.m., kids ages 4-6 are invited to bring a sack lunch to the Iowa Center and enjoy a day of crafts, music and make-believe, as well as time playing outdoors. Fee: \$14/\$10 addl sibling. Info: 630-834-8970.

Ongoing events...

VPRD's Reader's Theater Group...

If you love to socialize and would like the chance to perform without having to memorize scripts or lyrics you will want to join the Readers' Theater Group. The group meets for rehearsal each Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Free; no registration required. Info: Jenny Casale at 630-834-8525.

The Villa Park VFW hosts Bingo every Tuesday from 5:30-10 p.m.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: Questioning@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

Adrian Abrams named 88's Best for October at WBHS

VILLA PARK — Adrian Abrams has been named as Willowbrook's October recipient of 88's Best recognition. Abrams, a senior, was recognized during the Oct. 21st District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Abrams is enrolled in three Advanced Placement (AP) and two honors courses and has completed six AP courses and a lengthy list of honors courses. He has been named to the District Honor Roll each semester of his high school career, has maintained a class ranking within the 96th percentile and is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, the Math Honor Society and Civitas, which is Willowbrook's social studies honor society.

Beyond the classroom, Abrams demonstrates a variety of talents. He is captain of the varsity football team and is a member of the track and field team. He also is a New Beginnings Advisory Board Leader, a member of the Principal's Leadership Team and a member of T.A.L.E.N.T.E.D., Willowbrook's African-American Leadership Group. Abrams has spent time reading to elementary school students with the Willowbrook football team and has volunteered at the Lauren Klefer Memorial Run/Walk, the Prodigy 2020 Foundation Race and Leo community events. He also scrimmages with the Special Olympics basketball team.

"On the first day of school when Abrams was in ninth grade, my class played a short get-to-know-you game," said English teacher Tara Murphy. "We talked about the bond we had as Warriors, and we talked about how we were the same and how we were different. Most students discussed the sports they played and what their summer had consisted of. When it was Abrams's turn, he stood in front of his peers and said, 'I think what makes me different is my goals. I want to break barriers. I want people to know because of what I do that stereotypes don't apply to all.' I was floored by Abrams that day, and I have continued to be floored by who he is academically, socially and personally. Abrams breaks barriers every day. He breaks mental barriers by digging deep into the content he is learning. He breaks social barriers by being kind to all such as spending a lot of time with my Special Olympics basketball team this past year. And he breaks personal barriers by challenging himself with

class content of high caliber and a plethora of activities," beyond the English classroom — he is a leader at Willowbrook Director Terri Woobel agreed.

"I was floored by Abrams that day, and I have continued to be floored by who he is academically, socially and personally. Abrams breaks barriers every day."

— Tara Murphy, English teacher

"I was incredibly impressed each time I heard Abrams leading discussions in small groups about texts we were reading," she said. "He engaged his peers, raising the quality of discussion and challenging them with thought-provoking questions. Abrams was able to keep a group on task and invested through an entire class period. His work ethic, writing talents, inquisitive nature and leadership skills prove he will be able to flourish at an Ivy League school."

shared with me how important giving back is to him, and it is a main reason he is so driven to succeed in his future. He is not aiming for selfish goals, but to be someone who can positively contribute to society while making his mother, friends and teachers proud."

As he looks to the future, Abrams plans to apply to several Ivy League schools, with Yale University being his first choice. He plans to earn a law degree.



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Willowbrook names October recipient of 88's Best recognition

Pictured is Willowbrook senior Adrian Abrams, who has been named as Willowbrook's October recipient of 88's Best recognition. With him is Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause.



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Student film festival award winners named

Willowbrook senior Deanna Nell (left) and sophomore Monica Robare have received awards from the After Hours Film Society's 2013 Say It in Eight Student Film Festival. Nell received an Award of Excellence in the animation/experimental category, and Robare received an Honorable Mention in that category. Their works, along with the other award winners, were shown at Troil Theatre, 5021 Highland Ave. in Downers Grove. You also can see Nell's entry at <https://dupage88.net/site/public/videos/?item=22>, and Robare's entry at <https://dupage88.net/site/public/videos/?item=23>. This is the 11th annual Student Film Festival, and this year, students were given the extra challenge of creating shorter films. Eligible entries were eight minutes or less in length and had to meet specific criteria to be considered. Film educators and professionals judged the entries. For more information, call (630) n534-4528 or go to afterhoursfilmsociety.com.

SPORTS

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Fenton boys cross country team headed to state

Willowbrook, Fenton football teams lose in playoffs

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton boys cross-country team is headed to state.

The Bison qualified for this weekend's Class 2A state finals by placing second as a team at the Class 2A Chicago University High sectional. Fenton was second with 79 points. Chicago Jones won the sectional title with 22 points.

Fenton's Danny Wiggin finished seventh with a time of 16:23. Jose Perez-Vasquez was 12th with a time of 16:34. Cristian Silva finished 13th with a time of 16:38. Joseph Rivas placed 23rd with a time of 16:52, while Axel Nava rounded out the Fenton scoring with a 24th-place time of 16:53. Cosme Ballon placed 29th

for the Bison with a time of 17:07, while Rodrigo Estrada was 48th with a time of 17:45. Fenton will run Saturday in the Class 2A state meet in Peoria at DeWetter Park.

Fenton girls cross country

The Fenton girls cross-country team placed seventh at the Class 2A Chicago University High sectional with 155 points and did not qualify for the state meet. The Top 5 teams at the sectional level advance to the state meet.

However, Fenton junior Mireille Valois did qualify for the state meet as an individual. She took 18th overall with a time of 20:22 and earned one of the seven state-qualifying positions reserved for runners whose teams did not qualify for the state meet.

Fenton football

The Fenton football team saw its season come to a close after a 39-0 loss to Marmion Academy in Aurora in opening-round action of the Class

6A state playoffs. Fenton was No. 12 seed in the top-half of the Class 6A bracket. Marmion is the No. 5 seed and travels to Crystal Lake Prairie Ridge (No. 13 seed) in the second round. Fenton finished the season 6-4.

Willowbrook football

The Willowbrook football team suffered a 34-6 loss to Chicago St. Rita in opening-round action of the Class 7A state playoffs.

The Warriors finished the season 7-3 and qualified for the playoffs for the second year in a row. St. Rita, the No. 3 seed in one Class 7A quadrant, moved to 9-1. Willowbrook was the No. 6 seed.

Willowbrook girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team dropped a 25-23, 25-15 decision to Fenton in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A South Elgin regional. The Warriors finished their season

with a 12-24 mark.

Cheyenne Bruning had 16 digs. Danielle McNamara added five kills and one block. Micala Giammarino had five assists and two digs. Kelsey Linnig had six assists. Maggie McNamara had three kills, one block and one assist. Michelle Herz added two kills. Joanna Conley had 17 digs. Mia Railing had four kills and two digs. KJ Rangler had three kills and three digs, while Jamie Chapetta had five kills and five digs.

Fenton girls volleyball

After defeating Willowbrook by a count of 25-23, 25-15 in the quarterfinals of the Class 4A South Elgin regional, Fenton lost a 25-11, 25-14 decision to St. Charles North in the regional semifinals.

Addison Trail girls volleyball The Addison Trail girls volleyball team opened play in its own Class 4A Addison Trail regional with a 25-21, 25-16 victory over Bartlett in the

quarterfinals. The Blazers then dropped a 25-19, 25-16 contest to Geneva in the regional semifinals.

Addison Trail boys soccer

The Addison Trail boys soccer team scored a 2-1 victory in penalty kicks over Leyden in semifinal action of the Class 3A Elk Grove regional. That sent the Blazers to the regional championship match where they lost 2-1 to host Elk Grove.

Willowbrook boys soccer

The Willowbrook boys soccer team lost a 5-2 game to Bartlett in quarterfinal action of the Class 3A Conant regional.

Fenton boys soccer

The Fenton boys soccer team dropped a 3-1 contest to Wheaton Academy in the championship game of the Class 2A Glenbard South regional. The Bison reached the title game after scoring a 6-1 victory over host Glenbard South in the regional semifinals.

Well-rounded threat

Senior Delaney D'Amore helps IC Catholic Prep to another successful volleyball season

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

For someone who shows up with regularity on the offensive side of the stat sheet, IC Catho-

lic Prep girls volleyball player Delaney D'Amore gets after in on the defensive side as well. D'Amore's contributions on both sides of the net helped land

IC Catholic Prep football team loses to Aurora Christian

Knights finish the season 6-4; Made playoffs for fourth-straight year

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep and Aurora Christian have met on the grid iron four times in the last two seasons.

Unfortunately for IC, the bookend matchups have gone the way of Aurora Christian. The Eagles scored a 24-3 victory over IC Catholic Prep this past Saturday in opening-round action of the Class 3A state playoffs at Lewis Stadium at

Plunkett Park in Elmhurst.

IC Catholic Prep finished the season 6-4 overall.

Aurora Christian now holds a 3-1 edge over IC during the last two seasons. The Eagles lost to IC on Oct. 12 in Elmhurst (48-6) earlier this season, but also eliminated the Knights from the playoffs in 2012 (28-21 Aurora Christian win in the second round). Aurora Christian won the state title last year. Aurora Christian (7-3) advances to the second round where it will face No. 10 seed Oregon (6-4) at home.

This was IC's fourth playoff appearance in a row and second in a row under coach Bill Krefft.

IC was the No. 7 seed on the top portion of the Class 3A bracket.

IC Catholic Prep in the sectional round of the Class 2A state playoffs this week.

"I've been really working on the defensive part of my game," she said. "You always can get better at something. I love the defensive part of the game. I've been working on my ball control and quickness and being all over the court. I keep the mentality that nothing should be touching our court."

When asked what the strongest part of her game currently is, D'Amore mentioned defense once again followed by the mental aspect.

"Another asset for me is the knowledge of the game I have gained," she said. "I use that experience to play smart on the court and help my teammates anyway I can."

D'Amore, an outside hitter at IC, has been playing the sport since the fourth grade.

"I was trying a bunch of different sports and it just stuck," she said. "I couldn't tell you exactly what I liked about it. When I'm on the court I forget about everything else. I love what I do."

D'Amore also has been playing club volleyball since fourth grade. She started out at 1st Alliance and switched over to Aurora-based Sports Performance her freshman year.

"Club keeps me busy and it has helped me improve a lot," she said.

D'Amore said this year's IC Catholic Prep team thrives because of the personalities on the roster.

"We all click and get along great," she said. "We have great team chemistry and it's a fun atmosphere. We all are extremely competitive and have a great will to win and the best part is we get to do all this together."

D'Amore has been on the IC varsity since her freshman year. "I'm humbled by the fact I have been on the varsity team for four years," said D'Amore, who would like to play in college.

D'Amore also loves playing for veteran IC coach Jean Field. "It's been great," she said. "She has so many years of coaching experience and offers us great wisdom. She is a great asset for this team. She has set

high standards with this program. We definitely have high standards and we hold each other to them. We all want to have a good time playing volleyball and at the same time we want to win and we want to get better. We're able to do that because we hold each other accountable."

D'Amore's mother, Nancy, is the varsity assistant coach on Field's staff. Nancy (Kerrigan) D'Amore played for Field at IC.

"It's great to be able to carry on what she did," said D'Amore, whose mother is in the IC Catholic Prep Athletic Hall of Fame. "It was a little weird at first having your mom as a coach. But we do a great job of keeping the volleyball talk in the gym and keeping it there and having a normal life outside of the gym."

D'Amore, who sports a 4.2 grade-point average at IC, said this year's squad had some lofty goals heading into the 2013 campaign.

"We had really high expectations of ourselves," she said. "We haven't let each other down. We've fulfilled everything this season."

Addison Trail hosts Goalball tournament for students with visual impairments

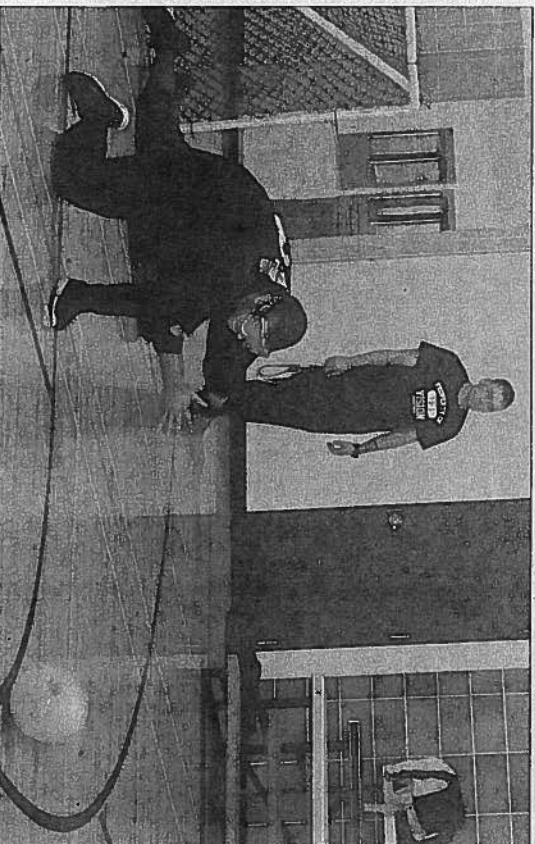


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Visually-impaired athletes try Goalball

Pictured is Aziz Zeidieh, a sophomore at Addison Trail in the SASSED vision program, participating in a Goalball tournament. The event, which took place on Oct. 28 at Addison Trail, allowed students with a visual impairment the opportunity to play a sport in which their vision was not a factor in their ability to perform.

ADDISON — On Oct. 29, about 45 students with visual impairments participated in the 11th Goalball tournament.

The tournament took place at Addison Trail and allowed those students the opportunity to play a sport where their visual impairment did not play a factor in their performance ability. Goalball involves rolling a ball across a court in hopes of scoring a goal against another team. Accommodations are made to allow the students to play. Teams that participated in this year's tournament were Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI), Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (WSBVI), South

ally Impaired (WSBVI), South East Association for Special Parks And Recreation (SEASPAR) and Addison Trail's SASSED vision program students.

"I like to be able to compete in the sport against the other athletes," said Aziz Zeidieh, a sophomore at Addison Trail in the SASSED vision program.

Wendy Brusich, SASSED program teacher, said she loves the opportunity for her students to participate in Goalball.

"As a coach, it is wonderful to see the students improve in their skills throughout the season," she said. "It helps build their self-esteem."

Addison Trail offers tutoring to assure academic success

ADDISON — District 88 strives to ensure students are academically successful, and the district implements systems of support to accomplish that goal.

Addison Trail is offering a tutoring program to help students who are struggling academically get back on track. Students are recommended for the program through a teacher referral, and tutors are available in math, science, English and social studies. Parents can request their student's teacher completes a referral, if they feel tutoring is necessary.

Tutors work with classroom teachers to help students reach their academic goals, and students participate in the program until they receive passing grades in their classes. The tutoring program is just one example of how Addison Trail and Willowbrook work to fulfill the district's mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement.

Addison Trail hosts PBIS seminar

ADDISON — On Oct. 25, nearly 50 representatives from local school districts came to Addison Trail to learn about the school's PBIS program. PBIS emphasizes school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment.

gauges teacher Erica Craig and math teacher Eric Norberg, who help coordinate the school's PBIS program, spoke about how the program has grown to have 90-percent staff involvement. They also talked about the Addison Trail Blazer Pride Cookies Program, where 150 to 200 cookies are delivered each week to students and staff members who display Blazer Pride.

As a district, we are proud to have Addison Trail and Willowbrook be leaders in the PBIS arena.

County hosts Veteran's Day Ceremony Nov. 10

WHEATON — DuPage County will host a ceremony in observance of Veteran's Day at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, at the DuPage County Convalescent Center, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

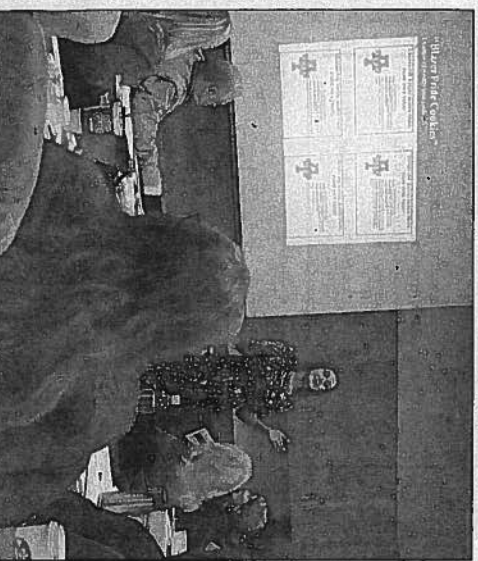
Dirk Enger, director of Veterans Memorial, Inc. and a

former DuPage County Board member (District 6), will be the featured speaker for the ceremony. Enger served in the United States Marine Corps.

The ceremony will feature a weapons salute from Marine Corps League Detachment 399 and a musical performance of

"Taps" played by Grace Adduci of Bugles Across America.

Additionally, the DuPage County JTK Administration Building will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Monday, Nov. 11. County departments and services will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 12.



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PBIS seminar draws 50 from area districts

Addison Trail world languages teacher Erica Craig discusses Addison Trail's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program with nearly 50 representatives from local school districts.



Awards for showing Blazer Pride

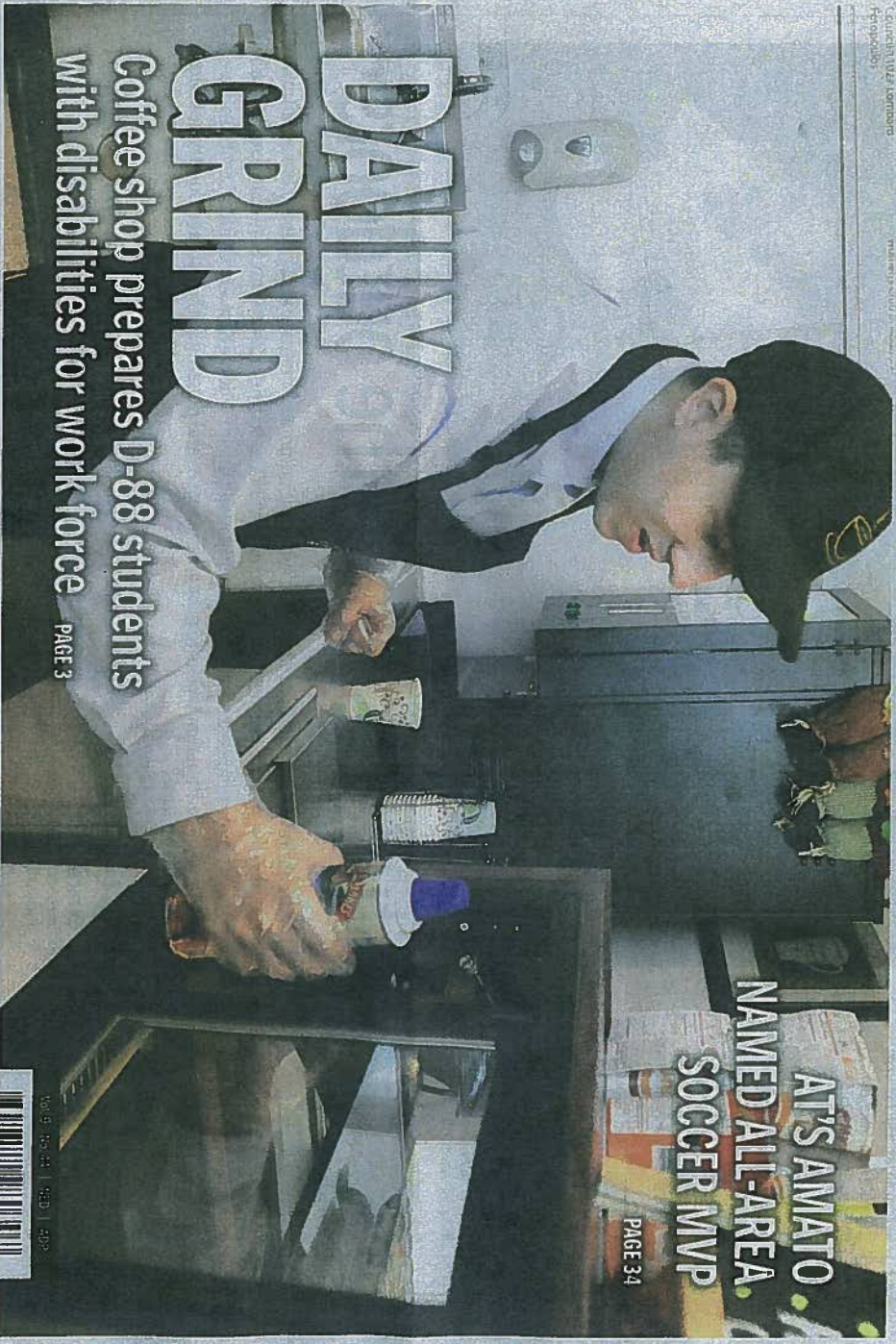
(Center) Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka delivers a cookie to Addison Trail sophomore Jessica Mehl. Cookies are delivered weekly as part of the Addison Trail Blazer Pride Cookies Program (part of PBIS) to students and staff members who display Blazer Pride. (Right): Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka delivers a cookie to English teacher Robert Budler for displaying Blazer Pride.

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Cafe brews life skills for transitioning students

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Before Nick Trojanowicz started working at the Perks and Possibilities Cafe inside the Addison Public Library last year, he'd never had a job before.

"The hardest thing for me to do last year is learn how to do the cash register," said 20-year-old Trojanowicz. "It's really hard, but now I know how to do it this year."

Students like Trojanowicz operate the cafe as part of the District 88 Transition Program, which teaches cognitively disabled students ages 19 to 21 life skills and job training.

In his second year of the program, Trojanowicz works at the Addison Police Department doing clerical work in addition to his afternoon shift at the cafe.

"Our second-year students can run this without me," said Lori LaBarbera, a transition program assistant.

While the second-year transition program students set up the cafe, serve customers, and clean the entire facility with supervision, first-year students like Andria Tucci of Oakbrook Terrace develop work skills through teamwork.

"Xochitl, she knows what she's doing," said Tucci, who just started at the cafe a few weeks ago. "I just ask her, 'What do I do with this?' and she tells me."

Xochitl Vazquez, 20, politely asks a customer what she would like then looks over her shoulder to Tucci.

"Capuccino with whip cream, just a little bit," Vazquez tells Tucci who stands ready with a dispos-



Xochitl Vazquez takes a customer's order Tuesday at Perks and Possibilities Cafe in Addison, where she works as part of the District 88 transition program.

able coffee cup in her gloved hands.

"At school, there's nothing like this," said Tucci, who admits she was nervous at first but already enjoys working at the cafe.

While transition program students also meet at the District 88 building when they aren't working two hour shifts at the cafe or other jobs, their instruction is much different than in high school.

Students learn independent living skills such as grocery shopping, cooking and doing laundry.

"Our goal is when they leave our program, we want

them to be as independent as possible," said LaBarbera.

District 88 transition graduates have gone on to live in group homes or independently and pursue competitive employment.

The skills developed through job training during their years in the transition program are essential to achieving that goal. The cafe, in particular, gives the students a unique opportunity to expand their skill set.

"For example, the cashiering, most businesses won't give our students that opportunity to learn those skills," said LaBarbera.

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About the cafe
Location: Inside the Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza
Hours: 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Mondays through Fridays
More information: 630-530-3981

cedures for stocking, cleaning and organization. It's her first job, but Tucci now also works at McDonald's in Oak Brook as a lobby attendant as well where she relies on her strength - customer service skills.

"I love people," she said with a wide smile.

While talking to people comes naturally to Tucci, all of the cafe employees share her desire to provide excellent customer service.

"They're sweet kids, every one of them," said Chuck Sartano, of Addison. "It's their attitude when you come in, they just sparkle."

Sartano and his fellow Knights of Columbus with Juan Pablo II Council No. 14089 at St. Joseph's Parish in Addison donated funds and cleaning supplies to the cafe in September.

"Without community support from the Knights of Columbus and various other groups... we would not be able to do this," said LaBarbera of the nonprofit cafe.

While the transition program provides many other ways to teach life skills through outside employers, lessons and weekly community outings, the cafe remains unique.

"[The students] show a sense of pride and ownership," said LaBarbera.

▶ YOUR WEEKEND FORECAST

Friday
High: 49
Low: 41

Mostly cloud, a bit of rain late

Saturday
High: 58
Low: 33

A stray cloud, some gusty wind

Sunday
High: 49
Low: 34

A crisp, clear fall day

Source: National Weather Service

▶ ON THE COVER

Nick Trojanowicz prepares a cup of capuccino for a customer Tuesday at Perks and Possibilities in Addison, where he works as part of District 88's transition program.
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D-88 working with local school districts

At DuPage High School District 88, we strive to be at the forefront in all areas to ensure a high-quality school district for our students. Whether it's crisis communication, our work with the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, technology or finances, we're always working to improve inside the classroom and beyond.

Joint Annual Conference District 88 staff members present at seminars is the IASB, IASA and IASBO Joint Annual Conference from Nov. 22 to 24 in Chicago.

District 88 Chief Financial Officer Ed Hoster will be part of a presentation about school finance. Hoster will discuss state aid and federal aid funding, the history of the state



COMMUNITY VOICE
Dr. Scott Helton

equalization formula, including how it has evolved and where it might be heading, and a review of the claim form that will focus on key elements of the process and how to maximize revenue.

Representatives from districts 4, 45, 48 and 88 will present about their learning compact in terms of community outreach, curriculum and assessment alignment and their annual Joint Board of Education meeting to collaborate on important education topics. Dan Schwegert, District 88 director of community relations, will be part of a presentation about school safety and communications that will discuss how District 88 prepares in terms of crisis management. For information about the conference, visit tinyurl.com/kp58qg.

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At District 88, we're proud of our successes and strive to share our work with other districts. Through our collaboration with other schools, we continue to improve and work to accomplish our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement.

Dr. Scott Helton is superintendent for DuPage High School District 88.

■ **LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** How often do you eat a family meal each week?

33 PERCENT: Most nights
30 PERCENT: Every night
21 PERCENT: Hardly ever, or never
16 PERCENT: A few nights

■ **THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:**

What's your favorite cold weather drink to warm up? Vote online at mysuburbanlife.com.



Students from Il Cartesio High School in Triggiano, Italy, lived with Addison Trail High School last month as part of the Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities program. Photo provided

The Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities program seems to be a big hit. Students from Triggiano, Italy, lived with Addison Trail High School students and their families for a week in October. The group visited sites such as Millennium Park and Navy Pier in Chicago and Six Flags Great America for Fright Fest. The students will reunite in the spring when the Addison Trail students travel to Triggiano to visit cities such as Venice, Florence and Rome.

Do you take cream or sugar? The Addison Police Department launched a new program last week to help build relationships with residents. Coffee with a Cop will be a monthly event that brings community members and police together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues and drink coffee.

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Suburban Life

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NATHAN MROZ
York | Senior
| Cross Country

Why Mroz was selected:

Mroz won the Lake Park sectional on Saturday to help the Dukes take second in the race and qualify for state.

York senior cross country

runner Nathan Mroz crossed the finish line in 14:52 at the Lake Park sectional in Roselle on Saturday to win the race. The Dukes were second in the team standings to New Trier, which was a disappointment for the prestigious program. Mroz will be making his fourth trip, second time as a runner, to Peoria's Detweiler Park for state this weekend. Mroz, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, spoke with sports reporter Dan Santanilla about the sectional race and the upcoming state meet.

What did it mean to you to win the sectional?

Our main focus was to make it as a team. I think that's the most important thing. It doesn't matter where I finished as long as we made it as a team. It's a nice bonus to get the win.

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How do you think the team did?
It was not a good race for us. I couldn't tell you what the reason was. I think we kind of got a bad start and from then on it set the tone for the race and it wasn't really good.

What have your state experiences been like?
I would compare it to nothing else. It's amazing. When you walk off that bus it's the coolest thing. You got 200 fans, you got the band. It's a great atmosphere. It's such a great thing to be a part of.

Do you like the course at Detweiler Park?

I think since the meet has been there for so long you base everything off of that. Personally, I like the course. It's nice and flat and it makes for a fast race.

Tigers finish at the top



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The 11U Tigers of the Lombard Baseball League had a perfect 10-0 record in the fall season and swept the playoffs to win the title. The team was coached by Nelson Melton, Chris Willis, and Blair Chumman. Team members pictured are (front row, from left) Nathan Melton (standing), AJ Haveriga, John Sharboon, Joshua Imah, Benjamin Chumman, (second row) Anthony Yarnotti, Jheonni Willis, Nelson Melton, Abraham Amaro, Connor Egan, Darren Metcalf, and Mickey Ireland.

► PREP ROUNDUP

East's Peters, Montini girls XC to state

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Glenside East's Jack Peters crossed the finish line in 13th place at the Lake Park sectional to earn a place at the state race at Detweiler Park in Peoria tomorrow. The Rams were 13th as a team.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Willowbrook

Jimmy Furtess was 16th overall, and one place and two seconds short of qualifying for state at the Lake Park sectional on Saturday.

Montini

The Broncos took 13th at the Class 1A Lisle sectional. Montini's top runner was Tyler Pacana, who placed 30th.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Montini

Britany Fisher's fourth-place finish helped the Broncos take third at the Class 2A Wheaton Academy sectional and qualify for the state race.

Maggie Hallerud (13th) and Glenna Salzmann (14th) also had good runs for Montini.

Glenside East

The Rams took 15th at the Lake Park sectional. Sophomore Yoselin Toledo finished 47th, crossing the finish line first for Glenside East.

Willowbrook

Jocelyn Rodriguez (88th) led four Warrior runners at the Lake Park sectional.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Montini

The Broncos took the first game off Class 3A defending champion St. Francis in the Tim-o-thy Christian regional final Oct. 31, but the Spartans came back for the win. Montini lost 25-21, 15-25, 16-25 to end the year 29-4.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op

The AT-WB co-op captured its first outright conference title at the West-Saukhan Gold meet at Downers Grove South on Saturday. AT-WB won nine events with senior Molly Kuenstler and junior Kelly Mckinnara winning four each. Mckinnara set a new conference record in the 100-yard butterfly.

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