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# Going above and beyond

Addison Trail freshman Isabella Chaidez (front, from left), senior Christina Jewell, junior Johnny Rodriguez, staff member Kathleen McColaugh, sophomore Isabel Carrillo, staff member Randi Wargo, staff member Laura Zaccaro (back, from left), staff member Patty Hochheimer, senior John Orrico, staff member Jessica Sokolowski, sophomore Nicole Pudlo, sophomore Daniela Diaz, staff member Katie Prast and senior Alexis Arellano were recognized Feb. 25 as part of the school's Golden Apple awards program. The students nominated staff to receive the awards.

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## Addison senior crowned 'Mr. AT 2014'

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**ADDISON** – Addison Trail High School senior Francesco Bondi was crowned "Mr. AT" during the school's annual competition Feb. 28.

Bondi was one of 15 male seniors who competed for the title. The competition required each contestant to perform a group dance, showcase a talent, demonstrate his Blazer Pride, escort a parent or guardian in formal wear and answer questions from a panel of judges.

This year's competition had a spy theme and was entitled "Code Name Mr. AT."

For his talent, Bondi sang "Fly on the Wall" by Miley Cyrus. He had backup dancers dressed as insects, and in a District 88 news release, he said he chose the song because it has a secret agent/spy vibe.

During the Blazer Wear competition, Bondi proudly sported T-shirts from Theatre, Italian Club, Debate Team, Shades of Blue, Best Buddies, Relay For Life, the



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Addison Trail High School senior Francesco Bondi performs during the talent portion of Addison Trail's 2014 Mr. AT competition, where he was crowned "Mr. AT 2014" on Feb. 28.

boys soccer team and the boys volleyball team to show his involvement at Addison Trail. For the formal wear portion, he escorted his mother, Maria.

Bondi said he was sur-

### Mr. AT

Other Mr. AT 2014 contestants included:

- Pat Gorniak (Mr. AT 2014 runner-up)
- Gabe Santos
- Sid Lee
- Brent Yurek
- Shivan Amin
- Tyler Gilliam
- Greg Sommes
- Jimmy Wislek
- Matt Neuman
- Jay Jasnowski
- Dom Cucinella
- Alex Ramirez
- Jesus Chavera
- Petey O'Connor

prised to have been nominated to compete in Mr. AT, and he enjoyed getting to know the other contestants, whom he referred to as "brothers." In the release, he added Mr. AT was a great way to wrap up his senior year at Addison Trail, and he looks forward to coming back and seeing others win the Mr. AT title.

## Addison Trail names 88's Best for February

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** – Julia Rowley was named Addison Trail High School's February recipient of 88's Best recognition.

Rowley, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Throughout her high school career, Rowley has participated in and committed herself to more than a dozen clubs, sports and organizations – all while making the honor roll all four years, according to a District 88 news release.

Rowley is a two-year member and president of Addison Trail's National Honor Society. She also is president of the school's Tri-M music honor society and a student director of Pay It Forward, a program to welcome incoming freshmen.

She is heavily involved in Addison Trail's Freshmen Mentoring program, Second Helping, Lettermen Club, Youth and Government, Phi-

losophy Club and Debate Team.

Rowley also is involved in Addison Trail's athletic, music and theater programs. She is a four-year varsity member of the AT/WB girls swim and dive team and was a two-time state alternate.

She is in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Shades of Blue and the Addison Community Band. Rowley was selected to perform in the Illinois Music Education Association Honors All-State Band for baritone saxophone. She takes private voice and saxophone lessons as well, the release stated.

Teacher Hannah Sutton has worked with Rowley through Lettermen Club and the Freshmen Mentoring program, and in the release, she said Rowley's enthusiasm never ceases to amaze her.

Rowley is undecided on

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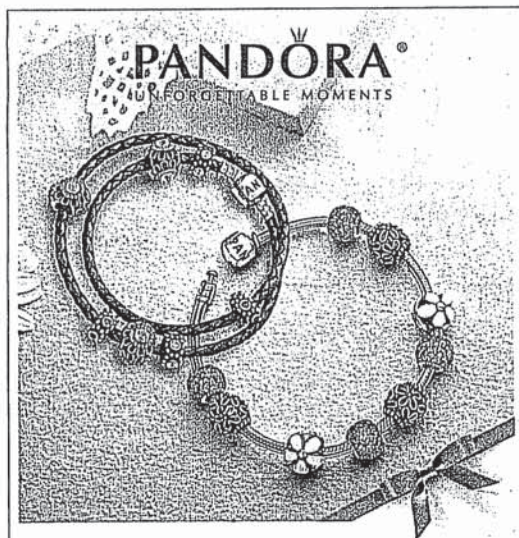
Addison Trail High School Principal Adam Cibulka shakes hands Feb. 24 with Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition, senior Julia Rowley.

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where she will attend college and what she will study. Her options include DePaul University, Marquette Uni-

versity, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, Johns Hopkins University and Washington University. She plans to major in theater, business or education.



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# Students celebrate Turner's last Flower Show at AT

By MARI GRIGALIUNAS  
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**ADDISON** – For 42 years Addison Trail High School has hosted its annual Flower Show, but this will be retiring Science Department Chair John Turner's last year teaching show-participating students ornamental horticulture and greenhouse management.

After 33 years at Addison Trail, his students just call it "Turner's class."

"All of my brother and sisters had Turner," junior Angelica Malagon said.

She remembers coming with her older siblings and watering plants in the school's greenhouse. She enjoyed it so much she joined the horticulture club her freshman year, but this is her first year in the class and participating in the show.

"I liked it because you could express your opinions in whatever you were doing," Malagon said.

She's one of 30 students who participated in this year's show. They worked in pairs on themed centerpieces for the event that were raffled off to attendees.

Most were holiday themed, like senior Monika Pucel's St. Patrick's Day centerpiece, which revolved around the colors green, white and orange.

Senior Magali Gamboa's piece, on the other hand, was Dr. Snuggles themed. Aside from her flower choices, she made the vase look like the iconic cat's hat to illustrate her theme.



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Fran Engstrom of Addison gets a closer look at one of the flower arrangements with the help of Addison Trail High School students Juliet Soto and Erick Ramirez on Tuesday during the school's Flower Show.

The floral arrangements weren't the only elements of glamour during the evening. David's Bridal and Black Tie Tuxedo of Lombard donated tuxedos and dresses for students to wear during the night. FastColor Print of Addison also printed all of the programs for free.

In addition to the student participants, local flower

shops showcased their skills by designing flower arrangements on stage in just a few minutes.

"The florists (got) to show off," Turner said.

Often designers create pre-designed arrangements ordered online or deliver a dozen red roses, but at the Flower Show, the floral designers have complete freedom.

Addison Floral designer Beverly Block wasn't just excited to show off her creativity, but to see what students come up with. A former Addison Trail student herself, Block had Turner in 1980 when he was a student teacher at Addison Trail.

"It's fun for me to see other people's designs as well," Block said.

It's the same creativity that attracts students to assembling centerpieces for the show.

"We take a picture in our mind and portray it (through) flowers," senior Brian Hernandez said.

He and his partner, senior Michelle Gonzalez, created an April Fool's arrangement complete with a jester's hat.

Although the students didn't create their pieces live on stage, they only had a day or two to prepare them since they wanted their flowers to look fresh. Because of the limited time frame, Malagon came in on a Sunday to start on her project.

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the nearly 500 attendees will go either to scholarships for students pursuing horticulture or to the Addison Trail horticulture program.

While other classes might start winding down as the second half of the semester begins, Turner explained horticulture students are just warming up. Following the Flower Show, students are planting and caring for seedlings in the Addison Trail greenhouse in preparation for a May plant sale.

Also in May, students will landscape a local house for the 52nd time since the program began.

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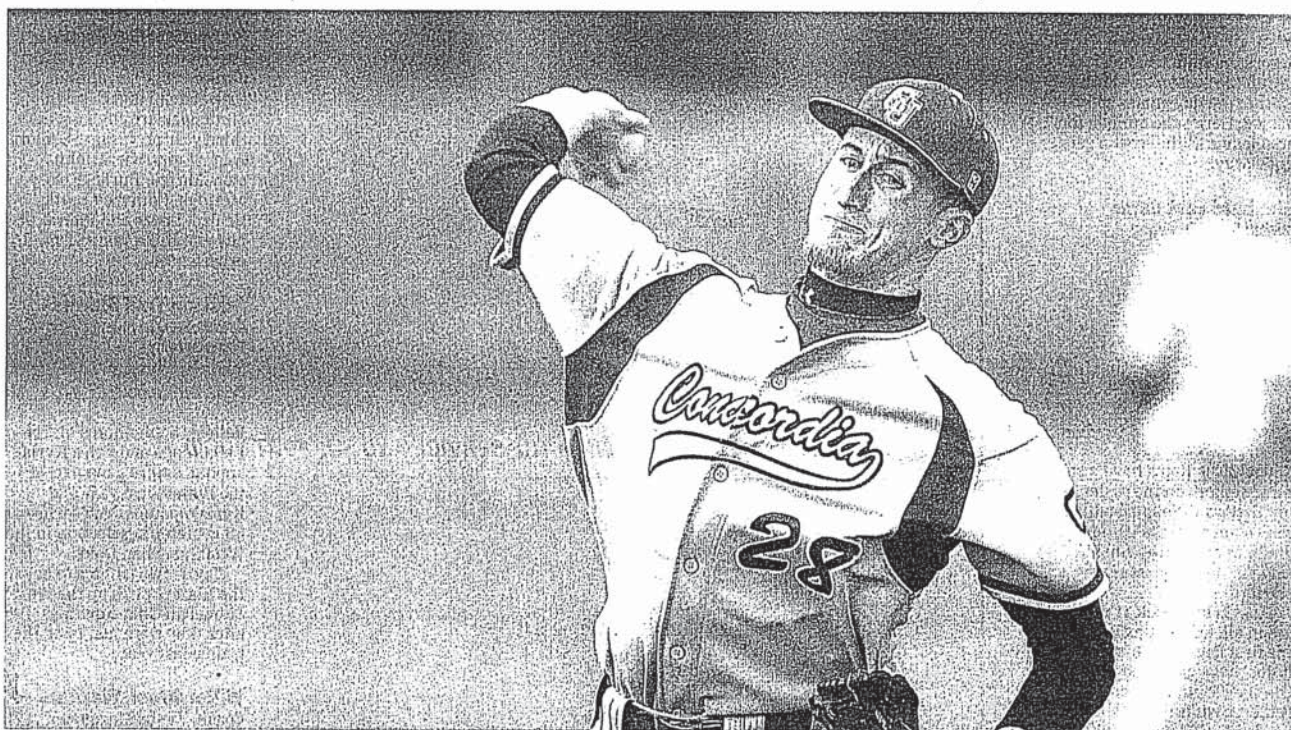


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Steve Cox recently was named a preseason all-American by D3baseball.com. A Willowbrook graduate, Cox started his career at Concordia University as a starter but has made a smooth transition to pitching out of the bullpen.

## Pitching out of pen no problem for Steve Cox

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**RIVER FOREST** – For some pitchers the transition from starting to relieving can be a tough one.

Not always knowing when they will be entering the game can mess with a pitcher's routine, and just one mistake can define an entire appearance.

For Steve Cox, relieving was a smooth transition. The current Concordia senior and Willowbrook graduate started out of the Cougars' bullpen last year and earned a number of national awards for his play.

After not allowing an

### Cox's 2013 honors

- Second-team All-Northern Athletics Conference
- First-team D3Baseball.com All-Midwest Region
- Second-team American Baseball Coaches Association All-Midwest Region

earned run in 16 innings and going 13-for-13 in save opportunities, Cox earned three postseason awards and had one award before throwing his first pitch this season when D3Baseball.com named him a second-team Preseason

All-American.

"It's pretty cool to get some recognition like that," Cox said. "I've never had any recognition like that before."

The Cougars are 6-2 this season and Cox has thrown three scoreless innings so far. He is hoping to match the success that he and the team had last year.

Last year, the Cougars went 39-7, which gave them the highest winning percentage in Division III. The team made a regional final, coming one game away from the Division III World Series.

"It was really exciting," Cox said. "Last year was the far-

thest I believe any Concordia baseball team has made it in the playoffs. It was a very exciting year."

Cox was always a starter when coming up through youth baseball in Villa Park. After leaving Willowbrook as a starter, he got a chance to start at Concordia. As a freshman Cox made seven starts and four relief appearances and posted a 2.68 ERA. The following year he made just three starts. Last year he made the transition to the bullpen full time.

"It actually went pretty smoothly working with the pitching coaches," Cox said. "Smoother than I thought it

would be."

He struck out 20 batters in 16 innings and allowed just one unearned run in his first full year in the bullpen.

"That's honestly the ultimate goal," Cox said of not allowing any earned runs. "It is an unlikely goal to achieve. It was pretty amazing to reach a goal of mine."

This season Cox is hoping to simply match what he did last year since it is hard to surpass that. Regardless, he remembers that Willowbrook helped get him to this place.

"I feel like it put me on the right path and helped me work for what I wanted," he said.



## GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

# Countdown to kickoff

Glenbard East, Montini look to improve; Willowbrook and AT build around returners

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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With a little luck of the Irish, girls soccer teams across the state will be kicking off the season on March 17, the first day games can be played. Here's the outlook for area teams as the season gets underway.

## Glenbard East Rams

**Coach:** Kent Overbey

**2013 record:** 11-6-4

**Top players:**

Maria Berrum	jr.	D
Corie Ewoldt	jr.	D
Jordyn Fulton	jr.	F
Megan Mrazek	jr.	M
Brittany Paganucci	so.	F
Kelly Ravenscraft	sr.	D
Alex Ruffer	sr.	M

**Outlook:** The Rams have just three seniors on the roster, but that's a little misleading. This team won't be using youth as an excuse considering it has eight returning starters.

East brings back 11 returners in all, led by Alex Ruffer, the first Division I player the Rams have produced in Kent Overbey's tenure as coach. Ruffer, a central midfielder headed for Western Michigan, will be the hub of the Rams' attack.

"She does it all," Overbey said. "She distributes, but she also gets into the attack. It's great to have an athlete, but also a technical player like her."

Joining Ruffer in the middle of midfield will be junior Megan Mrazek, who returns in that role. Those two will look to feed talented sophomore Brittany Paganucci and junior Jordyn Fulton, who played more in the midfield last year. Paganucci scored nine goals last year and is on track to be another Division I product in the program.

"She's got all kinds of speed," Overbey said of Paganucci. "I think her speed and her willingness to take players on on the dribble in some of these big games when you're not seeing a ton of chances is big time. If we



Glenbard East's Brittany Paganucci (left) settles the ball in a game against Glenbard West last season. Paganucci's game-changing talent should provide a boost for the Rams' offense this season.

can find her feet she can be dangerous by herself. The sky is the limit as far as her potential goes."

One of the big spots to fill will be at goalkeeper, where the Rams have to replace career shutout record holder Veronica Fairbairn. Juniors Haley Lydon and Rachel Anderson and sophomore Sierra Dana will compete for time and Overbey said they've never been deeper at the position.

Defense could be the strength of the team with returning starters Kelly Ravens-

craft, Corie Ewoldt and Maria Berrum along with senior Taylor Hallcox at the back.

The Rams are hoping to climb the standings in the extremely competitive DuPage Valley Conference.

"The DVC is as hard as it's ever been," Overbey said. "Our goal really is to challenge for some of those top spots."

## Montini Broncos

**Coach:** Sue Brown

**2013 record:** 7-12, regional champs

**Top players:**  
Jordan Bruscianni jr.  
Katelyn Pietras sr.  
Valerie Sanchez jr.

**Outlook:** Led by two all-conference returners, Katelyn Pietras and Valerie Sanchez, the Broncos are hoping to build on the postseason success they enjoyed last year when they upset Lisle in a regional final.

Montini has won regionals the past two years, which are the first two regional titles the Broncos have ever won. Their

schedule remains tough for a 1A team with tournaments at 3A schools Huntley and Glenbrook South.

The team had just three seniors on last year's roster. Juniors Sanchez, Jordan Bruscianni and Carolyn Strzempke are entering their third year on varsity. Seniors Angie Luna, Kiera Johnston, Maggie Burke, Kelsey McHugh, Courtney Losik, Bridget Lucas and Pietras also have multiple years of varsity experience.

## Addison Trail Blazers

**Coach:** Sergio Nunez

**Top players:**

Maria DeSantiago	so.	M
Petra Kyriakopoulos	so.	M

**Outlook:** Sophomores Maria DeSantiago and Petra Kyriakopoulos were a big part of the Blazers last year and Kyriakopoulos even earned an all-conference selection in the West Suburban Gold.

Those two will try to help the Blazers push up the West Suburban Gold standings after they were just 1-5 in the league last year.

## Willowbrook Warriors

**Coach:** Victor Marquez

**Top players:**

Tiffany Brinkman	sr.	F
Jessica Budig	jr.	F
Lauren Carroll	sr.	D

**Outlook:** Led by three all-conference returners, the Warriors have a chance to show some improvement this season.

The program showed progress in coach Victor Marquez's first year, improving upon the six wins they earned in 2012 and even beating a Hinsdale South team that won a Class 2A regional. Willowbrook tied for second in the Gold with a 4-2 record.

Seniors Tiffany Brinkman and Lauren Carroll and junior Jessica Budig were all-conference in the West Suburban Gold last year. Melissa Rader would have been another all-conference returner, but she suffered an injury during basketball season.





**Molly Kuenstler honored by District 88**  
Pictured is Molly Kuenstler, Willowbrook's February recipient of 88's Best recognition, pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause.

## Willowbrook names February recipient of 88's Best recognition

### Molly Kuenstler honored for academic, community achievement

VILLA PARK — Molly Kuenstler has been named as Willowbrook's February recipient of 88's Best recognition. Kuenstler, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

When she graduates in June, Molly will have successfully completed 11 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, as well as a lengthy list of honors courses. She has maintained a class ranking within the top two percent of her class and is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the Hispanic Language Honor Society, the National English Honor Society and Civitas, Willowbrook's social studies honor society. She also is a Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Not only been involved in numerous organizations, Molly has taken prominent leadership roles in several extracurricular activities. She is Captain of the AT/WB Girls Swim and Dive Team, a New Beginnings Leader, a member of the Principal's Leadership Team and a member of the West Suburban Gold Leadership Conference.

Molly has been involved in Relay For Life, Feed My Starving Children and Key Club, where she has helped with Salvation Army bell

ringing and bake sales. She also teaches swim lessons at the Villa Park Parks and Recreation and swims for the Elmhurst Swim Team.

"During the four years I had the privilege of coaching Kuenstler, I have watched her grow into an accomplished competitor, encouraging leader, strong student and vigorous worker," said Paul Anderson, AT/WB Swim Coach. "From a competitive standpoint, Kuenstler is the most accomplished swimmer in our program's history. She is a four-year varsity letter winner, a 12-time All-Conference selection, multiple-time All-Sectional qualifier, a nine-time State qualifier, an All-America consideration qualifier and an All-State Honorab Mention. On top of her individual accomplishments in the pool, as an individual, Kuenstler has done a great deal to encourage and inspire other members of her team through her strong leadership."

Brett Blair, Willowbrook English Department Chair, agreed.

"Kuenstler is a gifted and dedicated athlete and student," Blair said. "Though I do not have Kuenstler in an extracurricular, her hard work is more than evident in our AP English literature class. Any time she offers a suggestion or a comment to analyze the text, she provides accurate, insightful and thoughtful commentary to enhance the class discussion."

Molly has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where she plans to major in chemistry. She also will be collegiate swimmer.

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## Addison Trail names Julia Rowley 88's Best for February

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Throughout her high school career, Julia has participated in and committed herself to more than a dozen clubs, sports and organizations — all while making the Honor Roll all four years. Her extracurricular activities begin with her involvement in Addison Trail's service organizations and go well beyond. Julia is a two-year member and President of Addison Trail's National Honor Society, she is President of the school's Tri-M music honor society, she is a Student Director of Pay It Forward (a program to welcome incoming freshmen) and she is heavily involved in Addison Trail's Freshmen Mentoring program, Second Helping, Lettermen Club, Youth and Government, Philosophy Club and Debate Team.

Also involved in Addison Trail's athletic, music and theatre programs, Julia is a four-year varsity member of the AT/WB Girls Swim and Dive Team and was a two-time State alternate. She is in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Shades of Blue and the Addison Community Band. Julia also was selected to perform in the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Honors All-State Band for baritone saxophone. She takes private voice and saxophone lessons as well.

"Rowley is one of those special students who is truly interested in learning," said AHS teacher Mark Ailes. "She loves to challenge herself and cannot say 'no' to an opportunity to learn. She is a delight in class and asks good questions other students are thinking, but are reluctant to ask. And her extracurricular involvement is extreme."

AHS Band Director Mark Corey agreed.

"Rowley is an outstanding musician in class and a phenomenal leader as President of the Tri-M music honor society," he said. "She excels in all of her extracurricular activities, but more importantly, she manages her time for each well."

Teacher Hannah Sutton has worked with Julia through Lettermen Club and the Freshmen Mentoring program, and she said Julia's enthusiasm never ceases to amaze her.

"Although Rowley is involved in everything under the sun, she has the uncanny ability to make each activity the most important, which is an extremely difficult task," Sutton said. "I have enjoyed watching her strive to raise money for the Lettermen Club Scholarship (she won the award for most money raised), as well as mentoring freshmen. Whether she's mentoring in small groups or one-to-one through Second Helping, Rowley makes a connection with students. She brings life into all environments and makes the people she is working with feel valued. She is one of a kind, and I hope in the future her path


allows for those unique qualities to shine."

Although still undecided on where to attend college and what she will study, Julia's options include DePaul University, Marquette University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, Johns Hopkins University and Washington University. She plans to major in theatre, business or education.

Pictured at right is Julia Rowley, Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition, with AT Principal Adam Cibulka.



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# ATHS hosts Mr. AT competition

## Senior Francesco Bondi wins crown for 2014

ADDISON — On Feb. 28, 15 male Addison Trail senior students competed in the school's annual Mr. AT competition.

During the event, contestants competed in a group dance, performed a talent, demonstrated their Blazer Pride, escorted a parent/guardian in a formal wear portion and answered questions from a panel of judges.

This year's competition had a spy theme and was entitled "Code Name Mr. AT." At the end of the event, Francesco Bondi was crowned Mr. AT 2014.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "It was truly an honor because all of the participants were very talented."

For his talent, Bondi sang "Fly on the Wall" by Miley Cyrus, with backup dancers dressed as insects. He said he chose the song because it has a secret agent/spy vibe. During the Blazer Wear competition, he proudly sported T-shirts from Theatre, Italian Club, Debate Team, Shades of Blue, Best Buddies, Relay For Life, the Boys Soccer Team and the Boys Volleyball Team to show his involvement at Addison Trail. For the formal wear portion, he escorted his mother, Maria.

Although surprised to have been nominated to compete in Mr. AT, Bondi said he enjoyed getting to know the other contestants, whom he referred to as "brothers." It was a great way to wrap up his senior year at Addison Trail, he said, and he looks forward to coming back and seeing others win the Mr. AT title.

"To me, Mr. AT is someone who's respectful, hardworking and really involved," he said. "I hope to leave a legacy for future students to follow."

All Mr. AT 2014 contestants were seniors, including:

Francesco Bondi (Mr. AT 2014), Pat Gorniak (Mr. AT 2014 runner-up) Gabe Santos, Sid Lee, Brent Yurek, Shivan Amin, Tyler Gilliam, Greg Sommes, Jimmy Wislek, Matt Neuman, Jay Jasinoski, Dom Cucinella, Alex Ramirez, Jesus Chavera and Petey O'Connor.



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## Francesco Bondi crowned Mr. AT

Addison Trail senior Francesco Bondi performs during the talent portion of Addison Trail's 2014 Mr. AT competition. He performed Miley Cyrus's "Fly On The Wall" with backup dancers in insect costumes. Bondi won the competition and was crowned Mr. AT 2014.

# AT alum heads to Honduras for service trip

ADDISON — Loyola University freshman and Addison Trail alumna Klaudia Kowalkowska is planning to participate in a week-long service trip in May to Honduras.

During the trip, Klaudia will help improve basic home infrastructures and will provide health education to reduce the incidences of life-threatening diseases in rural communities.

"I was inspired by my best friend to look into participating in a service trip," she said. "When I found out my school has a Global Brigades chapter, I immediately reached out and signed up."

As a volunteer in her com-



**KLAUDIA KOWALKOWSKA**  
community, church and school, Klaudia decided the next step was to go outside of the U.S.

"Helping others is truly my

passion," she said. "What drives my passion to travel and give aid to underdeveloped communities is not only their lack of medicine and education, but also my desire to show them care and love. I have a big heart and cannot wait to share it with ones in need."

Klaudia said she also was influenced to help others by someone very close to her. Her younger brother, Konrad, has spina bifida and requires a lot of care and assistance from others. With the hectic work schedules of her parents, Klaudia has been a caregiver for her brother, helping him to the best of her ability.

"Even though my family situation presents many challenges, it's a role I highly prioritize," Klaudia said.

She added her experience with Konrad has shaped her into a bright and inspired individual who wants to make the world a better place — one small act at a time.

"I believe with Global Brigades, I will be able to accommodate that goal," Klaudia said. She added this "brigade" to Honduras will certainly not be her last.

To make a donation to help Klaudia fund her service trip, go to [empowered.org/KlaudiaKowalkowska](http://empowered.org/KlaudiaKowalkowska).



# Quilt show, quilt appraising March 29, 30

BENSENVILLE — Do you have a quilt that needs an appraisal? If so, where do you go to get one appraised?

Go to Fischer Farm from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 29 or Sunday, March 30. The Bensenville Park District is having the seventh annual "All Around the House" Quilt Show in the 1919 farmhouse, 16W680 Old Grand Ave. Admission is \$3.

Fischer Farm is located east of Illinois Route 83 and west of Church Road. New this year is a lecture by Kathleen Jayko on Civil War era women and their quilts at 1 p.m. March 30 only in the Oak Room at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, 1000 West Wood Street, Bensenville. Admission is \$6.

AQS Certified Appraiser, Sherry Branson, is taking appointments for both days. Call Sherry at (815) 713-1763. (Walk-ins are welcome and appreciated as the schedule allows.) The written appraisal will document

the physical description of the quilt. It will be measured, overall and by the block. The size and closeness of stitching will be noted, as well as the kind of cloth and batting that was used.

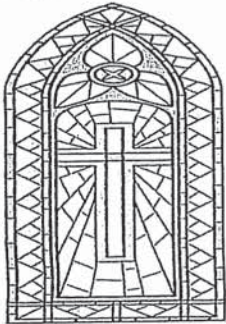
The general condition of the quilt will be assessed. This is particularly important for old quilts. "Good

condition for its age" is not an accurate description. It is poor, fair, good, or excellent. Sherry will ask about any information that may increase the value of your quilt. She also will tell you if your quilt is not worth an appraisal. The appraisal costs \$50, with a portion of Sherry's fee is being donated to Fischer Farm.

## Nine Willowbrook students qualify for ICTM State Math Contest Finals

VILLA PARK — Nine Willowbrook students have qualified for the 2014 Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) State Math Contest Finals on May 3 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. WBHS students who qualified include:

senior Levi Rauch, sophomore Zack Wolski and the junior/senior eight-person team of Rauch, senior Tess Marsh, senior Emily Gornick, senior Leo Betts, junior Abby Pakeltis, junior Shukan Shah, junior Tyler Rusnak and junior Mike Rogalski.



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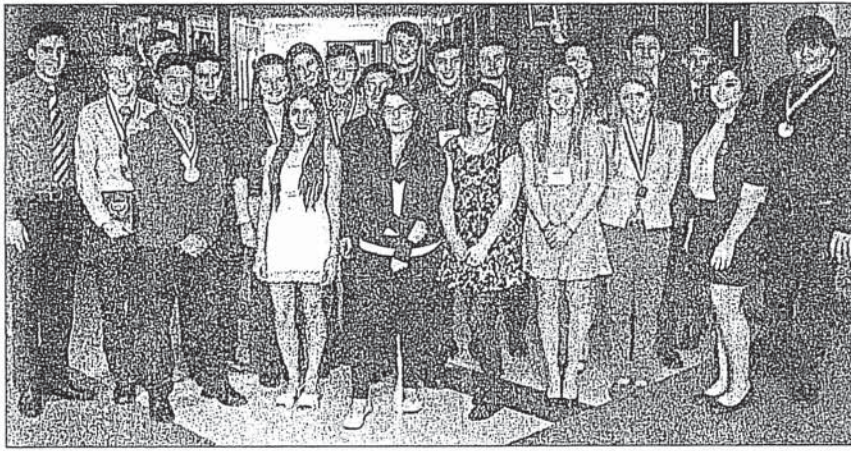


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## ATHS takes part in BPA state competition

Pictured are the Addison Trail students who competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State competition, which took place Feb. 26 through March 1 in Oak Brook. Seven of the students qualified to compete in the National Leadership Conference in April.

## ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 13

#### • Art Guild welcomes George Ceffalio

At 7:30 p.m. at Addison Village Hall, the Addison Art Guild will hold its monthly meeting, featuring guest artist George Ceffalio. Guests are welcome. Info: 630-543-4100 ext. 7416.

### Saturday, March 15

#### • Park District hosts Clover Hunt

At 10:30 a.m. sharp, kids of all ages are invited to the Community Rec Center to search a field of green clovers. Find the four-leaf clover and win a special gift.

#### • Kontras String Quartet to perform

At 7:30 p.m. in Buik Recital Hall (190 Prospect Ave.), Elmhurst College's Department of Music presents the Kontras String Quartet in recital. Admission: \$15 and is free for all Elmhurst College students, faculty and staff. Info and to purchase tickets: visit [elmhurst.edu/worldmusic](http://elmhurst.edu/worldmusic) or [kontrasquartet.com](http://kontrasquartet.com)

### Saturday, March 22

#### • Congregation Etz Chaim gala

Starting at 7:30 p.m. Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage County, located at 1710 S. Highland Ave., Lombard, will present "Let the Good Times Roll," a gala evening of gaming, music, dancing, auctions and raffles. All are welcome. Tickets: \$25 per person; premium tickets: \$50 per person. Info: (630) 627-3912.

### Thursday, March 27

#### • Combined Chamber luncheon on Affordable Health Care Act

Starting at 11:30 a.m., the Addison and Villa Park Chambers of Commerce, along with the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a combined chamber luncheon at Dave & Buster's 1155 N. Swift Road. David Hass, Enroll DuPage Navigator at the DuPage County Health Department, will be speaking on providing information about the Affordable Health Care Act. Admission: \$25 per person for members; \$30 for non-members. Reservations by no later than Wednesday, March 26. Info: (630) 543-4300 or [www.duchiropractic.com](http://www.duchiropractic.com)

with your own blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy watching the movie "Frozen" on the big screen at the Centennial Rec. Center, 1776 W. Centennial Place. The movie is free; concessions will be available for purchase.

### Sunday, March 30

#### • Wedding & Special Event Expo

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alta Villa Banquets, the second annual Wedding & Special Event Expo, hosted by the Addison Chamber of Commerce, will be held. NOTE: The event has been moved to this date from Jan. 19 due to the inclement weather in January. The Expo will highlight all aspects of services related to weddings and special events such as anniversaries, showers, birthdays, christenings, prom, quinciniera. Admission: Free. Info: (630) 543-4300 or email: [addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net)

### Saturday, April 5

#### • April Fools 5K benefit run

Starting at 9 a.m. at the Mallard Lake Forest Preserve, located near the intersection of Gary Avenue and Schick Road, Bloomingdale, the second annual April Fools 5K run, which benefits Stepping Stones for Women of Domestic Violence, will be held. The age categories for men and women are as follows: under 19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-and-over. There also will be a 400-meter Kids Dash for ages 2-12. Info or to register: go to: [ducatchiropractic.com](http://ducatchiropractic.com) or call (224) 653-8094.

### Ongoing events...

#### • Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. for lunch at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. To find out more about special events, programs, trips and club membership, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or mail address to contact for information.

## ATHS students attend BPA Leadership Conference

### Seven slated to go to national event in April

ADDISON — Seven Addison Trail students have qualified to compete in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference 2014, which will take place April 30 through May 4 in Indianapolis.

The students qualified based on their performance in the State competition, which took place Feb. 26 through March

1 in Oak Brook. Senior Anthony Pham and senior Stefani Scimeca finished in 1st place in Network Design Team. In Payroll Accounting, senior Brandon Sheehan finished in 1st place, junior Saul Rivera finished in 2nd place and senior Anthony Nasti finished in 3rd place. In Accounting Using QuickBooks, Scimeca finished in 2nd place, and sophomore Alex DeLaRosa finished in 4th place. In Keyboarding Production, senior Daniel Mitchell finished in 3rd place.

## District 4 kindergarten registration now underway

ADDISON — It's time for kindergarten registration at Addison Elementary School District 4.

Registration will take place on March 20, as well as April 9. Registration is open to children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 and takes place at Army Trail School, 346 Army Trail Blvd. in Addison. For details, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1428](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1428)

For information in Spanish, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1427](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1427)

## • FORUM

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Illinois out of debt was broached, the panelists seem to agree that the measure will likely not be temporary after all — it is probably here to stay. Until something changes, the state cannot do without those extra funds.

Along with those issues, panelists noted Illinois' growing reputation as a place that is unfriendly to business. As a person familiar with foreign and global investment, Kneupper offered a comment.

"Foreign investors follow the successful companies and where they are located," he said. "We can't afford to have a reputation of being a difficult state or an expensive state. But it's all in the perception."

Thompson suggested the state go back to basics.

"Illinois has the largest amount of transportation outlets," he said. "If the U.S. is the economic center of the world and if Illinois is the transportation center of the U.S., in many ways, that makes us the transportation center of the world. But do we act like it is?"

"Illinois is the crossroads of

America because of our waterways, airports, plus railroads," Ty Fahner said. "We can't always turn to the Federal government for infrastructure help, we have to find solutions ourselves. But you can't work on building an infrastructure without prudent spending and watching costs. That can only be done when Republicans and Democrats come together and treat one another with respect. For example, pension reform got pushed through because they were all talking to one another."

"What we are lacking is solid leadership. [Legislators] have to move beyond their enlightened self interest to be a leader."

"The problem is, people do not feel that their money is being well-spent," said Bruce Dold. "[Illinois taxpayers] are all suspicious about how the money's being spent."

Mary Ann Ahern then spoke up.

"Remember when the lottery money was going to go to education?" she said, noting that many special funds have all been diverted to the state's general fund.



## SPORTS

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## Fenton girls basketball team finishes season with 16 wins

### Bison plays Glenbard West in regionals

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Health was not kind to the Fenton girls basketball team in the home stretch of the 2013-2014 season.

But the Bison battled through the injury bug and still finished with a 16-13 overall mark. Fenton closed out its season with a 45-31 loss to Glenbard West in Class 4A regional action.

"All tolled, if you go all the way back to November and look at the question marks we had and all that stuff, we had a good season as a whole," said Fenton coach Tim Anderson. "We weren't healthy at the end and we lost some momentum."

Fenton standout Tina Guarino battled an ankle injury in the later stages of the season.

"Tina sprained her ankle and would have loved to have been at her best. She wasn't," said Anderson. "That was big for us. We didn't use that as an excuse during the season, but it made a huge difference. That

was a big void to fill. She's terrific. She led us in almost every statistical category."

Anderson said one of the main things he enjoyed about this year's team was its character.

"This was a wonderful group of girls to coach," he said. "The chemistry they had was incredible. They got along so well with each other and with the coaches. They were extremely coachable. Coachability is a blanket word I would use. They made adjustments well. They were an absolute pleasure to be around. We had all different ages on the team and they were very cohesive."

Anderson said the team started the season on a strong offensive note.

"Early in the season we were scoring a lot of points," he said. "We struggled a little bit to score coming down the home stretch."

Besides Guarino, Anderson said the team received strong play from many other players, including the likes of Rachael Leschewski, Dana Fritz and Jessica Bango.

"Rachael was our second-leading scorer and led us in

rebounds. She's going to be missed as well," said Anderson. "Dana asserted herself as a top defensive player and that's something we'll look at next year. We'll have a hard time replacing the points we lost last year, but our main focus will be even more so on defense. Dana is fast and quick and gets her hands on a lot of basketballs."

"The most pleasant surprise for us was sophomore Jessica Bango. She probably ended up playing more minutes with the exception of Tina. She's very coachable. She's the kind of player with a lot of potential and she's a great leader as a sophomore. Kudos to everybody. We had a nice season."

Anderson also lauded the play of freshmen Ellie Wassmann and Krysta Wilson, who both played on the varsity this season.

Anderson is looking forward to what lies ahead for his team.

"We have a good core of kids coming back," he said. "They are excited about next season. Most of them are playing spring sports, which is what we like. There is plenty of time for basketball later."



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### Leaping to Nationals

Bailey Heselton, a second grader at Ardmore School, traveled to the Washington DC metro area to compete at the USATF Youth National Championships March 8-9. She competed in the long jump, 55m dash and 200m dash. Bailey qualified for the event at the zone meet in Lafayette, Indiana back in January. At Nationals she placed sixth in the long jump, earning herself All American honors for that event.

## IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team loses in sectional final

### Knights win 20 or more games for third year in a row

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep boys basketball saw its outstanding season come to a close after a recent 65-59 loss to Sterling Newman Catholic in the championship game of the Class 2A Bureau Valley sectional in Manilus.

IC finished the season with a 23-7 overall mark.

"Sterling Newman was on fire in the first half," said IC coach TJ Tyrrell. "They hit 7 of 10 three-pointers and we were 2 of 10 and got down by 15 points at halftime. That's a tough hole to dig out of."

IC cut the lead to within four points in the second half, thanks in part to the play of guard Sean Sutton, who hit five of his six 3-pointers in the second half.

"Sean played the game of his career," said Tyrrell. "He helped bring us back and we battled

with them. Our kids never gave up. They have been resilient all year. I am proud of all we have accomplished. Sterling Newman is a good team. They were ranked third in Class 2A. If you get to this point, you are going to play good teams."

IC reached the championship game after defeating Winnebago in overtime in the Bureau Valley semifinals.

"Winnebago was a very exciting game," said Tyrrell. "They had a shot to tie it in the last seconds, but the ball rimmed around and out."

In the loss to Newman, IC trailed 22-11 after the first quarter and 38-23 at halftime. IC outscored Newman 21-10 in the third quarter.

In addition to Sutton's 18 points, Anthony Taylor and Clark Brinkman each had 12 points. Rashaun Epting had seven points and Ross Fleming added six points. IC hit nine 3-pointers in the game. Sutton had six, Epting, Taylor and Brinkman each had one.

In the win over Winnebago, the two teams played to a 12-12 first-quarter tie. Winnebago outscored IC 23-18 in the second quarter to take

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## Willowbrook boys basketball team loses to Wheaton North in regional

### AT's Duling, Willowbrook's Burns advance in 3-point competition

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys basketball team saw its season come to a conclusion after a 68-33 loss to Wheaton North in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A Elk Grove regional.

Willowbrook's Jake Burns advanced to this week's sectional round of the Class 4A state 3-point shooting competition.

Addison Trail boys basketball

The Addison Trail boys basketball team lost a 52-44 decision to Chicago North Lakeside in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A Addison regional.

Ronald Duling led the ers with 20 points.

Duling also qualified sectional round of the state 3-point shooting competition. Duling will compete at Bartlett High School.

Fenton boys basketball

The Fenton boys basketball team dropped a 56-22 decision to Hoffman Estates in the final round.



# Addison Trail names Julia Rowley 88's Best for February

ADDISON — Julia Rowley has been named as Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition. Rowley, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Throughout her high school career, Julia has participated in and committed herself to more than a dozen clubs, sports and organizations — all while making the Honor Roll all four years. Her extracurricular activities begin with her involvement in Addison Trail's service organizations and go well beyond. Julia is a two-year member and President of Addison Trail's National Honor Society, she is President of the school's Tri-M music honor society, she is a Student Director of Pay It Forward (a program to welcome incoming freshmen) and she is heavily involved in Addison Trail's Freshmen Mentoring program, Second Helping, Lettermen Club, Youth and Government, Philosophy Club and Debate Team.

Also involved in Addison Trail's athletic, music and theatre programs, Julia is a four-year varsity member of the AT/WB Girls Swim and Dive Team and was a two-time State alternate. She is in Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Shades of Blue and the Addison Community Band. Julia also was selected to perform in the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Honors All-State Band for baritone saxophone. She takes private voice and saxophone lessons as well.

"Rowley is one of those special students who is truly interested in learning," said ATHS teacher Mark Ailes. "She loves to challenge herself and cannot say 'no' to an opportunity to learn. She is a delight in class and asks good questions other students are thinking, but are reluctant to ask. And her extracurricular involvement is extreme."

ATHS Band Director Mark Corey agreed.

"Rowley is an outstanding musician in class and a phenomenal leader as President of the Tri-M music honor society," he said. "She excels in all of her extracurricular activities, but more importantly, she manages her time for each well."

Teacher Hannah Sutton has worked with Julia through Lettermen Club and the Freshmen Mentoring program, and she said Julia's enthusiasm never ceases to amaze her.

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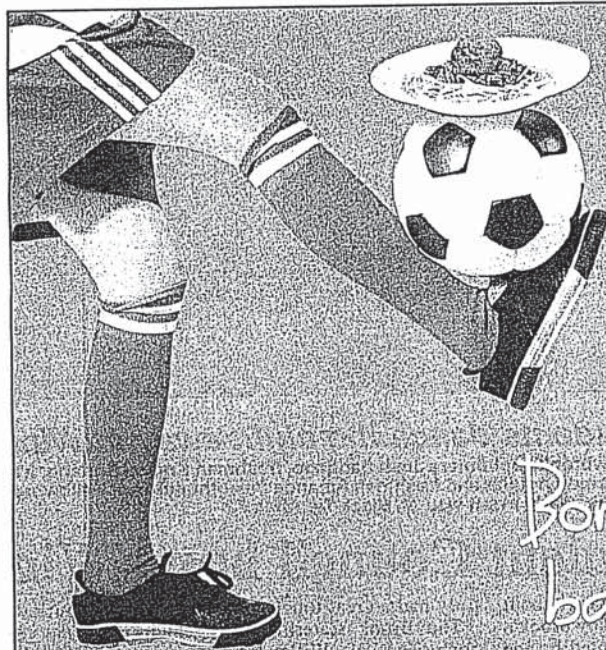
allows for those unique qualities to shine."

Although still undecided on where to attend college and what she will study, Julia's options include DePaul University, Marquette University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, Johns Hopkins University and Washington University. She plans to major in theatre, business or education.

Pictured at right is Julia Rowley, Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition, with AT Principal Adam Cibulka.



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## Willowbrook students dance the night away at Winter Formal

Pictured are (from left) Willowbrook sophomore Josh Santiago, freshman Krystal Soriano, freshman Fernando Sunga, freshman Zoe Frey, sophomore Ramon Aguilar and freshman Amanda Paleothodoros at Willowbrook's Winter Formal dance. Held on March 1, the theme for this year's event was "A Black Tie Affair."

## WBHS Student Council hosts Winter Formal

VILLA PARK — On March 1, about 250 students attended Willowbrook's Winter Formal dance, presented by the school's Student Council.

"This year's theme was 'A Black Tie Affair,'" said Jamie Gourley, Student Council Advisor. "The decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious and the students looked great! Everyone

truly had a great time."

The Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook students who are enrolled in the school's culinary classes, provided a selection of appetizers, as well as the popular chocolate fountains.

"What's great about this formal event is, it is completely student directed,"

Gourley said. "We conducted Warrior Time surveys to poll students on what they wanted at the dance. The students responded their priorities were a great disc jockey and yummy food."

For more information, Gourley can be reached at [jgourley@dupage88.net](mailto:jgourley@dupage88.net) or 630-782-3053.

## Centennial Cookbook to celebrate Villa Park's heritage

### Friends of the Library seek anecdotes, recipes for publication for Founder's Day

VILLA PARK — The "Friends of the Villa Park Library" (Friends) will publish

a centennial cookbook, A Centennial Celebration: 100 Years of Cooking in Villa Park, in honor of the Village of Villa Park's 100th anniversary celebration coming Aug. 8-10, 2014. The cookbooks will be available for sale on Founders Day, Aug. 8.

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able at the check-out desk). Recipes or anecdotes will be accepted stapled to the submission form. Deadline for submitted materials is April 21.

Pre-orders for the cookbook will be accepted starting March 10. Proceeds will benefit the Friends' support for library collections and services.

For more information, visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164, ext. 109.



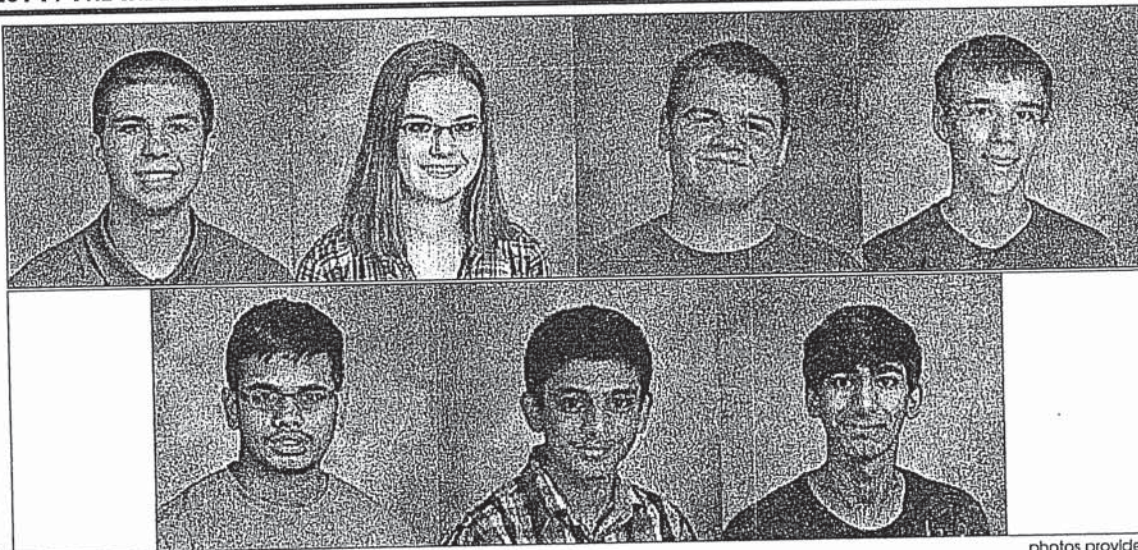
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was in attendance at the Coffee With The Board (CWTB) meeting on Saturday, March 1 in Village Hall, where a resident with law enforcement experience addressed Village President Deborah Bullwinkel about the situation. This resident told the same story as Orlowski, including details of why he thought drug dealing was going on at the home. Part of his comments to Bullwinkel included the statement about charges of harassment that Orlowski echoed to the full Board of Trustees on Monday.

Bullwinkel iterated to residents that they should always call 9-1-1 to report suspected illegal activity.

"There are always two sides, and sometimes three, four or more sides, to every story," Bullwinkel said.



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## Willowbrook students head to BPA national conference

Pictured are the seven Willowbrook students who have qualified to compete in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference 2014. They are (top row, from left) senior Ryan Barrie, senior Shannon Strum, senior Tom Waters, senior Shaun Hurdelbrink, (bottom row, from left) junior Abdulaziz Ahmed, freshman Mustafa Ali and junior Atif Siddiqui. Barrie took first place in Computer Security and C++ Programming; Strum finished 2nd in Visual Basic Programming and Fundamental Desktop Publishing; Waters won 4th place in Visual Basic Programming; Hurdelbrink finished in 3rd place in JAVA Programming; and Ahmed, Ali and Siddiqui won 1st place as a Computer Animation Team.

## VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 13

• **Bunch & Lunch seniors celebrate St. Patrick's Day**

Parks and Recreation holds a monthly Birthday Bunch & Lunch program for seniors from noon-2:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood. At the March gathering, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special lunch of corned beef and turkey sandwiches with sides. Singer Rick Pickren will provide musical entertainment. After lunch, enjoy Bingo for gift prizes (not monetary) and singing to those celebrating March birthdays. Fee: \$9/payable at the door. Register to 630-834-8525 at least one week in advance. Sponsored in-part by G.M. Smith and Son Realtors in Villa Park.

• **WBHS band winter concert**

Starting at 7 p.m., the Willowbrook High School band winter concert, featuring the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Freshman Band and Percussion Ensemble, will be performing at the high school. Admission: Adults \$3; seniors and students \$2. Senior citizens' gold card and student passes are welcome. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: (630) 816-1953.

Saturday, March 15

• **Kontras String Quartet to perform**

At 7:30 p.m. in Buik Recital Hall (190 Prospect Ave.), Elmhurst College's Department of Music presents the Kontras String Quartet in recital. Admission: \$15 and is free for all Elmhurst College students, faculty and staff. Info and to purchase tickets: visit [elmhurst.edu/worldmusic](http://elmhurst.edu/worldmusic) or [kontrasquartet.com](http://kontrasquartet.com)

Friday, March 20

• **Mom & Son Date Night**

From 5:30-9 p.m., young men and their special date are invited to Enchanted Castle for the Parks and Recreation

Dept.'s Mom and Son Date Night. Boys and their "dates" will receive a wristband to use the go-carts, bumper cars, play Laser tag, miniature golf and more. Game tokens can be purchased at a special discount of \$4 for a roll or 20. Couples will also enjoy a pizza dinner. The fee is \$30 per couple/\$15 each additional son.

• **WBHS Orchestra winter concert**

Starting at 7 p.m., the Willowbrook High School Orchestra winter concert, featuring the Symphony and Chamber orchestras, Beginning Guitar and Guitar Ensemble, will be performing at the high school. Admission: Adults \$3; seniors and students \$2. Senior citizens' gold card and student passes are welcome. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: (630) 816-1953.

Saturday, March 21

Friday FUN-DAY

Fridays are FUN-DAYS at Iowa Community Center and kids ages 4-6 are invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy an afternoon of themed-based fun with activities such as crafts, music, and pretend play. Weather permitting, kids will venture outside to the new playground and other grounds. Friday FUN-DAY takes place from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee: \$13.

Thursday, March 27

• **WBHS Jazz Band concert**

Starting at 7 p.m., the Willowbrook High School Jazz Band, Jazz Combo and "CenterStage" will be performing at the high school. Admission: Adults \$3; seniors and students \$2. Senior citizens' gold card and student passes are welcome. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: (630) 816-1953.

Community Calendar Starting at 11:30 a.m., the Addison and Villa Park Chambers of Commerce, along with the Glen-

dale Heights Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a combined chamber luncheon at Dave & Buster's 1155 N. Swift Road. David Hass, Enroll DuPage Navigator at the DuPage County Health Department, will be speaking on, and providing information about, the Affordable Health Care Act. Admission: \$25 per person for chamber members; \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required by no later than Wednesday, March 19. Info: call (630) 543-4300 or email: [addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net)

Wednesday, April 9  
VPRD presents "Pizza with the Bunny"  
From 5:30-6:30 p.m., kids ages 3-12 (ages 3-5 with parent) are invited for "Pizza with the Bunny" where they will make their own pizzas, play games, decorate cookies and visit with the Bunny. Fee: \$12/\$9 siblings. Register at: 630-834-8970 or [vprd.org](http://vprd.org).

Saturday, April 12

VPRD hosts "Lunch with the Bunny"  
At 12 noon at the Community Rec Building, 320 E. Wildwood, all ages are invited to "Lunch with the Bunny." Enjoy hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts, along with a visit with the Bunny. After lunch, head outside (rain or shine) for an egg hunt by age group, where a special prize will be awarded to the child in each age group who finds the golden egg. Age groups will be divided as follows: younger than age 2; ages 2-4; ages 5-7; and, ages 8 and older. Parents may assist children ages 4 and younger. Register at: 630-834-8970 or [vprd.org](http://vprd.org).

Friday, April 18

VPRD offers "Egg Coloring Class"

From 3-4 p.m., kids ages 3-12 (3-5 with a parent) are invited to an "Egg Coloring Class." Use different materials and dyes to make colorful eggs to take home for an at-home egg hunt. Fee: \$10/\$8

addl. siblings. Register at: 630-834-8970 or [vprd.org](http://vprd.org).

Ongoing events...

• **Open Gym on Mondays nights at Jefferson**

On Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m., kids in grades 6-8 are invited to Jefferson Middle School to hang out with friends, play basketball and other games during Open Gym. Staff will be on hand to organize and facilitate activities. Kids must stay until Open Gym is over, unless previously arranged between parent and staff. NOTE: Open Gym will be cancelled if there are no participants by 7:45 p.m. The fee is \$4 per night, payable at the door. Open Gym is held on March 10, 17, 24 and April 14, 21, and 28.

Your Place for Seniors

Area seniors are invited to "Your Place" at the Community Rec Bldg., 320 E. Wildwood, to play Pinochle, bridge, canasta, a board game or whatever game is being played. Hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and, Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. (NOTE: "Your Place" does not meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month.) Info: (630) 834-8525.

VPRD's Reader's Theater Group

Would you like to perform without having to memorize scripts or lyrics? Join the Readers' Theatre Group each Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Rec. Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Free; no registration needed. Info: Jenny Casale at 630-834-8525.

VFW Bingo

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: [QuestionPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestionPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



## Winter concert...

THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL concert choir performed eight songs during Thursday night's winter concert in the school auditorium. The photo on the right shows members of the concert choir during the final song of the evening—"The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Thursday's concert also included performances from Willowbrook's treble choir, as well as the school's beginning mixed chorus. The Willowbrook music department will present three more concerts during March. There will be a band concert on March 13. The orchestra concert of March 20 will feature the symphony and chamber orchestras. The March 27 event will include the school's jazz band, jazz combo and CenterStage show choir. All three concerts will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission to each concert is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and students. Student passes and senior citizen gold cards will be accepted for each event. Admission is free to children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult.



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## District 45 students display imagination and teamwork

Nine teams from District 45 schools earned berths to take part in next month's Destination Imagination (DI) State Tournament at Illinois State University. The nine teams qualified for the state meet with their exceptional scores at Saturday's DI regional at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn. Approximately 500 students participated in the regional. A total of 16 teams from District 45 schools competed in the event.

The Destination Imagination program inspires students to work cooperatively to solve problems and search for creative solutions. Teams consisting of approximately seven students select challenges at DI events and work together to develop solutions to the specific challenge. Each team that competes at

a DI event gives a presentation outlining its ideas for solutions. Each team challenge has an emphasis, such as technical, scientific, structural, fine arts, improvisational, service learning and early learning.

The nine District 45 teams that earned berths in the state meet, which takes place April 12-14, include three teams from Jackson Middle School and two teams from Jefferson Middle School. The top teams from the state tournament will advance to the DI Global Finals, which will take place May 20-24, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The global finals will include teams from 48 states and 30 countries.

For more information about DI, visit [www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org).



### Imaginative students...

Photos by Jon Morgan

A TEAM OF STUDENTS from Jackson Middle School (above) won the first-place trophy in its division at Saturday's Destination Imagination regional competition in Glen Ellyn. The team won the first-place trophy for its presentation in the service learning challenge. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Ayesha Raza, Ammar Waheed and Nawal Khokhar; (back row) Katie Morris, Ebad Hussaini, Nick Janopoulos and Megan Janopoulos. The team managers are Jean Morris and Tina Janopoulos. The photo below shows a team of Jefferson Middle School students that earned a second-place trophy for its presentation in the fine arts challenge. The students theatrically presented a comic strip based on the team-selected work of art, created three live comic strip panels, and designed a caption contraption for one of the comic strip panels. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: Alondra Mendoza, Sean Olson, Dominique Crowe, Kayley Crowe, Betty-Ann Garrett, Kassandra Valencia, and Alex Garrett. The team manager is Darlene Garrett.



### Peter Dziak Day...

Photo by Al Stasch

THE VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK has declared Monday, March 17, to be "Peter Dziak Day" in the village. The 16-year-old Dziak is a Villa Park resident and a sophomore at Willowbrook High School. He's also a three-time champion at the World Irish Dance Championships. He will try to win his fourth consecutive world title at the 2014 World Irish Dance Championships, which will take place next month in London. The above photo shows Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel with Dziak shortly before the village board meeting of March 10. Bullwinkel read a proclamation at the beginning of the board meeting that designated March 17—St. Patrick's Day—as "Peter Dziak Day" in Villa Park. Dziak, who has been involved in Irish dancing for 12 years, trains at Trinity Studios in Elmhurst.





## VP village board votes to keep red-light cameras through 2020

by Chris Fox

Members of the Villa Park Village Board voted during Monday night's board meeting to keep red-light cameras in the village for another six years.

Board members voted 4-0 to approve an extension with the village's contract with RedSpeed Illinois through Feb. 28, 2020. Lombard-based RedSpeed Illinois installed four red-light cameras in Villa Park in 2009. Two of the cameras are at Route 83 and Riverside Drive, near the entrance to Walmart. The other cameras are at the intersection of North and Villa avenues and at the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Summit Avenue. The company's current contract with the village expires this year.

Under terms of the new agreement, the village can cancel its contract with RedSpeed Illinois—with 60 days notice—at any time during the next six years without any penalty or expense to the village.

Village trustees Albert Bulthuis, Robert Taglia and Robert Wagner joined Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel in voting in favor of a resolution to extend the contract. Trustee Don Kase abstained from voting on the resolution. Trustees Chris Aiello and John Davis were absent from the meeting.

According to a handout provided at Monday's meeting and information available on the village's Web site—[invillapark.com](http://invillapark.com)—the village received \$450,248 in revenue from red-light tickets in 2013. The information reportedly also indicates a decrease in the number of traffic crashes at the three intersections since the installation of the red-light cameras. Board members stated revenue and safety influenced their decision to keep the cameras in the village.

"Nobody likes the red-light cameras," said Taglia, who said he has received two red-light tickets. "Of course there is a revenue piece to the red-light ticket system, but I do believe there is a safety element."

The village reportedly receives 67 percent of each fine collected for a red-light violation, while RedSpeed Illinois collects the additional 33 percent. RedSpeed sends video of all alleged violations to the Villa Park Police Department, which reviews the footage and decides if a violation is warranted. The police department approved violations for 59 percent of the cases in 2013. The approval rates were 61 percent in 2009, 68 percent in 2010, 65 percent in 2011 and 53 percent in 2012. There were a total of 10,467 citations issued in 2013. The payment rate was reportedly 80 percent. The information provided in the handout stated

that vehicles registered to Villa Park residents received only about 10 percent of the issued citations.

"Five years ago, we were in a recession and we were looking for a way to increase revenue coming into the town where it would not impact the residents directly," said Trustee Albert Bulthuis. "Half a million dollars would be a big hole for us to fill in our budget."

Trustee Robert Wagner said that in considering the issue, he recently went to the intersection at Route 83 and Riverside Drive to watch traffic in the area.

"If we remove the red-light cameras, would we be safer?" said Wagner. "Based upon my personal experience and witnessing what happens at one intersection, I don't think we would be safer."

Bullwinkel noted that Schaumburg and Lombard have removed red-light cameras from their villages.

"We have to remember Schaumburg and Lombard have many other revenue sources available to them," said Bullwinkel. "The revenue piece is the ugly side of the story. Lombard has Yorktown Mall. Schaumburg has Woodfield Mall. Whether we like it or not, we don't have a mall of that magnitude that can help absorb the cost associated with taking the cameras out."

None of the board members asked why the number of red-light citations issued in the village—and corresponding revenue—dropped from 2009 to 2010 and leveled off through 2012 before rising sharply in 2013. A total of 10,392 citations were issued in Villa Park in 2009. The cameras were installed between Feb. 28 and March 27 of that year. There were 7,085 citations issued in 2010, 6,708 in 2011, and 7,521 in 2012 before the 39 percent rise to 10,467 in 2013. Villa Park's revenue from red-light camera violations was \$465,431 in 2009. Revenue dropped about 35 percent to \$303,862 in 2010. The village revenue from violations was \$258,211 in 2011 and \$275,527 in 2012. Villa Park's red-light violation revenue of \$450,248 in 2013 represented an increase of about 63 percent from the previous year.

"I believe the main, most important goal of red-light cameras is not traffic safety—it's money," stated Villa Park resident Arthur Biladeau, who read a statement detailing his opposition to red-light cameras in the village during Monday's board meeting. "If red-light cameras are used mainly to make money for our village, then we start to depend on this money, and the people in charge of our village are very unlikely to jeopardize this source of income."

## Residents invited to March 19 town hall meeting at Willowbrook

All residents of the Village of Villa Park are invited to a town hall meeting at Willowbrook High School on Wednesday, March 14. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

According to a news release issued by the Village of Villa Park, the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the village's two public pools, as well as storm water drainage and

the condition of the village's roadways. Members of the Villa Park Village Board will attend the event, which will include presentations from village staff officials.

For additional information about next week's town hall meeting, call Villa Park Village Manager Rich Kechner's office at 630-592-6052, or send an e-mail to [cknackstedt@invillapark.com](mailto:cknackstedt@invillapark.com).

## Flag team takes part in TDI state meet...

THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL winter guard team (right) competed in the Team Dance Illinois (TDI) Grand Championship on March 2 in Peoria. The Willowbrook team earned a fifth-place finish for its performance in the event's Open Flag Division. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) sponsor Darryl Thompson, sophomore Tiara Alvarado, senior Leah Richardt, junior Cassie Joyce, senior Lizeth Hernandez, freshman Laura Roby and sophomore Katie Ricchetti; (back row) sophomore Madelyn Richardt, junior Kassy Heckinger, senior Maggie McComb, junior Amber Nork, junior Erin Stanis, junior Megan Crawford and Coach Angela Dahl.



## Going to the state meet...

Photo by Jon Morgan

A TEAM OF STUDENTS from Jefferson Middle School (above) received a second-place trophy at Saturday's Destination Imagination (DI) regional event at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn. The Jefferson team pictured above was one of nine District 45 teams that earned a berth to participate in next month's DI state tournament at Illinois State University. The team members created an original 5-minute improvisational skit that featured interaction between a contemporary character and a character from the past. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Amber Pearl, Darla Guzman and Emily Fuentes; (back row) Lizzy McBride, Sandy Orizaba, Sara Fitzgibbon, and team manager Mrs. Teresa McBride. "Destination Imagination (DI) promotes the types of skills children need in order to succeed in life: problem solving, critical thinking, developing creative solutions, working as a team member, using effective communication techniques, and realizing the effects of perseverance in reaching goals," stated Dr. Barbara Smith, District 45's Destination Imagination coordinator. "DI encourages children to open their minds to new ideas, to see things in different ways, and to be confident in themselves." The District 45 DI program receives financial support from the Villa Park Rotary Club, the District 45 Foundation for Excellence in Education and Motorola Solutions.

## Youth production of Willy Wonka Junior takes place April 11-13

The Villa Park-based Saint Genesius Productions youth theater group will perform Willy Wonka Junior at Montini Catholic High School from April 11-13. Tickets are on sale now for the four performances. The first show begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 11. There will be two performances on Saturday, April 12. The first show begins at 3 p.m., while the second show starts at 7 p.m. The fourth show starts at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. Montini is located at 19W070 16th Street, Lombard.

Students from local Catholic grade schools are putting together the performance of Roud Dahl's story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. The stage

adaptation features songs from the family film "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.saintgenesiusproductions.com](http://www.saintgenesiusproductions.com). An order form can also be downloaded from the Web site.

Saint Genesius Productions, founded in 2010, was created to bring the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic grade school students throughout DuPage County. The volunteer-run youth theater group provides students in grades 4-8 with a performing arts education and the opportunity to appear in plays and musicals.

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