

# Addison Trail names 88's Best for March

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** – Kacper Mierzejewski has been named Addison Trail High School's March recipient of the 88's Best recognition for his service work.

Mierzejewski, a senior, has served Addison Trail and the community as vice president of INTERACT Club, vice president of Key Club, co-president of Environmental Club, a core member of Pay It Forward and member of many other service organizations, according to a District 88 newsletter.

Mierzejewski was recognized during the March 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

In the two years since Mierzejewski transferred to Addison Trail, he has challenged himself to take some of the most rigorous courses. He has enrolled in five Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and three honors courses.

Besides helping organize events and fundraisers, Mier-



Addison Trail High School Principal Adam Cibulka (from left) shakes hands with senior Kacper Mierzejewski, who was named Addison Trail's March recipient of 88's Best award and recognized at the March 24 Board of Education meeting.

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zejewski has volunteered his time with many community groups.

He is responsible for coordinating students to volunteer at the homeless shelter PADS,

and he tutors at Lincoln Elementary School in Addison. He also has donated his own time at the shelter, as well as at Feed My Starving Children and Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Mierzejewski has participated in many service events, such as Salvation Army Bell Ringing, the Spaghetti Dinner, buckthorn cleanup in the Forest Preserve District of DuP-

age County, the Addison recycling event, Centennial Park Cleanup, Salt Creek Cleanup and Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, according to the newsletter.

The senior said his passion for service emerged when he transferred and started to look for alternative activities to sports, which he was no longer enjoying, the newsletter stated.

Since his family immigrated to the U.S. 12 years ago, Mierzejewski has watched his parents work long hours and make tremendous sacrifices for his family. He pushes himself academically and volunteers because he knows how much his parents have sacrificed to give him those opportunities, according to the newsletter.

Mierzejewski plans to study at College of DuPage for two years and then transfer to a four-year college or university, where he hopes to enter the medical field.



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## Lasting bonds help change lives in Senior Respite Program

There are more than 107,000 people, 12 percent of the population, over 65 years old in DuPage County, and that number is expected to double by 2030. Many need care, and family members often fulfill that role. Caregiving for seniors can be challenging, as families strive to meet needs of their senior loved one along with general family and work obligations.

"There aren't many resources for caregivers in DuPage," said Jody Kanikula, In-Home Senior Respite coordinator at Metropolitan Family Services DuPage. "Many families struggle with the responsibilities."

Enter Metropolitan's In-Home Senior Respite Program, which helps to lighten the load for DuPage caregivers by providing companionship who visit with seniors at the senior's home and provide companionship. Volunteers must be 18 years or older, take part in a phone and in-person interview and complete a four-hour training. References and a criminal background check are required session. Currently, volunteers commit to volunteering six months, weekly, for three hours. Care is taken to ensure matches are good for the senior, the caregiver family and the volunteer.

"It's very important for the volunteer to understand the older person," said Kanikula, who connects those who have similar interests and energy levels.

Activities vary, such as talking, watching movies, listening to music, going for walks and arts and crafts.

The bonds developed between volunteers and caregiver families are unique. "This is a special program because of the relationships that are formed," says Kanikula. "Volunteers are often surprised at the depth of the connections they make." In fact, some volunteers are former clients who were so impressed with their volunteers, they decided to volunteer themselves.

Currently, the program has about 45 active volunteers and 50 client families, but "we are always looking for new volunteers," Kanikula said.

Some changes will be made by summer 2014 to provide more flexible volunteer options while still fostering rich connections between volunteers and caregiver families.

To volunteer, contact Jody Kanikula at [kanikula@metrofamily.org](mailto:kanikula@metrofamily.org).

Ann Pinkney is senior director of marketing and communications for Metropolitan Family Services.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

Ann Pinkney



Children 10 and younger collect colorful eggs during a previous egg hunt at Community Park in Addison. Photo provided



The Addison Park District is going all out for Easter. Following the Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt scheduled for this past Thursday, there's a pancake breakfast, Easter bunny visit and a more traditional Easter egg hunt at the Community Rec Center and Community Park this Saturday. And to top it all off, Club Fitness is hosting an "Aqua Egg Hunt" on Saturday, as well.



Good luck to the Addison Trail Science Olympiad team, which will be competing at the state tournament at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this weekend. They earned the spot by finishing second at the March 15 Northern Illinois Regional Science Olympiad at Rock Valley College in Rockford.

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# SPORTS


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Addison Trail's Joe Kurucar delivers a pitch in a game Saturday against Downers Grove South. The Blazers were swept by the Mustangs in the first West Suburban Gold series of the season.

## Learning on the fly

Young Addison Trail baseball team gets first taste of tough WSG conference

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**ADDISON** – It's early on in the baseball season, but Addison Trail already is learning the hard way that the West Suburban Gold is going to be a tough league.

The Blazers were swept by Downers Grove South in the first series of the conference season. The tough series was an initiation into league play for many of the Blazers' varsity newcomers.

"We got a lot of young kids," coach Michael Kennedy said. "They're seeing this is what

### Series scores, highlights

**GAME 1: DGS 5, AT 0**  
• Joe Kurucar: 7 IP, 4 ER, 3 K

**GAME 2: DGS 9, AT 3**  
• Jaime Valdez: 2 BB, RBI, R

• Frank Amato: 1-3, RBI  
• Joe Amato: 2-3, R

**GAME 3: DGS 10, AT 1**  
• Frank Amato: 6 IP, 4 ER, 2 K

it's going to be. They know what sort of game to expect."

AT scored just four runs over the three-game series and were doomed by the big inning. The Blazers were shut out 5-0 in Game 1, lost 9-3 in Game 2 by giving up five runs in the bottom of the first after

scoring twice in the top half of the inning, and lost Monday's finale 10-1 after being tied 1-1 through five innings.

"We gave a good team an extra out and they made us pay for it," Kennedy said. "In the second game of the series, we put up two runs in the first

inning and gave them back five runs. You score two runs [early] in a conference game, you got to be seizing control of that game. We haven't got that yet."

The Mustangs figure to be in the race for the Gold, but the league looks to be pretty strong this season. DGS looks to be its typical formidable team, Morton and Willowbrook appear to be on the upswing and then there's Hinsdale South, the two-time defending league champion.

Next up for the Blazers is a three-game set against District 88 rival Willowbrook. Willow-

brook will host the first two games on Friday and Saturday before the Blazers host the finale on Monday.

"It doesn't get any easier for us," Kennedy said. "You go from Downers South to Willowbrook. Willowbrook has a very talented team. That's going to be another very competitive series. Our margin for error in these games is pretty small."

AT entered Thursday's scheduled game against York with a 1-6 record. The lone win came against Romeoville on April 2. The Blazers won that game 13-0.

# Courting success

Area tennis teams look for strong showings as season gets underway

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The weather is warming up and tennis teams are starting to get in gear for the season. Here's a glance at how the local teams will look on the court.

## Addison Trail

The Blazers, who host a quad meet on Friday, are fresh off a 4-3 dual win against Riverside Brookfield on Wednesday.

## Glenbard East

The Rams swept fellow Lombard school Montini 5-0 in a dual meet on Wednesday. Seniors Brandon Nesti and Kevin Osburn lead the doubles teams for East. Doubles could be a strength of the team this spring.

Shamlee Pascual and Errol Kaylor are also varsity returners at No. 2 doubles.

Jack Alesia occupies the Rams' No. 1 singles spot and sophomore Krystian Nawloka is at No. 2.

## Montini

Senior captains Michael Gowin and Brian Konopacz are the Broncos' top returners. Gowin will play No. 1 singles and Konopacz will be right behind him at No. 2 singles.

After that, a lot of new faces hope to provide a boost to the team.

"We have a lot of new players that came out this year," coach Jim Ryan said. "We are looking to continually improve everyday and build up our program by mixing to-

gether our few veteran players with the new faces."

## Willowbrook

The Warriors picked up their first win of the season March 28 against Riverside Brookfield, while also losing to local rivals York and Glenbard East.

Senior co-captains Rob Martinez and Kevin Monaco are back to lead the team. Monaco will play No. 1 singles while sophomore Mike Somers, who won 10 matches as

a freshman, will play at No. 2 singles.

Juniors Joe Draus and Matt D'Alessandro will team up for doubles. Sophomore Adel Labadi is another newcomer to the team.

"Our team goal for this upcoming season is to finish top three in conference," coach Eduardo Delacruz said. "We want to have a double digit win season, which hasn't happened since 1999, and have four players earn all-conference honors."

# IC baseball likes new digs at Plunkett Park

By DAN SANTAROMITA

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ELMHURST - Playing baseball in the Chicago area in March and early April isn't easy.

Between snow melt, potential rain, cold temperatures and general nastiness, early spring weather in this area does not lend itself to ideal baseball conditions. Fields often aren't ready for the start of spring sports - March 17 was the first date teams were allowed to play games this spring - and teams rarely are able to get outside at all, let alone on a usable dirt infield, for the first few weeks of practice.

That's why IC Catholic's new turf field at Plunkett Park is in such high demand by area high school teams. The field is all turf, including the infield and the mound, which makes it easier to play in the early spring weather.

IC opened the renovated facilities at Plunkett Park in time for the fall football season and the park is big enough and was built with many sports in mind. The baseball Knights have been able to get a head start on most of the other teams in the area.

"We're just able to get out all the time so we're able to work on a lot of stuff," coach Zach Rodeghero said. "Even with a soccer game on we can still use a corner of the field because it's used by everybody. It allows us to get a lot of work in even when it's a little colder or just



Addison Trail's Jaime Valdez steals third during an April 1 game against Glenbard East at Plunkett Park in Elmhurst. The new turf surface at the park is playable in almost all conditions and has drawn several teams from the area for games.

a little wet we can still get out here and do a lot of work."

Plunkett is also used by IC's boys lacrosse and track and field teams as well as girls soccer, softball and track and field during the spring.

On top of the six Knights' teams using the field, many

other area baseball teams are renting out the field to fill up their early calendars.

"We have three games rented out [some days] before our game," Rodeghero said of Plunkett's busy schedule during spring break. "I'm getting flooded with emails from guys

Some guys are too late."

The Knights played nine games, all home games, by April 5. Glenbard East and Addison Trail played at Plunkett on April 1. Lemont and Lockport even thought the about 20-mile trip for a March 30 game was worth it.

"It's a great facility, especially for a high school field," Lemont coach Brian Storako said. "Especially at times where the weather is not good, being able to play at a facility like that is great. It's brand new and the turf was in great condition."



## Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**ALYSSA  
RESSLER**  
Willowbrook  
Junior | Softball

### Why Ressler was selected

**Ressler hit home runs in each of her three at-bats Wednesday against Wheeling.**

Willowbrook junior first baseman Alyssa Ressler put on a show against Wheeling on Wednesday. Ressler blasted a home run in each of her three at-bats in the Warriors' 12-1 victory. Her and fellow junior Sam Schmidt have led the Warriors to a 4-2 start and the team has scored in double digits in five of their first six games. Ressler is 12-for-21 with five doubles, four home runs, 14 RBIs and 11 runs through six games. Ressler, this week's Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about her ongoing recruiting process and the team's goals for the season.

**Your classmate Sam Schmidt already is committed to Northern Illinois. How is your recruiting coming along?**

I'm a free agent. I've been sending emails and such, but I haven't really found a school yet. I'm still looking.

**Do you enjoy the recruiting process or is it stressful?**

It's kind of stressful. They put a lot of pressure on you to commit early and get out there early. I guess I just didn't do it early enough.

**What goals do you have for the season?**

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### ►► PREP ROUNDUP

## Blazers notch two softball wins

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Addison Trail's softball team enjoyed a successful weekend and start to the week.

The Blazers defeated Fenton 9-2 on April 4 and followed that up with a 7-5 victory at Rolling Meadows on Tuesday.

### SOFTBALL Glenbard East

A comeback against Lyons Township on Tuesday gave the Rams a 7-6 win.

East scored four times in the bottom of the sixth. Sam Caruso was 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Rams lost to Nazareth 7-5 Wednesday.

### Montini

A tough early schedule has tested the Broncos, but they picked up back-to-back 7-1 wins against IC Catholic and Chicago Christian in Suburban Christian Conference games.

Emily Lezcano was 3-for-3 against IC on Monday. Lauren Trojnar pitched complete games in both wins.

### BASEBALL

#### Glenbard East

The Rams went unbeaten in four games over the past week.

They swept a doubleheader against LaSalle Peru on Saturday. Jimmy MacDonald allowed two earned runs in a complete game victory in a 4-3 win in Game 1, and Dominic Coveny led a balanced offensive attack with three hits

in a 12-5 Game 2 victory. Michael Sebby went 3-for-3 in a 6-0 shutout of Conant on Tuesday. Anthony Esterly allowed just four hits in that game.

East then tied Prospect 3-3 on Wednesday.

### Montini

The Broncos took both games from Marian Central Catholic earlier this week. Montini took Monday's game 9-1 thanks to a strong start from Eric Frontzak (6 IP, 0 ER, 5 K, 2 BB, 4 H).

The offense broke out for a 13-3 five-inning win on Tuesday. Rhett Wojkovich was 3-for-4 and Eddie Bava hit a home run.

### Willowbrook

After sweeping Proviso East in dominant fashion to kick off West Suburban Gold play, the Warriors dropped a 7-5 game at Glenbard North on Tuesday.

### GIRLS SOCCER Glenbard East

The Rams picked up wins against Fenton and West Aurora in the past week to continue their winning start to the season.

Brittany Paganucci and Alex Ruffer scored two goals each in the 9-0 win against Fenton on Saturday. Holly Ward, Corie Ewoldt, Jessica Whipple, Jordyn Fulton and Lisa Valgiusti also scored a goal each.

East conceded an early goal against West Aurora on Tuesday, but rebounded with

goals from Fulton, Ruffer and Ward to win the DuPage Valley Conference opener 3-1.

### Willowbrook

The Warriors tied Streamwood 2-2 on Saturday and then dropped a match to Downers Grove North 3-0 on Monday.

### Montini

Aurora Central Catholic knocked off the Broncos 1-0 on Tuesday.

### Addison Trail

The Blazers dropped the West Suburban Gold conference opener at Downers Grove South 9-0 on Tuesday.

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL Addison Trail

The Blazers picked up a 25-7, 25-15 win at Fenton on Monday. They played Proviso East on Tuesday.

### Willowbrook

The Warriors opened conference play with a 25-23, 25-19 win against Hinsdale South on Tuesday.

### BADMINTON Willowbrook

The Warriors swept Leyden 15-0 in a West Suburban Gold dual on Wednesday.

### GIRLS LACROSSE Montini

The Broncos were all over Lyons Township in a 21-6 win on Tuesday.



## Worth a read...

TO INSTILL A LOVE of reading in his players—and perhaps to inspire them to a memorable 2014 season—Willowbrook High School varsity baseball head coach Vic Wisner gave each member of the team a copy of the book "One Shot at Forever: A Small Town, an Unlikely Coach, and a Magical Baseball Season," by Chris Ballard. According to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), where the book receives numerous 5-star reviews from readers, the book tells the story of the 1971 Macon High School Ironmen baseball team, a small-town team from rural Illinois. Led by an English teacher with no coaching experience, the Macon Ironmen emerged from a field of 370 teams to become the smallest school in Illinois history to make the state final, a distinction that still stands. The Willowbrook team opened the West Suburban Gold Conference season with three straight wins over Proviso East. The Warriors swept a doubleheader from the Pirates on Saturday in Maywood and completed the sweep by winning Monday's game in Villa Park.



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## Willowbrook cast and crew compete at IHSA state final

Willowbrook High School's theater department qualified for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) state final in drama and group interpretation. The students and staff members who comprise the cast and crew of the school's production of "God of Carnage" earned the trip to the state final with their second-place showing at a March 22 sectional competition at Fremd High School in Palatine. A total of 37 Willowbrook students made the trip to the state competition, which took place March 28-29 at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Competing against 11 other teams in the drama final in Springfield, Willowbrook earned a third-place finish.

"Overall, we were very pleased with our showing, especially considering that this was our first time competing," stated Willowbrook English teacher and theater director Regina Wathier in noting that this is the first year the school has participated in the IHSA competition. Wathier, who said the school's cast members performed a "40-minute cutting of the full-length play" in Springfield, said Willowbrook received first-place honors in the technical performance category. Additionally, juniors Jack Corkery and Alex Lapinski were named to the all-state cast.

Senior Colleen Shelton and junior Olivia Baumann joined Corkery and Lapinski on the cast of Willowbrook's production at the state competition. All four students were named to the all-sectional cast at the sectional in Palatine. An actor must receive nominations from at least three of the event's five judges to be named to the all-sectional cast.

The crew members are Katie Barney, Galen Bergsten, Maggie Brown, Ira Canete, Giselle Carter, Sam Cavender, McKell Cottrell, Natalie Davis, Luz Gomez, Tim Gomez, Jeremy Harris, Rachael Harrison, Sara Hilali, Anthony Interrante, Stephanie Karlovich, Aaron King, Tyler Mack, Mariana Martens, Maissa Martinez, Julius Mendola, Stephanie Palafox, Mia Pillai, Kevin Rezek, Gabriella Rodriguez, Eric Rundgren, Erin Starns, Erin Sulla, Tim Wagner and Tom Waters. The student assistant directors are Rachel Bonarek, Dana Degnan, Allison Mahal and Laura Smith. The student lighting director is Lyajiah Gilbert, and the student sound director is Jenna Leazott.

"God of Carnage" is a play written by French playwright Yasmina Reza. The black comedy tells the story of a playground altercation between two 11-year-old Brooklyn



## Willowbrook thespians earn trip to state competition...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S theater department earned a berth in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) state final in drama and group interpretation for its performance of "God of Carnage" at a sectional competition in Palatine on March 22. The cast and crew traveled to Springfield for the state finals, which took place March 28-29. Willowbrook finished third out of 12 teams in the drama final at the state competition. This is the first year that Willowbrook has taken part in IHSA events. The above photo shows the four cast members with Willowbrook English teacher and theater director Regina Wathier at the sectional event. Pictured left to right are Jack Corkery, Colleen Shelton, Wathier, Olivia Baumann and Alex Lapinski.

boys and the resulting meeting between the boys' parents. The two sets of parents meet to discuss the altercation in a civilized manner. As the meeting develops, the parents act more and more childish.

The play premiered in France in 2006. The English translation of the play premiered in London in 2008, and on Broadway in 2009. Reza won the 2009 Tony Award for best play.

A film adaptation of the play, with a title shortened to "Carnage," was released in 2011. The film features Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet, John C. Reilly and Christoph Waltz.

"God of Carnage" is this year's spring play at Willowbrook. The cast and crew will present the play to the public three times—nightly performances April 24-26—in the school auditorium.

## Library offers digital magazines

Villa Park Public Library caters to patrons who now download digital magazines for free on their computers, iPads, Kindles or other mobile devices. The library has launched the Zinio digital magazine service, which delivers popular and specialty magazines.

The magazines are identical to the print editions and offer interactive navigation and interactive elements such as audio and video clips. There are no due dates or overdue fines for the digital issues.

The library currently subscribes to the following digital magazines: *Digital Photo*, *ESPN the Magazine*, *Every Day with Rachel Ray*, *Fred Network Magazine*, *iPad for*

*Parents*, *iPhone Life*, *mental focus*, *National Geographic Interactive*, *National Geographic Traveler Interactive*, *PC Magazine*, *Sprinkles* and *Health and Vegetarian Times*.

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## Villa Park's annual yard waste collection season is under way

Villa Park's yard waste collection for the 2014 season began on April 1. The Village of Villa Park recently issued the following news release regarding yard waste collection.

Yard waste collection is provided on a pay as throw basis. Yard waste consists of grass, shrubby clippings, leaves and plant material. It is to be set out in 30-gallon Kraft paper bags designed for the collection of yard waste or in 35-gallon (maximum) refuse cans clearly marked "Yard waste only." A prepaid yellow yard waste tag must be affixed to each bag or can set out. Bags or cans are not to exceed 50 pounds when full. Do not use plastic bags for yard waste (plastic cannot be tub ground, composted, or tilled into soil). Yard waste is limited to what is generated at the residence being serviced. It must be out by 6 a.m. along with refuse during the collection season. Yard waste is collected from the first full week in April through Nov. 30 each year.

Brush (tree branches not exceeding 4

inches in diameter, brush trimmings, plant stock) must be tied into bundles using twine, not to exceed 4 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter, and not weigh more than 50 pounds.

Throughout the spring, summer and early fall, leaves are disposed of in yard waste bags or cans using a prepaid yellow yard waste tag for each bag/can set out. Residents are also allowed to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper yard waste bags filled with leaves without affixing prepaid yellow tags on each bag during a seven-week period beginning in late October each year. Rocks, sod, holes of fire and landscape timbers are not landscape waste and should not be placed in yard waste cans or bags. These items require a special pickup service.

Make sure refuse, recycling, leaves, and yard waste are set out at the curb by no later than 6 a.m. on collection day. A village ordinance allows items to be set out after 7 p.m. the evening before collection day.

## Priority registration for Villa Park Mariners begins on Saturday

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department's Villa Park Mariners swim team will hold priority registration for the 2014 season beginning on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Wednesday, April 16, from 6-8 p.m. Both registration sessions will take place at the Iowa Community Center, located at 338 N. Iowa Ave.

Registration will not be accepted prior to the April 12 and April 16 sessions. Online registration will not be accepted.

Children ages five to 18 are welcome to join the Mariners, who compete in the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference. All swimmers must be able to swim one length of the pool using a legal swim stroke in order to participate. The pre-season practice schedule runs from May 19 to June 6, while the regular-season practice schedule takes place June 9 to July 18. Practices (held each weekday morning) and regular-season home meets take place at Jefferson Pool.

The season includes 11 meets—five on Wednesday evenings and five on Saturday mornings followed by a season-ending conference meet. It is recommended that beginning swimmers have previous swim lesson

experience prior to the start of the season.

The Mini Mariners is a team for swimmers ages 5 to 8 who do not have previous swim team experience. Swimmers can participate on this team for one season only. Practice will be held three times per week. Mini Mariners will compete in five home meets and are eligible to compete in one of the two conference meets. The Mini Mariners team is not a prerequisite for the Mariners swim team.

Fees for families who register in person during priority registration on April 12 and April 16 will be \$99 per child, \$89 per additional child and \$65 for Mini Mariners. Fees during open registration, which begins April 17, will be \$109 per child, \$99 per additional child and \$75 for Mini Mariners. In addition to receiving a discount during priority registration, swimmers who register during that period will have an opportunity to try on the team swimsuit.

Representatives from the Mariners will be present during priority registration to answer questions and to provide further information. For more information about registering for the Mariners, call the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department at 630-834-8970.

## District 45 holds Math Night event for parents on April 16

School District 45 is ready to tackle the topic, "Everything you wanted to know about helping your children with math homework, but didn't even know to ask!" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at Jackson Middle School, which is located 301 W. Jackson Street in Villa Park.

The District 45 PTA Council is sponsoring the Math Night event, which will include presentations from District 45 faculty and staff. The evening will be devoted to assisting parents help their children with math homework. The District 45 teachers will team up to offer parents strategies, tips and resources to tackle the topic of math at home.

The evening will include an opening session, followed by three breakout sessions through which the parents can cycle. The breakout sessions will be grouped for parents of students in kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade and sixth through eighth grade. The sessions will be offered three times in each level throughout the evening, so that parents who have children in more than one grade level can hear all that is being shared.

For more information about District 45's Math Night, contact the district office at 630-516-7700 or visit the district's Web site at [www.d45.org](http://www.d45.org).

## The spring deadline for Villa Park's tree adoption program is May 1

The Village of Villa Park's Centennial Tree Adoption Program will allow residents to adopt trees that will be planted on public parkways throughout the village. The village will plant its first generation of adopted trees this spring and fall. The adoption program will help to mark the 100th anniversary of the village, which was founded in 1914.

Residents who are interested in adopting a tree can complete an application available on the village's Web site—[www.invilapark.com](http://www.invilapark.com). Applications must be received by May 1 for the spring deadline and by Aug. 1 for the fall deadline.

The cost to adopt a tree is \$200 per tree, according to information included in the online

application form. The village will provide each tree, which will be installed under the direct supervision of the Villa Park Village Forestry Division.

The trees available for adoption include: hackberry, sweet gum, Kentucky coffee, beech and tulip. Village staff will evaluate each applicant's property and determine what tree is best for each location.

Everyone is eligible to adopt a tree. If there isn't a suitable location in a resident's parkway, the resident could choose to adopt a tree at Sugar Creek Golf Course or at a village park.

For more information about the Villa Park Centennial Tree Adoption Program, call the village office at 630-834-3505.

## Youth production of Willy Wonka Junior this weekend at Montini

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 St., Lombard.

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

adaptation features songs from the family's

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

Saint Genesius Productions, founded 2010, was created to bring the experience professionally produced children's theater Catholic grade school students through DuPage County. The volunteer-run youth theater group provides students in grades 6 to 8 with a performing arts education and opportunity to appear in plays and musicals.

## Villa Park Lions host pasta dinner at Willowbrook on April 24

The Villa Park Lions will be hosting a pasta dinner at Willowbrook High School from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 5 to 12. Admission is free for children 4 and under.

The dinner will include salad, bread, meatballs, Italian sausage, dessert, coffee, milk and punch. The evening at Willowbrook will also include piano music

during dinner.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to see Willowbrook's spring play, "God of Carnage," in the school auditorium. Tickets for the play are sold separately. The play will begin at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets for the pasta dinner, contact Lion Larry at 630-782-0725 or any other Villa Park Lions member. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the door.

## Lauren's Lager Tapping on April 24 at Rock Bottom Yorktown

The annual Lauren's Lager Tapping event will take place Thursday, April 24, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Rock Bottom Yorktown, located at 94 Yorktown Center in Lombard. All attendees who present the related flier to their server will receive a 10-percent discount on all food and non-alcoholic beverages. Additionally, 25 cents from every Lauren's Lager purchase will be donated to the Lauren Kiefer Memorial Foundation.

The foundation, named after Lauren Kiefer honors her memory by celebrating her life through helping others. The foundation provides funds to local families and non-profit groups for specific needs and projects. It also funds scholarships to Willowbrook High School seniors.

To download a flier for the April 24 Lauren's Lager Tapping event, visit [www.rememberlauren.com/events](http://www.rememberlauren.com/events).

## Register for life size Candy Land at the Iowa Community Center

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will present its annual life size Candy Land event from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. Pre-registration is required to participate and navigate through a life-size version of the famous board game at the Iowa Community Center, located at 338 N. Iowa Ave. No walk-ins will be accepted. Call the Iowa Community Center at 630-834-8970 for available time slots.



## Aim and fire...

Photo by Chris Fox

JUNIOR DELANEY PELSOR (above) of the Willowbrook softball team delivers a pitch during Saturday's doubleheader against Hinsdale Central in Villa Park. The Warriors won the first game 12-9. Hinsdale Central defeated Willowbrook 18-14 in the second game. The Warriors' overall record stood at 2-2 following the doubleheader. For more about the Willowbrook softball team, see Page 15.



# Sports

## LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

### Willowbrook displays early-season firepower

It doesn't look like the 2014 Willowbrook softball team will have trouble scoring runs.

The Warriors scored a total of 41 runs during their first three home games of the season—a 15-0 victory over Riverside-Brookfield on Friday followed by Saturday's doubleheader split against Hinsdale Central. Willowbrook earned a 12-9 win in the opening game. The visiting Red Devils outslugged the Warriors 18-14 in the second game. The loss moved Willowbrook's overall record to 2-2.

"It's going to be a hitting battle for us in most games. I would say," said Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos on Saturday when asked for an outlook on the season. "We obviously want to be crisper on defense, but hitting-wise, I can't complain."

Willowbrook, which posted a record of 23-9 in 2013, opened this year's season with a 3-2 loss to West Chicago in a March 31 indoor game at the Dome in Rosemont.

Three Warriors—junior Sam Schmidt, junior Alyssa Rensinger and sophomore Zoe Dannenberg—belted home runs in the win over Riverside-Brookfield. Rensinger went 4-for-4 with a homer, three

doubles and five runs batted in. Dannenberg went 3-for-3 and drove in two runs, for Willowbrook, which bashed a total of 16 hits. Junior Delaney Pelsor pitched for the Warriors and allowed only one hit in a winning effort.

Dannenberg pitched the first game of the doubleheader against Hinsdale Central, while Pelsor took the mound for the second game. Willowbrook availed the Red Devils 6-0 through two innings of the opening game. The Warriors scored three runs in the third inning and two runs in the fourth inning before erupting for seven runs in the fifth inning to take a 12-8 lead. The Warriors held the Red Devils scoreless in the fifth and sixth innings and gave up just one run in the top of the seventh inning.

Four Willowbrook players belted three hits apiece during Saturday's first game. Dannenberg went 3-for-5, while junior Cheyenne Brumg was 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Pelsor, like Brumg, was 3-for-4 with two runs batted in, while sophomore Jordan Marczewski went 3-4 with three runs batted in. Marczewski drove in those runs when she hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie the score at 8-8.

The Warriors followed their 19-hit output in Saturday's first game with another 19-hit performance in the second game. Willowbrook scored 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 10-0 lead, but Hinsdale Central responded with six runs in the top of the second inning. The Red Devils, who bashed 21 hits of their own during the second game, took a 17-12 lead following their seven-run outburst in the top of the sixth inning.

Schmidt and Alex Kassal both homered for Willowbrook in the second game. Schmidt went 4-for-5 with four runs batted in, while Dannenberg went 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Junior Erin Sporer connected for three hits, while Kassal, Rensinger, Pelsor and senior Olivia Domin had two hits apiece.

"They [the Red Devils] did to us in the second game what we did to them in the first game," said Karos in referring to each team's comeback from a significant deficit. "If anything, I hope we gained some confidence at the plate today. A lot of the pitches we were driving weren't necessarily strikes. We were just being really aggressive, which I like to see. Sometimes we can get a little too picky."



Power hitter...

Photo by Chris Fox

JUNIOR SAM SCHMIDT (above) of the Willowbrook softball team hit a pair of home runs during the Warriors' first four games of the 2014 season. Schmidt, junior Alyssa Rensinger and sophomore Zoe Dannenberg homered in Friday's 15-0 victory over Riverside-Brookfield. Schmidt and Alex Kassal hit home runs in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader against Hinsdale Central. The above photo shows Schmidt during Saturday's second game. She went 4-for-5 in that contest and drove in four runs.

### Warriors end losing skid with a tie vs. Streamwood

The Willowbrook girls soccer team played the Streamwood Sabres to a 2-2 tie in Saturday afternoon's match in Villa Park. The Warriors held a 2-0 lead midway through the second half, but the visiting Sabres scored two goals during the final 15 minutes to even the score.

The tie gave the Warriors an overall season record of 3-3-1.

Willowbrook took a 1-0 lead on senior midfielder Tiffany Brinkman's first-half goal. Sophomore midfielder Samantha Wozniak scored the Warriors' second goal with about 20

minutes to play in the match. The Sabres cut Willowbrook's lead in half when they scored a goal with about 13 minutes remaining. Streamwood scored the equalizer with about six minutes to play.

Saturday's stalemate ended a three-match losing streak for the Warriors, who opened the season with three straight victories in Reavis High School's 32-team Windy City Ram Classic. Lincoln-Way North edged Willowbrook 1-0 in overtime in a tournament semifinal match to hand the Warriors their first loss of the

season. Willowbrook faced Fenwick in the tournament's third-place match on April 5 at Toyota Park. Fenwick earned a 2-0 victory.

Two Warriors—Brinkman and junior midfielder Jessica Budig—were named to the Windy City Ram Classic's all-tournament team.

The Warriors suffered their third straight loss on Thursday evening, when they dropped a 2-0 decision to Bolingbrook in Villa Park.

Willowbrook head coach Victor Marquez was asked after Saturday's tie if the result was a disappointment.

"It is and it is not," he said. "It is in the sense that when you're ahead 2-0, you would hope to win. When you look at it more profoundly, all of our last three matches were winnable. We just didn't create enough clear opportunities. What we take with us is, in terms of passing the ball more and creating more opportunities, the team has improved. At the end of the day, that's the No. 1 thing you want. Even after the two goals, we continued to play hard and create opportunities."

The Warriors have had a solid start to the season despite missing some key

players because of injuries. Senior forward Melissa Rader and sophomore goalkeeper Alexis Jones have not played in 2014. Marquez said he hopes both players will be able to take the field later in the season.

Willowbrook's record dropped to 3-4-1 following Monday's 3-0 loss to Downers Grove North in Villa Park. The visiting Trojans scored all three of their goals during the first half.

The Warriors will open the West Suburban Gold Conference season with Thursday's match at Hinsdale South.



The Warriors' battle with Streamwood ends in a 2-2 tie...

Photos by Chris Fox

SOPHOMORE MIDFIELDER Samantha Wozniak (above, left) of the Willowbrook girls soccer team concentrates to control the ball during the second half of Saturday's match against Streamwood. The Warriors and Streamwood played to a 2-2 tie in Villa Park. Wozniak and senior Tiffany Brinkman scored Willowbrook's goals. The above right photo shows Willowbrook senior goalkeeper Amber Welch punting the ball during the second half. The Warriors lost their next match, falling 3-0 to Downers Grove North in Monday's match in Villa Park. That loss moved the team's overall season record to 3-4-1. Willowbrook's season continues with this Thursday's West Suburban Gold Conference opener at Hinsdale South. The Warriors will play a non-conference match against Fenton on Friday in Bensenville.





### All-tournament talent...

THE GLENBARD EAST girls soccer team improved its overall record to 5-1-1 with Saturday's 9-0 victory over Fenton in Lombard. Senior midfielder Alex Ruffer (above, right) and sophomore forward Brittany Paganucci each scored two goals for the Rams. Juniors Cone Ewoldt, Jordyn Fulton, Lisa Valgiusti, Holly Ward and Jessica Whipple added one goal apiece. Ruffer, who will play at Western Michigan University, is pictured during the Rams' April 5 battle against Lincoln-Way North in the championship match of Reavis High School's Windy City Ram Classic. Senior defender Taylor Halcox (No. 16) of the Rams is pictured on the left. Glenbard East won its first four matches of the 32-team tournament to advance to the championship match at Toyota Park in Bridgeview. Lincoln-Way North edged the Rams 1-0 in the title contest. Three Rams—Ruffer, Paganucci and junior goalkeeper Haley Lydon—were named to the event's all-tournament team. Glenbard East begins the DuPage Valley Conference season with this week's match at West Aurora. The Rams will play a non-conference home match against Glenbard West on Thursday.

### Willowbrook to hold "Meet the Coaches Night" for incoming freshmen on April 23

Willowbrook High School will hold its "Meet the Coaches Night" for incoming freshmen (the Class of 2018) and their parents on Wednesday, April 23. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

Please send sports-related e-mail to:

[sports@lbvpr.com](mailto:sports@lbvpr.com)



### A close play at home...

WILLOWBROOK JUNIOR CATCHER Alex Kassal (above, left) applies a tag to a Hinsdale Central baserunner at home plate during the second game of Saturday's softball doubleheader in Villa Park. The runner was called safe on the play. Hinsdale Central trailed Willowbrook 10-0 after one inning of the second game but rallied to pick up an 18-14 victory. Kassal faced two hits, including a home run, in the second game. Willowbrook trailed the Red Devils 6-0 early in the first game but came back to claim a 12-9 win. The Warriors' overall record stood at 2-2 following the doubleheader.



### Rams vs. Warriors...

Photos by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST'S BOYS TENNIS TEAM began the 2014 season with Monday's home dual meet against Willowbrook. The Rams swept all seven matches from the Warriors to claim a 7-0 victory in the meet, which featured four singles matches and three doubles matches. The above photo shows Glenbard East senior Nathan Delawder, who defeated Willowbrook sophomore Mike Sommers (pictured below) 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match. The bottom photos show (left to right) Glenbard East's No. 1 doubles team of seniors Kevin Osburn and Brandon Nasti, who who earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory over senior Rob Martinez and junior Leo Mares. In addition to Delawder, Glenbard East's singles winners included Krystian Nawloka, Jack Alesic and Andrew Roth. Shaun Lee Pascual and Errol Kaylor teamed up to earn a victory in the No. 2 doubles match against Joe Draus and Matt DAlessandro, while Sam Frago and Joe Janouch won the No. 3 doubles contest against Omer Reza and Rocky Dubinas. Monday's dual meet was Willowbrook's third event of the season. The Warriors won a dual meet against Riverside-Brookfield and lost a dual against York. Glenbard East and Willowbrook will meet again at this Friday's four-team event with Addison Trail and Fenton in Addison.



## SPORTS

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## Addison Trail baseball team ready to take next step

**New coach  
Kennedy has good  
mix of veterans and  
newcomers**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

New Addison Trail baseball coach Mike Kennedy feels defense will be a key strength for his team this season.

"Our defense is going to be strong," he said. "We will have to outwork and outsmart teams to win. We have a very competitive team that will get out there and work hard. It's all about outworking our opponents."

Kennedy is no stranger to the Addison Trail baseball program. He was

the sophomore coach last year and has been in the program for 10 years.

Addison Trail returns five seniors from a team that went 11-23 overall last year. That group includes Zack Dowd (OF-P), Joe Kurucar (P-CF), Joe Amato (IF), Frank Amato (P-OF) and Nate Mueller (IF). Kurucar is the team's leadoff hitter and No. 1 pitcher. He hit .333 last year.

Key newcomers to the team include juniors Christian Grabowski (P-1B), Jaime Valdez (IF-OF), Jake Atiyeh (OF), Michael Rybarczyk (IF) and senior Lake Park transfer Eric Grogan (C).

"We have a pretty athletic group of juniors," said Kennedy.

Kennedy also is excited about the team's pitching rotation.

"I think we can be pretty solid on the mound," he said. "Frank, Zack and Joe bring back about 100 innings of experience from last year. That's a lot of innings coming back. We're hoping our pitching will be a strength as well. Mixing that in with the athleticism of the junior group I think is going to prove to be a good combination for us."

The team is hard at work on the offensive side of the equation. "I think we have the potential to sneak up on teams offensively," said Kennedy. "Joe is our best hitter coming back. We're going to do our best to generate as many runs as we can. We don't have anybody that can consistently put the ball over the fence, but we have the ability to manufacture runs. That's what we have to do to win."

Kennedy is expecting a competitive season in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

"Our conference is very tough top to bottom right now," he said. "It could be up for grabs. Downers South is always tough and Willowbrook has a lot of seniors. Hinsdale South is competitive every year. I think we can get our hands in there as well."

Kennedy said the team is keeping a positive outlook despite the challenging weather conditions early in the season.

"I've counted 24 practices without having a game," said Kennedy late last month. "No other sport goes through that. The kids are working hard and looking forward to getting out there and playing some games."

## Addison Trail boys volleyball team scores win

**Fenton boys  
volleyball and  
girls soccer  
teams improving**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team scored a recent 25-10, 25-23 non-conference victory over St. Patrick.

Alex Dickmann had nine kills. Anthony Chiaramonte added five kills, while Marco Parisi had three aces and five digs.

#### Fenton boys volleyball

The Fenton boys volleyball team is looking to improve on last year's 2-15 overall mark (1-6 in Metro Suburban competition).

Outside hitter Jakub Lewandowski is back and is one of the team's top players.

Coach Heather Snyder has been impressed with the team's development on offense of late. "Their hitting has been on lately. It's great to see," she said.

In addition to Lewandowski, Jose Diaz also has been a key offensive component. Antonio Gutierrez excels on defense.

"Antonio has really stepped up and has started making some great passes," said Snyder.

Phil Espinoza and Patrick Schultz are two additional players making progress.

"Phil stepped up and set for us this year, but when we needed him to move over to the middle, he did it with no com-

plaints and has been dominating the spot," said Snyder. "When he's on, it's awesome to watch Patrick is such a smart player and a game-changer."

Snyder is seeing plenty of overall progress from the group.

"They are building their chemistry and intensity on the court," she said. "They are working to get better at their passing to allow our hitters to hit. We also are working on closing the block."

#### Fenton girls soccer

The Fenton girls soccer team is coming off a 2013 season where it went 9-10-1 overall and 3-3 in Metro Suburban Conference play.

The Bison return the likes of senior midfielder Tina Guarino (13 goals, 8 assists) and senior goalie Selena Mendoza, along with juniors Jocelyn De Casas (RMF, 4 goals, 5 assists), Daisy Mora (sweeper) and Magdalena Glinka (leftback).

Newcomers to the team include the freshman trio of Andrea Garcia (defender), Lizbeth Reyes (defender) and Teddy Lopez (defender).

Coach Victor Ruiz feels the team's strength this year is its midfield.

"Our defense is going to be young. We lost three of our back line to graduation," said Ruiz. "On the offensive side, we will be young as well. We lost our second-leading scorer to graduation."

With a relatively youthful roster, Ruiz is looking for prog-

ress as the season builds.

"We are hoping to be strong as the season progresses," he said.

"We are somewhat in a rebuilding stage with seven returning players from last year's team. Having a new back line and adding some new players to the squad will make it a very interesting and competitive roster as players will be battling for starting spots."

#### Addison Trail girls soccer

Sophomore defender Petra Kyriakopoulos headlines a list of returning players for the Addison Trail girls soccer team. The versatile Kyriakopoulos is the team captain and was the Blazers' MVP last year.

Addison Trail is coming off a 2013 campaign where it went 7-9-2 overall.

Junior midfielder Jessica Gray also is back and will generate offensive opportunities, according to coach Sergio Nunez. Sophomore midfielder Maria Koulogerogias also returns. "Maria is a very versatile and adaptable player," said Nunez.

Key newcomers to the team include junior forward Jennifer Ortega, who Nunez said has a great read of the game. Freshman outside midfielder Anna Bajorek also will help. "Anna is fast, has great ball control and is a shot-taker," said Nunez.

Nunez likes the team's ball-possession ability and team play on offense and its execution of the offside trap on defense. He's also impressed with the team's depth on defense.

Juniors Rea Taci and Susy Ocho were splitting time in goal heading into the season.

Nunez noted the team has improved on its quick passes, maintaining possession and transition play.

## Willowbrook baseball team poised for more success

**Warriors return  
key contributors  
from 22-win team**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team isn't hurting for quality experience.

The Warriors return a number of key performers from last year's team that went 22-10 overall and finished 11-7 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Back are pitchers TJ Case and Jake Cady, along with three-year varsity player and two-time all-conference selection Mike Rothmund (1B).

Shortstop Brian Johnson, center fielder Tyler Vavrek and sophomore catcher Dom McDonnell also return as does senior third baseman AJ Nolen.

Key newcomers to the team include senior Tucker Newling, junior Trey Jones and sophomore pitcher Matt Pizur. Jones batted over .500 on the Willowbrook sophomore team last year.

"I like the dedication and heart they all have for the game," said Nunez. "We have work to do and many adjustments to make. We're looking to establish synergy with our attacking and finishing."

"We have some very good pitchers coming back," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner, who lauded the efforts of pitching coach Curtis Hudson (a former Willowbrook pitcher).

Case will continue his career at High Point University in North Carolina, while Cady will throw next year at NAIA school Campbellsville in Kentucky.

"We have six kids who throw in that 80 to 82 mile-per-hour range," said Wisner. "We have some good arms."

Another new player who will help out in a variety of positions is York transfer Tyler Zunkel.

"He'll probably be our No. 3 or No. 4 in the rotation," said Wisner.

Rothmund is another player who will continue his baseball career in college. He's headed to the University of Illinois-Springfield.

"He'll be playing in one of the toughest Division II conferences in the country," said Wisner.

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# BASEBALL

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Rothmund headlines a list of strong Willowbrook hitters

"Offensively we have some good bats," said Wisner. "Rothmund and Zunkel will help us at the top of the order. Brian Johnson hit 360 last year and Jake Cady hit 340. Trey hit 500 for the sophomore team. We'll be much better offensively than we have been in awhile."

Wisner said he expects the team to be improved on the defensive end as well.

"It's hard to say from just indoor practices, but this group has worked extremely hard in drills so far," he said. "They

are ahead of last year. I think we will defend pretty well. We've been working a lot on technique in the gym. We have the chance to be a pretty good defensive team."

Wisner said that while the team did lose key players from last year's team, he's expecting another competitive season.

"It's going to be hard to sneak up on people after winning 22 games last year," he said. "We did lose some key guys, but I think this team will surprise people. We're going to be a tough team to play."

Wisner said the WSC Gold will be competitive once again.

"Downers Grove South always has good pitching. Hinsdale South has a phenomenal coach and they win games," said Wisner. "Morton could be a sleeper team. They played tough last year with a lot of juniors. We feel good about our team. There's been a good focus in practice. The guys are excited about the season. I can't wait to see what we do out there."

In early-season action thus far, Willowbrook scored a 14-2 non-conference win over Glenbard East and lost a 6-1 non-conference decision to Batavia.

## Brinkman and Sam throw combined no-hitter for ICCP baseball team

### Tyrrell and Schuett earn Coach of the Year honors

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Clark Brinkman and Steve Sam combined to throw a five-inning no-hitter in the ICC Catholic Prep baseball team's recent 13-0 non-conference victory over Northridge Prep.

Brinkman was the winning pitcher. He moved to 2-0 on the season. Brinkman and Sam combined to strike out nine.

IC needed only four hits to generate its 13 runs. It also took advantage of eight walks and three hit-batsmen. IC scored seven runs after two outs in the fourth inning.

Stone Brinkman went 1-for-2 with two RBI. Max Faut was 1-for-1 with three runs scored and a stolen base, while Sean Sutton had a triple and two RBI.

IC also scored a recent 10-0 five-inning win over Rich East. Sutton was the winning pitcher. Sutton pitched four strong innings for the first time in more than a year after over-coming shoulder issues last year. Sutton gave up only one hit and struck out eight. He also was 1-for-2 at the plate with a homer and two RBI.

Freshman Austin Reed went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Clark Brinkman was 2-for-3 with four runs scored and two stolen bases. Michael Perrone added a bases-clearing triple.

IC also recorded a 12-1 five-inning non-conference win over Chicago Perspectives. Faut earned the complete-game win after striking out six. Faut helped his own cause by going 3-for-3 with two RBI. Clark Brinkman was 2-for-2 with a triple and two RBI. IC drew seven walks and stole six bases.

In a 7-3 non-conference win over St. Joe's, Clark Brinkman picked up the victory. He went 6 1/3 innings and allowed only three hits while fanning five.

Stone Brinkman went 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs scored. IC drew six walks and stole four bases.

IC coach Zach Rodeghero said the team has benefitted from the new turf field it plays on at Plunkett Athletic Complex.

"We expect to be a great defensive team on our new turf field," he said. "It will pro-

vide us the opportunity to go outside and play more games than any other teams due to the crazy spring (weather) we currently are having. The new field is an amazing asset to have. We have been out on it in cool weather and even when there has been snow in the corners gets dry so fast and that allows us to work on our game and get better every day. I'm very excited to see what we can do with it."

On the field, Rodeghero said the team has a lot of senior depth with Clark Brinkman, Sutton, Grant Hennessy, Jack Coppe, Faut, Ryan Russ, Johnny Lajk and Andy Munro. Liam Cahill is a transfer senior who will help both on the mound and in the plate.

Reed, Joey Salvi and Brian Herrera are underclassmen who will help the varsity team. "They will be major contributors this season," said Rodeghero.

Rodeghero said the team has the goal of advancing far in the state playoffs.

"We have a very tough schedule and with other teams unable to play right away, we are seeing them best pitcher because it's their first games," he said. "That will keep us getting better and better as the year goes on. We keep pursuing our team goals to be competitive in our conference and to consistently work together on the field to be a strong unit. I look forward to seeing what this team can do especially with all the senior leadership we have."

### ICCP basketball coaches earn Coach of Year accolade

IC Catholic Prep boys basketball coach TJ Tyrrell and girls basketball coach Aubrey Schuett both were named coaches of the year in their respective districts by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Tyrrell and Schuett will both be honored at the IBCA Hall of Fame ceremony April 28 at the Student Union Ballroom on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal. Coaches of the year in 21 different districts around the state will be honored in each sport.

IC's girls basketball team advanced to the state finals this past season, while the IC boys basketball team advanced to a sectional final and won two games.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DUPAGE COUNTY, WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
U.S. Bank National Association  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Joseph C. Wilczewski Jr., et al  
DEFENDANTS

2012 CH 004742

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-12-19152.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DUPAGE COUNTY, WHEATON, ILLINOIS

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. f/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Ronald B. Gonzales et al  
DEFENDANTS

2010 CH 007028

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/26/2012, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois, will on 5/13/14 at the hour of 10:00AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 301 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 21 IN STONEMILL ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MAY 22, 1989 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R89-60222, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PIN 03-20-422-002

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 447 N Kevin Drive  
Addison, IL 60101

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18 (g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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