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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 Ariyeh (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 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 progress 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."

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."

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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 NATA 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. 2 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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## Science Olympiad...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S Science Olympiad team (right) competed in Saturday's state tournament at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The team qualified for the state event with its sixth-place showing in a regional event at College of DuPage on March 8. Members of the Willowbrook team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) junior Isabelle Martinez, junior Shukan Shah, junior Kelli Wysoglad, sophomore Stephanie Cheng and senior Veronica Palma; (back row) senior Kevin Monaco, junior Mike Rogalski, junior Abby Pakeltis, senior Cesar Saucedo, senior Brandon Young, senior Emily Gornick, senior Chris Cheng, senior Kevin Cheng and senior William Menzer. Willowbrook held a state meet send-off celebration for the students on Friday. Science Olympiad is a national science competition in which students compete in 24 science-related events. Students typically compete in teams of two or three in events that include test taking, lab events and building. The team's coaches are staff members Ben Fenske, Jim Kedvesh, Yvonne Tsagalis and Mike Warren. Willowbrook has had a Science Olympiad team for six years. The team has qualified for the state meet twice in the last three years.



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## Jackson Middle School students qualify for global event

Nine teams from District 45 schools competed in the Destination ImagiNation (DI) state tournament, which took place Saturday at Illinois State University in Normal. Two of those teams qualified for next month's DI Global Finals, which will be held May 20-24 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The global tournament, which is the largest creative thinking and problem solving competition in the world, will include contestants from over 30 countries.

The teams that competed at the state tournament needed to earn a top-three finish in their level of competition to earn a trip to the global finals. A team of students from Jackson Middle School earned a spot in the global finals by securing a second-place trophy in the state meet's "Pitch and Play" Middle Level Division.

The district's other team to qualify for the global finals was a Westmore School team that claimed the third-place trophy in the "Pandemonium" Elementary Level Division.

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 Jackson Middle School team that qualified for the global finals competed in a category that featured a challenge with an emphasis on service learning. The team, which began working on its project in the fall, were required to select and research a community need. The team then had to create an "elevator pitch" presentation (the "pitch" element of the Pitch and Play Division) to enlist a community partner in the project.

The seven students on the Jackson team that qualified for the global finals are: Ebad Hussaini, Megan Janopoulos, Nick Janopoulos, Nawal Khokhar, Katie Morris, Ayesha Raza and Ammar Waheed. The team

managers are Jean Morris and Tina Janopoulos. Team managers can ask questions regarding the project, but all of the ideas and information contained in each project and presentation come from the students.

The Jackson students chose to form a partnership with Cat Guardians, a cat shelter located at 932 E. St. Charles Road in Lombard. The students made the pitch to representatives of Cat Guardians, who agreed to the partnership. The students then organized a cat adoption day event at the shelter. The event took place on Jan. 11.

In addition to raising funds and awareness for the shelter, the students made a video to promote the cat adoption day at Cat Guardians. The students posted the video on Facebook. They also promoted the event by placing fliers on cars, making an announcement at school and extending personal invitations to friends and family members. About 30 people attended the cat adoption day—not a bad turnout at all for a Saturday in the middle of winter.

The Jackson team was one of 16 District 45 teams that competed in the DI regional competition at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn on March 8. The Jackson students won a first-place trophy at the regional event.

The team of Jackson students was required to give a creative presentation about its project at the regional and state DI events. The presentation was given in the form of a newscast that provided a description of the cat adoption day event at Cat Guardians.

"Destination ImagiNation helps to provide a framework for students to practice and realize their creative talents," stated Dr. Barbara Smith, District 45's coordinator of Destination ImagiNation. "Our DI students are winners for participating in the program, as they increased their creativity, as well as their problem-solving skills and teamwork techniques."

District 45's Destination ImagiNation program receives financial support from the Villa Park Rotary Club, the District 45 Foundation for Excellence in Education and Motorola Solutions.

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



## Going global...

Above photo by Jon Morgan

A TEAM OF STUDENTS from Jackson Middle School (above) qualified to participate in the Destination ImagiNation (DI) Global Finals. The team earned its trip to the global competition with its second-place finish at Saturday's DI state meet at Illinois State University in Normal. Pictured left to right in the above photo are: (front row) team manager Mrs. Tina Janopoulos, Ammar Waheed, Ayesha Raza, Megan Janopoulos and team manager Mrs. Jean Morris; (back row) Ebad Hussaini, Katie Morris and Nick Janopoulos. Not pictured is team member Nawal Khokhar. Six of the seven students on the team are eighth-graders. Nick Janopoulos is a seventh-grader. The photo below shows (left to right) Nick Janopoulos, Megan Janopoulos, Ebad Hussaini and Katie Morris during the team's creative presentation about its community service project.

Photo below by Tim Davis



## DNA evidence links Villa Park man to restaurant burglary

On Feb. 20, 2013, at approximately 7:49 a.m., a Villa Park police officer on patrol noticed a broken window to the Montecarlo Restaurant, located at 401 N Ardmore Ave. in Villa Park.

The officer investigated further and confirmed that a burglary occurred and the cash register was missing from the business. Investigating officers located the missing cash register in the rear parking lot of the business.

Officers recovered DNA evidence at the scene which later identified the suspect as Victor Vega and an arrest warrant was issued.

"A number of items were promised and one came back," said Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann.

On April 8, at approximately 3:40 p.m., Villa Park officers located Victor Vega riding a bicycle in the area of the Villa Park train station.

Although Vega fled from officers after being ordered to stop, he was pursued to the area of Villa and Manor, where he was eventually taken into custody without incident.

Victor Vega, 26, of Villa Park was charged with burglary, a Class 2 felony; obstructing a police officer, a Class A misdemeanor; and trespass to railroad property, a Class C misdemeanor.

Vega was transported to the DuPage County Jail, where as of press time, he was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

## Prostitution arrest made at motel

by Bonnie MacKay

A Villa Park motel called police earlier this month when they suspected that prostitution was occurring in one of their rooms.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Dan McCann, investigators located an ad online on April 1.

"We took the information and ran with the ad we found online," McCann said.

An undercover officer called the person in

the ad and reportedly was permitted to come to Motel 6, 10 W. Recovery Road.

McCann said an undercover sting at the hotel resulted in the arrest of a Lincoln, Neb., woman on prostitution charges.

Once an agreement was made for a sex act for money, the undercover officer notified writing officers and an arrest was made.

Dynamical Legend, 28, was charged with prostitution and released.

## Resident struck and robbed at gunpoint

by Bonnie MacKay

A resident returning home at about 9:17 p.m. on April 6, was approached by three subjects in the parking lot of an apartment complex in the 1600 block of South Michigan.

The 36-year-old man had just exited his vehicle and was walking to his apartment when he was approached by the three subjects, according to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann.

The subjects, one of whom reportedly displayed a black handgun, reportedly demanded money.

"The [the resident] tried to walk away and [illegally] was struck in the face and head with an unknown object," McCann said, adding that they reportedly took his wallet and took off running.

The man contacted security, who in turn

contacted police.

Lombard K-9 Officer Greg Sohr and K-9 Chico responded to the scene to conduct a search, McCann said.

The 36-year-old resident was transported to an area hospital, where he was treated and released.

The first subject was described as a white male in his late teens. He was wearing a white jacket, light-colored jeans and a white ski mask. He reportedly displayed a black handgun.

The second subject was described as a black male in his late teens. He was wearing a black North Face jacket and a black mask. No description was available for the third subject.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact Villa Park police at 630-834-7447.

## Teen charged with residential burglary

A call from an alert neighbor resulted in the apprehension of a Villa Park teen on burglary charges last week.

At about 12:41 p.m. on April 6, a resident notified police after observing a suspicious person reportedly entering a house through a basement window at a residence located on the 600 block of West Congress in Villa Park.

Officers arrived on the scene and located the subject inside the residence. It was determined that the subject did not reside at the residence and he was taken into custody.

According to a Department press release, officers found the subject in possession of jewelry, which belonged to the homeowner.

Police charged Joseph Grumbras, 19, of Villa Park, with residential burglary, a Class 1 felony. Grumbras was transported to the DuPage County Jail in Wheaton, where as of press time he was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.



JOSEPH GRUMBRAS

## Only a few slots remaining for life-size Candy Land on April 26

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. Only a few slots remain. No walk-ins will be accepted. Call the Iowa Community Center at 630-834-8970 to check on available time slots.

## Villa Park's Prairie Path cleanup event takes place April 26

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission will conduct the 2014 Prairie Path Cleanup on the village's portion of the Illinois Prairie Path on Saturday, April 26. The event will take place rain or shine from 9 a.m. until noon. The annual cleanup, which is taking place in commemoration of Earth Day (April 22), will begin at the Villa Park Historical Museum, located just south of the path at 20 S. Villa Ave. Garbage bags and water will be provided to all participants, who are asked to bring their own work gloves. For more information, send an e-mail to [pride@invillepark.com](mailto:pride@invillepark.com).

## Deadline to apply for VP Junior Women's Club scholarship is April 30

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club is accepting applications for its annual scholarship to benefit a female Villa Park student. The club sponsors a \$1,500 scholarship that promotes and rewards women's involvement in a variety of community service activities.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Wednesday, April 30.

Eligible applicants must be female high school seniors who currently reside in Villa Park. Additionally, applicants who wish to be considered for the scholarship must maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent, depending on scale), have participated in at least one community service activity for at least two years and provide two letters of recommendation (not from family members).

The winner is decided based on the applications and recommendations received. The scholarship is not awarded based on financial need.

Scholarship applications are available at the Villa Park Junior Women's Club's Web site—[www.VPJWC.org](http://www.VPJWC.org). The applications should be mailed to: Villa Park Junior Women's Club Scholarship, P.O. Box 6232, Villa Park, IL 60181. For more information, contact Jen Kuchbaum at 630-460-2502.

Founded in 2004, the Villa Park Junior Women's Club is a social club focusing on the safety, morale and welfare of the community. The club has made several donations this year, including \$200 to the Deicke Home to help keep the facility open. Additionally, the club has donated \$50 to the parent-teacher organization of each District 45 school.

## District 45 holds Math Night event for parents tonight

School District 45 will hold Math Night for parents from 7-9 p.m. tonight, April 16, at Jackson Middle School. The school is located at 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 members. The evening will be devoted to assisting parents to help their children with math homework. District 45 teachers will team up to provide parents with strategies, tips and resources to tackle the topic of mathematics at home.

The event 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).

## 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 6-10 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).

## 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, "Gold of Canaries," 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.

## 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, shrubbery 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 bio ground, composted, or filled 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.

Branch lines branches not exceeding 4

inches in diameter, bush trimmings, plant stakes) must be tied into bundles weighing no more than 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, soil, balls of hay and landscape materials are not landscape waste and should not be placed in yard waste cans or bags. These items require a special pickup service.

Makes 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.

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## Resident circulates petition against storm water utility fee

**Claims fee is  
really a tax;  
calls for  
referendum**

By Paul DeGulidice  
For The Villa Park Independent

VILLA PARK —When the Villa Park Board of Trustees voted to approve a new storm water utility fee, long-time resident Judy Wherley wasn't impressed. In fact, she was downright angry.

“There is no accountability written into the proposal (The Village Board) gives hundreds of thousands of dollars to Burke Engineering and other companies for studies, but they don't ever fix anything.”

— resident Judy Wherley

“I've been talking with Village staff and (elected) officials for years about the flooding problems,” Wherley said in an exclusive interview with the Independent. “They have given me the run-around. Now they want to charge everyone \$5.45

per month to fix the flooding? I don't think that will help much.”

Wherley, who lives on East Van Buren street, next to Sugar Creek Golf Course, knows about the flooding problems that Villa Park faces when storms roll through. According to Wherley, the drainage solution at her home is a culvert. One which hasn't been replaced in years.

“We have no sidewalks, curbs, sewers or gutters. We have a ditch,” she said. “When the metal culvert pipe under my driveway rotted, I contacted the Village. They told me it was my problem, even though the ditch and culvert are Village property.”

After her experience talking to Public Works Director Vydis Juskelis, Village Manager Rich Keehner and Village President Deborah Bullwinkel, Wherley said she felt the storm water fee was “a slap in the face.”

“There is no accountability written into the proposal,” Wherley said. “How do we know the money collected will go exclusively toward flooding? [The Village Board] gives hundreds of thousands of dollars to Burke Engineering and other companies for studies, but they don't ever fix anything.”

Wherley was referring to

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Fun and games... photo by Paul DeGulidice  
The Willowbrook varsity girls' soccer team enjoyed a day of team building on Saturday, April 12. After a thrilling 1-0 victory over Fenton the night before, the girls 'cut loose' at practice and headed over to the Funky Java Coffee House for some singing, snacking and lots of laughs. In late March, the team took 4th place in the 32-team Windy City Ram Classic Soccer Tournament.

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## Incoming Willowbrook wrestler wins fourth consecutive State title

VILLAPARK — Jack Jessen has been on the wrestling mat since he was in kindergarten.

Now an incoming freshman at Willowbrook, Jessen (who attends St. Pius X Parish School in Lombard) has quite an accomplished résumé as a wrestler with the Villa Park Young Warriors. In March, he won his fourth consecutive State Tournament title with Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) and received the Outstanding Wrestler Award during that competition. He also won the 156-pound division at the recent Tulsa National Tournament and is ranked No. 5 in the country pound for pound.

"Jack adapted to wrestling really quickly and developed a

passion for the sport," said Jessen's mom, Blanca. "His father, Dennis, and I have always told him to work hard, be humble and go after your dreams."

Dennis attended Willowbrook as well and graduated in 1986, and Jack's aunt, Alma Villegas, works at Addison Trail. Willowbrook's new wrestling head coach Brandon Murphy has worked with Jessen through Young Warriors and is thrilled to have him join the Willowbrook team next year.

"As the saying goes, 'hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard,'" Murphy said. "Jack makes it very hard on his opponents. He is extremely talented, but he

works even harder. Jack is an athlete who is committed to his goals, and he works tirelessly at achieving them. Jack, his family and the entire commu-

nity should be very proud of his accomplishments. By winning his fourth State title, he has put his name in the record books with the elite in Illinois

wrestling. I believe this young man has a bright future, and I look forward to watching him work toward achieving his next goals."



Incoming Willowbrook freshman Jack Jessen (center) recently won his fourth consecutive State Tournament title with Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF). He's pictured with retiring Willowbrook wrestling head coach Bryan Murphy (left) and incoming Willowbrook wrestling head coach Brandon Murphy, both of whom coach Jessen through the Villa Park Young Warriors program.

## Police nab suspect in residential burglary

**19-year-old caught inside victim's home; now in County Jail**

VILLA PARK — According to a release issued by Villa Park Police Detective Sergeant Dan McCann, on April 8, 2014, at approximately 12:41 p.m., an alert neighbor notified police of a suspicious person entering a house through a basement window at a residence located on the 100 block of East Congress. Officers arrived and



JOSEPH GRUMBOS

located the subject inside the residence. It was determined that the suspect, identified as Joseph Grumbos, did not reside at the residence and he was placed into custody. Officers further found the suspect was in possession of jewelry, which belonged to the homeowner.

Joseph Grumbos, 19, of Villa Park, was charged with Residential Burglary, a Class 1 Felony, and was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond court hearing.

Members of the public are reminded that these complaints contain only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt.

### • PETITION

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three studies commissioned by the Village Board in an attempt to identify the worst-hit areas of town and possible solutions to future flooding. One study recommended the creation of a Storm Water Management Utility fee.

That fee, set to show up on combined water/garbage bills in May when the Village goes to a new monthly bill schedule, should raise approximately \$900,000 annually, according to Juskelis. The fee is fixed at \$5.45 per month for homes, but will be calculated in Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) for commercial properties. For example, a church with 9,000 square feet of non-permeable area will be charged three times the monthly fee, or \$16.35. Businesses

and other property with storm water mitigation solutions in place can apply for up to a 50% discount. Every property in the Village, including government properties, will be assessed the fee, according to Village staff.

After speaking out at the recent Town Hall meeting held at Willowbrook High School, Wherley met with Village President Bullwinkel, who promised to look into the situation. According to Wherley, Bullwinkel has not been in contact since. After trying to find out more information and getting no answers, Wherley began circulating a petition asking residents to back her proposal to put the fee on a ballot for voters to decide.

The petition, titled, "Stop

the addition of Storm Water Management fee as currently proposed," argues that the fee is really a tax and thus must be approved by voters before implementation.

"What is the criteria?" Wherley asked. "Who decides who gets to go first with flood fixes? They give out permits and allow residents to build huge concrete driveways and turnarounds. The water has to go somewhere... and it goes right into their neighbor's yards! Then the Village turns around and taxes us (referring to the fee) to fix the problem. The biggest offenders then can apply for a discount."

"There is no commitment by this Board or staff to change their bad habits."

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## Scout Troop 234 plans 7th annual pancake breakfast

VILLA PARK — On Saturday, May 3 from 7:30 to 11 a.m., Boy Scout Troop 234 will hold its 7th annual pancake breakfast and auction. It will take place at Calvary United Methodist Church, 136 W. Highland Ave., Villa Park. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-11, children younger than 3 eat free. For advance tickets, call 630-530-9289. Many gift certificates from local hotels, restaurants, movies and services will be a part of the auction.

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## DuPage County, SCARCE hosting annual Sustainable Design Challenge

WHEATON — Students from several DuPage County high schools displayed their green building projects to the public at the eighth annual Sustainable Design Challenge today at the County's JTK Administration Building, Wheaton.

Sponsored by DuPage County Stormwater Management, SCARCE coordinates the event each year to encourage local schools to explore sustainability topics with students. Participating high schools included Glenbard East, Wheaton Warrenville South, Naperville North, Neuqua Valley and Addison Trail, as well as Westfield Middle School in Bloomingdale.

"We look forward to the Sustainable Design Challenge each year at the County because it gives us a chance to see the real-world application of what students are learning about in school," said County Board Chairman Dan Cronin. "It also gives them an opportunity to see some of DuPage County's green infrastructure elements in person, including a green roof and rain garden."

More than 50 student groups presented models of their designs to the public. County Board members and other interested County affiliates in attendance. Students also explained the design elements that made their building sustainable, including renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines, water conservation elements using native plant landscaping and rain barrels and green infrastructure for stormwater management.

"This event is as interesting for us as it is for the students. Not only are they learning about these sustainable prac-

tices, but they're also teaching us what they've learned," said Stormwater Management Planning Committee Chairman Jim Zay. "I applaud the initiative of the students who create these innovative green building designs and the teachers who support and encourage them."

Traditionally a high school event, this year marked the first time a middle school has participated. Kay McKeen, founder and executive director of SCARCE, credits much of the popularity of this event to schools advancing science, technology, mathematics and engineering (STEM) educa-

tion. "Our local high schools and middle schools are making a real effort to get kids interested in the sciences, and the challenge promotes this STEM education," said McKeen. "Events like this are beneficial to students because they get a feel for careers they could pursue in these fields, such as engineering and architecture."

For more information about the Sustainable Design Challenge and past projects, visit [www.scarcecoed.org/environmental-education/special-projects/sustainability-challenge](http://www.scarcecoed.org/environmental-education/special-projects/sustainability-challenge).

## Cullerton: Increased penalties for inter-county drug trafficking

SPRINGFIELD — Courts will need to consider higher penalties for defendants who transport drugs across county lines under a plan approved by the Illinois Senate recently.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) was a chief cosponsor of the plan which passed the Senate with bipartisan support.

"There is a heroin epidemic in the suburbs and it is taking an unbelievable toll on our communities. Stemming the flow of any devastating drug is an important step," Cullerton said.

The plan, Senate Bill 3469, was introduced by Sen. Kirk Dillard (R-Hinsdale). It does not create a new offense under the law; instead it requires courts to consider the impact of inter-county narcotics trafficking during sentencing.

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Senate Bill 3469 passed the Senate by a 57-0 vote. It now moves to the House.

## Forest District accepting online orders for native plant sale

Over 130 species available to enhance home gardens

WHEATON—The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County invites gardeners to get ready for its native-plant sale in May by placing presale orders



online now through Friday, April 25 at 5 p.m. at [dupageforest.org/nativeplantpresale](http://dupageforest.org/nativeplantpresale).

The sale offers over 130 species of native flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees suitable for sun and shade. Native plants need a fraction of the care required by turf or traditional gardens. Many support pollinators such as butterflies and bees, provide seeds for birds, or feature bright colors and unusual textures.

A catalog with photos, descriptions and prices is posted on the website. Gardeners

must pick up their orders between noon and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8 at May-slake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St. in Oak Brook and pay at that time with cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. They can shop for additional plants and talk with gardening experts as well.

Gardeners who do not place advance orders can still shop for plants and get advice on their care during the sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 9 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10. Proceeds from the sale support educational programming at the District.

For information, call (630) 933-7200 or visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org), where you can also link to the District's e-newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube pages.

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# VIEWPOINT

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## Backside bling draws attention to size of rear ends

I grew up in an era where cool jeans came outfitted with a tiny red rectangular tag and a number somewhere in the 500s. The choices were straightforward — boot-cut or straight leg, stonewashed or regular. Mom jeans hadn't been invented, because those of us wearing them weren't moms yet.

It was a simpler time — when jeans were jeans. They covered what they needed to cover and served as a practical staple in one's wardrobe. Times have changed. Hip, fashion-forward folks make statements with their derrieres by way of fancy stitching, rhinestones and other gaudy adornments. Bling, baby — it's



**Jill Pertler**  
SLICES OF LIFE

hit our rear ends and it's hit them hard.

I'm not merely talking about the attire of twentyish trendsetters — although they also follow the fad. I'm referring to moms, like me, bedazzling their backsides in ostentatious splendor — no ifs, ands or buts about it.

You can imagine my reaction when I initially observed other soccer moms and their

flashy posteriors. I was shocked and came to an immediate conclusion: I had to get me some of that splash!

I went jeans shopping and discovered people spend big bucks on their big butts. Trendy denim makes us pay for our bling — ka-ching! While most of the embellished pants sat well beyond my budget, I stumbled on a generic brand of less-expensive bling — which is sort of an oxymoron if you think about it.

I made my purchase and drove home feeling mighty hipster. I was officially a rhinestone cowgirl, ready for her first rodeo — or at the very least a local youth sporting event.

When I wore the new jeans, people commented on the sparkle and I thought, "What in the H-E-double-toothpicks was I thinking?" Decorating your derriere can have but one foreseeable outcome: it will make people notice not only your bling, but the size, scope and girth of your back

pockets. I'd gone and called attention to the one part of my anatomy that needed no undue scrutiny.

Since then, I've become comfortable with my flash-in-the-pants. I wear them often for one main reason: they are comfortable. Most of the time. The other day, however, I ran into a little glitch with my fancy-pants jeans.

Weather conditions were wet, and unbeknownst to me, droplets of moisture fell onto the fake leather interior of my vehicle. A puddle pooled and was soon met with the rhinestones on my rear. As I drove, my jeans reacted like a paper towel and by the time I arrived at the grocery store my vehicle's seat was dry — mine was not. I hoped my denim water spot wasn't a visible to the naked eye. Just in case, I rushed through my shopping list, anxious to make a quick exit.

I stood in the checkout line feeling edgy and damp. I shifted uncomfortably, hoping the wet spot didn't show

and praying it didn't look like I'd had more of an accident than I'd actually had. Then I heard a voice behind me.

"Excuse me..."

I turned to see an elderly lady beckoning for my attention. "I couldn't help but notice the back of your jeans," she said.

I nearly fell over.

She paused before continuing, "I was wondering, can you feel those gems on your pockets when you sit down?"

I breathed a sigh of relief and told her I couldn't. She continued to admire my wet backside.

"They sure are pretty," she said. "Those diamonds aren't real, are they?"

I wanted to say, "No, but the fat is." Instead I shook my head and tried to look dry.

Since then, I've come to an important conclusion. While jeans are a necessary staple to most wardrobes, beautifying your behind may not be such a clever decision. But you know what they say: hindsight is always 20/20.

## ATHS, WBHS recognized as two of 'America's Most Challenging High Schools'

A column submitted by  
District 88 Superintendent  
Scott Helton.

It's no secret these are challenging times for public education — from new standards and assessments, to increased accountability, to maintaining a stable budget in a difficult economy.



**SCOTT HELTON**

But we continue to succeed at District 88 because of the dedication of our staff, Board of Education, parents/guardians and community members. Our students are achieving at the highest levels academically, as well as in sports and activities, and they continue to give back to their communities.

Because of that commitment, Addison Trail and Willowbrook have once again been recognized as two of "America's Most Challenging High

Schools" by The Washington Post. "America's Most Challenging High Schools" ranks schools through an index formula that's a ratio of the number of college-level tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1,000 means the school had as many tests as graduates. For details about the challenge, go to [washingtonpost.com/high-schoolchallenge](http://washingtonpost.com/high-schoolchallenge).

Addison Trail and Willowbrook have received this honor since 2011, and we recently were informed both schools ranked in the top 6 percent of U.S. public high schools for 2014.

District 88 is proud to provide a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum for students to prepare them for college and careers, and these accomplishments would not be possible without everyone working together to build futures for our students. It's because of your continued support that we're able to move forward and achieve our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement.

## State Rep. Willis hosts recycling event

Nearly every week we get an important piece of mail that includes our credit card number, social security number, or other personal information. These sensitive documents can fall into the hands of identity thieves if they are not properly discarded. If this information is compromised, thieves can use the information to open fraudulent accounts, create counterfeit checks, and take out loans on unsuspecting victims.

To help protect consumers, I will be co-hosting a free Community Recycling Extravaganza and Shred Day with the Addison Park District on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Addison Community Recreation Center parking lot, located at 120 E. Oak Street in Addison. In addition, we will also be accepting items to recycle including, but not limited to electronics, medical equipment, bicycles, and eyeglasses.

This event is free and open to the public. Those participating will be able to help protect themselves from identity theft and preserve the environment by recycling. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 708-562-6970 or at [repwillis77@gmail.com](mailto:repwillis77@gmail.com).

**Kathleen Willis**  
State Representative  
77th District



**KATHLEEN WILLIS**

## Willowbrook Theatre to perform its State-winning play, 'God of Carnage'

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook Theatre invites the community to enjoy its State-winning play, "God of Carnage."

The play will be presented April 24 - 26 and tells the story of a playground altercation between 11-year-old boys that brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, tensions emerge and the gloves come off — leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters. The couples are played by Willowbrook junior Alex Lapinski, junior Olivia Baumann, senior Colleen Shelton and junior Jack Corkery.

"That's what humanity is — it's brutal and highly unpleasant, but only beneath the surface," Shelton said. "The play is very complex, and you have to go beneath the surface to understand the theme and message. It's very subtle."

Director Regina Wathier said she was inspired to present "God of Carnage" after seeing the movie "Carnage," which is based on the play.

"I chose this play because this was the first year we participated in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) competition series, and we needed a play that would work well for traveling," she said. "I knew this play would be perfect in every aspect — from the plot, to the set to the costumes."

And she was right. The "God of Carnage" cast and crew participated in the IHSA State Final Drama and Group Interpretation Competition on March 28 and 29, and they finished in 3rd place and won the technical category. Lapinski and Corkery also won All-State Cast awards.



### WB's production take 3rd place at State

Willowbrook Theatre competed in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) competition series for the first time this year with the production of "God of Carnage," which is the school's spring play. The "God of Carnage" cast and crew participated in the IHSA State Final Drama and Group Interpretation Competition on March 28 and 29, and they finished in 3rd place and won the technical category. They're pictured with their trophies.

"It was surprising to be named to the All-State Cast," Lapinski said. "I'm focused on my acting and not what other people are thinking about my acting, so it was great to hear people were commenting on the quality of the performance."

When audience members come to see the show, they can expect to see fun special effects and a very realistic set, Baumann said. The show will be performed in an intimate three-quarter-thrust setting, which means the audience will sit on risers onstage with the actors.

"God of Carnage" will be performed April 24-26 at 7 p.m. in Willowbrook's Doris White auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, or for more information, call 630-782-2860.



photos provided

### WBHS Theatre presents "God of Carnage"

Willowbrook students rehearse a scene from the school's upcoming spring play, "God of Carnage." Pictured are (from left) junior Alex Lapinski, junior Olivia Baumann and senior Colleen Shelton. "God of Carnage" will be performed April 24 through 26 at 7 p.m. in Willowbrook's Doris White auditorium.

## Junior Women's Club news

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Junior Women's Club has made several donations so far this year to help various organizations within the community.

It has donated \$200 to the Deicke Home in order to help them keep their doors open for those individuals that really need them. Additionally, the Junior Women's Club has donated \$50 to each District 45 school's PTA.

### Junior Women's Club Scholarship is now accepting applications

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a \$1,500 scholarship to benefit a female Villa Park student. This scholarship promotes and rewards women's involvement in a variety of community service activities.

The winner is decided based on the application and recommendations received. This is not a scholarship awarded based on financial need.

Applications can be found on the VPJWC website at VPIWC.org. Applications and recommendations can be mailed to: Villa Park Junior Women's Club Scholarship, P.O. Box 6232, Villa Park 60181.

Questions, contact Jen Krichbaum at (630) 460-2502. The deadline for scholarship applications is Wednesday, April 30.

## OBITUARY

### Roy M. Winters, 82

VILLA PARK — Roy M. Winters, of Villa Park, passed away at home in Villa Park on April 5, 2014, at the age of 82. Beloved husband of the late Shirley, loving father of James T. (Kelly) and the late Michael Winters, dear grandfather of Chloe and Colton Winters, fond brother of Fred (Shirley), Ronald, Virginia Winters and the late William (Delores) Winters, uncle of many. Roy was a retired police officer from Elmhurst Police Dept., served as a U.S. Marine for 10 years, Past Commander DuPage

Marine Corp League, Past Commandant Detachment Marine League, member Disabled Veterans Assoc., V.F.W. Post 2048, American Legion Post IHB Elmhurst, Past president DuPage Co. Veterans Assistance Commission, Past Master Elmhurst Lodge #941 AF&AM Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, York Rite Wheaton, American Federation of Television and Radio artists. Memorial services were held Wednesday April 9, 2014, at Steuerle Funeral Home in Villa Park. Interment private. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

# SPORTS

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## Addison Trail girls track team has promising future

### Blazers boys' track team strong in sprints and middle-distance

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls track coach Dave Pytko has plenty of reasons for optimism.

The Blazers return a number of key athletes from last year's team and have their sights set on improving not only in the West Suburban Conference Gold but in the state series as well.

Lynette Banuelos took fifth at sectionals last year in the 400 and the 800 relay team was sixth. Banuelos and the entire relay team are back this season.

"That gives us something to build off of," said Pytko.

Also back are seniors Yuhisa Vivero (sprints, relays), Jamie Borscha (sprints, relays) and Kaleen Smith (triple jump, sprints), juniors Kim Schonder (hurdles, sprints, jumps), Maria Dugo (sprints) and sophomore Alyssa Viera (throws).

Key newcomers include freshmen Lauren Kroll (sprints, hurdles), Kennedy O'Neill (short sprints, triple jump), Addie Saavedra (400, 800) and Analese Marrone (long distance).

Kroll has already run 26.62 in the 200 and set the frosh-soph indoor conference records in the 200, 55 and 55 hurdles.

Pytko said the strongest units of the team include the sprints and triple jump.

"Don't get me wrong, we have a good foundation for all other events for the future, but the sprints are where we are at right now," he said. "We have Kaleen Smith and Lauren Kroll, who probably

rank among the fastest girls in our conference. Lauren Kroll as a freshman was faster than any varsity girl in the entire WSC. Her 200 and 55 dash times were good enough to beat the varsity girls. Kaleen did not run those events, but she will be during the outdoor season.

"In addition to Lauren and Kaleen, we have 4 to 6 girls that are good enough to be in a 400 or 800 relay that can take us near state times," said Pytko. "Our 800 team that took sixth in the sectional last year already is faster without Kroll and Smith being in it for conference. Adding them will sew up the team and it will run at a very high level the entire year."

Smith and O'Neill finished second and first in their respective levels at the indoor conference meet in the triple jump. Smith is 11 inches off the state-qualifying mark.

Schonder was one place shy of earning a sectional medal last year in a hurdle event and Viera is hard at work in the throws.

"Kim is focused to do well in the hurdles," said Pytko. "Alyssa is throwing both the shot and discus, but her focus is on the discus and we should see some surprising results from her during the season, especially with the help of our new throws coach Whitney Roth, who is the discus record holder at Elmhurst College."

Pytko likes the direction the program is headed.

"On the whole, our team is much better than it was a year ago," he said. "There is a lot of competition within practice and a drive to do well. We are stronger than we ever have been. From here, it's my job to make the lineups that give us the best chance for both growth and success."

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Dave Pytko, girls track coach

Pytko said the team's goal is to place third in the WSC Gold outdoor meet. Addison Trail, without its best lineup in place yet, took sixth in the indoor meet and was a point away from fifth.

"It will be difficult, but the girls are up for the challenge," he said. "The senior group was the first group to put a third-place team together during their frosh-soph seasons and that was probably the first time in more than 20 years an Addison Trail team accomplished that."

Addison Trail's frosh-soph team placed second at the indoor meet. "No Addison Trail team has done that to anyone's recollection," said Pytko.

Pytko said the team's long-term goal lies in the postseason.

"Our goals are greater than the conference meet," he said. "We want to go to state in one or more events. What the coaches like best about this team is we have no idea just how good we are yet. We have had a small taste of what success is and we want more. The girls help each other out so much throughout the year. Every day I go into practice and somebody impresses me because they are teaching a younger athlete very similarly to how I would. This shows understanding and growth in their sport."

### Addison Trail boys track

The Addison Trail boys track team is happy to be doing a balancing act this spring.

"For the first time in several years we will be very balanced between the sprint events and the middle distance events," said Addison Trail coach Bruce Kelsay. "The last three years we have been distance dominated and three years before that we were sprint-heavy."

Addison Trail returns the likes of seniors Juan Valdez (800), Luis Miranda (1,600), Tre Smith (sprints) and Ronald Duling (high jump), along with junior Taylor White (sprints, high jump, triple jump) and Israel Olascoaga (300 hurdles, 400).

Valdez is a returning state qualifier in the 800.

A key newcomer to the team is freshman Darrion Conrad (sprints), who recently won the varsity 200 indoor West Suburban Conference Gold Division title.

"If Darrion works hard and has a high level of commitment, he can be one of the top runners in the state," said Kelsay, who also feels Miranda has a chance to qualify for state in the 1,600 this year.

Kelsay also is impressed with the size of the team this season.

"Our numbers are up," he said. "We have gone from 50 athletes last year to 80 this year. We have a very strong group of freshmen, so the future looks very bright."

Kelsay said the team's goal is to get multiple athletes to the state meet.

"This is an extremely good group of young men," he said. "They are good kids who work hard and are fun to coach."

## Willowbrook baseball team wins two against Addison Trail

### Addison Trail boys volleyball team now 9-0

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team's hot start to the season continued recently.

The Warriors scored a pair of wins over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail to move to 7-2 overall on the season and a perfect 5-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

In a 12-3 win over Addison Trail, Willowbrook pounded out 12 hits.

Mike Rothmund went 3-for-4 with a homer and four RBI. Tyler Vavrek was 1-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Jake Cady was 2-for-4. Luke Schuemer was 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Tucker Newling was 2-for-2 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

Cady was the winning pitcher. He went six innings and allowed six hits, two earned runs and struck out four. Matt Gasiamis pitched the final inning.

In a 6-1 win over Addison Trail, Vavrek was 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI. Tyler Zunkel went 1-for-3 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI.

Rothmund was 1-for-3 with a triple and two RBI. Cady and Brian Johnson each had doubles.

Vavrek stole four bases, while Zunkel and AJ Nolen each had two stolen bases.

TJ Case was the winning pitcher. He allowed five hits and no earned runs while striking out 10.

In an 8-6 WSC crossover win against Hinsdale Central, Willowbrook scored five runs in the third and three in the fifth.

Rothmund went 2-for-3 with a double, a triple and an RBI. Cady was 2-for-2 with two runs, a double and an RBI.

Johnson was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Schuemer had two RBI. Willowbrook stole eight bases as a team. Zunkel and Johnson each had two steals.

Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He allowed six hits, one earned run and struck out seven over seven innings.

### Addison Trail boys volleyball

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team ran its record to a perfect 9-0 after winning the Rolling Meadows Invitational.

At Rolling Meadows, the Blazers scored a 25-9, 25-7 win over the Rolling Meadows junior varsity and also recorded a 25-14, 25-7 win

over Riverside-Brookfield.

Addison Trail defeated Rolling Meadows 25-16, 25-9 and Elk Grove 21-25, 25-15, 25-17 before downing South Elgin 25-13, 25-12 in the championship match.

In earlier action, Addison Trail scored a 25-7, 25-15 non-conference win over Fenton.

Alex Dickmann had 11 kills. Jon Valentini added five kills, while Anthony Chiamonte had four kills. Kevin Grygo had 23 assists.

The Blazers also recorded a 25-7, 25-17 non-conference win over Larkin.

## Willowbrook hosts State send-off for Science Olympiad Team

**VILLA PARK** — The Willowbrook Science Olympiad Team has qualified for the State tournament, and Willowbrook hosted a State send-off celebration on April 11.

Coached by Willowbrook staff members Ben Fenske, Jim Kedvesh, Yvonne Tsagalis and Mike Warren, the team recently took home 6th place at the DuPage County Regional Science Olympiad at College of DuPage. That earned the team a bid to the 2014 State tournament, which will take place on April 12 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"The Willowbrook Science Olympiad Team is only six years old, however, this is the second time the group has made it to State in the last three years," Fenske said.

Science Olympiad is a national science competition, where students compete in 24 science-related events. Students typically compete in teams of two or three in events that include test taking (anatomy and physiology, dynamic planet), lab events (forensics, chemistry lab) and building (elastic launch glider, bungee drop). Students are allowed to compete in several events.

"Our bid into the State tournament puts us in the top 48 high school teams in the state," Fenske said. "The top two teams at State advance to the National tournament."



Pictured is the Willowbrook Science Olympiad Team, which competed in the State tournament on April 12 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Pictured are (back row, from left) senior Kevin Monaco, junior Mike Rogalski, junior Abby Pakeltis, senior Cesar Saucedo, senior Brandon Young, senior Emily Gornick, senior Chris Cheng, senior Kevin Cheng, senior William Menzer (front row, from left) junior Isabelle Martinez, junior Shukan Shah, junior Kelli Wysoglad, sophomore Stephaney Cheng and senior Veronica Palma.

## VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, April 17 • Book discussion

Join a lively book discussion at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Park Public Library of Margaret Atwood's book, *The Handmaid's Tale*, a dystopian fable involving a wife and mother who becomes the child-bearing pawn of a Christian theocracy. Info: visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call (630) 834-1164, Ext. 5.

### • Clay Pot Painting class

Starting at 7 p.m., the Villa Park Public Library is hosting Clay Pot Painting, where one can transform an everyday item in a ceramics class. A \$10 materials fee is required at registration, class limited to 20 participants. Info: visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call (630) 834-1164, Ext. 5.

### 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 for addl. siblings. Register at 630-834-8970 or [vppl.d.org](http://vppl.d.org).

#### • The Eco-Bot Challenge

From 11 a.m. to noon, the Villa Park Library Youth Services Department welcomes the University of Illinois Extension, which will enable kids 8-and-older to explore engineering and environmental

science through a special program. Register in advance. Info: call (630) 834-1164 or visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info).

### Tuesday, April 22 • Library program: Earth Day is Every Day

From 7-8 p.m., come celebrate Earth Day and show your commitment to reduce, reuse and recycle by attending this workshop for kids 8-and-older, sponsored by the Library's Youth Services Department. At the workshop, local artist Wendee Goles will help kids create projects using simple household items. Those who wish to participate are asked to register in advance for supplies. Info: call (630) 834-1164 or visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info).

### Thursday, April 24

#### Multi-chamber luncheon

A multi-chamber luncheon meeting, hosted by the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the Villa Park, Glendale Heights, Wood Dale and Bartlett chambers participating, will take place starting at 11:30 a.m. at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road. Reservations are required. Cost: \$24 per person for chamber members; \$35 for non-members. Info: call (630) 543-4300 or send an email to [addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net).

### Saturday, May 3

#### Semper Fi Family Platoon Spring Fundraiser yard sale

The Semper Fi Family Platoon, a group

that supports local Marines and their families in the northern DuPage area, is holding its Spring Fundraiser in the form of a yard sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Villa Park VFW, 30 E. St. Charles Road. The event will be set up in the parking lot behind the VFW, weather permitting. If it rains, things will be moved inside the VFW. Info: go to [sempperfamilypatoon.org](http://sempperfamilypatoon.org).

#### • Scout Troop 234 pancake breakfast

From 7:30 to 11 a.m., Boy Scout Troop 234 will hold its 7th annual pancake breakfast and auction at Calvary United Methodist Church, 136 W. Highland Ave. Tickets at the door: \$6/adults, \$3/children ages 3-11, children younger than 3 eat free. For advance tickets, call 630-530-9289. Auction includes many gift certificates from hotels, restaurants, movies, etc.

### Saturday, May 10

#### Fantasia Salute: Rite of Spring 101

Join the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra as it celebrates the conclusion of its exciting 53rd season, "Music Among Friends," at 7 p.m. at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road, when it presents "Fantasia Salute: Rite of Spring 101." Ticket prices: Tickets purchased before the day of the event are \$32 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$9 for students, and \$65 for families (up to 2 adults and three students.) Premium prices at the

door are an additional \$5 per ticket. Info: call the ESO Box Office at (630) 941-0202.

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The Villa Park Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a \$1,500 scholarship to benefit a female Villa Park student. The winner is decided based on the application and recommendations received. This is not a scholarship awarded based on financial need. Applications can be found on the VPJWC website. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 30. Info: contact Jen Krichbaum at (630) 460-2502.

### 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.

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## COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



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# Cooking up something sweet

Addison Trail High School seniors Tania Gonzalez (left) and Kevin Luu prepare sweets for the school's International Dessert Fest on March 27. Staff members were invited to taste the student-made treats from various countries. For information on Addison Trail programs and events, visit [www.dupage88.net/site/sub/2](http://www.dupage88.net/site/sub/2).

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# West Point accepts AT senior

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** – Ekaterin Gjonaj, a senior at Addison Trail High School, has been accepted into the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

Gjonaj said she has always looked up to her parent's military morale and ethical way of life. As graduated officers in the Albanian Military Academy in Europe, Gjonaj's parents – as well as her grandfather – raised her with a military mentality, according to a District 88 newsletter.

Gjonaj said attending West Point has been a goal of hers since her freshman year, after she went to the National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security in Washington, D.C., the newsletter stated.

West Point provides a four-year education that focuses on the leadership development of cadets in the academic, military and physical domains, all underwritten by adherence to a code of honor.

Some of the components to the application included

receiving a passing grade on the military fitness and medical exams, having a competitive GPA and getting a congressional nomination from your congressperson or state senators.

Students also are required to play a sport during the school year and go through military training in the summer. All cadets graduate as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, with a mandatory five years of service after graduation, according to the newsletter.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Rep. Tammy Duckworth nominated Gjonaj, who plans to major in international relations or law at West Point.

Gjonaj said her experience at Addison Trail as vice president of the debate team and member of Model United Nations, as well as Youth and Government, has helped her decide what fields she wants to study. She enjoys working toward a goal with others of diverse backgrounds and defending her position on many issues, the newsletter stated.



Photo provided

U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth (left) celebrates with Addison Trail High School senior Ekaterin Gjonaj, who has been accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Duckworth, as well as U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, nominated Gjonaj.

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Mostly sunny and breezy

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## ► ON THE COVER

JACO Environmental employee Pedro Garcia takes apart a refrigerator Wednesday at the Addison facility.

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■ **LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** What do you think about the menu items at U.S. Cellular Field?

**55 PERCENT:** All the food is too expensive  
**27 PERCENT:** Just give me a beer and a hot dog  
**14 PERCENT:** Sounds great, I'll try it  
**4 PERCENT:** Probably looks better than it tastes

■ **THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** Should residents be able to keep backyard chickens? Vote online at [mysurbanlife.com](http://mysurbanlife.com)

## Shake off the winter with NEDSRA's annual golf fundraiser

Each year, the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association hosts a golf fundraiser to raise money to purchase a new van that will provide transportation for our recreational programs.

We will attempt to golf 100 holes this year on May 1 at the Salt Creek Golf Course. The Wood Dale Park District, which is part of our cooperative, reserves the course for association sponsors and golfers as we hit little white balls into underground cups, over and over again.

Each player must collect various pledges from donors, usually \$1 to \$3, for each hole played. Some golfers will even keep score. I shot a surreal 442 in 2013, averaging 4.42 strokes per hole. Salt Creek is a fairly straight and flat course with many par 3s.

For 2013's fundraiser, I started the day taking Advil knowing there would be muscle stiffness involved since this was my first golf outing of the season. The day after the golf marathon, I took a few more pain pills and was actually feeling pretty good. Day three was a different story. As I rose from my bed that morning, pain starting at my hip and radiating down my leg around my swollen ankle greeted me. A couple of more pain pills got me through the day. Unfortunately, it would take me half the summer to heal from a torn hip flexor muscle. Boy, was that fun.

However, because I raised more than \$2,500 for the association, I can say it was worth it. This year, I would like to invite any macho golfers to visit our website, [nedsra.org](http://nedsra.org), to fill out a form, and, if you dare, take the challenge. It's actually a good way to shake off this long winter and start the golf season. I've already started doing my yoga hip stretches.

*Bruce Flowers is the marketing coordinator for NEDSRA.*



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



Congratulations to Addison Trail senior Kacper Mierzejewski, who was named recently by District 88 as March's recipient of the 88's Best award for his service work. Mierzejewski serves in leadership roles with the INTERACT Club, Key Club, Environmental Club and Pay it Forward and also takes part in a number of other service organizations. He also puts in many hours for service groups outside of school, such as PADS, Feed My Starving Children and Northern Illinois Food Bank. Sounds like a well-deserved honor!



The Addison Park District received some good news recently when it found out it would be getting a \$400,000 state grant for the second phase of planned Community Park improvements. The money will go toward building a new multipurpose field for soccer, lacrosse and football, creating a new skate park, pickle ball court and a picnic shelter.

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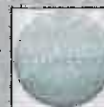
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## AT boys basketball to host spring clinic

### SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** - Boys in third through eighth grade can work on their basketball fundamentals at a clinic hosted by the Addison Trail boys basketball program.

The spring skills clinic will provide participants with instruction from the Addison Trail boys basketball coaching staff. Boys will learn and improve on basic fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, shooting, pivoting, individual defense and game strategy.

The clinic is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 5 and 12 at Ad-

dison Trail, 213 N Lombard Road.

The clinic costs \$15 per camper or \$25 for two members of the same family if participants register before May 2.

On-site registration will cost \$20 a camper or \$35 for two members of the same family, and a one-night-only registration costs \$15 a camper.

To register, go to <http://shawurl.com/1431>. For questions or more information, contact Addison Trail Boys Basketball Head Coach Brendan Lyons at 630-458-4380 or [blyons@dupage88.net](mailto:blyons@dupage88.net).

## Glendale Heights to host recycling depot

### SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**GLENDALE HEIGHTS** - Community members looking to kick-start their spring cleaning will get some help from the village of Glendale Heights Green Team at the group's One-Stop Reuse and Recycling Depot on April 26.

Participants may bring any unwanted, obsolete items. The depot will be from 8 a.m. to noon in the Glendale Heights Public Works parking lot, 1615 Glen Ellyn Road.

Items that will be accepted at the event include:

- Electronic equipment
- Household batteries
- Car, boat and sump pump batteries

- Broken holiday lights
- Medical equipment for reuse
- Cellphones for reuse
- Textiles
- Retired U.S. flags
- Prescription glasses
- Bikes
- Many more other miscellaneous items

Document shredding also will be available from 10 a.m. to noon.

All items will either be reused or recycled in an environmentally friendly manner.

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, paint or compact fluorescent light bulbs.

For information about the depot, visit [www.glendaleheights.org/goes\\_green](http://www.glendaleheights.org/goes_green).

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## DuPage officials react to FDA approval of naloxone

By NATHAN LURZ  
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### Know more

For information on DuPage County's naloxone program, visit [shawurl.com/13ws](http://shawurl.com/13ws). To find out more about Stonybrook, visit [stonybrookcenter.com](http://stonybrookcenter.com)

One of the tentpoles in DuPage County's effort to cut down on the number of heroin overdose deaths recently got a little more validation on the national level.

On April 3, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a prescription treatment called Evzio, which is a hand-held auto-injector that delivers the non-addictive medication naloxone.

Naloxone can reverse the symptoms of an opioid overdose, giving medical professionals the time needed to provide further treatment. Illinois passed a law in 2010 allowing nonmedical personnel to be trained to use the drug.

Recently, the DuPage County Health Department trained members of 23 area police departments to administer the drug via a nasal atomizer. Two lives were saved in March due to the program, according to the department.

Although the drug is being used in the county, it's still good news for those who have been championing its use, Coroner Richard Jorgensen said.

"We should have naloxone, and it should be extremely available to anybody who would feel they would have the need to use it," he said.

Use of the drug has seen some pushback over the last several years, some saying that having access to the drug will enable opiate addicts to use without fear of overdose.

"The argument against that is that dying of an overdose is a really, really poor way to start your rehab treatment," Jorgensen said. "That's tongue-in-cheek of course, but we need to have the ability to save people's lives."

Cookie Walter, owner and program director of Stony-

brook Center rehab in Winfield, said that while it was a narrow approval, it added legitimacy to the drug's use.

Stonybrook has previously worked with the local police department to provide and train officers in the use of the naloxone in both forms and provides it to family members of those at risk for an overdose.

Walter said that her organization found the auto-injector system less preferable because people are generally more comfortable using a nasal spray than a needle. Prices for the auto-injector also have been higher in her experience.

"We had a very difficult time obtaining the naloxone at a reasonable price - we didn't have a grant, didn't have government funding, so it came out of my pocket," she said.

Jorgensen echoed her preference of the nasal spray, also adding that he hoped it would spur more availability.

"This is a drug that until a little while ago was very hard to get," he said. "We need to have this become a shelf drug for the pharmacies and we need it to be available. Every one of these approvals is good for what we're trying to do."

"We need to have the ability to save people's lives."

**Richard Jorgensen**  
Coroner

## Successful season for science at Addison Trail



The Addison Trail High School Science Olympiad Team see a successful season, finishing second place March 15 at the Northern Illinois Regional Science Olympiad and competing at the state tournament April 12 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Photo provided

### • SOUND OFF

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#### Debating stormwater fee continues in Downers Grove

In response to the Sound Off item titled "Religious folks charged stormwater fees twice," while I don't argue that the [reader] has the perfect right to disagree with the village's decision to require Downers Grove churches to pay a stormwater fee, the caller's statement that the City Council "has a problem with Downers Grove residents that try to live out their life of faith" is a huge stretch, and frankly, insulting to council members.

Is the reader trying to suggest that council members are not people of faith, simply by virtue of their decision to impose the fee on churches? Imposing a stormwater tax on an organization in no way equates to interfering with a citizen's religious freedom; it

simply requires that churches, like any other Downers Grove organization, pay their ... share toward alleviating water and flooding problems that affect a number of Downers Grove locations. If churches are exempted from paying the stormwater fee, the funds will have to be collected elsewhere, which would necessitate village businesses and/or residents subsidizing the churches in this regard.

#### Westmont sidewalks are in rough shape, need work

I'm a handicapped man in Westmont, and the sidewalks are so bad. Your wheelchair almost tips over, and then if you ride in the street, it's really dangerous, plus people will report you because you're in the street. The sidewalks are really bad. They're bumpy, and they're rough. Mine has tipped over and people have had to jump out of their car to

help me

#### College athletes should be able to unionize

This is a rebuttal to the person who voiced their opinion about college athletes forming a union. What greater institution of Northwestern could the players and students have to enhance their law degrees from a top law school? Not all players are scholarship players. The NCAA and universities have been reaping the benefits of the talents of these students for more than 30 years. The NCAA Final Four in itself generated tickets sales of more than \$60 million. ... The coach is trying to sway public opinion by saying he's against it. However, he's only been prepped by the attorneys that are anti-union. So Northwestern, face up to the fact, it's a law. They have a right to form [a union]. Let them vote and drop your appeal. Let the players decide.

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## Best of the Blazers Alex Dickmann helps Addison Trail volleyball to its best start

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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CICERO — Addison Trail volleyball isn't shy about giving star hitter Alex Dickmann the ball in clutch situations, and the result has been record-breaking for the program.

With Dickmann winning key points at the end of the match, the Blazers got off to the best start in school history by defeating Morton 27-25, 28-26 on Tuesday. AT started the season 10-0 entering Thursday's match against Elgin, breaking the previous record of nine straight wins to begin a season.

Dickmann had kills on the final three points of the match to give the Blazers the West Suburban Gold win.

"I do that a lot for the team if we need it because they have trust in me to put the ball away when we need to in close game situations," Dickmann said.

The junior standout has trained with the junior national team in the past and is set to do so again this summer after club nationals. He will take part in a five-day camp hosted by Adversity Volleyball Club in Vernon Hills.

"I made the lower level this year, unfortunately," Dickmann said. "I couldn't get to the top team, but that's fine. I'm still going to the camp."

The 6-foot-4 lefty, who plays his club ball with Pipeline based in Schaumburg, has all the tools of an elite hitter and has a solid all-around game that allows him to play the back row as well.

"He's got the height, he's got the jumping ability, he can hit every shot in the book," AT coach Troy Hubner said. "He's just a well-rounded hitter."

Dickmann helped the Blazers win the Rolling Meadows Invite on Saturday. Seniors Anthony Chiaramonte and Kevin Grygo, the team's setter, and sophomore middle block-



Addison Trail's Alex Dickmann bumps the ball during Tuesday's match against Morton. Dickmann has been an instrumental part of the Blazers' hot start this season.

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er Kannon Nelms also have been significant contributors.

While Dickmann isn't the team's only productive player, he is unquestionably the team's star. In the tight points against Morton, Grygo set Dickmann

at every opportunity.

"Teams know that it's going to him," Hubner said. "We're going to give him the ball whether he's on or not. We're going to run our offense through him."

Winning at Morton after facing multiple game points in each game was a sign of the progress the entire Blazers' team has made.

"That's a big deal to us because last year we had most

of these guys and they were a little younger and we would have lost close games like this," Hubner said. "This year they're mentally tougher and they pushed through at the end and found a way to win."

## East star Hanewall signs for Clemson volleyball



Meghan Hanewall (left) signs her letter of intent to play for Clemson volleyball with Glenbard East girls volleyball coach Marci Maier looking on. Hanewall, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter, was a four-year varsity player. She led the Rams with 320 kills this season and also had 35 aces, 136 digs and 22 blocks. "Meghan is a solid six rotation outside who comes from one of the top clubs in the country," Clemson head coach Jolene Jordan Hoover said in a news release on Clemson's website. "She has a tremendous work ethic and will fit in well with our current team."

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## GIRLS TRACK PREVIEW

## Area athletes take first steps toward state meet

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The outdoor track season is just getting underway as Saturday marked the first day of big outdoor invites for area teams. The season is just starting but the girls state meets are less than six weeks away (May 22 to 24). Here's a look at what to expect over those next six weeks for area girls track and field teams.

## Addison Trail Blazers

Coach: Dave Pytko

Top athletes:

Lynette Banuelos	so.	sprints, triple jump
Lauren Kroll	fr.	sprints, hurdles
Kim Schonder	jr.	hurdles, relays
Kaleen Smith	sr.	sprints, triple jump
Yulisa Vivero	sr.	sprints

**Outlook:** As far as coach Dave Pytko could find in the historical records going back to 1980, Addison Trail has never had a runner qualify for state. That might be about to change.

Freshman Lauren Kroll burst onto the scene at the West Suburban Gold indoor meet and won three events at the frosh/soph level. In two of

those, the 55-meter dash and the 200 dash, she would have won on the varsity level as well.

"Everybody is buzzing about her," Pytko said. "It's incredible to hear the feedback about her. Her junior high coaches cannot believe the times she is at. There's nobody faster in the sectional right now in the 200."

Early on, Kroll is hovering around the state qualifying time in the 200. This weekend, she will run the 100 for the first time this season and is one second off of state qualifying time in the hurdles.

Senior Kaleen Smith has a chance to qualify in the 100 and the triple jump. Senior Yulisa Vivero and sophomore Lynette Banuelos will join to give AT sprint relay teams that also have the goal of making state. Both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays won at the Willowbrook Invite on Saturday.

"I don't think Addison has had runners qualify for state," Pytko said. "We're going to try and break that trend and send somebody down. If we've had runners it's been a long time."

## Glenbard East Rams

Coach: Joe Latala

Top athletes:

Anitra Davis	sr.	sprints
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Stephany Flores	sr.	sprints, long jump
Allison Hansen	jr.	distance
Kelly Heniff	jr.	distance
Corinthia Jordan	sr.	sprints
Angela Kerndl	jr.	hurdles, jumps
Anayah Smith	sr.	sprints

**Outlook:** The Rams have four senior sprinters that will carry strong relay teams.

In the first outdoor meet of the season, an eight-team invite at St. Charles North on Saturday, the Rams won the 4x100-meter relay and were second in the 4x200 and 4x400. Anitra Davis, Stephany Flores, Corinthia Jordan and Anayah Smith each will be key in those relays.

The other Rams' winner at that meet was junior Angela Kerndl in the high jump. Kerndl is the team's only returning state qualifier after making it in the 100 hurdles last year.

"The goal for us is to finish in the top half of the DuPage Valley Conference in our last year here before heading to the Upstate Eight Conference next year," coach Joe Latala said.

Beyond the seniors, the Rams have some good youth as well. East's junior varsity team won the St. Charles North Invite.

## Montini Broncos

Coach: Pete Connelly

Top athletes:

Cynthia Almazan	jr.	400, 800
Brittany Fisher	sr.	middle distance, high jump
Maggie Hallerud	sr.	1,600, 3,200
Madeline Jamrozek	jr.	middle distance, sprints, long jump
Emma Makowski	so.	400 & 800
Kelly McNamara	jr.	hurdles, sprints, long jump
Gianna Salzbrunn	so.	middle distance, sprints, hurdles, long jump

**Outlook:** The Broncos' 4x800-meter relay has placed second in Class 2A each of the past two seasons.

Current senior Brittany Fisher was a part of both of those relays and junior Maddy Jamrozek was on last year's team.

"After finishing second in the 3,200 relay at state the last two years, we'd like to move up a notch this year," coach Pete Connelly said.

Jamrozek was 10th in the 400 at the Top Times indoor meet, which is as close to an

indoor state meet as there is. Maggie Hallerud was 10th in the 1,600.

Sophomore Gianna Salzbrunn is the team's other state returner after taking 14th in the 300 low hurdles as a freshman.

## Willowbrook Warriors

Coach: Clyde Ware

Top athletes:

Taylor Burton	sr.	200 & 400
Kayla Denwood	jr.	800
Stefania Enescu	jr.	hurdles
Shannon Jones	so.	distance
Molly Krawczykowski	sr.	middle distance
Jada Stills	sr.	throws

**Outlook:** Northern Illinois recruit Molly Krawczykowski is Willowbrook's top athlete. The senior was all-state in the 800-meter run as a junior and won the indoor conference title in that race.

Taylor Burton, who won the 300 dash at the indoor conference meet, was a state qualifier in the 400 last year.

Burton and Krawczykowski will also help in the Warriors' relays. The 4x400 relay especially should score points regularly this spring.

Jada Stills was another indoor conference champ on shot put and has a chance to qualify for state.

## WHAT TO WATCH

■ **BASEBALL:** Montini hosts Aurora Christian in a Suburban Christian Conference game at 1 p.m. Monday.

■ **BOYS VOLLEYBALL:** Addison Trail puts its undefeated record on the line against Downers Grove South in a home match at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

■ **BASEBALL:** Glenbard East hosts defending DVC champ Naperville Central in the middle game of a three-game series at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## ►► PREP ROUNDUP

## Two wins keep Montini baseball undefeated

## SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Montini's baseball team entered Thursday's game at IC Catholic with an 8-0 record.

Austin Pohlman had three RBIs in an 11-0 win against Harlan on Saturday.

Austin Kline and Kyle Jackson had two hits each in Wednesday's 6-4 victory against Wheaton Academy.

**BASEBALL**  
**Glenbard East**

The Rams split a doubleheader with Lockport on Saturday. Scott Borosak, John Allen and Joey Moore had two hits each in a 9-6 win in the first game.

Bryce Roberts was 2-for-3 in the 14-3 loss in the nightcap.

Anthony Esterly pitched a shutout against West Aurora in the Rams' DuPage Valley Conference opener on Wednesday as East won, 2-0.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Willowbrook**

Alyssa Ressinger, Delaney Pelsor, Olivia Domin and Alex Kassal each had two hits in a 10-0 win against Elmwood Park on Saturday.

The Warriors then lost to two-time defending Class 3A state champ Glenbard South, 8-0, Wednesday.

**Montini**

After starting the season 1-4, the Broncos have won six games in a row. Emily Lezcano hit two home runs and Sara Ross hit one in a 10-2 win against Rosary on April 11. Alyssa Scalfani was 3-for-4 with a home run in a 5-4 win against Marian the next day. On Wednesday, Cristina Barrett went 4-for-4 and Amy Bukovsky drove in four RBIs in an 11-1 win against St. Edward.



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Addison Trail's R.J. Infusino performs on the still rings at Hinsdale Central's Canino boys gymnastics invite on April 11. The Blazers placed eighth at Central and then finished third at their invite on Saturday.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Willowbrook**

The Warriors snapped a six-match winless streak by defeating Fenton, 7-1, on April 11.

**Montini**

The Broncos knocked off Guerin, 7-1, on Tuesday.

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
**Glenbard East**

The Rams made it to the final of their own Springfest tournament on Saturday by defeating four teams, including defending champion Downers Grove South, before losing to Glenbard West in the

final 25-21, 17-25, 18-25. East then defeated Glenbard North 25-18, 25-17 on Tuesday.

**Willowbrook**

After going 2-3 at the Warren Invite last weekend, the Warriors dropped a match against Lyons Township Monday. Willowbrook got back in the win column by defeating Leyden 25-16, 22-25, 25-13 on Tuesday. Ben Wozniak had 11 kills and Anthony Acitelli had 17 digs in the win.

**Montini**

Dylan Maher was second in the triple jump at the Gary Johnson Bulldog Relays at Riverside Brookfield. Eddie Laviste (pole vault) and Jack Brady (long jump) each took fourth.

**BADMINTON**  
**Glenbard East**

The Rams were third at the eight-team Willowbrook Invite on Saturday.

**BOYS GYMNASICS**  
**Addison Trail**

The Blazers took third at their own Fred Dennis Invitational on Saturday with 129.35 points.

**Glenbard East**

The Rams were fourth out of eight teams at the Fred Dennis Invitational hosted by Addison Trail on Saturday. East scored 124.76 points.

**Willowbrook**

The Warriors were fifth at Hinsdale Central's Anthony Canino Invitational on April 11. Colton Bach was fifth on the vault and Keawe Winstead was fifth on the pommel horse. Winstead took second on floor exercise at a Hinsdale South invite on Monday. Bach was third in rings and the Warriors also were fifth at that invite.

**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**  
**Addison Trail**

Juan Valdez was third in

# Big numbers to know

## 5-2

for Glenbard East boys tennis against St. Edward's on Saturday

## 52

points scored by Willowbrook's Anthony Canino in the boys gymnastics invitational on Saturday

## 11

runs scored by Addison Trail softball in an 11-0 win against Marian on the West Suburban Gold opener

## 3

home runs hit by Emily Lezcano in Montini softball in past three games

## Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**MIKE  
ROTHMUND**  
Willowbrook  
Senior | Baseball

### Why Rothmund was selected:

**Rothmund entered Thursday with a .500 batting average and 24 RBIs through 10 games.**

*Willowbrook senior first baseman Mike Rothmund has been a run-producing machine early this spring. In the Warriors' first 10 games he was 18-for-36 with four home runs, 24 RBIs and 13 runs scored as the team got off to an 8-2 start. Rothmund, this week's Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about his and the team's hot start and his commitment to Illinois-Springfield.*

#### What has been key to Willowbrook's strong start?

We play as a team every day, day in, day out. If one guy is not having it, guys can step up and pick him up. We've had a nice start. We got to keep going, though.

#### Individually what has been working for you at the plate?

The offseason really helped me. I took some time off. I had some back problems. Then I just started working back to it. I cut down on my motion, a lot of my movement, stuff like that. I'm feeling good as long as we get the W.

#### What made you want to go to Illinois-Springfield?

I went down there as a college visit and I really liked it down there. I'm not a big school person and UIS is not that big. I felt comfortable there. They showed me the dorms. They showed me around campus and off campus and everything. I just really liked it. I felt at home.

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## Addison Trail on the upswing

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**ADDISON** – After a sluggish start, Addison Trail baseball is hoping that it has a run in it.

The Blazers were swept by Willowbrook in a recent series, dropping AT to 0-6 in the West Suburban Gold. The Warriors won each game by at least five runs even though the Blazers held early leads in two of the games.

"It's what's been going on for us all season," AT coach Michael Kennedy said after the series finale of Wednesday. "It's the second game that we've jumped to a lead on these guys and gave it back to them."

The Blazers led 3-2 after three innings, but a four-run fourth inning gave Willowbrook the lead for good in a 10-5 Warrior win. Willowbrook won 6-1 Friday and 12-3 Saturday.

Kennedy was frustrated by his team's defensive miscues that led to big Willowbrook innings.

"You can't give good teams extra outs and that's what we did," Kennedy said. "When it came time to make a big play, we didn't make it and they made it."

The offense is showing signs of improvement. Joe Amato was 5-for-9 in the series and Frank Amato was 5-for-8.

"Our approach has been better," Kennedy said. "We're young and we're still making some of those youthful mistakes. We really need



Addison Trail's Joe Amato fields a ground ball and throws to first base in Wednesday's home game against Willowbrook. Amato had five hits in the three-game series, but the Blazers were swept by the Warriors.

to limit those if we want to start winning some baseball games."

Despite the recent struggles, Kennedy remained optimistic for the future.

"I think this team has the talent to win," he said.

"I think going forward from here I see us putting together a nice little stretch. Our bats are starting to come together. We just got to sure up some things on defense and you'll find a different Addison Trail starting this weekend."

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