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Desserts with a flair

Addison Trail seniors Tania Gonzalez and Kevin Luu prepare sweets for the school's International Dessert Fest. Students made desserts from various countries and invited staff members to whom they wanted to show thanks and appreciation to attend the event. The fest took place on March 27.

AT culinary arts students hold International Dessert Fest

(From left) Addison Trail junior Donald Bolek, Career and Technical Education Department Chair Jullann Boudours, senior Juan Briones, teacher Joe Mahoney and teacher Enza Spiloto enjoy a tasty treat during Addison Trail's International Dessert Fest.

ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 24 Chamber luncheon on western access

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., a multi-chamber luncheon, will take place at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison. Program will feature County Board president Dan Cronin who will discuss western access to O'Hare Airport. Reservations required. Tickets: \$24/members, \$35/non-members. Info: (630) 543-4300 or via email to addison-chamber@sbglobal.net.

Wednesday, April 30 • Dist. 4, Rotary Club Senior Spring Breakfast

Addison Trail boys basketball program to host spring clinic

ADDISON — On May 5 and 12, the Addison Trail Boys Basketball program will host a spring skills clinic.

The clinic is available for boys in third through eighth grades and will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Addison Trail. Participants will receive instruction from the Addison Trail Boys Basketball coaching staff and will learn and improve on basic fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, shooting, pivoting, individual defense and game strategy. Information about the summer camp also will be available during

At 9:30 a.m. at Wesley School, 1111 W. Westwood School District 4 and the Rotary Club of Addison is hosting a free Senior Spring Breakfast, plus entertainment by the school's musicians. Because parking is limited, a shuttle bus will be available at Community Park, 120 E. Oak at 9:10 a.m. Park there and ride the bus to and from Wesley. Free, but reservations are needed. Please call 630-458-2429.

• Addison Chamber Progressive Luncheon From 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at Glendale Lakes Golf Club

the clinic.
Fees for the clinic are:

Early-bird registration (before May 2) \$15 a camper / \$25 for two members of the same family (for both nights).

On-site registration: \$20 a camper / \$35 for two members of the same family (for both nights).

One-night-only registration: \$15 a camper.

To register, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1459. For more information, contact Coach Brendan Lyons at 630-458-4380 or blyons@dupage88.net.

1550 President St., Glendale Heights, the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be hosting a multi-chamber Progressive Luncheon. Registration takes place at 11 a.m. that day and reservations are required by no later than Friday, April 18. Fee: \$25 per person for Addison Chamber members, \$35 per person for non-members. Info: call the chamber office at (630) 543-4300.

Saturday, May 10 • Park Pride Recycling Extravaganza

This Addison Park District-sponsored event will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Community Park's parking lot. For a complete list of items being accepted for recycling—as well as items not accepted—go online to addisonparks.org or call (630) ADD-PARK.

• Park District Park Pride cleanup

The cleanup will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. at Community Park to prepare the park for the

upcoming season. Each registered volunteer will receive a t-shirt and lunch at the Volunteer Appreciation Cookout in Community Park at 11:30 a.m. To volunteer, call (630) 233-7275 by Thursday, May 1.

• 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.

Ongoing events...

• Community Garden plots at Old Mill Park available
The 2014 gardening season is

about to start (May 1 through Oct. 15) and new gardeners are invited to sign up through the Addison Park District. Plots are 10-foot by 10-foot with raised timbers and a fence surrounding the entire garden area and are available, starting May 1 in Old Mill Park, 500 W. Byron Ave. Fee: \$25. Info: call (630) 233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran hosts annual Walk In Remembrance

ADDISON — The public is invited to participate in a Walk In Remembrance on Friday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. beginning at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 1213 West Army Trail Boulevard in Addison. The cross will

be carried along Army Trail Boulevard to Lake Street & Kennedy Drive. All ages welcome — even the young enjoyed the walk last year. The walk will end with the raising of the cross.

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 Yulisa 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 Analise Marcone (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), Tie 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.

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. Joa Valentini added five kills, while Anthony Charamonte had four kills. Kevin Gnygo had 23 assists.

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

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Sen. Cullerton
applauds \$400,000
for Addison parks

"A strong, healthy park district is a sign of a strong, healthy community. When we invest in our parks we are investing in healthy lifestyles and the overall wellbeing of our communities," State Senator Tom Culleton (D-Villa Park) said.

The grant will help pay for construction projects including:

- A skate park
- Pickle ball court
- Multi-purpose shelter
- Upgrading two ball fields
- Extending exiting bike trails
- Creating a circular exercise path
- Wetland and bio-swale enhancements
- Parking lot improvements

Funded through the Real Estate Transfer Tax, OSLAD provides funding assistance to local governmental agencies

Addison Park District is receiving \$400,000 matching OSLAD grant from the State of Illinois for Phase #2 of a project currently under construction at Community Park for park improvements. In 2012, the District received \$359,100 for phase #1 development of the park site which is nearing

Phase #2 is inclusive of the following items:

- Construction of NEW multi-purpose field for soccer, lacrosse and football
- Construction of a new skate park (new element for site)
- Construction of a pickle ball court (new element for site)
- Picnic shelter

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courtesy photo

Addison Trail Orchestras Officers rehearse for the upcoming Orchestras Show to be held on April 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. Pictured are (back row, from left) junior Andrianna Rae, senior Carrie Castellano, senior Elaine Diamond, senior Anne Pacilli, junior Brittany McComb, junior Gina Dattolo (front row, from left) senior Mallory Mandarin and senior Tyler Skupien. Not pictured are junior Brianna Sitkowski and junior Angela Pitello. See story inside this issue.

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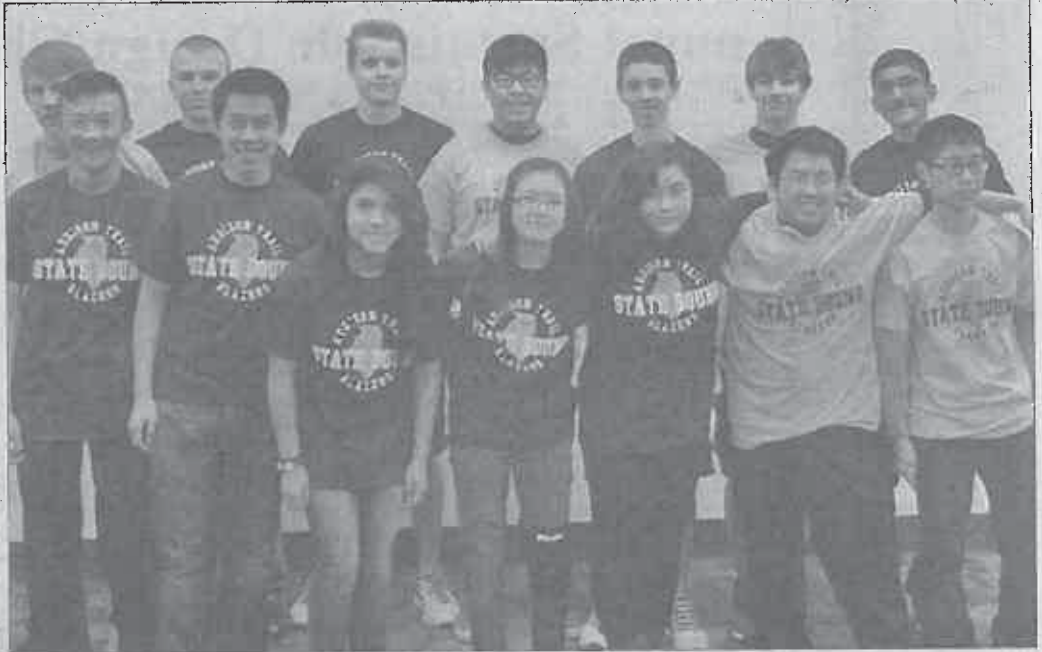
Addison Trail hosts State send-off for Science Olympiad Team

ADDISON — The Addison Trail Science Olympiad Team has qualified for the State tournament, and Addison Trail hosted a State send-off celebration on April 11.

The team finished in 2nd place in the Northern Illinois Regional Science Olympiad on March 15 at Rock Valley College, which earned them a bid to the 2014 State tournament. The tournament will take place on April 12 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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. For more information about Science Olympiad, visit sonic.org or illinoisolympiad.org.

Addison Trail Science Olympiad Team members include: Varsity Justin Paul, Anthony Pham, Emily Rosenquist, Al Szezodrowski, Mario Macedo, Sid Lee, Jason Sechan, Franc De Guzman, Jerold Macaya, Julia Dziabis, Lili



Pictured is the Addison Trail Science Olympiad Team, which will compete in the State tournament on April 12 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. courtesy photo

Linares, Raymond Loi, Robert Ramszewski and Michal Silezin, Junior varsity Blake

Johnson, Kiana Ongbueco, Ernie Benum, George Koulogorgas, Jay Patel, Steven

Abraham, Adrian Kominowski, Alex Dudka, Tracy Pham, Isabelle Hernandez, Jonathan

Loi, Jenny Linares, Lucy Bustamante, Larry Nuehring and Jeremy Sechan.

Cronin joins area leaders for public transit briefing aboard Metra train

Capital improvements underscore regional cooperation, solutions

WHEATON — DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin, along with other local government officials, accompanied the Metra and Union Pacific Railroad leadership on a train ride on the morning of Friday, April 11,

in an effort to deepen their knowledge of public transit issues.

The Metra board members, Union Pacific executives and chairmen from DuPage, Kane and Lake Counties, rode on a Union Pacific train from the Ogilvie Transportation Center in Chicago to Elmhurst, which is the final station on the line. During the ride, staff provided an overview of the Union Pacific West Line including train stations and infrastructure

The UP West Line extends nearly 44 miles from Chicago through Cook, DuPage and Kane counties.

Cronin said he was impressed by the capital and infrastructure improvements made by Union Pacific and Metra through grade separation projects, newly-designed warning signs, weather stations and the positive train control system, which are all aimed to increase safety.

"There is no question

that mass transit is a very complex system," he said. "Today's train ride provided a unique opportunity to see first-hand the improvements made along the line in addition to hearing directly from the rail experts about the opportunities for further enhancement."

The train ride was offered in conjunction with the Metra Board's first off-site meeting at the DuPage County Government Center in Wheaton.

"Today's Metra meeting is a testament to the new leadership's emphasis on regional cooperation and solutions," Cronin said. "I am confident that DuPage County and our commuters will continue to be a priority for the Metra board."

DuPage County is served by Metra's two busiest lines — the Union Pacific West line and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe line — which provide an estimated 98,000 daily trips on 150 trains.

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- Renovation of fields #3 and #4 with better drainage and life safety improvements with fencing and dugouts.

- Expand the interior park pathways to create a looped trail system within the park for a complete walking path with ADA compliance.

- Wetland restoration with interpretive opportunities near Salt Creek Greenway Trail.

- Renovation of deteriorated southeast parking lot with adjacent bio-swale to filter surface run off.

These critical improvements and new elements for Community Park will complete the site development for the 50-acre park that had many elements beyond the useful life expectancy and create new opportunities for ever growing

demands for recreation at this main park site.

"We are excited about this news. It actually came on the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Addison Park District on Saturday, April 5, 2014," said Mark McKinnon, Executive Director of the Addison Park District. "We are happy to have this funding from the state so that our

multi-tiered project can be complete for our residents."

"This funding is essential for our district to be able to complete this major renovation plan at Community Park," said Park Board President Tina Towns. "We knew that the grant would be a very competitive process and we are proud that Addison Park District is one of 46 recreation agencies

and of only 2 park districts in DuPage County to receive this funding."

For updates on the current OSLAD Community Phase #1, visit addisonparks.org. The Addison Park District mission is to provide the highest quality of recreational opportunities and open space for everyone.



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West Point candidate meets Congresswoman

Addison Trail senior Ekaterin Gjonaj (right) meets with Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth. Gjonaj has been accepted into the United States Military Academy (West Point), and Duckworth gave her a congressional nomination.

AT senior headed to West Point

Pictured is Addison Trail senior Ekaterin Gjonaj, who has been accepted into the United States Military Academy (West Point) in West Point, NY.

Addison Trail senior accepted into United States Military Academy

Addison Trail senior Ekaterin Gjonaj has been accepted into the United States Military Academy (West Point) in West Point, New York.

Gjonaj said she has always looked up to her parent's military morals 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.

"My family has ingrained the military ethics and morals in me since I was a child," Gjonaj said. "In fact, I will be a third-generation officer."

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

"I immediately became intrigued with West Point after my trip to D.C.," she said. "However, my deci-

sion was solidified after visiting the school with my family."

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

"Only 8 percent of those who apply get into the school," she said. "It's a lengthy process, which I started my junior year of high school."

Some of the components to the application include 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.

"I received a nomination from Sen. Dick Durbin and Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth," Gjonaj said. "I am truly blessed for their confidence in me."

While at West Point, she plans to major in international relations or law.

"I'm extremely proud of the education I received at Addison Trail. As vice president of the Debate Team and a member of Model UN and Youth and Government, I've had experiences that have helped me understand these fields are right for me."

Gjonaj said she enjoys working toward a goal with others of diverse backgrounds, as well as defending her position on many issues.

"I am really excited to meet my fellow cadets and to push myself more than I could have ever imagined," she said.

Village of Addison offers Route 53 project updates

ADDISON — Last week, the Independent received updated information about the progress of construction on and near Route 53 as of April 8. The following are updates and sequencing of the construction and traffic staging for the upcoming weeks, weather permitting.

Drivers should be VERY aware that this is a construction zone and should use added caution through the work zone areas. Please watch for workers and watch your speed and be cautious.

General: Lochner/IDOT continues to use a traffic signal timing consultant to monitor the intersection of Route 53/Route 20, adjusting the timing to maintain traffic flow.

Route 53 and Route 20 intersection work: Work in this intersection creates ongoing traffic congestion and

Route 53 traffic delays due to the intersection work. The stabilized base has been poured within the past 10 days for eastbound lanes from the western boundary (near I-355) to the east boundary near Central Avenue. (The road consists of a stone sub-base, then asphalt or concrete base over the stone, then the final "mainline" concrete road deck.)

Staging of the remaining northbound lanes of Route 53 from approximately the south exit of Walmart north to the I-290 underpass is underway. Tentatively, the asphalt base will be placed Monday, April 14. With that completed, the framing and prep-work will start for the mainline concrete pour to complete northbound lanes. Minor ComEd utility conflicts remain in the right turn lane of eastbound Route 20

to southbound Route 53.

There will still be SEVERAL lane/traffic pattern changes required to buildout the center portion of the intersection while allowing traffic flows.

Route 53 and Route 20 Miscellaneous work: The non-mountable center medians and islands will be built out after the mainline pours are completed.

Army Trail/Route 53 intersection: The permanent traffic signalization will be completed and synchronized near the end of the project when the final traffic patterns are established.

Miscellaneous: Issues with the ADA sidewalk requirements are being worked through and the work is nearing completion on sidewalk placement along the east and west sides of Route

53. Restoration work is ongoing and sod is being placed along Route 53 in various areas.

Ramp Work: Ramp work is ongoing on the northbound off-ramp from I-355/290, onto Route 20. Half of the ramp is in stage (under construction). Tentatively, concrete pours will be completed this week and the second half of the ramp can go into stage within the next few weeks.

Intersections of Woodland Avenue, Army Trail and Route 20 traffic signalization. The permanent traffic signalization will be completed and synchronized near the end of the project when the final traffic patterns are established.

For questions or concerns, contact the Addison Public Works Department at 630-620-2020.

Madigan, legislators clear way for Obama library

Spokesman admits challenge in finding source for \$100 million in bonds

By Dee Longfellow
For The Elmhurst Independent

Illinois legislators advanced a plan on Thursday, April 17 to devote \$100 million in state

construction funds to bring the Obama presidential library and museum to Chicago. Lawmakers said the money was intended to "sweeten a City bid," noting that Hawaii, where Obama was born, and New York where he attended college, also are interested in housing the presidential artifacts and records.

Chicago is thought by many to have the upper hand, not only because of Obama's roots,

but also because it is home to many of his closest friends and advisers, including Martin Nesbitt, a Chicago businessman who is leading the Barack H. Obama Foundation. Nesbitt claims no city or state has an advantage at this stage of the competition.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, who is sponsoring the measure to provide the \$100 million, said he knows

Nesbitt personally but has not spoken to him about the library. Madigan also said he will work with the many Chicago universities and other possible sites to try to agree on one location and submit the strongest possible unified bid. He called

Thursday's unanimous vote by the House committee "a very good start" to the process.

Madigan's spokesman, Steve Brown, said legislators still must determine a funding source to pay for the \$100 million in bonds.



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District 88 Science Olympiad teams win State titles

Pictured are members of the Willowbrook Science Olympiad Team, which won 1st place in the State competition A Division on April 12. Pictured are (back row, from left) junior Abby Pakeltis, senior Kevin Monaco, senior William Menzer, junior Mike Rogalski, senior Chris Cheng, senior Brandon Young, (middle row, from left) senior Kevin Cheng, senior Cesar Saucedo, senior Veronica Palma, senior Emily Gornick, sophomore Kyle Ooley, (front row, from left) sophomore Stephaney Cheng, junior Shukan Shah, junior Isabelle Martinez and junior Kelli Wysoglad.

District 88 schools shine at Science Olympiad State contest

VILLA PARK/ADDISON — Willowbrook has a new State championship team in Science Olympiad. On April 12, the team competed in the State competition at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and won the A Division. Individual 1st-place finishes included seniors Kevin Monaco and Chris Cheng in Water Quality, seniors Brandon Young and Kevin Cheng in Dynamic Planet, and seniors Chris Cheng and Emily Gornick in Designer Genes.

At Addison Trail, seniors Ernesto Berrum and George Koulogorgas finished in 1st place in Bungee Drop.

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COMMUNITY CAPSULES...

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

By Paul DeGundice
For The Villa Park Independent

The Villa Park Board of Trustees met in a Formal Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14. Village President Deborah Bullwinkel was absent from the meeting, so Trustee Al Bulthuis was named President Pro Tem.

- The Board next introduced Heidi Holan, who is running for State Representative as a Republican challenger to District 46 incumbent Deb Conroy. Holan said she was available to meet with and discuss the concerns of voters.

- Al Bulthuis then asked to remove item #7 from the agenda (Consider a Resolution Approving amended purchasing policies and procedures for the Village of Villa Park) because he had not received any information on the item and was not aware of what the amendments were. The Board voted unanimously to remove the item, which may return to a future agenda.

- The Board next voted unanimously to approve the first and final reading of an Ordinance amending the annual budget for the Village of Villa Park. The Village's fiscal year runs from May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. The new budget will commence May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.

- The Board voted to approve the first reading of an Ordinance

establishing a business registration program as part of the Fire Department's annual inspection program. The Ordinance, if passed during a second (final) reading as expected, will levy a \$25 fee on non-home based businesses to help defray the costs of establishing a centralized data base. This data base would be used by all Village Departments and streamline information updates. (See story on pg. 1 of this issue of the Villa Park Independent.)

- The first reading of an Ordinance prohibiting excess engine idling of diesel-fueled motor vehicles was also approved by the Board. The Ordinance limits such idling to 10 minutes within any 60 minute period. The penalty for violations is \$50 for the first conviction, and \$100 for a second and \$200 for subsequent convictions within a twelve month period. Trustee Aiello asked what prompted the Ordinance. According to Village attorney Kathleen Field-Orr, there is already a similar state law on the books but by passing a local ordinance, the Village can enforce it. A motion to increase the fines to \$75, \$150 and \$300 brought up by Trustee John Davis failed.

- The Board also considered three Resolutions at Monday's meeting.

- The first Resolution authorized a change order to the contract between Villa Park and A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. for the 2013 North Michigan Avenue Improvement Project. The change balances the contract quantities as measured in the field with the estimates

submitted before construction. The change resulted in an addition of \$26,208 for a project total of \$1,002,954. The Resolution passed unanimously.

- The next Resolution is an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between the County of DuPage Stormwater (Busse Woods) and the Village. According to Village staff, Villa Park is one of the communities involved in the agreement which shares costs for study and design of the Busse Woods Dam modifications and Salt Creek Watershed Flooding Control Project. The Village's portion of costs for the study is \$12,500.

- Trustee Bob Wagner asked why Elmhurst's portion is less, even though Elmhurst has more "shoreline" along Salt Creek than Villa Park. Trustees John Davis and Bob Taglia voted "no" to moving the resolution to the Formal Agenda. Trustees Chris Aiello, Bob Wagner, Don Kase and Al Bulthuis voted "yes." The Resolution was then tabled to be reconsidered at the Monday, April 28 Formal Meeting after staff gets answers to the apparent disparity of costs between participating municipalities.

- The third Resolution was needed to approve renewal of insurance for employees, retirees and other covered employees with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. The total cost is \$2,674,178, with Village contributions of \$1,889,504. The Resolution also allows renewal of the self-insured dental policy through Delta Dental in the amount of \$128,147 (Village contribution of \$46,632). Life insurance through Fort Dearborn Life (Village contribution of \$9,186). Vision insurance through Vision Service Plan (Village contribution of \$17,862) as well as two other smaller benefits programs. This Resolution will be presented during the Monday, April 28, 2014, Formal Board meeting for final approval, as the 2014/2015 Village budget includes funding for these benefits.

efits

- The Board passed a first and final reading of an Ordinance approving the final planned unit development plan for the property located at 151 West North Ave. The request is to convert the existing car wash into a quick serve restaurant with a drive-through window. Trustee Chris Aiello abstained, citing a conflict of interest. Normally abstentions are counted with the majority, but in this case, Aiello's vote will be kept as a "pure" abstention.

- Village President Pro Tem Al Bulthuis read a Proclamation naming the week of April 13 through April 19, 2014 as National Library Week in Villa Park. Library Director Sandy Hill informed the Board and residents that the summer reading club would be starting soon. Hill also pointed out new services the library will be offering, such as an e-book program and library efforts toward the 100th anniversary celebration.

- Village Manager Richard Keehner read a Proclamation recognizing April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day in Villa Park.

- The Board voted 5-1 to approve the second (final) reading of an Ordinance that adopts monthly utility billing as well as amending utility billing delinquent fees. The quarterly billing cycles for water, sewer and garbage will now be done monthly. Tagging and

tag fees for delinquent water bills will cease. Instead, after an account becomes delinquent for 35 days, the Village will proceed to terminate water service. Security deposits for new water accounts will now be \$150. The security deposit is returned when a homeowner sells their residence or after four years of prompt payments and a written request to the Village. Hours of service for reinstatement of water services will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during normal business days. Trustee Bob Taglia cast the sole no vote.

- The Board passed an information only Bill Listing dated April 14, 2014 in the amount of \$415,996.

- During the Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items portion of Monday's meeting, resident Judy Wherley addressed the Board and residents. Wherley said she wanted everyone to be aware of the impending Storm Water Utility fee. She opposes the fee, which she calls a tax, as well as the way the Village Board has gone about informing the public and business about the fee. Wherley has circulated a petition to put the measure to voters as a referendum question. Wherley also requested a cost-benefits analysis for the proposed fee.



Two Willowbrook seniors to be honored during IPA Student Recognition Breakfast

Pictured are Willowbrook seniors Molly Kuentler and Rocky Dubinas, who will be honored for their outstanding achievements during the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) DuPage Region Student Recognition Breakfast on April 28. Each year, principals in every school of DuPage County are eligible to recognize one or two students from the top grade in their school for academic performance, exemplary citizenship, overall improvement or other criteria the principal wishes to establish and apply. Kuentler and Dubinas will be recognized with other top scholars from the DuPage County area during the breakfast.

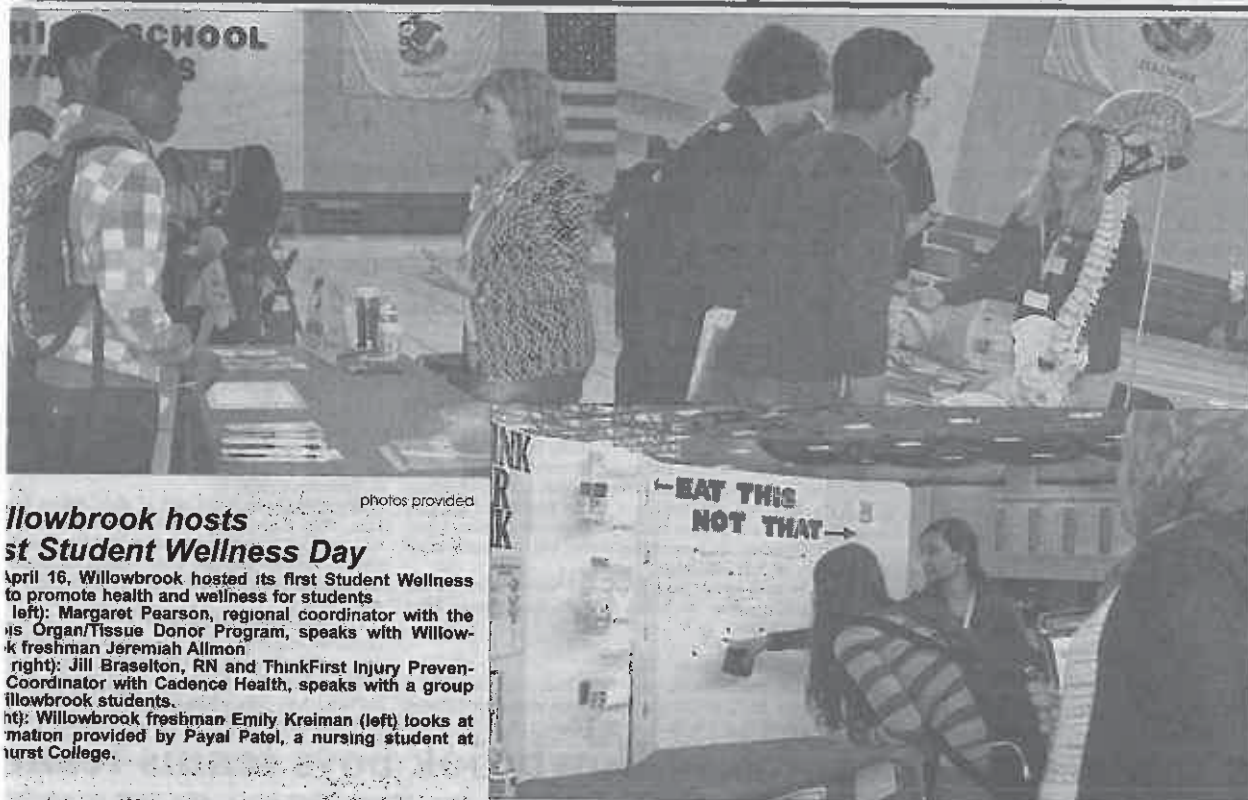
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Grow Healthy Villa Park Coalition donates funds for Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry to purchase new freezer

Grow Healthy Villa Park member and Tri-Town YMCA Executive Director, Joanne Mitrenga is presenting a check for \$1,000 to Silas Glisson, Director of the Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry to purchase a new freezer. The new freezer will allow the food pantry to provide nutritious frozen foods such as chickens, turkeys, and frozen fruit to families in need. Their current freezer was more than 20 years old and in need of replacement. This gift is provided through the Grow Healthy Villa Park Coalition which received a grant from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support sustainable healthy living initiatives. Pictured from left to right: Joanne Mitrenga, Tri-Town YMCA executive director; Silas Glisson, director of the Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry; Rae Rupp-Srch, Tri-Town YMCA officer; and Pastor Steve Swanson of St. Paul Lutheran Church and member of the Villa Park/Lombard Clergy Connection which has also been collaborating with Grow Healthy Villa Park members to improve the health and well-being of low income families.



Willowbrook hosts 1st Student Wellness Day

April 16, Willowbrook hosted its first Student Wellness Day to promote health and wellness for students.

(left): Margaret Pearson, regional coordinator with the Organ/Tissue Donor Program, speaks with Willowbrook freshman Jeremiah Allmon.

(right): Jill Braselton, RN and ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Coordinator with Cadence Health, speaks with a group of Willowbrook students.

(right): Willowbrook freshman Emily Kreiman (left) looks at information provided by Payal Patel, a nursing student at Elmhurst College.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 24

Multi-chamber luncheon

A multi-chamber luncheon meeting, hosted by the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the Villa Park Garden Club of Villa Park, Glendale Heights, Wood Dale and other chambers participating, will place starting at 11:30 a.m. at Alta Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road. Reservations are required. Cost: \$24 per person for chamber members, \$35 for non-members. Info: call (630) 543-1000 or send an email to addisoncham@bcglobal.net

Friday, April 25

Good Samaritan Church Image Sale

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, 960 W. 1st Trail, Addison, will be hosting an image sale. Info: call (630) 543-1000

Spring Carewalk

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the Elmhurst College Mall (elmhurst.edu/campus), dogs and dog lovers are invited to attend the sixth annual Canine Carewalk, hosted by the College's Pregnancy and Animal Welfare Society to raise awareness about nearby animal shelters and their adoptable pets. Info: call elmhurst.edu

Friday, May 3

Open House Family Platoon Fundraiser yard sale

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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. to 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 semperfifamilyplatoon.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.

Renowned pianist

Victoria Young concert

World-renowned 13-year-old sensation, pianist Victoria Young, will be in concert at 4 p.m. at Bethel United Church of Christ, 315 East St. Charles Road in Elmhurst. Tickets: Prices range from \$15 to \$35. Info: Tickets are available on-line through musicatbethel.com or by calling (630) 279-4040.

Ongoing events...

Junior Women's Club Scholarship

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 VPIWC 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 April 28.

Villa Park Men's Garden Club

Club meetings

On the fourth Tuesday of every month, the Men's Garden Club of Villa Park has monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Park Recreation Center, 320 E. Wildwood.

Your Place for Seniors

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

VPRD's Reader's Theater Group

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

VEW Bingo

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

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

SPORTS

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Willowbrook baseball team off to 6-2 conference start Warriors boys volleyball team records two wins

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team has started off strong in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

The Warriors were 6-2 in WSC Gold action and had a 9-4 overall record.

In a recent 10-5 WSC Gold win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail, the Warriors pounded out 13 hits.

Tyler Zunkel went 2-for-5 with two runs scored and two stolen bases. Tyler Vavrek was 2-for-5. Mike Rothmund was 1-for-3 with two RBI. Jake Cady was 2-for-5 with two RBI. Tucker Newling went 2-for-3, while AJ Nolen was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBI. Brian Johnson added a double.

Jeremy Knable was the winning pitcher in long relief. He went five innings and allowed no earned runs while striking out three.

In other earlier action, the Warriors recorded an 8-5 WSC crossover win over Oak Park-River Forest. Willowbrook had 11 hits in the game.

Zunkel was 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Rothmund was 2-for-2 with a run scored. Cady was 1-for-4 with two RBI. Johnson went 2-for-4 with a homer, two runs scored and an RBI. Trey Jones was 2-for-3.

Chris Raycroft was the winning pitcher. He went one inning in relief and struck out two. Matt Gasimias earned the save. He fanned two in an inning of work.

Willowbrook also dropped a WSC Gold double-header to Downers Grove South.

In an 11-1 loss to Downers South, Willowbrook was limited to two hits and made six errors. The Warriors led 1-0 at one point. Downers South scored five runs in the third and five more in the fourth. Vavrek and Nolen each had one hit. TJ Case was the hard-luck losing pitcher. He gave up eight runs, but only one earned run, in 3 2/3 innings.

In an 8-1 loss, Jake Bruns and Nolen each had one hit. Cady was the losing pitcher. He allowed three earned runs.

Willowbrook boys volleyball

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team recorded a recent 25-5, 25-15 non-conference win over Lemont to move to 6-5 overall on the season.

Anthony Acitelli had one assist and two digs. Liam Atkins had four kills and one block. Riley Berent had two digs. Kristian Iohausen added one kill and one dig. Tommy King had two solo blocks, 12 assists and one dig. Avery Kuchner had one dig. Andre Milcent had one kill and one dig. Ryan Wakely had six kills and two blocks. Henry Wallace had two digs, while Ben Wozniak had three kills, one block, one ace and five digs.

In earlier action, Willowbrook scored a 25-16, 21-25, 25-13 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Leyden. The Warriors improved to 2-0 in conference play.

Acitelli had one assist and 17 digs. Atkins had two kills. Mike Ernst had one block and two digs. King had two kills, one ace, 13 assists and six digs. Kuchner had six kills and two aces. Wakely had eight kills and six digs, while Wozniak had 11 kills, three blocks and six digs.

The Warriors also dropped a 25-17, 25-9 WSC crossover match to Lyons Township. Acitelli had five digs. Atkins had one solo block. King had 12 assists and two digs. Kuchner had one kill. Wakely had nine kills and three digs, while Wozniak had three kills, one block and eight digs.

Depth a strong suit for Willowbrook boys tennis team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys tennis team is coming off a 2013 season where it finished fifth in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

The Warriors, who went 7-9 overall last year, started the 2014 season with a non-con-

ference victory over Riverside-Brookfield.

Top returning players for Willowbrook include the likes of sophomore Mike Sommers, who went 10-10 last year as a freshman. Senior co-captain Rob Martinez is back after winning eight matches in 2013. Senior co-captain Kevin Mona-

co played No. 1 singles last year and frequently was competing against some of the top boys high-school tennis players in the state.

Key newcomers to the team include sophomore Adel Labadi, along with juniors Joe Draus and Matt D'Alessandro.

"Adel is a very good young talent and a new doubles team to look out for this year is Joe Draus and Matt D'Alessandro," said Willowbrook coach Eddie DeLacruz.

DeLacruz said depth on the team is a major positive.

"The depth of the team is

huge," he said. "There are 11 starters and I have about 14 guys that could be starters. Challenge matches have been awesome to see Team chemistry and giving the work ethic of never giving up are things being stressed this year."

DeLacruz said players up and down the lineup this season are poised for success. "At No. 2 and No. 3 singles, players should end up in double-digit wins," he said. "Our No. 2 through 4 doubles teams should have above 500 records. We can play with anyone at these positions. And experi-

ence might be something to look out for at No. 1 singles and doubles."

DeLacruz said a player such as Sommers could be in the hunt for a possible 16- to 20-win season.

The coach added the team has some specific goals it is working toward.

"Our team goal is to finish in the top 3 in conference," he said. "We would also like to have a double-digit win season and that hasn't happened since 1999. We'd also like to have four players earn all-conference honors."

Addison Trail girls soccer team defeats Elgin Larkin

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls soccer team sported a 3-7 overall mark through late last week.

The Blazers defeated Elgin Larkin in non-conference play and then suffered a 4-2 West Suburban Conference crossover loss to Glenbard South.

Through 10 games, sophomore forward Maria Koulogeorgas and sophomore defender Petra Kyrakopoulos were leading the team with four goals each.

"These two young players are strongly committed soccer athletes who enter and finish every game as if it was their last game," said Addison Trail coach Sergio Nunez. "They have a lot of heart and passion."

Nunez also cited recent strong play from the likes of

junior midfielder Jasmin Lopez and junior defender Rea Taci.

"Both Jasmin and Rea have been repositioned and have been able to adapt quickly and effectively," said Nunez.

Nunez added the team has improved on its transitions. "In soccer, when motion of the ball instantly can change direction, the whole team must adjust and that's what we've been working on as a team," he said.

Nunez noted the upcoming schedule will put his players to the test.

"We have good competition left on our schedule—schools that can provide a challenge for us," he said. "Nonetheless, these are beatable teams. Our top team goal is to put the ball in the net as quickly and often as possible."

Fenton softball team hitting well Bison girls soccer team defeats Elmwood Park

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton softball team was 7-5 overall through late last week after a 16-12 setback to Riverside-Brookfield in Metro Suburban Conference play.

"We're hitting the ball very well right now," said Fenton coach Dave Mello. "We had 15 hits against R-B, but they hit the ball a few more times than we did. Our offense has been good the last few games. We're starting to find ourselves there with the small ball, bunts, slaps, solid singles and a couple gap doubles."

In the R-B game, Nicole Susmarski homered and had a triple. Diana Pikul and Jenna Geraci also hit triples.

"Our pitching has been very solid as well," said Mello. "Our downfall the last two weeks has been errors. In four losses, we had 26 errors. Our hitting has been coming along and that's probably tied into the weather turning a little bit. Our pitching has been there from Day 1. If we can get our fielding turned around we will be in a good spot."

Dana Fritz has been the team's No. 1 pitcher, while Geraci, a freshman, and sophomore Jocelyn Souvannasy also have been contributors in the circle.

Leadoff hitter Hannah Wassmann was hitting a blistering 635 through late last week with 20 hits in 31 at-bats. She had four doubles, five triples and three home runs. She's also scored 23 times.

District 88 recognizes Stir Crazy as a Business Partner



District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (left) recognizes Abel Marquez, assistant manager in charge of awards at Stir Crazy in Oak Brook, as a Business Partner. District 88 regularly recognizes businesses and organizations that partner with the district as Business Partners. Pictured at right is District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain.

ADDISON/VILLA PARK— District 88 regularly recognizes businesses and organizations that partner with the district for their support in building futures for students and helping to accomplish the district's mission and vision.

Those groups are honored as Business Partners during a District 88 Board of Education meeting. On April 14, the District 88 Board of Education recognized Stir Crazy in Oak Brook as a Business Partner. During that meeting, District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and District 88 Board President Donna Craft Cain thanked Stir Crazy for their support of District 88.

Stir Crazy in Oak Brook

The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to highlight students' success and make sure students are honored for their

accomplishments. That award recognizes nine Addison Trail and nine Willowbrook students each school year for reaching their personal best in various areas. Students are honored each month during a District 88 Board of Education meeting in the areas of academics, highly improved performance, extracurricular activities, service work and performing arts/electives.

The mission of District 88 is to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement, and Stir Crazy in Oak Brook has enabled the district to accomplish that mission through supporting the 88's Best award. Each month, 88's Best recipients receive a gift certificate donated by Stir Crazy to celebrate their success. Through that generosity, Abel Marquez, assistant manager in charge of awards at Stir Crazy, and the rest of the Stir Crazy staff truly embody what it means to be a Business Partner.

Orthodontic UPDATE

by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

KEEPING AN EYE ON CHILDREN'S TEETH

While approximately 90 percent of children between ages 6 and 18 years have malocclusions (bad bites) to some degree, only about 10 to 15 percent require treatment for either aesthetic or functional reasons. Thus, parents have good reason to have their children's teeth assessed by an orthodontist, who can then make a determination if treatment is necessary. The earlier this comprehensive exam is conducted, the better because some problems best lend themselves to early intervention. By attending to these tooth and bite abnormalities early on, parents may be able to spare their children more extensive and expensive treatment in the future. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that all children get a checkup with an orthodontist by age 7.

By age 7, the first permanent molars and incisors have usually come in, and crossbites, crowding, and other problems can be evaluated. When treatment starts early, the orthodontist can guide jaw growth and incoming permanent teeth. Keep in mind that orthodontic treatment can be successful at any age. One of every five patients having orthodontic treatment is over 21. To schedule a free orthodontic consultation, please call our office. Our practice will work with you every step of the way to ensure that your orthodontic care is as rewarding as possible. Straighter Smiles Are Our Specialty!

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ATHS students visit "Sister City" in Italy

Pictured are Addison Trail students who recently traveled to Italy as part of the Addison-Triggiano Sister City student exchange program. They're pictured in front of the Colosseum in Rome.

• CHARITY

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maybe they were getting warmed up, in any case it was a most exciting contest. Tony Gurdak, a 77-year-old superstar senior athlete, bested the competition by hitting 10 of 12 targets. Peter Spino, Adam Peterson and Lee Roupas all hit 9 targets good for second place tie. Big Lee excited the crowd with powerful throws and it looked as if the 43-year-old behemoth was prepping for try-out with the Bears!

The third event was soccer and even soccer legends David Beckham or Pelé would have had trouble dealing with Ryan Peterson as he blasted shot-after-shot recording a perfect 12-for-12, thus on a course that was lined with many defensive barricades that stymied many of the other contestants.

For three events, "The Don" seemed to be lying low, perhaps trying the stay under the radar of other contestants, as he planned his assault on the final event -- golf. Addison Village Trustee Harry Theodore was the first to shoot and posted a very fine 5 of 6 shots made in the first of two rounds. Figarelli would follow with 3 hits but Theodore returned with 2 additional hits thus ensuring his overwhelming victory, more than doubling the score of the nearest rival, "The Don."

Dave Wilkerson, who was making progressively better scores with each event, fell short in the golf competition, as did most of the others contestants. The only question remaining was who would win the overall prize and be crowned champion.

Sandrolini would tie the top score with his second to last golf shot but missed his final shot as the golf ball sailed ever so slightly to the right missing the target by a mere six inches! Adam Peterson stepped up, needing to hit just 1 of 6 to win it all but felt the pressure and missed all six.

Thus resulted in another "Sudden Death" confrontation between the two agile athletes. Peterson gathered himself and put up a shot that just seemed to hang in mid-air. You could tell this was the winning shot and the crowd cheered

"We applaud all of the athletes for their super sportsmanship and thank all of our terrific sponsors and our fantastic volunteers for making this even possible and invite everyone, participants and audience back next year!"

— John Figarelli

wildly as it banged the center of the Green Monster target, thus ensuring his victory and the title, the DOS "Ultimate Sports Champion!"

The entire competition was so tight that just 7 points separated 1st place from last. The top five finishers were as follows: 1st -- Adam Peterson, 2nd -- Mike Sandrolini, 3rd -- Peter Spino, 4th -- Ryan Peterson, and 5th -- Harry Theodore. Dave Wilkerson, Lee Roupas, Tony Gurdak and Don Figarelli rounded out the field.

Event coordinator and promoter John Figarelli had this to say:

"We applaud all of the athletes for their super sportsmanship and thank all of our terrific sponsors and our fantastic volunteers for making this event possible and invite everyone, participants and audience back next year!"

Event sponsors were: INTREN Power Co., Al Airport Limousine, Total Gym Global, the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the American Council on Exercise (ACE).

Volunteers for the event included the Figarellis: Julia, Fatima, Isabelle, Nicholas and Don Jr., the Browns: Teri, Jenna and Jake, Lori Wilkerson and Emcee Tom "The Big Guy" Michaels.

The event helped raise more than \$250 for The National Fitness Hall of Fame's "Healthy Heroes: Fitness For All" educational program. Additional photos can be viewed at NationalFitnessHallOfFame.com.



A gondola ride in Venice

(From left) Addison Trail junior Jonathan Nevarez, junior Stephanie Diaz, junior Alexandra DiSilvio, junior Annina Beltrano and senior Camden Knights enjoy a gondola ride in Venice.

Two Addison Trail seniors honored by IPA

ADDISON — On April 28, Addison Trail seniors Katie Dziabis and Bret Novak will be honored for their outstanding achievements during the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) DuPage Region Student Recognition Breakfast.

Each year, principals in every school of DuPage County are eligible to recognize one or two students from the top grade in their school for academic performance, exemplary citizenship, overall improvement or other criteria the principal wishes to establish and apply. Dziabis and Novak will be recognized with other top scholars from the DuPage County area during the breakfast.



KATIE DZIABIS AND BRET NOVAK

District 88 hosts *Author In The House*

ADDISON — On April 11, District 88 hosted Simone Elkeles, an award-winning Young Adult author, as part of the district's Author in the House program. That program focuses on bringing authors to the schools to speak with students and staff members to promote reading.

District 88 has been inviting authors to come in and speak periodically for several years now," said Rose Janusz, Library Media Center Director for District 88. "The Author in the House program has been going in its current format for years."

When selecting potential authors, Janusz said, Library

Media Center staff look for individuals who truly speak to teenagers and focus on works that reflect an understanding of issues faced by teens today and incorporate characters who are changed for the better.

"We invited Elkeles as a result of a student request," she said. "Given the popularity of this year's event, I have already received numerous requests from students and staff for future authors."

Elkeles primarily writes romance novels geared toward teens. Her work has been described as "edgy," and her characters are complicated individuals who deal with issues of race, poverty, gangs, family



photos provided

Above: Simone Elkeles (center), an award-winning Young Adult author, poses with a group of Willowbrook students. Elkeles spoke with students at Willowbrook and Addison Trail as part of District 88's Author in the House program.

Below: (From left) District 88 Library Media Center Director Rose Janusz, award-winning Young Adult author Simone Elkeles and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton pose with Bucky the Blazer, Addison Trail's mascot.



Addison Trail seeking nominations for alumni award program

ADDISON — Do you know an Addison Trail alumnus or alumna who deserves to be honored?

So, now is your chance to make sure that person is recognized. Addison Trail's Tradition of Excellence award — the honor presented by Addison Trail to its graduates. Instituted in 1999, this annual alumni recognition program has honored 19 alumni in professional fields such as medicine, engineering, science, education, art, music and law.

To be considered for the award, nominees must have graduated from Addison Trail more than 10 years ago, distinguished themselves in academic, artistic, business, professional, entrepreneurial or public service, demonstrated an ability to serve as an outstanding role model to current Addison Trail students, and performed great deeds or accomplishments that have brought credit to their alma mater.

To make a nomination, fill out the form at dpage88.net/public/files/?item=644 or e-mail the completed form to Dr. Byrns, Tradition of Excellence Coordinator, at cbruns@page88.net. The deadline for nominations is May 9.

dynamics and social isolation. Her books are very popular," Janusz said. "We can't keep them on our shelves, and we are often replacing worn-out copies."

More than 500 Addison Trail and Willowbrook students participated in the Author in the House event, which included a small-group experience, writer's workshop and a presentation on character and story development.

"I hope through this program, students leave with excitement for reading and the belief that with hard work and determination, their futures are limitless," Janusz said. "Elkeles was a natural fit for the Author in the House program, and I'm thrilled with the outcome."

For more information about Elkeles, go to simoneelkeles.com.

ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 26
Good Samaritan Church
Rummage Sale
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, 960 W. 11th St. Trail will be hosting a rummage sale. Info call (630) 543-3725.

Animal Carewalk
Beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the Elmhurst College Mall, dogs and dog lovers are invited to attend the sixth annual Animal Carewalk, hosted by the College of Veterinary and Animal Welfare Society to raise awareness about animal shelters and their adoptable pets. Info go online to public.hurst.edu.

Tuesday, April 30
St. 4. Rotary Club
for Spring Breakfast
10:30 a.m. at Wesley School, 1111 Westwood, School District 4 and the Rotary Club of Addison is hosting a free for Spring Breakfast, plus entertainment by the school's musicians. Since parking is limited, a shuttle bus will be available at Community Park, E. Oak at 9:10 a.m. Park there and the bus to and from Wesley Free.

but reservations are needed. Please call 630-458-2429.

• Addison Chamber Progressive Luncheon

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Glendale Lakes Golf Club, 1550 President St., Glendale Heights. The Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be hosting a multi-chamber Progressive Luncheon. Registration takes place at 11 a.m. that day, and reservations are required by no later than Friday, April 18. Fee: \$25 per person for Addison Chamber members, \$35 per person for non-members. Info call the chamber office at (630) 543-4300.

Saturday, May 10

• Park Pride Recycling Extravaganza

This Addison Park District-sponsored event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Park's parking lot. For a complete list of items being accepted for recycling—as well as items not accepted—go online to addisonparks.org or call (630) ADD-PARK.

• Park District Park Pride cleanup

The cleanup will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. at Community Park to prepare

the park for the upcoming season. Each registered volunteer will receive a t-shirt and lunch at the Volunteer Appreciation Cookout in Community Park at 11:30 a.m. To volunteer, call (630) 233-7275 by Thursday, May 1.

• Renowned pianist Victoria Young concert

World-renowned 13-year-old sensation, pianist Victoria Young will be in concert at 4 p.m. at Bethel United Church of Christ, 315 East St. Charles Road in Elmhurst. Tickets: Prices range from \$15 to \$35. Info: Tickets are available on-line through musicatbethel.com or by calling (630) 279-4040.

• 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.

Ongoing events...

• Community Garden plots at Old Mill Park available

The 2014 gardening season is about to start (May 1 through Oct. 15) and new gardeners are invited to sign up through the Addison Park District. Plots are 10-foot by 10-foot with raised timbers and a fence surrounding the entire garden area and are available, starting May 1 in Old Mill Park, 500 W. Byron Ave. Fee: \$25. Info call (630) 233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

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

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

SPORTS

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Willowbrook baseball team off to 6-2 conference start

Warriors boys volleyball team records two wins

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team has started off strong in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

The Warriors were 6-2 in WSC Gold action and had a 9-4 overall record.

In a recent 10-5 WSC Gold win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail, the Warriors pounded out 13 hits.

Tyler Zunkel went 2-for-5 with two runs scored and two stolen bases. Tyler Vavrek was 2-for-5. Mike Rothmund was 1-for-3 with two RBI. Jake Cady was 2-for-5 with two RBI. Tucker Newling went 2-for-3, while AJ Nolen was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBI. Brian Johnson added a double.

Jeremy Knable was the winning pitcher in long relief. He went five innings and allowed no earned runs while striking out three.

In other earlier action, the Warriors recorded an 8-5 WSC crossover win over Oak Park-River Forest. Willowbrook had 11 hits in the game.

Zunkel was 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Rothmund was 2-for-2 with a run scored. Cady was 1-for-4 with two RBI. Johnson went 2-for-4 with a homer, two runs scored and an RBI. Trey Jones was 2-for-3.

Chris Raycroft was the winning pitcher. He went one inning in relief and struck out two. Matt Gasiamis earned the save. He fanned two in an inning of work.

Willowbrook also dropped a WSC Gold double-header to Downers Grove South.

In an 11-1 loss to Downers South, Willowbrook was limited to two hits and made six errors. The Warriors led 1-0 at one point. Downers South scored five runs in the third and five more in the fourth. Vavrek and Nolen each had one hit. TJ Case was the hard-luck losing pitcher. He gave up eight runs, but only one earned run, in 3 2/3 innings.

In an 8-1 loss, Jake Bruns and Nolen each had one hit. Cady was the losing pitcher. He allowed three earned runs.

Willowbrook boys volleyball

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team recorded a recent 25-5, 25-15 non-conference win over Lemont to move to 6-5 overall on the season.

Anthony Acitelli had one assist and two digs. Liam Atkins had four kills and one block. Riley Berent had two digs. Kristian Johansen added one kill and one dig. Tommy King had two solo blocks, 12 assists and one dig. Avery Kirchner had one dig. Andre Milcent had one kill and one dig. Ryan Wakely had six kills and two blocks. Henry Wallace had two digs, while Ben Wozniak had three kills, one block, one ace and five digs.

In earlier action, Willowbrook scored a 25-16, 21-25, 25-13 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Leyden. The Warriors improved to 2-0 in conference play.

Acitelli had one assist and 17 digs. Atkins had two kills. Mike Ernst had one block and two digs. King had two kills, one ace, 13 assists and six digs. Kirchner had six kills and two aces. Wakely had eight kills and six digs, while Wozniak had 11 kills, three blocks and six digs.

The Warriors also dropped a 25-17, 25-9 WSC crossover match to Lyons Township. Acitelli had five digs. Atkins had one solo block. King had 12 assists and two digs. Kirchner had one kill. Wakely had nine kills and three digs, while Wozniak had three kills, one block and eight digs.

Depth a strong suit for Willowbrook boys tennis team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys tennis team is coming off a 2013 season where it finished fifth in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

The Warriors, who went 7-9 overall last year, started the 2014 season with a non-con-

ference victory over Riverside-Brookfield.

Top returning players for Willowbrook include the likes of sophomore Mike Sommers, who went 10-10 last year as a freshman. Senior co-captain Rob Martinez is back after winning eight matches in 2013. Senior co-captain Kevin Mona-

co played No. 1 singles last year and frequently was competing against some of the top boys high-school tennis players in the state.

Key newcomers to the team include sophomore Adel Labadi, along with juniors Joe Draus and Matt D'Alessandro.

"Adel is a very good young talent and a new doubles team to look out for this year is Joe Draus and Matt D'Alessandro," said Willowbrook coach Eddie DeLacruz.

DeLacruz said depth on the team is a major positive.

"The depth of the team is

huge," he said. "There are 11 starters and I have about 14 guys that could be starters. Challenge matches have been awesome to see. Team chemistry and having the work ethic of never giving up are things being stressed this year."

DeLacruz said players up and down the lineup this season are poised for success. "At No. 2 and No. 3 singles, players should end up in double-digit wins," he said. "Our No. 2 through 4 doubles teams should have above 500 records. We can play with anyone at these positions. And experi-

ence might be something to look out for at No. 1 singles and doubles."

DeLacruz said a player such as Sommers could be in the hunt for a possible 16- to 20-win season.

The coach added the team has some specific goals it is working toward.

"Our team goal is to finish in the top 3 in conference," he said. "We would also like to have a double-digit win season and that hasn't happened since 1999. We'd also like to have four players earn all-conference honors."

Addison Trail girls soccer team defeats Elgin Larkin

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls soccer team sported a 3-7 overall mark through late last week.

The Blazers defeated Elgin Larkin in non-conference play and then suffered a 4-2 West Suburban Conference crossover loss to Glenbard South.

Through 10 games, sophomore forward Mana Koulogeorgas and sophomore defender Petra Kyriakopoulos were leading the team with four goals each.

"These two young players are strongly committed soccer athletes who enter and finish every game as if it was their last game," said Addison Trail coach Sergio Nunez. "They have a lot of heart and passion."

Nunez also cited recent strong play from the likes of

junior midfielder Jasmin Lopez and junior defender Rea Taci.

"Both Jasmin and Rea have been repositioned and have been able to adapt quickly and effectively," said Nunez.

Nunez added the team has improved on its transitions. "In soccer, when motion of the ball instantly can change direction, the whole team must adjust and that's what we've been working on as a team," he said.

Nunez noted the upcoming schedule will put his players to the test.

"We have good competition left on our schedule—schools that can provide a challenge for us," he said. "Nonetheless, these are beatable teams. Our top team goal is to put the ball in the net as quickly and often as possible."

Fenton softball team hitting well

Bison girls soccer team defeats Elmwood Park

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton softball team was 7-5 overall through late last week after a 16-12 setback to Riverside-Brookfield in Metro Suburban Conference play.

"We're hitting the ball very well right now," said Fenton coach Dave Mello. "We had 15 hits against R-B, but they hit the ball a few more times than we did. Our offense has been good the last few games. We're starting to find ourselves there with the small ball, bunts, slaps, solid singles and a couple gap doubles."

In the R-B game, Nicole Susmarski homered and had a triple. Diana Pikul and Jenna Geraci also hit triples.

"Our pitching has been very solid as well," said Mello. "Our downfall the last two weeks has been errors. In four losses, we had 26 errors. Our hitting has been coming along and that's probably tied into the weather turning a little bit. Our pitching has been there from Day 1. If we can get our fielding turned around we will be in a good spot."

Dana Fritz has been the team's No. 1 pitcher, while Geraci, a freshman, and sophomore Jocelyn Souvannasay also have been contributors in the circle.

Leadoff hitter Hannah Wassmann was hitting a blistering .635 through late last week with 20 hits in 31 at-bats. She had four doubles, five triples and three home runs. She's also scored 23 times.



Addison Trail students enjoy alternative spring break experiences

ADDISON — District 88's spring break took place from March 29 to April 6, and many Addison Trail students traveled abroad and enjoyed an alternative spring break experience.

Sophomore Alex Neri, freshman Dimitri Giannopoulos, sophomore Lia Bouzarelos-Kopta, junior Maria Bouzarelos-Kopta, senior Constance Barkoulies, freshman Dean Barkoulies, sophomore Maria Koulogeorgas and senior George Koulogeorgas planted about 30 trees and worked on landscaping at All Saints Greek Orthodox Monastery in Calverton, NY. They also visited historical sites in the area.

And from April 1 to 4, 23 Addison Trail students traveled to New York, where they enjoyed two Broadway musicals ("Newsies" and "Bullets Over Broadway"), workshops with theatre professionals, and tours of Radio City Music Hall, The Juilliard School, New Amsterdam Theatre and the Sept 11 Memorial (guided by a Sept. 11 survivor and a Sept. 11 firefighter).

Addison Trail Theatre Director Anna Jakubka said students had to apply to participate in the trip and the application process involved writing three essays, showing a desire to pursue the performing arts in the future and maintaining a strong GPA. She added traveling abroad is critical for students' education, and the highlight of the trip was "watching the students experience New York for the first time and seeing their reactions."

Students who traveled to New York are junior Michael Amadeo, senior Francesco Bondi, senior Ryan Domino, senior Kala Keller, senior Krystina Liosatos, senior Megan Lobner, senior Angel Loizzo, senior Marina Maric, junior Gabriella Morrone, senior Matt Neuman, junior Dakota Noel, senior Maggie O'Brien, senior Anne Pacilli, senior Morgan Pirtle, senior Emily Quick, junior Andriana Rae, senior Alex Ramirez, senior Emily Rosenquist, senior Julia Rowley, senior Maeve Schmitt, senior Brenda Sybolt, junior Hannah Yurek and senior Brent Yurek.



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Addison Trail junior wins SkillsUSA State title

ADDISON — Addison Trail has a new State champion in junior Harmanpreet Singh.

Singh competed in the SkillsUSA State finals April 3 through 5 and won the Principles of Technology Division. He presented on the physics behind electricity and how it works in a hybrid vehicle. As the State champion, Singh has qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, which will take place from June 23 to 27 in Kansas City.

Spring break spells New York Theater for these students

From April 1 to 4, 23 Addison Trail students traveled to New York, where they toured the area and saw two Broadway musicals.

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Students garden for alternative spring break

(From left) Addison Trail junior Maria Bouzarelos-Kopta, sophomore Maria Koulogeorgas, senior Constance Barkoulies and sophomore Lia Bouzarelos-Kopta volunteer at All Saints Greek Orthodox Monastery in Calverton, NY, during their spring break.

WB Student Council hosts annual blood drive

VILLA PARK — On April 11, Willowbrook students participated in a blood drive at the school to donate blood for LifeSource. The blood drive

was hosted by the Willowbrook Student Council. More than 224 students participated, and 190 units of blood were collected.

"Each unit of blood saves up to three lives, so I'm pleased to share Willowbrook students helped save up to 570 lives," said Jamie Gourley, Student Council advisor. "Because of the number of donations dur-

ing the drive, LifeSource will donate between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to the Willowbrook Parent Organization to be used toward scholarships."

Students, staff members and community members are wel-

come to continue donating toward Willowbrook's total at the Villa Park donor center at 100 E. Roosevelt Road. Donors should use code 530C to add to Willowbrook's blood drive total.



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Student gives to LifeSource

Willowbrook senior Gino Kacprzak donates blood for LifeSource during Willowbrook Student Council's blood drive.

OBITUARIES

Mary J. Desideri, 88

VILLA PARK — Mary J. Desideri, nee Kochniak, of Villa Park, passed away in Villa Park on April 15, 2014, at the age of 88. Beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Desideri, loving mother of the late Barb (Larry) Sobersalski, fond sister of the late Helen (Victor) Greco, Jean (Walter) Gulik and Sally (Dominic) Pavese, aunt and great aunt of many. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday April 22, 2014, at St. Alexander Church in Villa Park. Interment private. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Joseph V. Beaumont, 53

VILLA PARK — Joseph V. Beaumont passed away in Elmhurst on April 11, 2014, at the

age of 53. Loving son of the late Fred and Mary nee Meer. Dearest brother of Mary (Thomas) James, Frances (Thomas) Cleary and the late Frederick (Josefina). Beloved uncle of many. Joe's longtime involvement in coaching youth sports in Oak Park and River Forest brought him much joy, especially soccer. In recent years he was known as "The Swami" of his fantasy football league, and was a lifetime Three Stooges devotee. He was a 30 year employee at Hines Veterans Administration. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at St. Alexander Church gathering space, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL. Interment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Villa Park VFW Post #2801 appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Villa Park man, 20, charged with burglary

VILLA PARK — A 20-year-old Villa Park man faces multiple charges stemming from a burglary of a local business that he allegedly committed.

Victor Vega 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 to await a bond court hearing.

At approximately 7:49 a.m. on Feb. 20, 2013, an officer on patrol noticed a broken window to a restaurant, located in the 400 block of N. Ardmore. Police said the officer investigated further and confirmed that a burglary occurred and the cash register was missing from the business.

Police said investigating officers located the missing cash register in the rear parking lot of the business. Officers recovered DNA evidence at the scene which, according to police, later identified the suspect as Victor Vega, and an arrest warrant was issued.

At approximately 3:40 p.m. on April 8, 2014, police said officers located Vega riding a bicycle in the area of the Villa



VICTOR VEGA

Park Police station. Police said Vega fled from officers after being ordered to stop. Officers pursued Vega to the area of Villa and Manor where he was eventually taken into custody.

Members of the public are reminded that these complaints contain only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Willowbrook senior wins SkillsUSA State title



WB SENIOR JOHN KHOURI

VILLA PARK — John Khouri might have a hearing impairment, but that doesn't stop him from achieving his dreams. The Willowbrook senior recently competed in the SkillsUSA State finals and won the Auto Body Refinishing Division.

From April 3 to 5, Khouri competed with the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) team in the SkillsUSA State finals and won the Auto Body Refinishing Division.

"We're very happy and very proud," said John's father, Ihab. "He did a great job."

As the state champion, Khouri has qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, which will take place from June 23-27 in Kansas City.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Senior concerned with Village creating new fees

Did you ever think that "underwater" would apply to anything but swimming? Then the mortgage disaster hit so many and gave new meaning to trying to keep your head above water.

There must be many of us senior citizens who had the security of having no mortgage to pay. We worked hard for many years for this security and felt no need for a life preserver. That is, until the Village of Villa Park began "creating" new

fees, raising others.

Perhaps we need more than a life preserver to keep us from going "underwater" (literally) for the added fees on our water bills. For many of us, these increases will wipe out any yearly raise of our Social Security benefit. And the fees the Village is charging now, and plans to charge in the future, will also rise each year.

And it won't end there. Some 90 people were in attendance at the Town Hall Meeting recently and based on the feedback from that meeting, according to administration, residents are in favor of putting a road referendum on the ballot.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



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The lights of Broadway

Addison Trail High School theater students hold up their playbills from "Newsies," one of two Broadway musicals the group saw during their four-day spring break trip. From April 1 to 4, the students attended workshops with theater professionals and toured Radio City Music Hall, The Juilliard School, New Amsterdam Theatre and Sept. 11 Memorial.

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Addison Trail High School's Orchesis team rehearses "Behind Your Mask" on April 18. The annual Orchesis Show will take place Friday and Saturday.

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AT Orchesis Show promises to be full of soul

By MARI GRIGALJUNAS
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ADDISON – The Orchesis Show at Addison Trail High School has been a spring semester institution for decades, but every year the completely student-run production gives the audience a new experience.

"We also want [audience members] to dance in their seats," said Orchesis Co-President Tyler Skupien, a senior.

The two-hour production Friday and Saturday features 24 dances of all genres with music that ranges from country to radio favorites.

"You'll never see the same kind of dance twice in the show," said junior Brianna Sitkowski, Orchesis treasurer.

While every dance is student-choreographed and seem-

If you go

What: Addison Trail Orchesis Show
Where: Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road
When: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 with Activity Pass and free for seniors with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Tickets will be sold at the door.

ingly independent of the next, the show is connected by this year's theme.

"Behind Your Mask" is who you are when you're dancing, your best person basically," Skupien said.

Dancers auditioned in No-

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vember and have been refining their personal visions for months. Not only have they been practicing for hours rehearsing dances, but they've also been working with a student crew to perfect everything from lighting to props in order to create an intimate show.

"It really is a special thing to have something that you created happen on the stage and let everyone see kind of into your soul through the dance," senior Elaine Diamond said.

Unlike other schools that put on recitals, Addison Trail's Orchesis Show is a full-blown production, Sitkowski said.

And the crew adds a lot to it, other Orchesis members said.

While the students spend many hours preparing for the show, Co-President and senior Mal Mandarino said the biggest challenge is saying goodbye when the show is finally over.

"I might not be able to ever create something like this again," Diamond said.

The 31 student performers have a variety of dance backgrounds, but the production also features kindergarten through eighth-grade girls who attended a summer dance clinic.

In addition, each dancer chose a male companion for

a cops-and-robbers-themed dance, and three hosts do their own skits in between dance numbers and explaining the show.

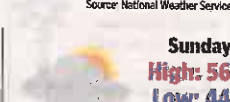
The team has been holding seven-hour practices daily to make sure the performance is just how they want it, but senior Carrie Castellano said the long hours aren't so bad.

"It's enjoyable coming here and practicing over and over. This is what we love," Orchesis Secretary Castellano said.

Junior Brittany McComb said seeing the entire production come together gives her a sense of pride that they've all made each other's visions for dances come to life.

"Everyone knows the Orchesis Show, so we want to put in as much time and effort to make it meet everyone's expectations," Skupien said.

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Addison Trail's Orchesis team prepares April 18 for their annual spring show. Performances of "Behind Your Mask" will take place Friday and Saturday.

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AT students visit Italy during spring break

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ADDISON - Instead of sleeping in or enjoying a family vacation, a group of Addison Trail High School students took a Roman holiday during their spring break.

The 15 students traveled to Italy as part of the Addison-Triggiano Sister City student exchange program.

Students enrolled in Italian 3 honors, 4 honors or Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level classes were eligible to apply.

The application process included writing an essay and completing an interview in English and Italian. GPA, attendance, behavior and character/leadership also were taken into consideration.

Along with traveling to Italy, chosen students and families had to commit to hosting a student from Italy in October 2013. Addison Trail hosted students from Il Cartesio High School, according to a District

The first part of the spring trip included a five-day tour that featured visits to Venice, Florence and Rome. During the second half of the trip, Addison Trail students were hosted by students of Il Cartesio High School in Triggiano.

The Addison students attended school with their Italian-student hosts and also participated in day trips throughout the region of Puglia, the newsletter stated.

The Addison Sister City Committee partnered with District 88 to support this exchange program. The Addison-Triggiano Sister City agreement was signed in 2004.

The committee works to raise funds to help offset the costs of hosting Italian students and to provide scholarships for Addison Trail students to travel to Italy. The remaining costs for the trip were funded by the students and their families. Students also did fundraising



Addison Trail students stand in front of Rome's Colosseum during a recent trip to Italy as part of the Addison-Triggiano Sister City student exchange program.

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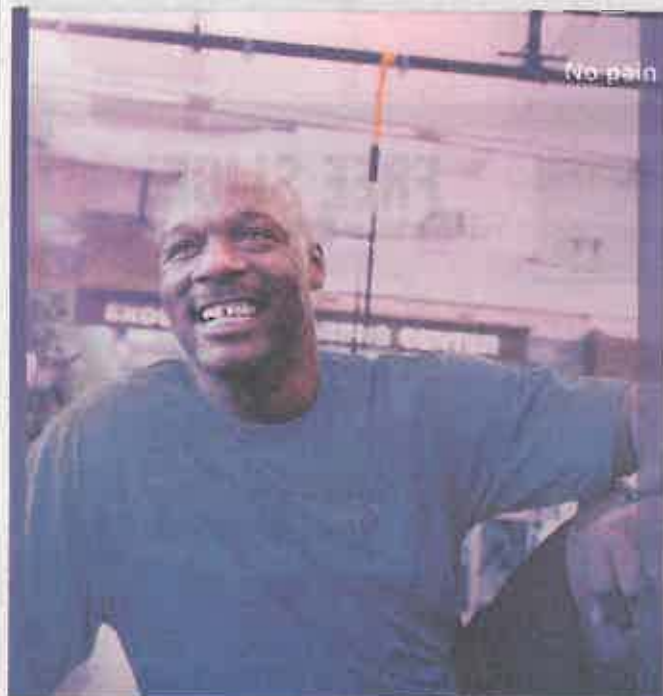
throughout the year for the trip, according to the newsletter.

The Addison Sister City Committee is made up of volunteers, and it is always in need of

new members. For information about the program, contact Marianne Fotopoulos with the village of Addison at mfotopoulos@addison-il.org.

District 88 is organizing an-

other trip for spring break 2015 to Spain. This opportunity is afforded to students in the highest-level Spanish classes at Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools.



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OPINIONS

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52 PERCENT: Yes, with a reason
43 PERCENT: No, this is the suburbs
3 PERCENT: I have no opinion
2 PERCENT: I'm still deciding

THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: What kind of business do you most frequent in your town? Vote online at mysuburbanlife.com

Get the latest news and weather delivered straight to your phone

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- You're chatting with a group of co-workers or friends, and they're all going on about some piece of news that happened today, and you don't know anything about it because you haven't had a chance to catch up on the latest reports

- You're dashing out to grab lunch, or some groceries, or pick up your children, and you realize you really should've grabbed a coat, or an umbrella (or this past winter, a third extra scarf)

You've got a million ways to get all sorts of information, but it can be really helpful when that information is brought directly to you. That's why, starting this week, Suburban Life is offering readers a chance to sign up for free text-message alerts.

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Among the options are

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- High school sports news and scores. If you have a high school athlete in the family, or maybe you're still a big fan of your alma mater, then you'll want to select one or more of these.

If you're interested, you can sign up online at shawurl.com/texts. In the electronic age, it's the Internet equivalent of the newsboy on the corner shouting, "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"

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VIEWS

Dave Lemery



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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 and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin nominated Gjonaj.



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

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. Gjonaj was nominated by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Rep. Tammy Duckworth. We wish her the best of luck in her studies.



The Addison Trail High School Science Olympiad Team saw a successful season, finishing second 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. Congratulations to the students on their hard work!

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If you want to hear from us, letters must be no more than 300 words. They must include your first and last name, town and a phone number for verification. We may edit them for clarity, accuracy and style. Email letters to letters@mysuburbanlife.com. The deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday for the following week's paper.

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Crystal Marinelli delivers a pitch during Wednesday's game against Leyden. After two down years, Marinelli and the Blazers are enjoying a successful 2014 season.

Blazer turnaround

Addison Trail softball finding success after two years of struggles

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ROSEMONT — Two years ago, Crystal Marinelli was a part of an Addison Trail softball team that won just two games.

Now things are going well enough for the Blazers that she can laugh about that.

The senior picked up the win in the circle and had four hits as the Blazers' leadoff hitter in an 8-4 win against Leyden on Wednesday as AT's record improved to 10-6. The Blazers are already just one shy of last year's win total.

"I think we're really starting to change the program around," Marinelli said. "I knew we had a strong group of girls this year because we've been playing in house with each other since second and third grade."

This is Marinelli's third year on varsity and the team has plenty of experience around her. Senior Dani Ciaglia and junior Ari Renc were all-conference players, along with Marinelli, last year.

Most of the Blazers are varsity returners and the on-field results have reflected that so far.

"I think we're starting to really play as a team and

Next game

Who: Taft at Addison Trail
What: Nonconference softball
When: 4:30 p.m. today
Where: 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison

we're definitely working together more than we have in the past," Marinelli said. "We only lost one senior last year, so I think it's good that we still have the same group of girls that we did last year."

The win against Leyden improved AT's West Suburban Gold record to 2-1. The Blazers beat Morton, 11-10, in the conference opener on April 16 and lost at defending league champ Downers Grove South 4-2 on Monday.

With the improved play comes higher expectations. Coach Mark Olson is trying to keep the team from being satisfied with simply being better than last year.

"This is a group that's put in the effort," Olson said. "We were telling them that with how well they're doing, there's more expectation on them. I think they're doing a great job of changing the culture of Addison Trail softball. I think we've been overlooked a little bit. I think teams are stopping that, but it's good to see their hard work and then effort pay off for them. We want to see them be not good softball players, but great softball players."

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Mark Olson

Addison Trail softball coach

WHAT TO WATCH

■ **BASEBALL:** Montini hosts St. Francis, which was the runner-up in Class 3A last season, at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

■ **GIRLS SOCCER:** Glenbard East hosts Willowbrook at 6:30 p.m. Thursday five days after they are scheduled to meet in the Niles West Tournament.

■ **SOFTBALL:** Willowbrook softball hosts Downers Grove South at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in a matchup of the two favorites in the West Suburban Gold.

PREP ROUNDUP

Blazers bested by defending state champs

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

An early-season roll came to an end for Addison Trail's boys volleyball team Tuesday.

Facing defending state champion Downers Grove South, the Blazers lost for the first time this season, 25-19, 25-16, on Tuesday.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Glenbard East

Before taking on DuPage Valley Conference leader Lake Park Thursday, the Rams defeated Naperville North, 25-22, 25-16, on Tuesday.

BASEBALL
Willowbrook

Downers Grove South recently swept the Warriors, 11-1, 8-1 and 9-7. Mike Rothmund was 3-for-4 with two doubles, two RBIs and three runs scored in Monday's 9-7 finale.

The Blazers took a game off of Leyden, but lost the series. The Bagles won the opener, 10-3, and spoiled a nine-strikeout effort from Joe Kurucar to win the finale, 3-2. Frank Amato gave up just five hits in a 4-1 victory in the second game.

GIRLS SOCCER
Glenbard East

Brittany Paganucci and Holly Ward scored goals for Glenbard East's girls soccer team in a 2-0 win against Nazareth in the Niles West Tournament opener Wednesday.

Earlier in the week East routed Addison Trail, 7-0 and Romeoville, 8-0.

Willowbrook

After shutting out each Proviso school, 5-0, against West on Saturday and 4-0 against East on Tuesday,



JOHN COX — For Suburban Life Media

Addison Trail's Marco Parisi bumps the ball April 15 against Morton. The Blazers suffered their first loss of the season Tuesday against defending state champion Downers Grove South.

the Warriors blanked Walther Lutheran 5-0 to open the Niles West Tournament on Wednesday.

SOFTBALL
Glenbard East

West Aurora (11-3) and Naperville Central (10-0) beat the Rams in DuPage Valley Conference games earlier this week.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD
Glenbard East

Molly Kirsch, Stephany Flores, Anayeh Smith and Corinthia Jordan teamed up to finish second in the 4x200-meter relay at Wheaton North's Falcon Blue and Gold Invitational.

Individually, Tasia Banks

was fourth in the 100 and Angela Kernell was fourth in the high jump.

Willowbrook

Molly Krawczykowski won the 800-meter run at the Red Devilette Invitational on Saturday by more than five seconds. She teamed with Kayla Denwood, Taylor Burton and Shannon Jones to win the 4x800 relay.

The Warriors were second in the 4x400, and Jada Stills won both the shot put and discus.

Addison Trail

Kaleen Smith was third in the 200-meter dash and fourth in the triple jump at Oswego East's invite Saturday. Lauren Kroll was fourth in the

100. Both runners helped the 4x200 relay take fourth out of 15 teams. The Blazers were ninth overall.

Montini

Jasmine Woodley won the discus and Brittany Fisher won the 800-meter run at the Glenbard South Lady Raider Invitational on April 17. Fisher was also third in the high jump.

Second place finishers were Kelly McNamara (long jump), Maddy Jamrozek (400) and Gianna Salzbrunn (300 hurdles). Montini was fourth out of eight teams.

BOYS TENNIS
Willowbrook

The Warriors took second at the Lake Park Invite on Saturday and then swept Proviso West, 7-0, on Wednesday.

Montini

After losing against Chicago Christian, 3-2, on Tuesday, the Broncos knocked off Proviso East, 4-1, the next day.

BOYS GYMNASTICS
Willowbrook

The Warriors finished seventh out of 13 teams by scoring 128.15 points at Wheaton Warrenville South's Dave Donaldson Invitational on Saturday.

Addison Trail

Marco Martinez was seventh in the high bar and ninth in the all-around at York's Kevin Scorza Invite on Saturday. AT took seventh out of 10 teams with a score of 127.1.

Glenbard East

The Rams scored 123 points to finish eighth out of 10 teams at York's Kevin Scorza Invite.

Big numbers to know

4-1

Montini's boys volleyball team won four of its first five matches, including a 4-1 victory over Downers Grove South.

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Points scored by the Warriors in their 11-1, 8-1 and 9-7 victories over Downers Grove South in the Niles West Tournament.

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Runs scored by the Warriors in their 11-1, 8-1 and 9-7 victories over Downers Grove South in the Niles West Tournament.

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Points scored by the Warriors in their 11-1, 8-1 and 9-7 victories over Downers Grove South in the Niles West Tournament.

BOYS TRACK PREVIEW

Off and running

Defending champ Matt Burns, Glenbard East, AT looking for state meet success

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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The starting gun has gone off on the boys outdoor track season, but the finish line is still off in the distance as most teams have had just a pair of outdoor meets.

The end goal is to make it to the state meet in Charleston during the last weekend of May. Here's a look at what to expect from area boys track and field teams as they push toward the state finals.

Addison Trail Blazers

Coach: Bruce Kelsay

Top athletes:

Darius Conrad	jr	sprints
Darrion Conrad	fr	sprints
Ronald Duling	sr	jumps
Luis Miranda	sr	distance
Juan Valdez	sr	800

Outlook: State returner Juan Valdez will be a key athlete in the 800-meter run for the Blazers, but he will also be a part of strong 4x800 and 4x400 relays. Luis Eugenio, Luis Miranda, Israel Glascoega and Matt Oliva will join Valdez for those relays.

Basketball players Ronald Duling and Taylor White and football standout Jaavon Bradley will compete in the jumps and bring some athleticism to the field events.

Freshman Darrion Conrad won the 200 dash in the indoor conference meet and junior Darius Conrad will also be a threat in sprint races.

Glenbard East Rams

Coach: Jack Brady

Top athletes:

Vince Booth	sr	middle distance
Maurice McGee	sr	sprints, relays
Drew Mikel	sr	relays
Jack Peters	sr	middle distance

Outlook: Jack Peters headlines the Rams' roster as a returning state qualifier in the 800-meter run. He was sixth in Class 3A.

Fellow cross country stand-



Glenbard East's Tyler Rosso (left) and Glenbard West's Nate Crail run in the 4x800-meter relay West's invite on Saturday. Rosso and the Rams are looking to finish in the top half of the DuPage Valley Conference this season.

out Vince Booth will also run similar distances. Seniors Maurice McGee and Drew Mikel head up the sprints for the Rams and will contribute to the team's relays, which should be a strength of the team.

"We're hopefully looking for state qualifiers in the 800 and in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays," coach Jack Brady said. "Also, a goal is to have a top half finish at the outdoor conference meet."

The Rams were sixth out of eight teams at the DuPage Valley Conference indoor meet in March.

Montini Broncos

Coach: Eric Brechtel

Top athletes:

Tony Barrett	jr	sprints
Jack Brady	sr	long jump
Michael Hollingshed	sr	sprints
Chris Holloway	so	sprints
Dylan Mahoney	so	triple jump

Outlook: First-year coach Eric Brechtel takes over a young Montini team.

Returners Michael Hollingshed and Chris Holloway will be joined by a talented freshmen class in the sprint relays.

"The strong point of the team will be in the sprint relays," Brechtel said. "There are pieces

that can do some damage, but there is still some work to be done. The freshmen class has a lot of potential and could be a real force in the coming years."

Mitch West, Prince Walker, Will Smith and Dylan Leschewski make up that freshmen group.

Tony Barrett, Jack Brady and Dylan Maher should be key contributors in field events as well.

Willowbrook Warriors

Coach: T.J. Artman

Top athletes:

Jake Bloemke	sr	sprints
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Willowbrook's Matt Burns celebrates his victory in the 400-meter dash at last year's Class 3A state track meet. Burns is expected to lead the Warriors' solid group of sprinters this spring.

Matt Burns	sr	sprints
Devin Childress	sr	hurdles, jumps
Jimmy Funteas	jr	distance

Outlook: The Warriors took second in the indoor West Suburban Gold meet without returning 400-meter dash state champion Matt Burns competing.

Burns ran at West Aurora's John Bell Invitational on Saturday and took third in the 400, running more than two seconds slower than his state winning time last spring.

Once Burns gets back into gear, the Warriors should have some good relay teams. Jake Bloemke won the 55-meter dash at the indoor conference meet and was second in the 400. Sprinters Dylan Jones, Josan Murphy and Donnie Hawkins will join those two for sprint relays. Murphy will also be competing in jumps and Hawkins is also a hurdler.

Distance runner Jimmy Funteas will be hoping to qualify for state after a strong season with the cross country team.

Football standouts Devin Childress, the indoor conference champ on the 55-meter hurdles, and Hayden Adams will also contribute.

Willowbrook students present "God of Carnage" this week

Willowbrook High School's theater department will present its spring play—"God of Carnage"—this week. Each of the three performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (April 24-26) will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

"God of Carnage" is a black comedy written by French playwright Yasmina Reza. The play tells the story of a playground altercation between two 11-year-old Brooklyn boys and the resulting tension between the boys' parents. The two sets of parents must discuss the altercation in a civilized manner. As the evening unfolds, the parents are more and more childish.

Star Colleen Schiano joins juniors Kevin Haimann, Jack Cuckery and Alex Lapinski in portraying the two sets of parents in the play, which won the 2009

May Award for best play.

The Willowbrook cast and crew presented a 40-minute version of "God of Carnage" at last month's Illinois High School Association (IHSA) state final in drama and group interpretation, which took place at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Willowbrook earned a third-place finish in the drama final and received first-place honors in the second performance category. Cuckery and Lapinski were both named to the all-star cast.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 for those with an activity pass. Admission is free to residents with a District 58 Senior Gold Card.

To purchase tickets, or for more information about this week's presentation, call 630-783-3800.

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. 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 Krichbaum 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.



Science team wins state title...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S Science Olympiad Team (above) won a state championship at the Science Olympiad state competition, which took place April 12 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The team of Willowbrook students earned first-place honors in the events "Division Pictured" (left to right) are: (front row) sophomore Stephaney Cheng, junior Shukan Shah, junior Isabelle Martinez and junior Kelli Wysoglad, (middle row) senior Kevin Cheng, senior Cesar Saucedo, senior Veronica Palma, senior Emily Gornick and sophomore Kyle Ooley, (back row) junior Abby Pakelits, senior Kevin Monaco, senior William Menzer, junior Mike Rogalski, senior Chris Cheng and senior Brandon Young. 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 including test taking, lab events and building. In addition to winning a team championship at the state competition, three Willowbrook duos won state titles in specific events. Monaco and Chris Cheng won first-place honors in the Water Quality level, while Kevin Cheng and Young earned a state championship in the Dynamic Planet category. Gornick and Chris Cheng teamed up to win a state title in the Designer Genes level.

Drop off unwanted medication on Saturday at the VPPD

Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pawluch announced that the Villa Park Police Department will collect expired, unused and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medication on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The collection will take place in the lobby of the Villa Park Police Department, located at 40 S. Ardmore Ave. A representative of the police department will be present at the collection event.

The event is free and residents can drop off medications anonymously.

According to a news release issued by the police department, Villa Park police are

conducting this event in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration. The release added that unused and expired medications are a public safety hazard that can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. The release also noted that many people don't know how to properly dispose of unused medicine. Flushing it down the toilet or throwing it away can be a health hazard and certainly messes the water supply.

For more information about Saturday's medication collection event, contact Villa Park Police Officer Kevin Connor at 630-634-7447.

Village marks Arbor Day with Friday's tree planting ceremony

The Villa Park Public Works Department recently issued a news release regarding Arbor Day and the village's "Tree City USA" status.

According to the release, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named the Village of Villa Park a Tree City USA for the 29th consecutive year. The foundation sponsors the Tree City USA program in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

A community must meet four standards to be recognized as a Tree City USA. The community must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Villa Park's forestry and park departments will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25, by planting a tree at 10 a.m. on the 300 block of South Michigan Avenue (near the intersection of Michigan and Central Boulevard).

Submissions for District 45 student art show due by May 2

The District 45 PTA Council Arts Committee is hosting an annual student art show on Friday, June 6, from 6-8 p.m. at Valley School, which is located at 700 S. Pleasantland in Lombard.

Artwork, with a completed registration form, must be submitted by Friday, May 2.

The opportunity to submit to the art show is open to all District 45 students. Registration forms are currently available in the office of District 45 schools and on the district's Web site at www.d45.org. A completed form must be submitted with each art submission.

The student art show categories include visual art (drawing, painting, collage), photography, sculpture and film. Students can submit a total of two pieces of artwork per category. Works to be displayed in the art show will be selected by the District 45 PTA Council Arts Committee.

All artwork must be the student's original work. The committee reserves the right to exclude work that includes vulgar, inappropriate or a school substance.

Not all submissions will be accepted. The artists will be notified by May 7 if their work has been selected. The student's name will not be included with the artwork to the students' schools by May 9.

Artists selected to display their art must agree to attend a workshop to meet their pieces of visual art or photography. Each student is responsible for a \$2 per artwork fee. Every other will be made to keep artwork safe; art students submit it at their own risk. All displayed artwork will be returned to the students' home schools on June 9.

Contact PTA Council Arts Committee Chair Tracy Vozzani at 630-279-3514 or tracyv19@yahoo.com with any questions.

Questions? Comments?

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Lauren's Lager Tapping takes place Thursday 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 flyer 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 flyer for the April 24 Lauren's Lager Tapping event, visit www.rememberlauren.com/events.

Villa Park Lions host Thursday's pasta dinner at Willowbrook

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, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children ages 5 to 12. Admission is free for children 4 and under.

The dinner will include salad, bread, spaghetti, Italian sausage, dessert, coffee, milk and punch. The evening at Willowbrook will also include plans for a

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

To purchase tickets for the pasta dinner, contact Lisa Lury at 630-782-0125 or any other Villa Park Lions member. Tickets for the dinner will be available at the door.

Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Fantastic finish! Rams win on a walkoff homer

Senior Scott Borosak delivered a walkoff home run to lift the Glenbard East baseball team to Saturday's 3-2 DuPage Valley Conference victory over West Aurora in Lombard. Borosak stepped to the plate to lead off the bottom of the seventh inning in a game tied at 2-2. He drilled a 1-2 pitch over the left field fence to end the game.

Saturday's victory gave the Rams an overall record of 9-6-1 and a conference mark of 2-1. Glenbard East took two of three games from West Aurora in the opening series of the DVC season. The Rams dropped to 9-7-1 overall and 2-2 in the conference following Monday's 8-1 loss at Naperville Central.

Glenbard East senior lefthander Jimmy Macdonald earned the victory with a complete-game performance. Macdonald, who has won three straight decisions since losing his season debut, threw 105 pitches in his seven innings on the mound against West Aurora. Macdonald recorded 10 strikeouts and allowed six hits. He did

not allow any walks.

The Rams took a 2-0 lead after scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Glenbard East bashed four hits in the inning—John Allen and Tommy Mogavero supplied doubles, while Justin Griffin and Joey Moore supplied singles.

West Aurora tied the game at 2-2 with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth inning, when the Rams made both of their errors. Another Blackhawk reached base during that inning when he struck out swinging but advanced to first base when the ball got away from Glenbard East's catcher.

"Our defense has been pretty solid for us this year," said Glenbard East coach Joel Pelland. "We made a few errors in the sixth inning and allowed them to tie the game up. When you see that happening around you, you can really start to get down and allow your emotions to take over. Jimmy got us out of the inning. He threw a great game for us."

"It was a little bit frustrating," said Macdonald of the Rams' defensive struggles in the sixth inning. "I just tried to stay mentally tough and locate my pitches."

Turd baseman Joe Ritchie made a solid defensive play to end the sixth inning by backhanding a sharply hit grounder and stepping on third base for a forceout.

Instead of thinking about ending the game abruptly with a walkoff homer, Borosak stepped to the plate with the prudent goal of simply reaching base.

He quickly fell into an 0-2 hole after the first two pitches of the count, but put up a battle by fouling off three pitches. He then unloaded on a fastball, connecting for his first home run of the season. He wasn't sure the ball cleared the fence until he rounded first base and saw his teammates heading for home plate, where they would surround him after he completed his trip around the bases.

"I got down in the count, I just had to fight it off," said Borosak shortly after his winning hit. "He [the West Aurora pitcher] threw me a pitch that was right there. I couldn't pass it up."

The Rams opened their series against West Aurora with a 2-0 road victory on April 16. Anthony Esterly pitched a complete-game shutout for Glenbard East to earn a victory and improve his season record to 3-1. Esterly gave up three hits and one walk over seven innings. He struck out six batters. The Rams scored both of their runs in the top of the third inning, when Ryan Schelske, Allen and Griffin each provided a single. Griffin's two-out, two-run single drove in the only runs of the game.

West Aurora turned the tables on the Rams one day later, scoring a 3-0 shutout over Glenbard East in Thursday's game in Aurora.

Willowbrook

The Warriors, who opened the West Suburban Gold Conference season by sweeping three games apiece from Proviso East and Addison Trail, fell to 6-3 in conference play (and 9-5 overall) after three straight losses to Downers Grove South. The Mustangs swept Saturday's doubleheader against Willowbrook in Downers Grove, winning the opener 11-1 and taking the second game 8-1. The Mustangs completed the series sweep with Monday's 9-7 victory in Villa Park. Willowbrook trailed the Mustangs 7-1 before scoring three runs in the fifth inning. The Mustangs scored two runs in the top of the sixth, but Willowbrook responded with three more runs in the bottom of the inning.

Mike Rothmund cracked three hits and drove in a pair of runs for the Warriors, who connected for 12 hits in Monday's loss. Tyler Zunkel, Brian Johnson and Tucker Newling provided two hits apiece.

Soccer club holds tryouts

The Infantry Soccer Club is holding tryouts for high school girls on Saturday, May 3, from 4-5:30 p.m. and on Monday, May 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. The tryouts will take place at Jackson Middle School, located at 3011 W. Jackson St., Villa Park. The girls are for girls who will be in or enter high school in the fall of 2014. For more information, visit the Infantry Soccer Club's Web site at infantryx.org/club.



Winning hit...

Photos by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Scott Borosak connected for a home run to end Saturday's DuPage Valley Conference baseball game against West Aurora in Lombard. The two teams were tied at 2-2 when Borosak led off the bottom of the seventh inning. The above photo shows Borosak hitting a 1-2 pitch over the left field fence to give the Rams a 3-2 victory. The photo below shows Borosak leaping into the air as he arrived at home plate to celebrate the victory with his teammates.



Rams move to 9-3-1 after a pair of lop-sided victories

The Glenbard East girls' soccer team improved its season record to 9-3-1 with two overwhelming home-field victories—a 7-0 win over Addison Trail on Saturday followed by an 8-0 decision over Romeoville on Monday.

Senior Alex Ruffler and sophomore Brittany Paganucci each scored two goals in Saturday's win. Juniors Corie Ewoldt, Jordyn Fulton and Mary Kurtz added one goal apiece. Ruffler, Fulton, and junior Jessica Whipple accounted for six of Monday's goals by netting two goals apiece. Paganucci and sophomore Sierra Dana each

scored one goal. Dana, who usually plays the goalkeeping position, scored her goal during the second half. She played goalkeeper in the opening half before moving out into the field in the second half.

Glenbard East's DuPage Valley Conference record currently stands at 1-2. The Rams opened the conference season with a 3-1 win at West Aurora on April 8. They lost a 2-0 battle against reigning IHSA state champion Naperville North on April 14 in Lombard. The Rams suffered another 2-0 loss three days later in Thursday's home match against Glenbard North.



Seven strong innings...

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Jimmy Macdonald (above) fires a pitch during Saturday's DuPage Valley Conference baseball game against West Aurora. Macdonald struck out 10 batters and did not allow any walks in seven innings. He gave up six hits and recorded a victory in Glenbard East's 3-2 win. Saturday's decision gave Macdonald three straight victories and a season record of 3-1.



Potent pitcher...

SENIOR TYLER QUICK (above) of the Montini baseball team throws a pitch during Saturday's Suburban Christian Conference game at Wheaton Academy. The Broncos suffered their first loss of the season in the contest, dropping a 3-2 decision. The Warriors scored the winning run on a two-out solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning. The loss moved Montini to 9-1 overall and 5-1 in conference play. Montini rebounded from the loss to post Monday's 4-0 conference victory over Aurora Christian in Lombard. Eric Frontzak of the Broncos fired a complete-game shutout on Monday. He allowed four hits and no walks while striking out seven batters. Frontzak picked up the victory to improve his record to 2-0. Quick's season has included a one-hitter in the Broncos' 16-0 five-inning Suburban Christian Conference win over Walther Christian on April 10. Quick struck out 11 batters in that game and did not give up any walks. He earned his third victory of the season in Montini's 6-4 win over Wheaton Academy on April 16 in Lombard. Quick pitched two perfect innings in relief and recorded three strikeouts.