

# Tom Cullerton hosts 'Capitol at your Corner'

VILLA PARK — State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) hosted three "Capitol at Your Corner" events last week where residents were free to ask him questions and raise concerns about local and state-wide issues. He also hosted an open house at his office in Villa Park.

"Face-to-face contact is still my favorite way to ensure that

I continue my focus down in Springfield," he said. "I have an extremely large area to cover and many different concerns throughout the 23rd District. Having such a good turnout and so many people come by and chat is extremely helpful as we go into the final month of our legislative session."

The three events—in Bartlett, Carol Stream and Blooming-

dale—were part of Cullerton's in-district outreach schedule during the two week break in the legislative session. Cullerton also sponsored a senior resource fair and held an open house at his district office.

"Some lawmakers become detached from the needs and concerns of their constituents when they are in Springfield," he said. "I pride myself and my staff's ability to constantly deliver a high level of service to the residents of the 23rd District. We will continue to ensure that we keep our finger on the pulse and maintain our focus in serving our communities."

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol on Tuesday, April 29 and will remain in session until June.



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State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) met with constituents at 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill during one of his "Capitol at Your Corner" events in Bartlett last week. He also held three other events throughout the week, including an open house of his office in Villa Park.

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## ATHS salutes its 'Best'

### Students recognized for service, spirit, contributions

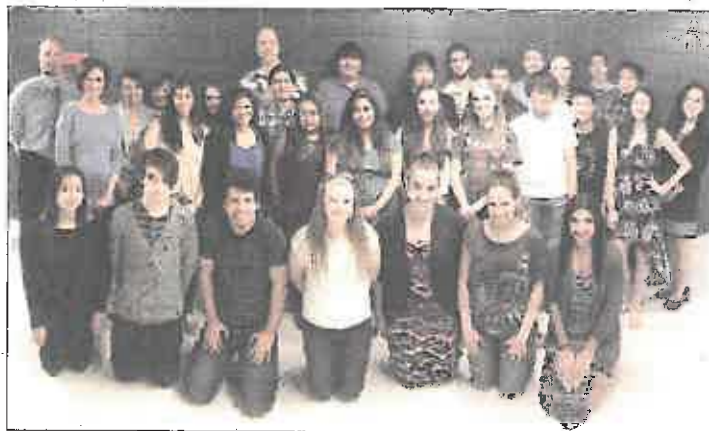
ADDISON — On April 22, 30 Addison Trail students were recognized as AT's Best.

The AT's Best award honors students who have achieved a "personal best." The following categories have been used to recognize students: service, Blazer Pride, cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, humanitarian spirit or unique contributions. Students receive a pin or a T-shirt for their efforts and are honored during a breakfast.

AT's Best students are senior Crystal Marinelli, sophomore Aziz Zeidieh, senior Miranda Ristich, senior Anne Pacilli,

senior Tyler Skupien, senior Lucero Luna, junior Jazmin Avelar, senior Magali Gamboa, senior Monika Pucel, senior Brian Hernandez, senior Kris Santiago, junior Anayeli Rodriguez, senior Michelle Gonzalez, junior Nabeel Ahmed, freshman Max Lopez, junior Daniel Santana, freshman Nico Favuzzi, sophomore Kelsy Bauers, freshman Victor Miranda, freshman Kristian Santiago, senior Fernando Magana, senior Erick Ramirez, junior Larry Nuehring, senior Luis Salazar Jr., senior John Schutz, senior Alexis Arellano, freshman Alyssa Ramir, freshman Szymon Popowski, freshman Riley O'Donnell and freshman Marco Antonio Avila.

Students were nominated by Addison Trail staff members Mark Olson, Wendy Brusich, Elizabeth McAnally, Amy Peppi, John Turner, Dan O'Connell, Lily De La Torre, Jessica Connolly and Becky Cibulka.



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Pictured are Addison Trail students who were named as AT's Best on April 22, along with the staff members who nominated them.

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## Addison Trail juniors visit Purdue University

### Check out its Women in Engineering Program

ADDISON — On April 14, Addison Trail Guidance Counselor Shane Cole sponsored a student trip to Purdue University for students to learn about the Women in Engineering Program.

Thirteen female students from Addison Trail were invited to participate in an exploration of engineering programs offered at Purdue. The students were able to connect with college students, professional alumni

and faculty members to find out more about the admission process, engineering career paths, internships, engineering co-op programs and financial aid.

Students who participated in the trip are juniors Yasmeen Kazkaz, Izabela Kantor, Emma Schmitt, Julia Dziabis, Kimberly Schonder, Kelly Blucher, Maria Dugo, Jennifer Hurtado, Elizabeth Lodzinski, Allison Ricamato, Brandee Samlow, Maggie Sumbulla and Joanna Villalobos.

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## Brandon Marshall motorcycle ride for mental health awareness

NAPERVILLE — The Brandon Marshall Foundation, Starved Rock Harley-Davidson and Linden Oaks at Edward are teaming up in an effort to increase awareness of mental illness and raise funds for mental health treatment. Edward Hospital merged with Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare about a year ago to create Edward Elmhurst Healthcare.

The organizations are presenting the Brandon Marshall Mental Health Awareness Ride on Saturday, May 31. The event will begin at 8 a.m. at the Linden Oaks Outpatient Center, 1335 N. Mill St. in Naperville, with motorcycle registration and comments from Brandon Marshall, NFL Pro Bowl wide receiver with the Chicago Bears, and his wife Michi.

Brandon, Michi and the bikers will hit the road

at 9 a.m. for a trip of more than 50 miles through Aurora, Oswego and Yorkville, ending at the Starved Rock Harley-Davidson dealership, 750 Centennial Dr. in Ottawa, where activities will include entertainment, a cookout, raffles and prizes.

The fee to have a motorcycle in the ride is \$20 and includes lunch and a commemorative pin. All makes and models of bikes are welcome. Passenger registration is \$10 and includes lunch. An adult non-rider ticket to the event at the Starved Rock Harley-Davidson dealership is \$10 and includes lunch. To register online, visit starvedrockhd.com/brandonmarshallride.

For more information about or to make a donation to The Brandon Marshall Foundation, visit thebrandonmarshall.com/foundation.

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## Addison Center for the Arts news

### Final exhibit of the season opens May 3

**ADDISON** — The final exhibition for the year at the Addison Center for the Arts (ACA) is entitled "Wildflower," presented by James Shirey, running from May 3 through June 7. The artist's reception will be on Monday, June 9 in the gallery, located at Addison Trail High School, 213 No. Lombard, Room 140.

The docent program has been very rewarding to ACA members who have taken part in it. Before each new exhibit, a docent tea is held at the gallery to preview the exhibit and learn more about the exhibitors. Many thanks to Margaret Loftus for scheduling the docents and arranging refreshments for these special events.

A thank-you is owed to the many ACA docents, especially with the difficult winter we have experienced in the area. Docents include: Marian Dahldorf, Alice Smith, Ann O'Brien, Susan Cargill, LaVerne Tedeski, Joyce Cordo, Annette Leiber, Mary Girard, Ed and Susan Cargill, Sara Ricci, Margaret Loftus, Harry Theodore, Sandra Ganakos, Carol Hendricks, and Evelyn Berleman.

Gallery hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12-4 p.m. and by private appointment. For more information, please call 630-458-4500. Future exhibitors are welcome in the gallery. Artists who would like to exhibit may contact the ACA at [addisoncenterforthearts.com](http://addisoncenterforthearts.com).

### News from the Arts Alive After-school Program

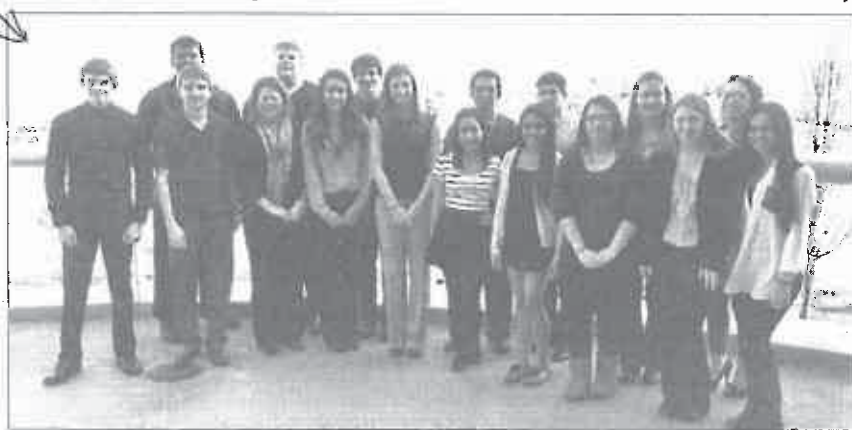
The arts do come alive for students at Indian Trail Junior High School. To continue bringing art to the students through the Arts Alive After School program, the Addison Center for the Arts received a grant from the DuPage Community Foundation in 2013.

On March 6, 2014, the program will continue, thanks to an anonymous donor who will fund the program. Talented artists from the community offer their expertise in visual arts, theater, and music. It is designed for students to explore the arts by participating in workshops taught by professional working artists. The ACA wishes to thank all of its generous benefactors!

### ACA presents "Portraits of American Veterans"

"The Portraits of American Veterans Project" began in August of 2009 by Algonquin artist Janine Hill-Soldner as a continuation of her artwork about war and veterans. A portrait begins with the veteran visiting the artist's studio in Crystal Lake. The veterans talk about their military experiences as an integral part of the painting experience. Memorabilia is chosen to be included in the painting. Hill-Soldner has completed 23 portraits to date.

"It Happens in Addison" is the theme for the 130th Anniversary of the village. This exhibit will be a part of the events to commemorate Memorial Day, which are planned by the Village of Addison. The portraits will be displayed in the Addison Public Library and the Village Hall Rotunda during May and June. Other Memorial Day activities are planned as well.



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### Addison Trail students perform well at accounting contest

On April 17, 16 Addison Trail students competed in the Bottom Line Accounting Contest at College of DuPage. The Accounting 1 Team placed 4th overall, and the Accounting 2 team placed 3rd overall. Pictured are (front row, from left) senior David Jez, senior Daniel Mitchell, Addison Trail Career and Technical Education Department Chair Juliann Boudouris, senior Fatima Baig, senior Carrie Castellano, sophomore Alexa Enriquez, senior Shivani Patel, junior Viola Gjanci, senior Stefani Scimeca, senior Gabriella Scialabba, (back row, from left) senior Alex Arreguin, junior Tyler Schroeder-Zelek, senior Anthony Nasti, senior Martin Vargas, junior Sauli Rivera, junior Maggie Sumbulla and junior Rosalind Macho.



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### ATHS seniors honored by Chamber of Commerce

On April 22, Addison Trail seniors were honored by the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry during the chamber's Student Honors Banquet. Top left: Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra greets the crowd. Top right: Addison Trail senior Morgan Pirtle, the event's student speaker, addresses her classmates and talks about their successes. Bottom left: Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka congratulates the students on their accomplishments and introduces them, along with District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. Bottom right: Pictured are students who were recognized during the banquet.

### AT students recognized at Chamber's Student Honors Banquet

**ADDISON** — On April 22, Addison Trail seniors were honored by the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry

at its annual Student Honors Banquet at Empress Banquets in Addison. The event served to recognize students for their academic and extracurricular accomplishments.

The class of 2014 honorees included: Carrie Castellano, Katherine Dziabis, Ekaterin Gjonaj, Jay Jasinski, George Koulogeorgas, Nicole Levonyak, Angel Loizzo, Mario Macedo, Crystal Marinelli, Abby Meinen, Audrey Merkel,

Matthew Neuman, Bret Novak Jr., Taylor Olson, Justin Paul, Anthony Pham, Morgan Pirtle, Emily Rosenquist, Julia Rowley, Stefani Scimeca, Jason Sechan and Brenda Sybolt.

Senior Hugo Reyes was recognized with the A.J. LaRocca Memorial Foundation Scholarship, and senior Dominika Hassmann was recognized with the DeVry University Herman DeVry Scholarship.

### Addison Trail to present student-directed one-act plays

**ADDISON** — On May 2 and 3, four Addison Trail students will take the lead during the school's Student-directed One Acts.

The evening will feature acts from four plays. One will be directed by senior Megan Lobner, a second will be directed by seniors Brenda Sybolt and Morgan Pirtle, a third will be directed by senior Brent Yurek and a fourth will be directed by senior Alex Ramirez.

The event is free, but donations will be accepted to support an arts charity chosen by the directors. Addison Trail Theatre Director Anna Jakubka said what makes this year's show different is all four directors are seniors, and Yurek and Ramirez wrote their own plays.

"The audience can look forward to an evening of laughter and thought-provoking shows," Jakubka said.

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## Willowbrook girls soccer team playing well

### Addison Trail boys gymnastics team third at recent invite

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls soccer team was 8-4-1 overall through its first 13 matches of the season.

The Warriors scored a recent 2-0 non-conference win over Maine West. Willowbrook also tallied wins over Rockford Lutheran (5-0), Proviso East (4-0), Proviso West (5-0) and Fenton (1-0).

Through 13 games, Willowbrook scored 27 goals and allowed 13.

"Overall the team is doing well," said Willowbrook coach Victor Marquez. "It's been a

team effort on all lines either when winning, losing or tying a match."

#### Fenton badminton

The Fenton badminton team had three victories through late last week.

Senior Gabi Martinez was leading the team with six wins. Senior Casey Kuman has five wins. The doubles team of junior Laura Sanchez and senior Radhika Patel had three wins.

Sophomore Heena Amin and freshman Priyanka Patel helped the varsity team score a recent 8-7 win over Morton. It was Amin and Patel's first varsity victories. Patel has 17 wins on the junior-varsity level, while Amin has 12 wins at the JV level.

"We hope to continue to improve technically and with

our footwork," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Fenton will play in its conference invitational at DeKalb High School prior to competing in the sectional.

#### Addison Trail boys gymnastics

The Addison Trail boys gymnastics team recently scored a 132 against Leyden, a 131.2 against Downers Grove South and had a 129.35 and took third at the Fred Dennis invitational.

At the invite, Marco Martinez was second in the all-around, fifth on vault, third on parallel bars and fourth on high bar. RJ Infusino was second on rings. Ruben Sanchez was fifth on high bar.

Addison Trail coach Mike Galfi has been especially pleased with Martinez's efforts.

"Marco has started putting the time in before and after practice and has become very goal-oriented," said Galfi. "He really wants to make state in multiple events. His work ethic is showing how serious he is toward achieving this goal."

Galfi has seen team improvement in a variety of events.

"The team has really

improved on vault," said Galfi. "Every person is doing hand-spring fronts or tsuks. It really is a nice, competitive atmosphere in the gym. Our high bar is improving as well. Three gymnasts have achieved a release move and are going to put it into the routines very soon. We have a pretty good parallel-bar team, but we have yet to have a complete meet where everyone hits. We also are really close toward a much-improved ring team."

#### Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team scored a recent 9-2 non-conference win over Oak Lawn to move to 11-5 on the season.

Willowbrook led 6-0 after two innings and had nine hits in the game.

TJ Case was the winning pitcher. He allowed three hits over four innings and struck out three. Jake Cady pitched the final three innings and allowed two hits.

Mike Rothmund went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, a triple and four RBI. Cady went 2-for-4 with a run scored, a double, three RBI and two stolen bases. Tyler Zunkel went 2-for-3 with

two runs scored and four stolen bases. Brian Johnson went 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and two stolen bases. Willowbrook had 10 stolen bases in the game.

In a 7-6 West Suburban Conference crossover win over York, the Warriors had 12 hits.

Tyler Vavrek went 2-for-4 with two runs scored, a triple and two RBI. Cady was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Johnson was 2-for-4. Luke Schuemer was 2-for-3, while Dom McDonnell was 2-for-3 with a double. Johnson also hit a double.

Jeremy Knable pitched 1 1/3 innings in relief to earn the win. Zunkel pitched 2/3 of an inning and struck out two to pick up the save.

Willowbrook also dropped a 9-7 WSC Gold Division game to Downers Grove South. Willowbrook had 13 hits.

Rothmund went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, two doubles and two RBI. Zunkel was 2-for-5. Johnson went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Tucker Newling was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Zunkel pitched a complete game and struck out five.

## Addison Trail boys volleyball team off to best-ever start

### Blazers win first 11 matches of the season

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team has made history.

The Blazers started the year with a perfect 11-0 record, which established a new school record for best start in a season.

"We've had a lot of good teams in the past and this is the best start we've ever had," said Addison Trail coach Tom Hubner.

Included in the 11-0 start was the tournament championship at Rolling Meadows. Addison Trail had its 11-0 streak snapped in a loss to Downers Grove South, but came back to score a 25-22, 26-24 West Suburban Conference crossover win against Glenbard West to move to 12-1. Addison Trail came back from a 24-22 deficit in the second set to win the match. Addison Trail was 2-1 through its first three conference matches.

Against Glenbard West, Anthony Chiaramonte had 12 kills and three blocks. Alex Dickmann had 11 kills and 10 digs, while Jack Vrchota had eight kills. Kevin Grygo had 33 assists, one ace and seven digs.

"I thought we would be good, but I didn't know we would be this good," said Hubner. "We lost one set in those first 11 matches. We won the championship match at Rolling Meadows by scores of 25-13, 25-12. We've been taking care of business."

Hubner noted he's been impressed with the varied contributions throughout the roster.

"Right now we are playing as a team," said Hubner. "Everybody has settled into their roles. Guys are executing the way they are supposed to. Everybody is contributing and doing what is expected of them. Everybody is doing their job. The chemistry on this team is outstanding right now. We only lost one starter from last year. A lot of guys played club volleyball and put in the time

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## Commission presents 2014 Historic Preservation Awards

### Homeowners honored at Village Board meeting

VILLA PARK — National Historic Preservation Month is being celebrated in May in Villa Park and across the country. This year's theme is Embark! Embrace! Inspire!

At the April 28th Village Board Meeting, three Historic Plaques were scheduled to be presented by the Historical Preservation Commission, chaired by Carol Marcus.

Richard and Alisa Conboy received a Historic Preservation Award for their very large, two-story circa 1920 Prairie-style home located on East Highland Ave. It is named the Bargelt House after its first owner, who was a Major during World War I and was the first president of the Villa Park Trust & Savings Bank.

Ronald and Teresa Wedel

received a Historic Preservation Award for their large, brick circa 1928 English Tudor style house, located on South Illinois Ave. Named the Nack House after its first owner, it is a very striking home with a multiple gable-tiled roof. It was featured on a local house walk recently.

Erica Skibbie received a Historic Preservation Award for her charming circa 1924 stucco Bungalow-style house located on East Highland Avenue, named the Hill House after its first owner. David Hill was a pharmacist who owned Hill's Pharmacy, located in the heart of Villa Park at 7 E. Park Blvd. It had previously been Meehan's Drug Store.

These present owners and caretakers are commended for their preservation and maintenance of these important structures that links the past with the future of Villa Park. These buildings are significant to the history and development of the Village and contribute to its character and heritage.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Citizen voices concern about Village privacy breach

I wasn't going to say anything more about this matter in a public forum. I was going to keep it to myself. After all, I brought it to the attention of our Village Manager, Village President, and Board of Trustees weeks ago through email and at Coffee with the Board.

But Village Attorney Kathleen Field Orr's comment at the April 14 Board Meeting has pushed me to speak up. Here is what she said:

"Every record in this city hall is subject to [Freedom of Information Act] FOIA unless it falls within the exemptions... if I get information from a business owner, a social security [number], driver's license, I don't care who it is, it's not going to leave here and may not leave here... It's no different for a business operation than it is for a resident... any of the information that's personal is personal...there is a law that is in place, we all know it, that is supposed to protect the business owner or the resident from what is personal versus what should be made known to the public." But in reality, the Village of Villa Park did release the social security numbers of

three former employees to the Chicago Tribune via FOIA in early in 2013. All three sets of numbers were exposed and easily legible.

Three people in Villa Park are ultimately responsible for the release of FOIA responses: the HR Manager, a Deputy Chief of Police and the Village Manager. Annual salaries for these three employees total \$350,000; yet their sloppy work resulted in the private information of three individuals being released to a major metropolitan newspaper.

So, Attorney Orr's statement about personal information "not leaving" the village hall was grossly inaccurate.

Most disheartening was watching the Village Manager and the Board of Trustees sit there and say nothing while she misspoke to the residents on live TV and on the record. Perhaps her statement was just one more careless mistake by the current administration.

Perhaps what Attorney Orr meant to say was, STARTING NOW, "It's not going to leave here."

Sue Smith



photo by Paul DeGuidice

### Spaghetti and prizes, too!

Warriors sophomore Josie Zabran, with Lion Helen Dreckman, got to pick a raffle prize from the table during the Villa Park Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, held at Willowbrook High School on Thursday, April 24.

## Willowbrook musicians shine at solo, ensemble competition

VILLA PARK — This past March 8, the Willowbrook High School Music Dept. participated in the IHSA statewide Solo and Ensemble Competition. Students from around the state performed and were judged in several categories. A total of 41 Willowbrook student musicians achieved a Superior rating, the highest possible.

Congratulations to the following students:

Solo performance: Jack Corkery, voice; Henry McCarthy, guitar; Carrington Breckenridge, voice; Bryce Hurley, violin; Alexis Cazarez, voice; Morgan Brown, voice; Alex Vilicano, cello; Alex Lapinski, voice; Allison Reed, cello; Hannah Neher, viola; Andrew Ramos, voice; Zach Gorecki, cello; Galen Bergsten, French horn; Matthew Buhr, voice; Cierra Rago, voice;

Tess Marsh, violin; Jeremy Gavard, trombone; Jackie Bliss, flute; Samantha Witkowski, voice; Sabrina Hill, bassoon; Mariana Martens, voice; Addie Maggard, voice; Allie Rodwell, trumpet; Sam Dando, string bass; Teagan Ziegler, cello; James Reilly, alto saxophone; Tony Tamburrino, guitar; Nathaniel Wells, oboe; Dana Degnan, voice; Emjay Angeles, cello; McKenzie Kolp, violin; Laura Smith, voice; Deanna Neil, violin; Isabelle Martinez, clarinet; Shannon Strum, violin and Erin Sulla, viola.

Ensemble performance: Dana Degnan, Laura Smith, Jeremy Harris and Alex Lapinski, vocal quartet; Colleen Shelton and Erin Sulla, vocal duet; and, Sabrina Hill and Rocco Giase, double reed duet.



## Pancake breakfast May 3

ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, FROM 7:30-11 a.m., Boy Scout Troop 234 will host a Hearty Pancake Breakfast & Auction Fundraiser. Children 3-11 are \$3 and under 3 are free. Adults are \$6. The breakfast will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church, 136 E Highland Ave., at Summit in Villa Park. For advance tickets, call 630-530-9289. Many gift certificates from local hotels, restaurants, movies and services will be auctioned off.



U.S. REP. PETER ROSKAM (left) is pictured with Pilar Dunning, Salvation Army's STOP-IT Initiative; John Blakey, Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and Lynne Johnson, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), at the Human Trafficking Forum at Benedictine University in Lisle.

## Roskam host of forum on human trafficking April 24

U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam (IL-06) on April 24 hosted a Human Trafficking Forum at Benedictine University in Lisle. The event featured local leaders in the fight against human trafficking, including representatives from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, the Salvation Army's STOP-IT Initiative and the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE).

"One of the most effective ways to combat human trafficking in the Chicagoland area is by simply increasing awareness," said Roskam. "Too often, people have no idea this is happening in their neighborhood, and by simply speaking out and educating others, we can bring law enforcement, social services and the community together to pay attention and lend a hand in eliminating this scourge and protecting at-risk populations. I want to thank the participants here today for all the work they do to shine a light on this terrible crime and bring these criminals to justice."

"While it is often perceived to be an international problem, human trafficking and the sex trafficking of children is a very real crime that is occurring right here and right now in our own backyards," said Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez. "While it does not make the headlines each and every day like so many other violent crimes, human trafficking is no less prevalent and no less offensive and my office is very pleased to join with Congressman Roskam and others in working to raise awareness about these crimes and to work toward collaborative solutions."

"The Salvation Army's STOP-IT Program, Initiative Against Human Trafficking, provides support to clients through comprehensive case

them in maintaining a life free of exploitation," Pilar Meyer Dunning, program manager of the Salvation Army's STOP-IT Initiative. "We operate under the federal definition of human trafficking, and provide this support to clients within Cook County, the nine collar counties and Lake County, Ind."

"We work with individuals with or without legal status within the United States, with U.S. citizens, men, women, children, and adults—both labor and sex trafficking. Our collaboration with law enforcement, prosecutors, service providers, and hospital personnel is instrumental in providing support to the diverse needs of trafficked persons. Our 24/7 hotline 877-606-3158 is available for technical assistance for professionals, as well as clients interested in our program."

"We will continue to inform our community leaders about the most effective responses to reducing commercial sexual exploitation in our community," said Lynne Johnson, policy and advocacy director at CAASE. "The first step is educating our communities about how pervasive this problem is in all of Illinois."

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MAY 3

The Women's Fellowship of First Church of Lombard, 220 S. Main St., will hold its Spring Luncheon Saturday, May 3, at noon. It will take place in Hatfield Hall. Bring a dish to pass, hot or cold; dessert and drinks will be provided. The entertainment will be the Step n' Time Dancers & Company taking guests to "See the USA" through song and dance. Lots of fun music and dance. Friends are welcome as well as spouses. For more

## Symposium to discuss assessments

Glenbard District 87 Superintendent David Larson is leading an effort for a discussion among high school superintendents, Illinois State Board of Education leaders and state lawmakers regarding the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment, a new assessment set to be administered in the 2014-15 school year.

While the states of the PARCC Consortium and the Illinois State Board of Education have invested time in developing and field-testing the new assessments, there has been little attention to the pragmatic concerns that must be addressed to implement these new assessments successfully at the high school level. Among other concerns, is the considerable time that will be spent on testing next spring, including nine hours of PARCC testing.

On Friday, May 2, a leadership team that includes Larson and five other school superintendents will host a PARCC Symposium for High School Practitioners at Willowbrook High School. The symposium is designed to analyze, from a practitioner's perspective, key aspects of the implementation of the PARCC assessments. School administrators, board of education members, legislators and state officials have been

invited to participate in this symposium. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon.

The agenda for the symposium centers on four key problematic aspects of the PARCC assessment. Each area will be inspected, using a panel discussion among professionals from the field who will be charged with implementing the PARCC assessments. The four agenda items include:

- A preview of Testapalooza—March-May 2015: Participants will learn the logistics from staff members who administered this spring's PARCC field tests. They will review the scheduling demands that will need to be negotiated to place the performance-based assessment and end-of-year assessments within the two testing windows and alongside ACT and Advanced Placement testing season in the spring.

- Serving two masters: Participants will hear from experts on high school assessment systems about the competing priorities educators will face as they work to prepare students to do well on the ACT, while simultaneously preparing them for the PARCC assessments to prove themselves college-ready and career-ready.

- Why should I try hard?: High school guidance directors and college admissions staff members will discuss the challenge of motivating the majority of students who are not

required to take remedial courses in college. How can educators frame this assessment in such a way so as to motivate students to do their best on the PARCC assessment?

- The future of finals: A group of department chairmen will discuss the mindset change that will be required for teachers to adapt to this loss of instructional time. They also will look at the future of final exams as part of this change process.

The Illinois high school superintendents embrace a comprehensive K-12 assessment system that supports accountability, informs instruction, is used as a metric for college admissions and is aligned to college and career readiness skills, including the Common Core Standards. Unfortunately, it will be difficult to effectively adhere to these assessment principles as educators contend with facilitating a fragmented landscape of assessments during spring 2015.

This symposium is a genuine attempt, by practitioners in the field, to address and problem-solve some of these assessment dilemmas.

In addition to Larson, the PARCC High School Superintendent Leadership Team includes Doug Domeracki, West Chicago District 94; Brian Harris, Wheaton Warrenville Unit School District 200; Tim Killea, Lyons Township High School District 204; and Lynne Panega, Lake Park High School District 108.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR AT VILLA PARK CHURCH MAY 10

The Christian Church of Villa Park will hold its fourth annual Spring Arts & Crafts Fair featuring 36 artists and crafters on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located at 1336 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park. This is the place to look for Mother's Day gifts and cards as well as many other handcrafted items for yourself or others. Lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. For more information, go to <http://www.ccvonline.net/> or visit the church's Facebook page.

### ENGAGED



### Brittany Powers to marry Matthew Spartz

Mrs. Gail Powers and the late John Powers of Glen Carbon, Ill., are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Anne, to Matthew Raymond Spartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spartz of Lombard, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Edwardsville High School and 2009 graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in international, resource and consumer economics. She is employed as a sales representative for Zink Distributing Company in Indianapolis.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Glenbard East High School and 2008 from the University of Illinois and the Army ROTC program with a degree in journalism. He is a buyer team lead for Rolls-Royce - North America in Indianapolis. He is also a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves in Bloomington, Ind., and a former correspondent for the *Daily Herald* during his 2010 tour in Afghanistan.

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# Sports

## LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

### Rams roll to tournament title with four shutouts

The Glenbard East girls soccer team cruised to the championship of last week's six-team, round-robin tournament at Niles West High School in Skokie. The Rams played four matches at the event and posted a shutout in each contest. Glenbard East completed the tournament with a pair of victories on Saturday. The Rams began the day with a 3-0 morning win over Maine West. They closed out the event with a 7-0 afternoon victory over neighborhood rival Willowbrook.

Sophomore Brittany Paganucci scored two of Glenbard East's goals against Maine West. Junior Holly Ward added one goal for the Rams, who scored all three goals during the first half. The Rams built a 4-0 halftime lead against Willowbrook. Paganucci and junior Jordyn Fulton each scored two goals against the Warriors. Juniors Maria Berrum, Corie Ewoldt and Jessica Whipple each provided one goal.

Junior Rachel Anderson and sophomore Sierra Dana shared the Rams' goalkeeping duties during Saturday's two victories.

Glenbard East opened the tournament with a 2-0 win over Nazareth Academy on April 23. Ward and senior Alex Ruffier provided one goal apiece. One day later, the Rams defeated Rockford Lutheran 7-0.

Ruffier and Paganucci both scored two goals in Thursday's win, while Ward scored one goal. Two players who were recently called up to the varsity team—sophomore Sammie Saries and freshman Dana Plotke—also scored for the Rams.

The four victories at the Niles West event gave the Rams an overall record of 13-3-1. The team has posted shutouts in 12 of its 13 wins.

"Our defense has been lights-out all season," said Glenbard East coach Kent Overbey after the victory over Willowbrook. "We've been able to cycle different players through our lineup and continue to stay stingy."

Glenbard East resumed its DuPage Valley Conference season with Monday evening's match at Wheaton North. The match was scoreless through two 40-minute halves and one 10-minute overtime. Another scoreless overtime period would have led to a penalty-kick shootout, but the Falcons scored a match-winning goal midway through the second overtime period to earn a 1-0 victory.

Monday's loss dropped the Rams to 1-3 in conference play.

Glenbard East will play another match against Willowbrook this week. The two teams will meet in the Rams' senior night contest on Thursday night in Lombard.



### A six-pack of scorers...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST'S GIRLS SOCCER TEAM won four straight matches and claimed the championship of a round-robin tournament at Niles West High School in Skokie. The Rams completed the tournament with two victories on Saturday—a 3-0 triumph over Maine West followed by a 7-0 victory over Willowbrook. The above photo shows all of the Rams who scored goals during Saturday's two matches. Pictured left to right are juniors Holly Ward, Corie Ewoldt, Jordyn Fulton, Maria Berrum and sophomore Brittany Paganucci. Saturday's two wins gave the Rams an overall season record of 13-3-1. Glenbard East slipped to 13-4-1 following Monday's 1-0 double-overtime loss in a DuPage Valley Conference match at Wheaton North.

### Soccer club to hold tryouts

The Infinity Soccer Club will hold 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 301 W. Jackson St., Villa Park. The tryouts are for girls who will be in or entering high school in the fall of 2014. For more information, visit the Infinity Soccer Club's Web site at [infinitysoccerclub.com](http://infinitysoccerclub.com).



### Winning pitcher...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR JEREMY KNABLE (above) of the Willowbrook baseball team fires a pitch during Thursday's non-conference game against York. Knable entered the game in relief and earned the victory in the Warriors' 7-6 win in Villa Park. Knable entered the game in the fifth inning, when the visiting Dukes scored three runs to tie the score at 6-6. Knable did not allow any runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Willowbrook scored the go-ahead run when Tyler Zunkel singled to drive in A.J. Nolen in the bottom of the fifth inning. Zunkel pitched the seventh inning and earned a save by retiring the Dukes in order. He struck out two batters. First baseman Mike Rothmund recorded the final out when he caught a popup in foul territory. Thursday's win gave the Warriors an overall record of 10-5. Willowbrook improved to 11-5 with Saturday's 9-2 non-conference home win over Oak Lawn. The Warriors built a 6-0 lead through two innings. T.J. Case pitched the first four innings for Willowbrook. He allowed one run and earned the victory. Rothmund had three hits—including a bases-loaded triple in the second inning—and drove in four runs. Zunkel, Jake Cady and Brian Johnson had two hits apiece.

### Play ball...

SATURDAY WAS OPENING DAY for Villa Park Youth Baseball's 2014 season. The photo on the right is from a Farm Division (ages 7-8) contest between the Cardinals and White Sox at Franklin Park. The Cardinals beat the White Sox 3-1.

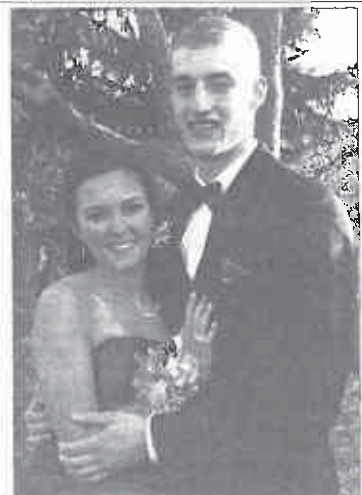
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### Prom season...

Photos by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST HIGH SCHOOL'S 2014 PROM took place on Saturday evening at Veruti's Ristorante and Banquet Hall in Addison. Several of the promgoers braved chilly weather to go to Lillia Park for pre-prom photos. The above left photo shows (left to right) Jack Peters, Kennedy Carlson, Matt Sterling and Courtney Grosser. The above right photo shows (l. to r.) Hunter Easterday and Spencer Treflek at Lillia Park. Treflek was named the senior prom king later in the evening. Julianna Crudele was named the senior prom queen.



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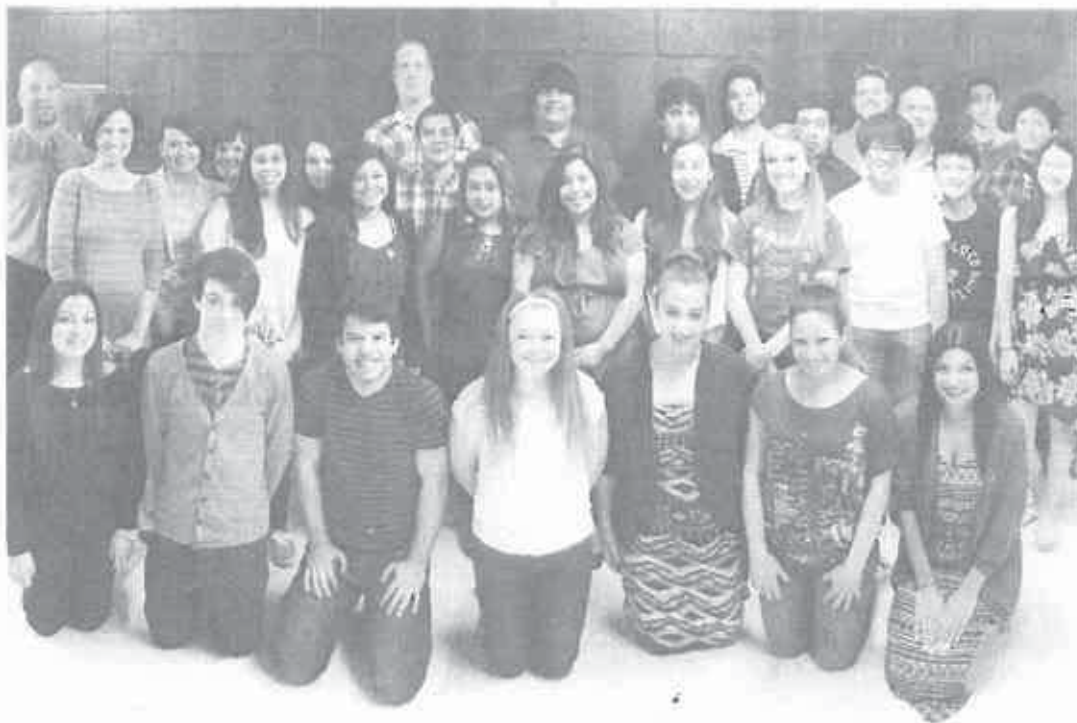


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# Cream of the crop at AT

Addison Trail High School students who were recognized as AT's Best gather April 22 with the staff members who nominated them. Students were honored for achieving their "personal best." Several graduating seniors also were honored at an Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry banquet in April. See Page 6 for more information.

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# Addison chamber honors AT students

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**ADDISON** – The top 30 seniors from Addison Trail High School recently were recognized by the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their academic and extracurricular accomplishments.

The chamber hosted a Student Honors Banquet on April 22 at at Empress Banquets in Addison that featured Addison Mayor Richard Veenstra, Addison Trail graduate Deborah Panzarella and current senior Morgan Pirtle as speakers.

Each senior was acknowledged individually with a certificate from the chamber, and scholarships also were awarded to students Brian Carman, Dominika Hassmann and Hugo Reyes.

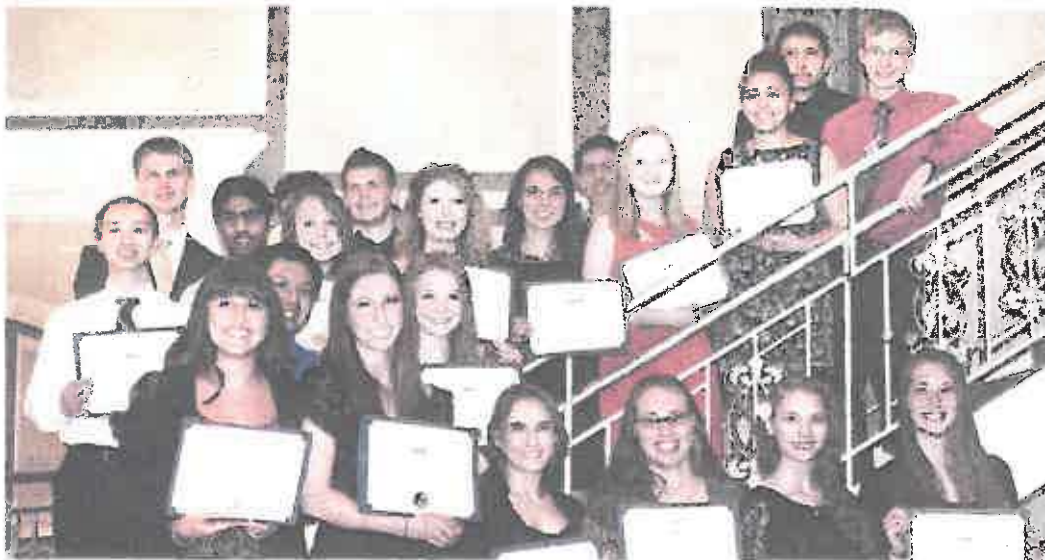
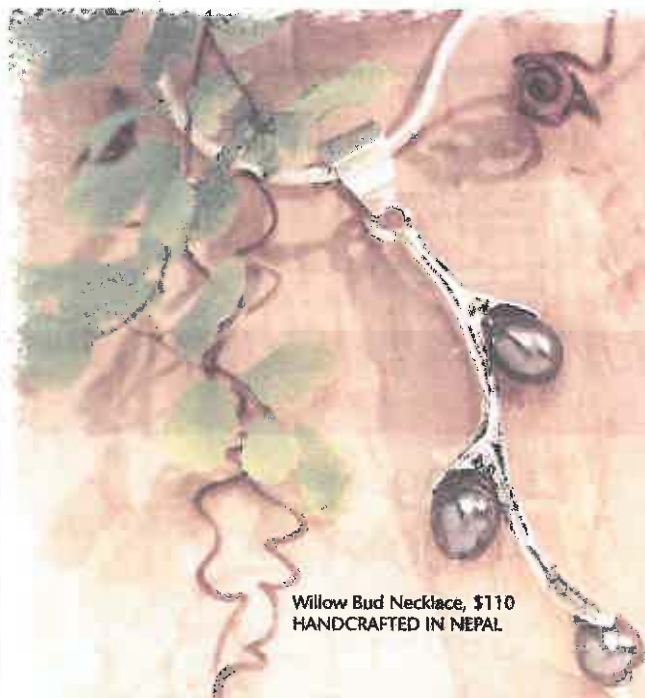


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Addison Trail seniors are recognized by the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the chamber's Student Honors Banquet on April 22 at Empress Banquets in Addison.



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#### District 88 talks about active-shooter drill

**ADDISON** – On April 23, Addison Trail Assistant Principal Mike Bolden and Addison Police Detective Cmdr. Joseph Maranowicz presented about District 88's mock active-shooter drill that took place on March 1, 2013, at Addison Trail High School.

Bolden and Maranowicz presented to deans, administrators and school resource police officers from throughout DuPage County at the DuPage Regional Office of Education Center for Professional Learning in Lombard, according to a District 88 newsletter.

District 88 worked with local officials and agencies to conduct the drill, which featured a full demonstration of an active-shooter scenario to help ensure District 88 and the other agencies would be equipped to maintain the safety of students and staff during

an emergency.

Bolden said District 88 will continue to present about the drill this summer at countywide events.

#### Addison Trail students pay a visit to Purdue

**ADDISON** – Addison Trail High School guidance counselor Shane Cole sponsored a student trip to Purdue University on April 14 for students to learn about the Women in Engineering Program.

Thirteen female students from Addison Trail were invited to explore engineering programs offered at Purdue.

The students were able to connect with college students, professional alumni and faculty members to find out more about the admission process, engineering career paths, internships, engineering co-op programs and financial aid.

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### Addison Trail presents one-act plays

ADDISON – Addison Trail High School students will take the lead during the school's student-directed One Acts this weekend.

The evening will feature acts from four plays. The plays will be directed by seniors Megan Lobner, Brenda Sypolt, Morgan Pirtle and Alex Ramirez, according to a District 88 newsletter.

The event is free, but donations will be accepted to support an arts charity chosen by the directors. Addison Trail Theatre Director Anna Jakubka said what makes this year's show different is all four directors are seniors, and Yurek and Ramirez wrote their own plays, the newsletter stated.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

### Library offers new digital rental service

ADDISON – Patrons at the Addison Public Library can now access on-demand content from

their smartphones and tablets.

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### Addison students celebrate Earth Day

ADDISON – The Fullerton School PTA hosted an all school walk-a-thon at the end of April in celebration of Earth Day.

Students were encouraged to reach out to family and friends to raise pledges for Fullerton's school beautification committee and to help the American Diabetes Association.

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### Addison students place in accounting contest

**ADDISON** – A group of 16 Addison Trail High School students competed April 17 in the Bottom Line Accounting Contest at College of DuPage.

They competed against other DuPage County high schools. The Addison Trail Accounting 1 Team placed fourth overall, and the Accounting 2 team placed

third overall. Junior Maggie Sumbulla also ranked in the top 10 scores, according to a District 88 newsletter.

During the contest, Northern Illinois University representatives from the Department of Accountancy spoke with students about careers in accounting and the accountancy program at Northern, the newsletter stated.

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## SPORTS

## Blazers on comeback trail



Addison Trail's Kevin Grygo sets the ball during an April 15 match against Morton. The Blazers struggled at their own invite Saturday and will look to rebound with matches next week.

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## AT volleyball looking to rebound after recent downturn

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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### Blazers at Addison Trail Invite

**ADDISON** – For the first time this season, Addison Trail's boys volleyball team is faced with recovering from a surprise setback.

Sure, the Blazers had already lost a match to Downers Grove South on April 22, but that was the team's first loss of the season and the Mustangs won state last year and appear to be strong once again.

On Saturday the Blazers went 3-2 at their own invite, including losses against Glenbard North, which is winless in the DuPage Valley Conference, and Elk Grove, which AT defeated previously this season. The Blazers were third out of six teams at the tournament.

"To put it bluntly, we had a huge letdown weekend," AT coach Tom Hubner said. "We made too many errors throughout the day to win."

Kevin Grygo totaled 107 assists. Alex Dickmann led the team with 46 kills on the day and Anthony Chiaramonte had 38 kills. Jack Vrchota contributed 16 kills in the five matches.

This came on the heels of arguably the Blazers most impressive win of the season, a 25-22, 26-24 victory against previously undefeated Glenbard West on April 24. In that match, Chiaramonte led the Blazers with 12 kills, Dickmann had 11

- AT def. Wheaton Academy 25-19, 25-15
- AT def. St. Charles North 25-21, 25-10
- AT def. Latin 25-14, 25-18
- Glenbard North def. AT 25-16, 18-25, 15-13
- Elk Grove def. AT 17-25, 25-23, 15-12

kills and 10 digs, and Vrchota added eight kills. Grygo was kept busy with 35 assists, a performance which Hubner called his best of the season.

To knock off the Hilltoppers, AT came back from 24-22 down in the second game to win the next four points and the match.

Perhaps the Blazers had the letdown after the big win over the Hilltoppers. Maybe it was just a bad day.

"A little of both, we came out flat and just made too many mistakes," Hubner said. "I think our focus was off and we had a letdown. Hopefully we learned we have to play better to win."

AT entered Thursday's match against St. Charles East with a 15-3 record. Road matches at Leyden (Tuesday) and Bartlett (Thursday) loom next week. Invites at York and Willowbrook are also further ahead on the schedule.

"To put it bluntly, we had a huge letdown weekend."  
"We made too many errors throughout the day to win."

**Tom Hubner**  
Addison Trail coach



## WHAT TO WATCH

■ **BASEBALL:** Montini heads to St. Francis for a game between two of the best teams in the Suburban Christian Conference at 4:30 p.m. today.

■ **SOFTBALL:** Addison Trail hosts Willowbrook in a District 88 rivalry game at 4:30 p.m. today.

■ **BOYS VOLLEYBALL:** Glenbard East travels to Downers Grove North for a tournament set to start at 8 a.m. Saturday.

## » PREP ROUNDUP

# AT soccer set for District 88 game

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Addison Trail's girls soccer team suffered an 8-0 loss against West Suburban Gold conference foe Hinsdale South on Tuesday.

Next up for the Blazers is a home game against District 88 rival Willowbrook at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday.

## SOFTBALL Addison Trail

Rachel Baumgartner picked up the win in the circle for the Blazers in a 4-2 victory against Taft on April 25.

## Willowbrook

West Suburban Gold leader Downers Grove South beat the Warriors, 10-0, on Wednesday.

## Montini

The Broncos crushed Walther Lutheran, 15-1, Monday and Marian Central, 11-2, Wednesday.

Ashley Lentine had four hits against Walther and Alyssa Scalfani was 3-for-3 with two triples against Marian.

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL Glenbard East

A three-game loss against Maine South in pool play sent the Rams to the Silver bracket of Downers Grove South's Mustang Invitational April 25.

East defeated Downers Grove North, 25-20, 25-15 before losing to Wheaton Warrenville South, 25-22, 25-17 in the next match.

The Rams closed out the tournament in 11th place by beating Niles West, 26-28, 25-16, 25-15.

Returning to conference action on Tuesday, Wheaton Warrenville South beat the Rams again, 25-20, 25-15.



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Addison Trail's Petra Kyriakopoulos makes a play on the ball April 1 against Morton. The Blazers lost against Hinsdale South and will host Willowbrook on Tuesday.

## Willowbrook

The Warriors split two pool play matches, sweeping Lemont and losing to New Trier, at the Mustang Invitational April 25, placing them in the silver bracket.

Once there the Warriors lost to Niles West, 25-19, 25-20, beat Glenbrook South, 25-15, 25-18 and lost to Downers

Grove North, 25-19, 23-25, 25-22 to place 14th in the tournament.

On Tuesday they lost to defending state champ Downers Grove South, 25-15, 25-14.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD Addison Trail

Luis Miranda, Matt Oliva, Luis Eugenio and Juan Valdez

teamed up to take first in the 4x800-meter relay at the Glenbard South invite.

Jaavion Bradley was second in the high jump, followed by teammate Ronald Duling, and Valdez was third in the 800. AT was fifth overall.

## Willowbrook

Matt Burns is getting back into his groove in the 400-meter dash.

The defending state champ won the race at the Glenbard South invite with a time of 51.36 seconds. The 4x100 relay team of Dylan Jones, Josan Murphy, Alex Lavorini and Shelly Williams also crossed the finish line in first.

Jones, Murphy, Williams and Burns were second in the 4x400.

Jones was second in the 100 and Jimmy Funteas was second in the 800.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD Willowbrook

Molly Krawczykowski continued her strong season by winning the 800-meter run at Glenbard West's invite on Saturday. Jada Stills won shot put and was third in discus.

Taylor Burton was third in both the 100 and 200. The Warriors were sixth out of 15 teams.

## BADMINTON Willowbrook

After tying for ninth out of 16 teams at the Hornet Invite on Saturday, the Warriors beat York 9-6 on Monday.

## BOYS GYMNASTICS Addison Trail

The Blazers placed sixth at the Kafka Varsity Invitational at Glenbard West on Saturday with 116.3 points.

# Big numbers to know

**4** Hits by Alyssa Scalfani in the circle for the Blazers in a 4-2 win against Taft on Wednesday.

**108.7** Winning score for the Warriors in the 4x400 relay at the Glenbard South invite on Saturday.

**0** Runs allowed by Addison Trail pitcher Joe Kurciar in a 1-0 win against Hinsdale South on Wednesday.

**21** Goals scored by Montini girls in a 21-7 victory against St. Francis on Wednesday.

## Pool passes for 2014 season are on sale now

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation announces that pool passes for the 2014 season are now on sale at the early bird rate.

If you have previously purchased a photo pass, you simply need to complete a renewal application and bring in your old pass(es) and a 2014 sticker will be affixed to the pass(es). Pool passes are not valid for this season unless they have a current sticker. Lost or misplaced passes can be replaced for an additional \$7 each.

It is recommended that children get new photos every two years. These passes are provided at no cost. Please note that photos may only be taken at the Iowa Community Center.

The early bird rate is available through June 7 as follows: resident ages 3-59, \$47, resident senior age 60 and up, \$42. Please note that there is not an early bird rate for non-residents. Beginning June 9, rates are: resident ages 3-59, \$61, resident seniors \$55.

Passes for non-residents ages 3-59 are \$85 and non-resident seniors are \$79. The daily

admission is \$7 for residents 3 and up and \$9 for non-residents age 3 and up.

Patrons can take advantage of the warm summer evenings and swim from 5 p.m. to close for the low cost of \$5 per resident and \$7 for non-residents. Another admission option is a multi-use pass. This pass allows the holder to save on the daily admission prices without purchasing individual passes.

These passes do not require a photo and can be shared among friends and family. The pass is punched each time a patron presents it at the pool according to the number of persons entering that day.

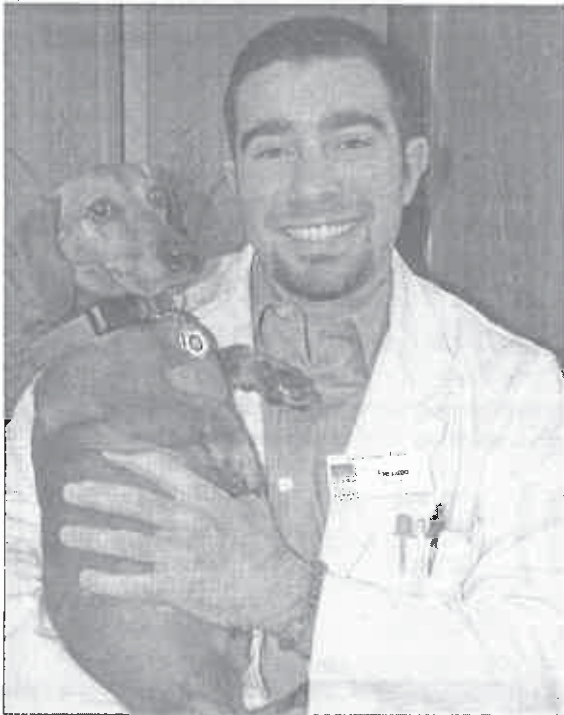
A 10-use pass for residents is \$50 and non-residents is \$80; a 15-use resident pass is \$70, non-resident \$114.

Jefferson Pool, 341 N. Harvard, opens May 31-June 1; June 7-June 8 and June 14-August 19. Lufkin Pool, 1000 S. Ardmore opens for the season June 7. For more information on pool passes, call (630) 834-8970.



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Village residents can now purchase pool passes for the 2014 season. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 31.



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### WBHS grad earns veterinarian degree

Dr. Joe Lupo, a 2006 Willoughby High School grad, recently earned his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. He is now a small animal associate vet at Dundee Animal Hospital in East Dundee. Lupo's uncle is long-time referee and senior athlete Tony Gurdak.



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### Benedictine students from Villa Park receive 'Saved by the Safety Belt' award

Benedictine University freshmen Lauren Mallo (far left) and Kasie Dembowski, both of Villa Park, received the "Saved by the Safety Belt" award recently on behalf of the Lisle and Benedictine University police for wearing their vehicle safety belts during a recent automobile accident on College Avenue south of Maple Avenue in Lisle. Saved by the Safety Belt is a statewide program in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to increase awareness of the lifesaving value of safety belts through public recognition of individuals who have survived traffic crashes because they were properly restrained.

### Next quarterly meeting for S.A.L.T. is May 14

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Police Department has announced that the next scheduled quarterly meeting for S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together) will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 14 at the Wildwood Community Center located at 320 East Wildwood Ave.

Residents and guests are invited to arrive at 10:30 a.m. to gather and enjoy some coffee, pastries, and fellowship prior to the presentation.

Police Chief Robert Pavelchik and Officer Jeffrey Runge have announced that Det. William Lyons of the Villa Park Police Department will present a special seminar on Gypsy Scams and Home Repair Fraud.

The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission (Hosanna Korynecky, Irene Shaffer, and Bob Allan) will again be sponsoring a lunch for all of our guests immediately following the presentation.

### Resident wins Rep. Conroy Senior Spelling Bee, advances to regionals

VILLA PARK — State Rep. Deb Conroy is announcing the winner of her Senior Spelling Bee, Villa Park resident, Kathy Gilroy. Kathleen Mothes of Villa Park, placed second in the competition.

"I would like to thank everyone that attended the spelling bee and congratulate Kathy and Kathleen on their achievements," Conroy said. "I look forward to continuing to host this fun event for seniors in the future and wish Kathy and Kathleen the best of luck as they advance to the regional competition."

The first- and second-place winners of Conroy's local competition, will now advance to the regional competition, where they will have the ability to qualify for the State Finals at the 2014 Illinois State Fair on Senior Day, Aug. 11.

"I'm thankful to the Association of Illinois Senior Centers and the Illinois Department on Aging for helping coordinate the event," Conroy said. "I'm anticipating a great competition in the regional and State Final rounds."

For more information, contact Rep. Conroy's full-time constituent services office at (630) 415 3520 or by email at repdebconroy@gmail.com.