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Addison Trail High School seniors Genesis Garcia (from left) and Tania Gonzalez showcase their napoleon, layered with mango mousseline filling and a vanilla bean pastry cream, that won first place in Kendall College's Ready, Set, Cook competition April 1.



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## » NEWS BRIEF

### Police to host severe weather spotter training

**ADDISON** – The Addison Police Department will host a severe-weather spotter training class this month.

Rich Jirsa from the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will head the class, which is designed to educate the public about being safe in severe weather, identifying storm structure and reporting severe weather information.

The class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. May 22 at Addison Village Hall, 1 Friendship Plaza. The class is limited to 30 participants. Call 630-693-7930 or email [CHundley@Addison-il.org](mailto:CHundley@Addison-il.org) to register.

### Addison Chamber to host its first Road Rally

**ADDISON** – The Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host its first Road Rally.

Teams of four people per car will compete for bragging rights as they follow clues all over town before reaching the final destination for dinner and drinks. Pre-registration is required. The rally begins at 6 p.m. May 17. For information, call 630-543-4300.

### Students thank board for exchange program

**ADDISON** – During the April 28 District 88 Board of Education meeting, the 15 Addison Trail High School students who participated in the Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities student exchange program shared with the board their experiences and highlights of the trip.

Students enrolled in Italian 3 honors, 4 honors or advanced placement /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 Il Cartesio High School in Italy in October 2013. The Addison Sister Cities Committee has partnered with District 88 in support of this exchange program.

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# Addison Trail liaison officer promoted to sergeant with PD

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He has served as the school's community liaison police officer since May 2010 and was promoted Monday to the position of sergeant with the Addison Police Department, according to a District

88 newsletter.

On April 28, Addison Trail and the Addison Police Department congratulated Reda on his new role.

Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka and the administrative staff at the school and District 88 thanked Reda for his years of service to Addison Trail, the newsletter stated.

"This promotion is based on [Reda's] positive work his-


tory, self-initiative and obvious desire for career development," Addison Director of Police Bill Hayden said in the newsletter.

Hayden and Cibulka said the process of filling Reda's position at Addison Trail will begin in early May, and Reda will continue his duties at Addison Trail until the end of the school year, according to the newsletter.



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On April 28, Addison Director of Police Bill Hayden (right) and Addison Trail High School Principal Adam Cibulka (center) congratulate Tony Reda on being promoted to the position of sergeant with the department.



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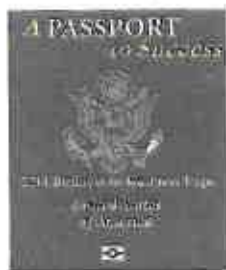
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## Bridge Communities debuts A Chair Affair along with 20 artists

**Question:** What do you get when you combine 20 local artists, 20 chairs and a caring community?

**Answer:** A transformational art experience for everyone.

This spring, Bridge Communities debuts A Chair Affair, a celebration of art and its restorative powers. We partnered with 20 DuPage County artists – and in many cases, they're award-winning and nationally-renowned artists – who were given the creative challenge of taking a second-hand chair, stool or bench, and transforming it into an entirely new piece of art.

The recreated masterpieces will be displayed in several storefronts throughout downtown Naperville from May 27 to June 11, when shoppers and community members will be able to vote for their favorite chair online. Then, you can join us and the artists on June 12 at a gala event at North Central College's Wentz Hall, featuring an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and both silent and live auctions. Proceeds from the chairs will benefit homeless families in DuPage County served by Bridge Communities.

Special events are always fun for us, but what makes this one even better is the sheer spirit of community we're seeing as people get involved. We have a piece coming from the Women's Wisdom art therapy class of People's Resource Center, a chair reimagined by all the women in the class working together. Another chair, inspired by the city of Naperville, is titled "This Town Rocks!"

The best part of A Chair Affair is what it is at its heart: an art experience that's both by the community and for the community. Each of these one-of-a-kind masterpieces have genuine meaning behind them, as they were all made in honor of, and to benefit, the 109 homeless families Bridge serves each year. They're families that weren't perfect; families that went through difficult times; families that might have been a little broken and bruised. And thanks to a caring community, they're families that are repaired, transformed, and discovering beauty and strength again.

Buy your ticket now and join us for an exciting night of creativity – it'll truly be "an affair to remember." To get your ticket and vote for your favorite chair, visit [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org).

*Lisa Doyle is the communications manager for Bridge Communities*



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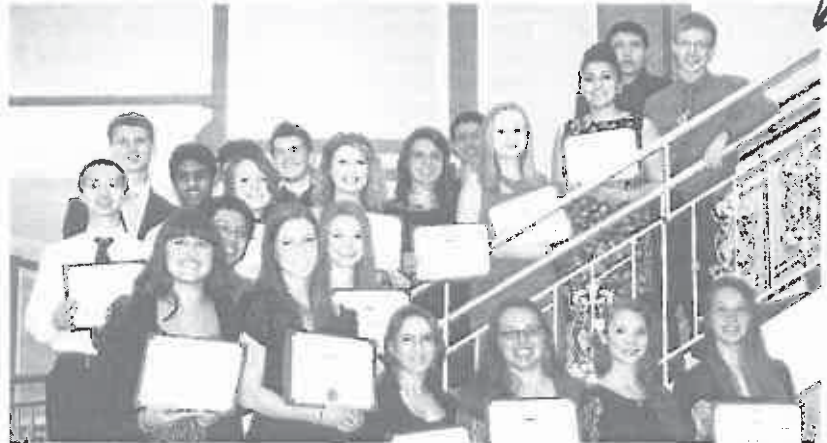


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Addison Trail seniors hold the certificates they received from the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the chamber's Student Honors Banquet on April 22 at Empress Banquets in Addison.



The Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently recognized the top 30 seniors from Addison Trail High School for their academic and extracurricular accomplishments by hosting a Student Honors Banquet. It's great to see the community support the success of its young people. Congratulations, Class of 2014!



On April 24, the Addison community spent hours testifying in front of the Bipartisan Task Force on the Heroin Crisis at the request of state Rep. Dennis Reboletti. During a four-hour hearing at Addison Village Hall, speakers representing all sides of the issue from law enforcement to treatment centers shared their perspectives on the heroin epidemic. We're glad to see the attention this issue is getting from leaders.

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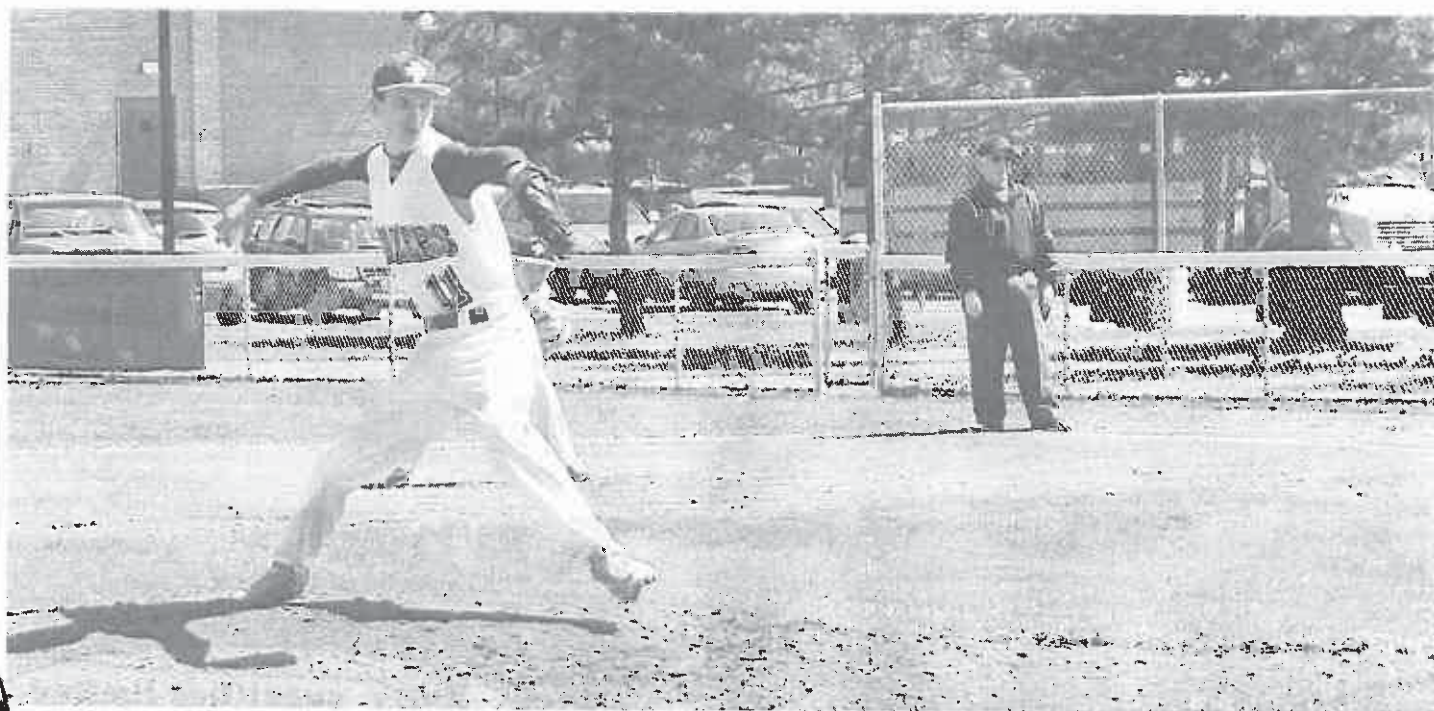
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Addison Trail's Joe Kurucar delivers a pitch in an April 5 game against Downers Grove South. Kurucar won two 1-0 games recently and is in the midst of a 16-inning scoreless streak on the mound.

## Untouchable

By DAN SANTAROMITA

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**ADDISON** – It's not often that 1-0 baseball games come along, let alone to the same team twice in less than a week with the same starting pitcher on the mound.

Addison Trail, and more specifically pitcher Joe Kurucar, was on the winning end of two 1-0 scores in West Suburban Gold games.

Kurucar first held Hinsdale South scoreless on April 30, salvaging the rescheduled finale of a three-game series. In that game, the Blazers turned three hits into the game's lone run when Zack Dowz tripled and Jaime Valdez hit a sacrifice fly to score him in the fourth inning.

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Against Morton on Monday, Kurucar threw a one-hitter and the Blazers came away with the 1-0 win by capitalizing on two Mustangs errors and a Christian Grabowski single in the third inning.

Kurucar's scoreless inning streak is up to 16 dating back to a nine-strikeout performance against Leyden on April 21.

"When he pitched against Leyden he got the short end

### Addison Trail vs. Morton

#### GAME 1: AT WON 5-4

- Jake Atiyeh: 2-for-4, 2B, RBI, R
- Christian Grabowski: 2-for-3, R
- Frank Amato: walk-off 2B

#### GAME 2: AT LOST 11-8

- Joe Kurucar: 3-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, R
- Atiyeh: 2-for-4, RBI, R, BB

#### GAME 3: AT WON 1-0

- Kurucar: 7 IP, 10 K, 1 BB, 1 H

of the stick on a 3-2 loss," AT coach Michael Kennedy said. "They only scored one earned

## Addison Trail pitcher Kurucar riding 16-inning scoreless streak

run in that game. He's out there competing in every game. Against Hinsdale South he was pretty good."

The senior, who also started on the basketball team as a sharpshooting small forward, is heading to Judson University next season. He will play alongside and room with Glenbard East senior Tyler Behrendt, who he plays with on a travel baseball team during the summer.

Kurucar isn't expecting to be a two-way player at Judson. He said the Eagles plan to use him as a hitter, but with the way he's pitching recently that could change.

"I'm going there to play the field, but I might try to pitch," Kurucar said. "I love pitching. If I can't [pitch] it's whatever. I'll still be playing baseball."

While he was a key player for the basketball team the past two years on varsity, he has no qualms with saying baseball is his favorite sport, and playing in college has long been a goal.

"Ever since I was little I thought about it," he said of playing college ball. "Now I get to do it. I've played baseball way longer and [I've played] more of it."

Kurucar's shutout against Morton gave the Blazers their first conference series victory. AT is currently 4-11 in the Gold heading into the final series against last place Proviso East.

"It's progress," Kennedy said. "Winning a couple games and finishing close games. Our Hinsdale South series, every game was close."

# Suburban Life

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**MORGAN MEHRING**

York  
Senior | Softball

### Why Mehring was selected:

**Mehring hit three home runs in the past week, including a walk-off homer against West Suburban Silver leader Oak Park-River Forest.**

*York senior outfielder Morgan Mehring has battled back from injury as a junior and recovered from a slow start this season to become a key hitter for the Dukes. She is hitting over .300 and has been especially hot lately with three home runs, including a grand slam against Richards and a walk-off home run against Oak Park-River Forest, in the Dukes' last seven games. Mehring, this week's Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about her breakout season and the recent power surge.*

**Do you feel like you're all the way back from your tendinitis from last year?**

As normal as I think I could be, coming back from

all that. I think I'm in a better mental state this year than I have been in the past, so I think I'm going up with a clearer mind and I've been able to use that to my advantage.

**Does it feel different being a bigger part of the team this season?**

It's a lot more fun to know that I'm a part of it. Just coming back from last year and being able to use that and help the kids that came up this year and get them excited.

**Have you ever had a walk off home run before?**

No. That was even more of a highlight for me than the grand slam just to know that I was able to help my team with that one and get us out of that tough situation.

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### COLLEGE NOTES

## Cox still untouchable for Concordia

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College diamond sports are nearing the postseason and several District 88 products have been displaying their talents on the field. Here's a selection of how some of the local athletes are doing.



Photo provided by Concordia University

**Steve Cox delivers a pitch for Concordia University's baseball team. Cox did not allow an earned run last season and has yet to give up an earned run this season.**

### Cox still strong for Concordia

As if one season without allowing an earned run wasn't good enough, Steve Cox (Willowbrook) is working on a second straight for Concordia University. In 18 2/3 innings so far this spring, Cox has only allowed two unearned runs while striking out 11 batters and racking up eight saves. The Cougars are 33-5 and ranked No. 4 in the latest D3Baseball.com poll.

### Buchanan key reliever for No. 1 Webster

Brett Buchanan (Willowbrook) is a part of the Webster University baseball team, which earlier this week moved up to No. 1 in the D3Baseball.com poll. The senior right-hander has been a key reliever his senior year with Webster University. He is in third on the team with 13 appearances and has a 3.57 ERA in 22 2/3 innings pitched. Buchanan has also earned some time at the plate, going 8-for-32 with eight RBIs.

### Cericola contributes for Olivet Nazarene

Dave Cericola (Willow-

brook) has been a key pitcher for Olivet Nazarene in his freshman season. The right-hander has a 3.67 ERA with a 5-7 record in 56 1/3 innings pitched. His five wins rank second on the team and he is third with 58 strikeouts.

### Pelsor producing as pitcher with Carthage softball

Darian Pelsor (Willowbrook) has a 3.39 ERA in her freshman year with Carthage College softball. She has made eight starts and four relief appearances totaling 43 1/3 innings. Pelsor has one complete game and a 3-4 record.

### Stars' starter Mueller making strides

Dominican University junior pitcher Cody Mueller (Addison Trail) has made great strides in the Stars' starting rotation this season. He has a 3.77 ERA and two complete games in 62 innings on the mound. His ERA is more than two runs lower from when he made nine starts as a sophomore.

### We want to know

If you know of any local college athletes that deserve to be mentioned in a future college notes, please email Dan Santaromita at dsantaromita@shawmedia.com.

### Ryan a regular for NCC softball

Taylor Ryan (Willowbrook) has started all 40 games for North Central softball, which is hosting a Division III regional beginning Friday. The senior second baseman is hitting .250 for the Cardinals.

### Willowbrook tandem teams up at Loras

Loras College teammates and Willowbrook graduates Danny Fahlgren and Nick Petruzzi have both seen the field for the Duhawks. Fahlgren, a junior catcher, is hitting .238 with a home run and 15 RBIs while starting 35 of 38 games. Petruzzi, a sophomore pitcher, has made two appearances out of the bullpen.

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## WHAT TO WATCH

■ **BOYS GYMNASTICS:** Addison Trail, Glenbard East and Willowbrook head to Glenbard West for a sectional starting at 7 p.m. Saturday.

■ **GIRLS SOCCER:** Glenbard East plays in the Pink Out Game at Lyons Township, to raise money, at 1 p.m. Saturday.

■ **BOYS VOLLEYBALL:** Addison Trail heads to York for an invite, looking for its second invite title. The tourney starts at 5 p.m. today.

## PREP ROUNDUP

## Willowbrook volleyball plays marathon vs. Morton

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After going 1-4 at the Lincoln-Way East Invite, Willowbrook's boys volleyball team fell against Morton in a 25-19, 22-25, 20-25 marathon on Tuesday.

BASEBALL  
Montini

After dropping a 2-1 decision against Marmion on Monday, the Broncos earned the series split with a 7-2 win Tuesday. Sean Frontzak earned the win and Austin Kline, Eric Frontzak and Brandon Shilgallis had two hits each.

SOFTBALL  
Montini

Since May 2 the Broncos have won five straight. Amy Bukovsky started the streak by pitching a five-inning no-hitter in a 24-0 win against Aurora Christian.

On Saturday Alyssa Sclafani and Lauren Trojnar each had three hits in a 12-5 win at Glenbard East.

Trojnar pitched a complete game in a 5-1 victory against IC on Monday.

Naomi Alonzo made it two no-hitters in less than a week by keeping Guerin hitless in five innings Tuesday. Trojnar kept the good pitching going with a 3-0 shutout of Chicago Christian on Wednesday.

## Addison Trail

Carla Muell and Crystal Marinelli each had two hits in the Blazers' 9-4 win against Hinsdale South on Monday. AT lost to Glenbard West (3-0) and Downers Grove South (13-3) later in the week.

## Willowbrook

The Warriors beat Addison Trail 11-1 in five innings on May 2. Sam Schmidt had four hits and a home run. Alyssa



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Willowbrook's Ben Wozniak spikes the ball during an April 17 home game against Lemont. The Warriors played a three-set match against Morton on Tuesday.

Ressinger had three hits, all going for extra bases, and a home run.

They split a doubleheader against York on Saturday, dropping the first game before winning 14-3 in the second with five home runs. Schmidt had two of the bombs.

Following a win against Proviso East on Monday, the Warriors beat Morton 10-6 Wednesday. Zoe Dannenberg, Ressinger, Alex Kassal and Ol-

ivia Domin had two hits each.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD  
Addison Trail

Lauren Kroll won the 200-meter dash and Kaleen Smith took second in the long jump at the Palatine Relays. AT was first in the 4x200 and second in the 4x100.

## Willowbrook

The Warriors scored 117.5

points, four short of winner Marist, to take second at the Elk Grove Invite on May 2.

BOYS TENNIS  
Willowbrook

The Warriors beat Leyden 4-3 Tuesday and defeated Montini 6-1 Wednesday.

## Montini

The Broncos beat Lisle 3-2 Monday.

BADMINTON  
Willowbrook

The Warriors scored 48.5 points to take second at the West Suburban Gold meet.

## Addison Trail

AT was fourth at the West Suburban Gold meet with 26 points.

BOYS GYMNASTICS  
Willowbrook

The Warriors were second at the West Suburban Gold meet with a score of 131.1.

Bret Golz was fourth in the all-around and Colton Bach was fifth. Keawe Winstead took second on pommel horse.

## Addison Trail

Marco Martinez was sixth in the all-around and second on parallel bars to help the Blazers place third at the West Suburban Gold meet with 125.7 points.

BOYS LACROSSE  
Montini

The Broncos won their first game of the season, beating Belvidere 10-8 Monday.

GIRLS LACROSSE  
Montini

The Broncos beat Lake Forest 15-10 Saturday and Naperville North 19-14 Wednesday.

# Big numbers to know

**7** Goals scored by Willowbrook's girls soccer team in a 7-0 win against Addison Trail on Tuesday.

**102** Points scored by the Warriors at the West Suburban Gold meet on Tuesday.

**18** Kills for Amy Bukovsky in a 25-12, 25-20 win over Hinsdale South on Saturday.

**5-0** Record for Willowbrook's boys volleyball team at the West Suburban Gold meet on Tuesday.

**2** No-hitters thrown by Montini pitchers Amy Bukovsky and Lauren Trojnar.

## Liaison officer at ATHS promoted to sergeant

ADDISON — For the past four years, Tony Reda has been a familiar face in the halls at Addison Trail High School (AT). Officer Reda has served as the school's community liaison police officer since May 2010 and was recently promoted to the position of sergeant with the Addison Police Department, effective Monday, May 5. On April 28, Addison Trail and the Police Department congratulated Reda on his new role.

"This promotion is based on [Reda's] positive work history, self-initiative and obvious desire for career development," said Bill Hayden, Addison Director of Police. "I am proud to recognize [Reda] with this promotion. By his actions and programs, he has demonstrated his desire to make the Addison Police Department the best it can be."

Principal Adam Cibulka and the administrative staff along with District 88 Board members thanked Reda for his years of service to AT.

"I left a position at a very good police department to come to Addison Trail and learn how to be the best police department member I can be," he said. "That's what I wanted and a lot of doors have opened with me coming here. I'm going to miss it, but I look forward to my new role."

Hayden and Cibulka said the process of filling the position will begin in early May. Reda will continue his duties at AT until the end of the school year.



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## Parking for veterans with permanent disabilities

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Veterans with permanent disabilities will have an easier time renewing their parking placards under a plan approved by the Senate on Thursday, May 1.

State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) introduced the plan removing the requirement that veterans with permanent disabilities show evidence of their disability when reapplying for handicapped parking.

"If veterans have suffered a serious, permanent disability — if they were partially paralyzed or lost a limb serving this country — it is ridiculous to ask them to prove that disability every four years," Cullerton said.

The plan, Senate Bill 3255, passed the Senate by a 53-0 vote. It now moves to the House.

## Community liaison officer at AT promoted

Tony Reda (left) is congratulated on his promotion to Sergeant at the Addison Police Department by Director of Police Bill Hayden as Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka looks on. Reda has served as Addison Trail's community liaison police officer since 2010. The process of filling the position will begin in early May.

## Legislation would allow taxpayers to voluntarily fund Presidential libraries

SPRINGFIELD — Taxpayers would be allowed to voluntarily donate a portion of their tax refund to finance the building of future presidential libraries in Illinois under legislation introduced by State Senator Bill Brady (R-Bloomington). Brady questioned why state tax dollars would be used to finance a presidential library, pointing out that federal law already prohibits federal tax dollars from being used to build a presidential library.

"We absolutely want future presidential libraries to be built in Illinois," Brady said. "The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library has proven to be a major tourist destination, bringing people from around the country and world to visit Springfield."

"However, simply put, Illinois doesn't have \$100 million to spend on a presidential library. State funds are already spread too thin to pay off our debt, make upgrades to our roads, and provide essential services."

An amendment to Senate Bill 2010, filed by Brady, creates an income tax check-off that will appear on tax returns in 2015 to allow taxpayers to choose to contribute to the Capital Development Fund for the purpose of constructing a future presidential library in Illinois. The General Assembly would still have to appropriate the money from this fund for that purpose. Should less than \$100,000 be collected, the check-off will fall off tax forms on October 1, 2015.

It's no secret that Illinois is in the midst of a fiscal crisis. According to Brady the state funds are needed to do things like pay off state debt,

strengthen the state's physical infrastructure, and provide vital services to the people of Illinois.

- State debt has increased 140% from \$55 billion in early 2003 to \$130 billion as of February 2014.

- The amount of debt per Illinois citizen has grown from \$4,300 in 2003 to \$10,000 per citizen in 2014.

- Annual payments on our debt have risen from \$2.6 billion in 2003 to \$7.9 billion in 2014, a staggering 200% increase.

- Illinois is a transportation hub for the nation, but our physical infrastructure is crumbling. Currently almost 3,500 miles state roads, over 20%, are in disrepair.

- IDOT requires over \$1 billion more a year to maintain roads and bridges.

- According to IDOT, by 2020 almost 6,200 of Illinois' 16,000 miles of roads will be in a state of disrepair.

"It would be a great boon to our state to have a future presidential library, like the one proposed for President Obama, built here," Brady said. "However, we can't put the burden for paying for that library on the taxpayers without their consent. Allowing them to make the choice to donate to that fund is the right thing to do."

Income tax check-offs have been commonly used on tax forms to fund things like breast and cervical cancer research, the National WWII Memorial Fund and Habitat for Humanity. Should Brady's legislation pass the legislature, future presidential libraries would be among the choices for taxpayers in 2015.

## Public invited to TCD's Engineering Showcase

ADDISON — Can a shoe charge a phone battery? Find out at the 2014 Engineering Showcase scheduled at Technology Center of DuPage (TCD), 301 S. Swift Road in Addison, on Wednesday, May 14, beginning at 7 p.m.

The event features a year's worth of projects by the high school students enrolled in the Pathway to Engineering course sequence offered to DuPage students. Pathway to Engineering is a national curriculum developed by Project Lead The Way (PLTW), a leader in STEM education (science, technology, engineering, math). TCD's Engineering Showcase is open to the public, of interest especially to families with middle school-age children and freshmen who have an eye on future STEM-related college majors and careers. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at [tcdupage.org](http://tcdupage.org).

A highlight of the evening will be presentations by five teams of seniors from the capstone course

Engineering Design & Development (EDD). This semester, each team identified a problem or need, and then developed a product or innovation to meet that need. During the Showcase, these teams will present their invention or innovation before a panel of industry professionals.

Projects this year include a CRM (C Run Master) Android/iPhone sports app with a heart rate / music feature; a heated landscape blower; a transitioning window visor (to protect infants in car seats from bright sunlight); a multi-density mechanical pencil; and a kinetic energy power shoe (to charge a battery while you walk).

Students in TCD's other engineering courses will display examples and demos of reverse engineering; 3D printing; VEX test beds for robotic programming; 3D models and architectural drawings; BOE-bots and FPGA (field programmable gate array) technology.



# Dist. 88 hosts send-off celebrations for three students

## AT seniors, WB junior take part in DECA Intl. Career Conference

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — On May 2, Addison Trail hosted a send-off for seniors Bret Novak and Justin Paul, who competed in the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making competitive event.

That same day, Willowbrook recognized junior Tyler Rusnak,

who took part in the Principles of Finance competitive event.

DECA is a competitive club that prepares future leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. The ICDC was held May 3-6 in Atlanta.

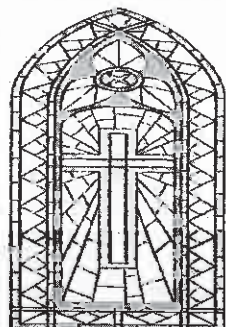
About 16,000 high school students, advisors, businesspersons and alumni gathered for the conference. Most participants took part in one of DECA's competitive events, as well as a variety of leadership and career-advancing academies.



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Pictured are Addison Trail seniors Bret Novak (left) and Justin Paul (right), who competed in the DECA International Career Development Conference from May 3-6 in Atlanta. They're pictured with Addison Trail DECA Co-Sponsor Joe Mahoney.



Pictured is Willowbrook junior Tyler Rusnak, who competed in the DECA International Career Development Conference from May 3-6 in Atlanta.



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## NEWS FROM VILLAGE OF ADDISON...

### More updates, sequencing of construction, traffic staging

**ADDISON** — The Village of Addison released another update last week on the construction project going on near Rte. 53 and Lake Street. The following work is expected, weather permitting:

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

**Route 53 & Route 20 intersection work:** Work in this intersection is progressing very slowly. Expect ongoing traffic congestion and Route 53 traffic delays due to the intersection work.

**East bound and Westbound Route 20 traffic lane changes** were made April 25 to facilitate staging work within the intersection. There will still be several lane/traffic pattern changes required to build out the "center" portion of the intersection while allowing traffic flows but this is a list of projected scheduled work.

The following information is provided by IDOT consultant:

### Route 20 look ahead:

The middle section of the intersection that is in stage is

scheduled to be poured by May 2

A traffic pattern switch of westbound (WB) traffic to the middle lanes of the intersection May 9

Stage (remove existing pavement) in the north section of the intersection May 12 - 14

Place the new Sub-base to that section May 15 - 16

Pour the new concrete deck May 19 - 20

Construct curb and gutter in the section of the intersection May 22 or 23

A traffic pattern switch to move the westbound (WB) traffic to the two inside thru lanes, (keeping curb lane closed) May 27 or 28

### IL Route 53 look ahead (as per IDOT consultant):

Place asphalt base May 29 north and south of intersection.

Pour the concrete deck May 1 (two lanes south of the intersection and one lane north)

Pour the concrete deck May 5 (two lanes south, one lane north)

Pour the concrete deck May 9 (one lane south, two lanes north)

Construct curb and gutter May 14 or 15

A traffic pattern switch to move northbound traffic to east lanes May 27 or May 28 (main-

taining one lane northbound and one lane southbound with a Left Turn lane.)

There will be closures on the outside lanes due to traffic signal, street lighting, sidewalk and landscaping work. The contractor will try to maintain two thru lanes as much as possible during this process, if closures are required they will be only during the day.

**Wal-Mart Mail entrance/exits:** Both remain congested.

**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.

**Ramp Work:** Ongoing. 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.

**Street lighting:** Ongoing.

**Caution:** Work has progressed VERY slowly and drivers should be aware that this is a construction zone and should use added caution through the work zone areas. Please watch for workers, watch your speed and be cautious.

For questions or concerns about this project, call the Public Works Department at 630-620-2020.

## Addison Trail senior Morgan Pirtle named 88's Best for April

**ADDISON** — Morgan Pirtle has been named as Addison Trail's April recipient of 88's Best recognition for her accomplishments in the performing arts/electives. Pirtle, a senior, was recognized during the April 28 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Morgan has been an excellent student all four years at Addison Trail and has taken a myriad of courses offered at the school. From the nine Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 12 honors classes, to the extensive coursework completed in the music department, Pirtle has always gone above and beyond. Her involvement in the elective areas includes Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Wind Ensemble Honors, Treble Choir Honors and Introduction to Theater Arts. She also is class president, Student Council president and is a member of Addison Trail's National Honor Society and countless other groups and organizations.

Along with her success in the classroom, Morgan has been heavily involved in Addison Trail's theatre and musical performances. She has participated in band, orchestra, choir, Shades of Blue, Jazz Band and as a drum major. She has performed in every fall, winter and spring play all four years of her high school career, with leading roles in most. Morgan also has performed in every Variety Show and One Acts show, two Improv Shows and participated in the school's 24-Hour Theatre Challenge.

She has received numerous awards and has been invited to multiple State and National competitions/workshops for the performing arts. This year, Morgan was the first Addison Trail student to win an award for song composition through the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA). Her song "Pushin'" recently received 3rd place in the ILMEA Composition Contest in the Jazz Vocal/Instrumental category. Along with her ILMEA award, Morgan also was recently named as a National YoungArts Foundation Honorable Mention Winner in Jazz Voice. In receiving that award, Morgan was invited to perform in a weeklong workshop in March at the National YoungArts Foundation program in Los Angeles with about 100 other nominees.

"I have had the pleasure of working with Pirtle for the past three years," said teacher Jennifer Kowalski. "She has always taken on a leadership role and is always very organized. In class, she often shares current events that might relate to the topic being discussed and is very passionate about learning. I am happy to have been able to work with her for the past three years and am sad to see her graduate. I know she will be successful in her future endeavors."

Physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose agreed.



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**Pictured with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka is senior Morgan Pirtle, who has been named as Addison Trail's April recipient of 88's Best recognition for her accomplishments in the performing arts/electives.**

"This is year 26 for me here at Addison Trail, and Pirtle is among my all-time top Blazers list!" D'Ambrose said. "She is one of the best Student Council presidents we have ever had, she is incredibly talented across the board and, most importantly, she is a great person."

Band Director Mark Corey said Morgan's work ethic is what has helped her become so accomplished in music.

"Success as a musician is not due to talent," Corey said. "I have had the pleasure of working alongside some of the finest musicians in the world, and most will tell you hard work and determination are the only keys to success, and that is exactly how I would describe Pirtle. Each honor Pirtle has earned is due to her centered focus on continually being a better musician. From her personal work ethic to her constant pursuit of musical experiences that expand her artistry, Pirtle is one of only a handful of students ever that I will soon be proud to call a musical peer."

Morgan said music is her entire life and is what drives her and fuels her soul. Her mother is a professional clarinetist and has helped shape her passion for music and the arts.

Her future plans include attending the University of Illinois at Chicago in the school's jazz studies program, where she plans to continue singing and composing.



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**Addison Trail seniors Genesis Garcia (left) and Tania Gonzalez showcase their dish that recently won first place in Kendall College's Ready, Set, Cook competition.**

### Seniors take first in culinary contest

**ADDISON** — On April 1, Addison Trail seniors Genesis Garcia and Tania Gonzalez competed in a culinary competition hosted by Kendall College and earned 1st place.

During the competition — called Ready, Set, Cook — teams are given a basket of items and have one hour to create a dish that incorporates those items. Garcia and Gonzalez created a napoleon layered with a mango mousseline filling and a vanilla bean pastry cream. The napoleon was topped with candied mangoes and a raspberry sauce on the side. They placed a pulled-sugar caramel cage over the raspberries in the sauce to finish off their dessert.



# Colleen Shelton named 88's Best for April

VILLA PARK — Colleen Shelton has been named as Willowbrook's April recipient of 88's Best recognition for her accomplishments in the performing arts/electives. Shelton, a senior, was recognized at the April 28th District 88 Board of Education meeting.



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Pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause is senior Colleen Shelton, who was named Willowbrook's April recipient of 88's Best recognition for her accomplishments in the performing arts/electives.

Along with her well-rounded experiences in the fine and performing arts, Colleen also is a top student. Throughout her four years at Willowbrook, she has taken a rigorous load of honors and Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, and she is in the top 4 percent of her class. She also is a member of Willowbrook's National English Honor Society, Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society, Civitas (social studies honor society) and International Thespian Society. Other leadership roles for Colleen are co-captain of the Speech Team and co-section leader and secretary for choir.

Colleen was a State qualifier for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Speech Tournament. She was a cast member in Willowbrook's spring play, "God of Carnage," which won 3rd place in the IHSA State Final Drama and Group Interpretation Competition. And her artwork has received a "With Distinction" award at the Elmhurst Art Show.

"Shelton is a gifted young woman," said Brett Blair, English Department Chair and Speech Team Coach. "Her talents transcend across so many genres of the humanities that she never ceases to amaze when watching her abilities. I have coached Shelton all four years of her Individual Events Speech Team experiences, and I am so proud of the fact that in her senior year, she reached her highest potential as a State qualifier in Oratorical Declamation. She has grown as an orator, performer and writer during the

last four years. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge what a talented student she is as well. She is one of my strongest writers, whose fluid thought washes across a page. When she speaks in class, her peers always hush to listen."

Jan Piedra, Art Department Chair, agreed.

"Shelton has developed her skill as an artist using multiple media in the past three years,

from charcoal to watercolor to oil paints to painting on doors and creating three-dimensional collage presentations," Piedra said. "She is always willing to help and has served as an inspiration to the other students with her complex and excellent pieces of art."

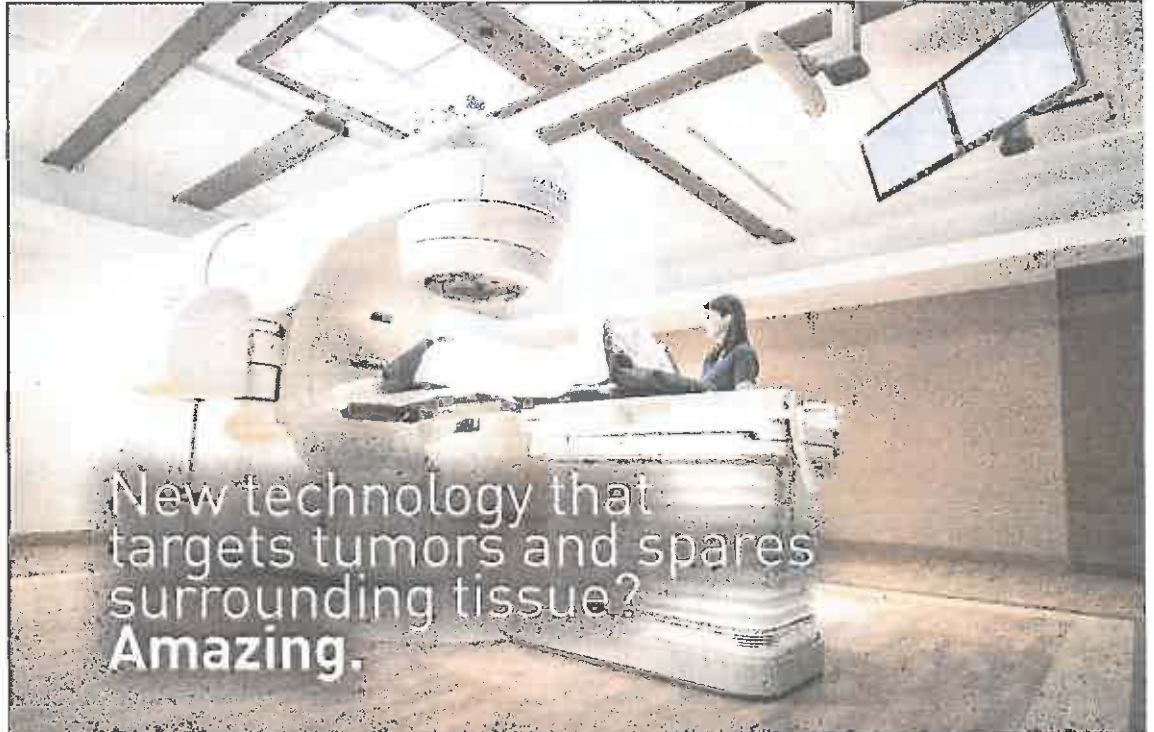
Guidance Counselor Scott Forcash said Colleen's ability to manage multiple commitments with a high level of success is

what sets her apart.

"Shelton is an exceptional student and a mature leader and is very well-rounded and well liked by her peers and our faculty," he said. "Along with her arts commitments, she manages to stay involved in Philosophy Club, Econ Challenge, Youth and Government and the Gay-Straight Alliance. She always follows through on what she says she is going to accomplish. It has been

very exciting to see her grow as a leader here at Willowbrook and we will very much miss having her for all that she gives back."

As she looks to the future, Colleen will be a James Scholar at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and plans to major in art history with a minor in business. She plans to pursue a career in arts management in hopes of a career as a museum curator.



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## Addison Trail boys track team excelling

## Bradley sets school record in high jump

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys track team recently took second at the Elgin Invitational.

"We have been performing very well," said Addison Trail coach Bruce Kelsay. "We have a very deep team this year, particularly at the freshman/sophomore level."

Junior Jaavion Bradley recent set the school record in the high jump with a

leap of 6-0. Addison Trail's 3,200 relay team of senior Luis Miranda, junior Luis Eugenio, senior Juan Valdez and senior Matt Oliva has placed first or second in every meet thus far this season.

Freshman Darrion Conrad won the 200 dash title at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division indoor meet.

"This is the largest team we have had at Addison Trail," said Kelsay. "They are a very cohesive and hard-working group that supports each other."

Kelsay noted the squad's jumping contingent has played a key role this season.

"Our jumps events have been starting to give us a lot of points at meets," he said. "Recently we scored a second, a third and a sixth in the high jump, which gave us 15 points before the running events had started."

Kelsay added the team's throwers also are showing improvement. "The throwers have greatly improved, particularly at the lower levels," he said.

Sophomore Rayan Baig moved up to the varsity lineup and is the team's leadoff runner in the 400, 800 and 1,600 relays. Sophomore Stefano Favuzzi is new to the program, but quickly has developed into one of the

team's fastest sprinters at that level. Competition also has been strong in the distance relays.

"We are having some great competition with kids who want to run in our 1,600 and 3,200 relays, which is resulting in our times becoming faster," said Kelsay.

Addison Trail is gearing up for the home stretch of the 2014 season.

"We hope to be able to qualify a couple individuals or a relay downstate," said Kelsay. "We are in the toughest sectional in the state, but our runners certainly will be able to compete at that level."

## Fenton girls track team wins Bison Invitational

## Burris wins two long jump titles

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton girls track team had some positive results in a pair of recent invitationals.

Fenton won its own Bison Invitational with 179 points. Elk Grove was second with 101 points.

The Bison also placed fourth at the Elk Grove Invitational with 67 points.

On the individual front, Fenton junior Haily Stillabower won the 100 hurdles title at the Bison Invitational with a time of 16.39 and placed second at Elk Grove with a time of 16.6.

Senior Taylor Patton won the high jump at the Bison Invitational with a leap of 5-2. She was fourth at Elk Grove at that same 5-2 mark.

Sophomore Emelia Burris won the long jump title at the Bison Invitational with a leap

of 17-4 and also won the Elk Grove title with a 16-1 effort.

Fenton's 800 relay team of senior Sheridan Witt, Burris, senior Kayla Kottra and Patton took second at Elk Grove with a time of 1:51.4.

Fenton coach Frank Kekstadt also has been impressed with the development of junior Kelly Blecke.

"Kelly has really stepped it up lately with her commitment to excellence and her performance in the discus," said Kekstadt, who noted Blecke won the Bison Invitational discus title with a throw of 89-0. "Her first place at the invite definitely caught my attention and was not an expected performance."

Junior Jessica Pacheco (3,200) and sophomore Giana Caliendo (400) also were cited for strong efforts at the Elk Grove event.

"Jessica and Giana both filled varsity spots at Elk Grove for the first time and both set personal records in their respec-

tive events," said Kekstadt.

Fenton's 400 and 800 relays also are improving as the season wears on.

"Our speed relays are improving the most as a result of consistent and precise weight-room training during the indoor season," said Kekstadt. "We were patient with the training and it is paying off right when it matters the most with our conference meet (this week)."

Kekstadt also noted the team has greatly benefitted from the leadership of its upperclassmen.

"What impresses me the most about the team right now is the leadership of the upperclassmen and the atmosphere of being a track-and-field family," he said. "Our senior captains, Sheridan Witt, Taylor Patton and Kayla Kottra, have been our team captains since their sophomore year. Seniors Alissa Whyte, Karolina Korput, Natalie Szafraniec and

Diana Morales have been varsity athletes for four years like the captains. The seniors lead by example and have set the tone for this year. The approach to coaching a veteran team is different. Having seniors leading practices and communicating to the team at meets has a powerful impact on the underclassmen.

"The asset of having mature and intelligent upperclassmen makes practices more efficient and performances at varsity meets successful. Girls track and field at Fenton has always been a family. The final stage of the season has arrived and emotion has been the dominant force with the team right now."

The recent Bison Invitational again doubled as senior night and homecoming for the program.

"Because the emotion was focused correctly on having a strong team bond, the Bison invite became a display of dominance over teams that

previously had finished better than us earlier in the season," said Kekstadt. "I also have felt the impact of emotion and I am apprehensive because the future leaders of our Bensenville/Wood Dale community will be moving on soon and I have not properly prepared myself to say goodbye."

Fenton competes in the Metro Suburban Conference meet Friday at Ridgewood High School.

"I want the team to stay healthy and have personal records at the conference meet," said Kekstadt. "I would like to again challenge Glenbard South for first place, which we did last season and this season during the indoor conference meet. Haley, Taylor and Emelia will be in the picture for state qualification at the Wheaton-Warrenville South sectional (May 15). A Class 3A state qualification would bring tears of joy."

## Willowbrook softball team defeats Hinsdale South Warriors baseball team scores two wins over Leyden behind strong hitting and pitching

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook softball team sported an 8-6 overall mark through late last week. The Warriors also were 2-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Willowbrook defeated Hinsdale South 5-0 in a recent WSC Gold game and dropped a 10-0 conference decision to Downers Grove South.

Offensive standout Sam Schmidt recently had her

12-game hitting streak snapped. Through late last week, Schmidt was hitting a blistering .617 with seven home runs.

"We are moving runners, executing our short game and getting runners in who are in scoring position," said Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos. "We're still maintaining our solid offensive lineup."

In addition to Schmidt, who had 29 hits in 47 at-bats through late last week (24 RBI, 20 runs scored), Alyssa Ressinger was hitting .533 with 24 hits in 45

at-bats (7 doubles, 5 homers, 17 RBI, 20 runs scored).

Alex Kassal was hitting .441 with 15 hits in 34 at-bats (3 doubles, 1 home run, 8 runs scored). Zoe Dannenberg was hitting .436 with 17 hits in 39 at-bats (5 doubles, 3 homers, 12 RBI, 18 runs scored). Olivia Domin was hitting .378 with 17 hits in 45 at-bats (9 runs scored, 7 RBI). Jordan Marczewski was hitting .333 with 11 hits in 33 at-bats (3 doubles, 1 homer, 11 runs scored), while Delaney Pelsor was hitting .304 (14 hits

in 46 at-bats; 5 doubles, 11 RBI). Cheyenne Brunig was hitting .289 (8 doubles, 13 runs scored, 4 RBI).

Karos also has noticed an uptick in the team's defensive results.

"Recently we started making some big plays on some of the hardest-hit balls," she said. "We have been making an extra effort to keep the ball in front of us and improve each game to decrease our errors. We're starting to pick things up

defensively."

Pitchers Pelsor and Dannenberg also continue to make strides.

"Each game Delaney and Zoe have been getting stronger and are hitting their spots," said Karos.

## Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team moved to 13-5 overall and 8-3 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

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## Willowbrook boys track team improving

**Warriors boys volleyball team competes against Metea Valley**  
By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys track team has raced recently at the Wheaton North Best 4, West Aurora Invitational and in a triangular with Downers Grove North and Downers Grove South.

Senior Matt Burns, the defending state 400 champion, is back in the lineup after recovering from a torn hamstring.

"Matt is healthy and looking strong," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman. "He is happy to be racing and is looking forward to the most exciting races of the season."

Artman added senior Dylan Jones' times are dropping, "and getting ready to peak at conference and sectionals," he said.

Senior Jake Bloemke, who won the 55 dash indoors and placed second indoors in the 400, was still working his way back from injury as of late last week. "Jake will be an integral part of our 1,600 relay and its performance," said Artman.

Junior Jimmy Funteas Jr. has sampled a variety of events this season. "Jimmy still is deciding

"We are a group that is filled with pride and wants to be successful (not just) in our individual events, but also as a team."

— Coach TJ Artman

what his best event will be this year, the 3,200, 800, 1,600 or even a leg of the 1,600 relay," said Artman. "This is his first season of track and he's enjoying it. He is seeing why running track will help with cross country. He's looking forward to the fastest races of the year."

Sophomores Elijah Rochel and Josan Murphy also have enjoyed individual successes of late. Rochel won the discus and shot-put titles at the Hinsdale Central sophomore invitational, while Murphy won the 100 and took second in the 200 and 400.

"Both Elijah and Josan will have opportunities at the varsity level to score points at conference to help the team," said Artman.

Sophomore Marco Martinez is making strides in the dis-

tance events, moving up the depth chart in both the 800 and 1,600 races.

Willowbrook competes in the DuPage County Invitational Friday at Naperville Central and then will gear up for the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet at Leyden.

"We are a group that is filled with pride and wants to be successful (not just) in our individual events, but also as a team," said Artman, who noted the team is loaded with sprinters this season, which gives it many options. "We are one team, one family."

### Willowbrook boys volleyball

The Willowbrook boys' volleyball team dropped a recent 24-26, 25-19, 25-20 non-conference match to Metea Valley. Willowbrook was 8-11 overall after the loss.

Anthony Acitelli had 12 digs. Liam Atkins added five kills and one solo block. Mike Ernst had three kills and two solo blocks. Kristian Johansen had two kills and six digs. Tommy King had one solo block, one ace, 21 assists and five digs. Avery Kirchner had one kill, one block and one dig. Ryan Wakely had three kills, two solo blocks and three digs. Ben Wozniak had seven kills, four aces and six digs.

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## WB students compete in BPA national competition

Seven Willowbrook students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference, which recently took place in Indianapolis. Pictured are (from left) BPA Sponsor Steve Bridges, junior Abdulaziz Ahmed, junior Atif Siddiqui, freshman Mustafa Ali, senior Tom Waters, senior Shaun Hurdelbrink, senior Shannon Strum and Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause. Not pictured is senior Ryan Barrie.

## WBHS to host annual student art show

VILLA PARK — From May 13 to 15, the artwork of Willowbrook students will be on display at the school during the annual Student Art Show.

A reception for the show will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on May 13. There will be a silent auction, and proceeds will benefit the Greenman Art Scholarship. Starting at 6:30 p.m., Art Honor Society inductees will be announced, and freshmen art awards and feeder-school art certificates will be presented. Light refreshments will be served.

The student artwork also can be viewed during lunch periods and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on May 14 and 15.

## WB's Lederer named Leadership Academy Scholar

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Lyric Lederer has been named as the 2014 Student Leadership Academy Scholar Award recipient.

The Student Leadership Academy is comprised of DuPage County students, who participate in four field trips throughout the school year to College of DuPage, DeVry University, North Central College and Lewis University. During those trips, students hear guest speakers and participate in mock interviews to help them become better leaders and students and find success in college and careers. Those students form the CTE College of DuPage Student Leadership Team.

This is the second year Willowbrook has participated in the academy and students are required to apply for the team in the fall through their Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructor. Students submit an application and a résumé to a panel of CTE teachers, who select the top 12 to represent WBHS. CTE Department Chair Mary Barney and staff member Steve Chojnacki are the sponsors of the group.

As the Student Leadership Academy Scholar Award recipient, Lederer will receive a \$500 scholarship.



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Willowbrook senior Lyric Lederer (center) has been named as the 2014 Student Leadership Academy Scholar Award recipient. She's pictured with her grandparents.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

[musicalbethel.com](http://musicalbethel.com) or by calling (630) 279-4040.

Wednesday, May 14

### Quarterly S.A.L.T. meeting

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. at the Wildwood Community Center located at 320 East Wildwood Ave. Info: call (630) 834-8500 or go to: [inwillapark.com](http://inwillapark.com)

Thursday, May 15

### Willowbrook H.S. Spring Orchestra and Guitar Concert

Starting at 7 p.m. at Willowbrook High School's Doris E. White Auditorium, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, The Spring Orchestra and Guitar Concert features the Chamber and Symphony Orchestras, as well as the Beginning and Intermediate Guitars. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors. Info: (630) 880-7174.

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ordinance would allow Village staff to approve "minor changes" to planned unit developments (PUDs). This measure deletes the requirement for minor changes to plans go before the Planning and Zoning Commission, thus causing delays in approval of such changes.

The change was created to streamline approval for development changes considered minor. The Director of Community Development would be empowered to approve minor changes, potentially lessening delays in the development of new structures.

Trustee Chris Aiello wanted the ordinance tabled until the definition of "minor" and "major" changes could be clarified.

"I understand the need for this. But I was told once by that chair [the Village Attorney] that changing from a condominium development to an apartment complex was 'minor,'" Aiello said.

Trustee Al Bulthuis moved to make the item a first reading. This allows Village staff and the Village Attorney to clarify the definition of minor and major changes. A second reading will take place at a future formal meeting.

• During public forum on non-agenda items, Dee Longfellow, editor of The Villa Park Independent newspaper, announced that the paper would be publishing a special pullout section on the Village's 100th anniversary to be placed in its July 17th issue. She said extra copies would be printed, which could be used as an additional marketing piece to promote the Village. They could be placed in the economic development department, at the Chamber of Commerce, at banks, as well as the offices of realtors, builders, construction companies, attorneys, etc.

Longfellow said most of the section would be about the history of the Village and that the news-

paper is currently seeking to interview people who have lived in Villa Park for most of their lives, people in their 80s, 90s or more. If you or someone you know would like to be interviewed for a story in the special section, please call the Independent newspaper offices at 630-834-8244 and leave a message for Dee.

• Also during public forum, Andrea Alvarez, an attorney from the Citizen Advocacy Center, a government watchdog organization with offices in Elmhurst, suggested a "great way to get more people to participate [at Board meetings] is to have all public comments at the same time." (Currently, public forum on various sections of the Trustees' agenda is offered three separate times during the meeting. Alvarez, for example, was not able to speak until 10:45 p.m. after sitting there since 7:30.)

Alvarez said that she had not received a response to her recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests in the required amount of time, thus putting the Village in violation of the Illinois FOIA statute. Alvarez clarified that the rule of law on FOIA is information can be denied only under narrow exceptions.

She added that it is unlawful to ask a requester what he or she is looking for and why.

"The tactic of asking why someone is asking for the information can look intimidating, especially when the FOIA officer is a police officer," Alvarez said.

Alvarez also suggested that the Village start posting meeting videos on the Village web site. Alvarez offered the services of the Citizen Advocacy Center, available free of charge, to assist the Village on how to properly comply with the FOIA statute.



## Willowbrook H.S. final concerts of the year upcoming

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook High School's Music Department will be presenting the final concert series for the 2013-14 season, with senior students being honored at each performance.

Each of the following performances are being held at Willowbrook High School's Doris E. White Auditorium, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and seniors.

Senior Citizen Gold Card and student passes are welcome. Children 12-and-under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

A Band Concert will take place starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, featuring the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic and Freshmen bands and the Percussion Ensemble.

The Spring Orchestra and Guitar Concert begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15. It features the Chamber and Symphony Orchestras, as well as the Beginning and Intermediate Guitars.

The Choral Concert starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22. This concert features the Concert, Treble, Beginning Mixed Chorus and CenterStage.

The AP Music Theory Recital takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29. The concert features compositions that students have written (it is a free performance).

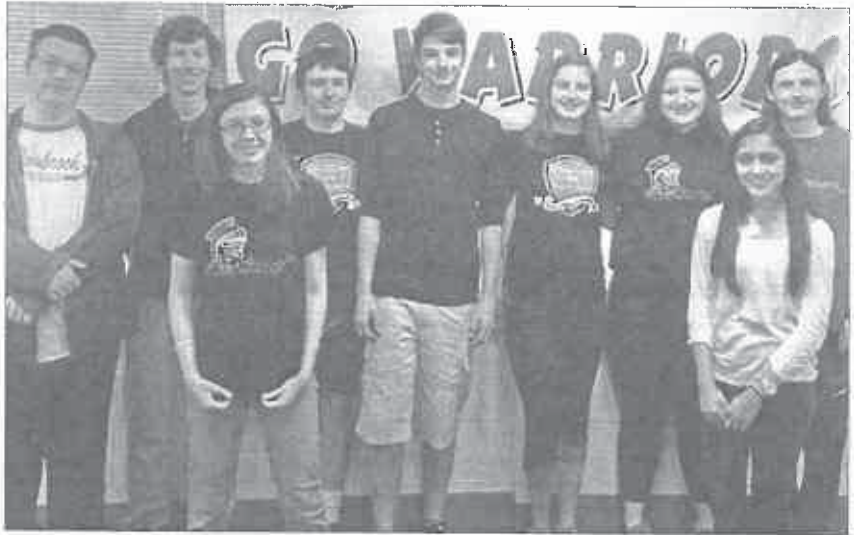


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## Willowbrook Math Team competes in ICTM State Math Contest

The Willowbrook Math Team were scheduled to compete in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) State Math Contest on May 3 in Champaign-Urbana. They are (front row, from left): senior Emily Gornick, junior Shukan Shah; (back row, from left): sophomore Zachery Wolski, senior Levi Rauch, senior Leo Betts, junior Michael Rogalski, senior Tess Marsh, junior Abby Pakeltis and junior Tyler Rusnak. Willowbrook hosted a State send-off for the students on May 2.



## Fouser honored as Outstanding Teacher

Willowbrook teacher John Fouser receives the Outstanding Teacher award on May 1. Also pictured is sophomore Jodie Bush, who presented Fouser.

## Willowbrook High School honors outstanding students, teacher

VILLA PARK — On May 1, nine Willowbrook students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor.

To be chosen for that award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement, outstanding effort, commendable attitude and motivation, ability to overcome obstacles

and continuous exemplary performance.

During the event, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and Willowbrook Assistant Principal Ann Kimpton welcomed the students, their families and the staff members who nominated them. The students were then recognized and given a certificate in honor of their efforts.

The Outstanding Students are as follows: in Art: senior Kathrene Garcia; career and technical education (CTE): senior Fatemah Melhim; English: senior Jenna Leazott; math: junior Tyler Rusnak; music: senior Jeremy Gavard; physical education: freshman Luke Halloran; science: freshman Hannah Hewitt; social studies:

senior William Menzer; and, World languages: sophomore Henry Dahl

Willowbrook teacher John Fouser received the Outstanding Teacher award and was presented by Willowbrook sophomore Jodie Bush.

To earn the Outstanding Teacher award, a staff member must treat teaching as a passion — not just a job, create a positive learning environment where students feel encouraged and supported, use a variety of strategies to engage students, be willing to offer extra support when needed, provide prompt and effective feedback to students on their learning and relate to and understand students' viewpoints and perspectives.

## WB Athletic Booster Club to host annual golf outing

VILLA PARK — On June 7, the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club will host its annual golf outing at Western Acres Golf Course, 2400 W. Butterfield Road in Lombard.

The cost is \$65 a person, which includes nine holes of golf, lunch, beverages, prizes and entertainment. Make checks payable to Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club, and mail or e-mail your entry form to Golf Outing Chairman Kevin Kohrt at 609 S. School St., Lombard, 60148 or k.kohrt@comcast.net.

If you don't have a team, individual golfers will be slotted as needed. This highly anticipated event has filled up quickly in the past, so register early. For an entry form and more information, visit [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1534](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1534).



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On May 1, nine Willowbrook students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor. Those students are (back row, from left) senior William Menzer, junior Tyler Rusnak, freshman Luke Halloran, sophomore Henry Dahl, senior Jeremy Gavard; (front row, from left) senior Fatemah Melhim, freshman Hannah Hewitt, senior Kathrene Garcia and senior Jenna Leazott.