Dinner and a show...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS CenterStage show choir presented its annual 'A Night at the Cabaret' event in the school cafeteria on Friday evening. About 300 people attended the show choir's fundraising event, which featured dinner followed by 19 various performances from members of the show choir. The songs performed by the entire choir included "Sing a Song," "Jump, Jive and Wail," "Africa," "In My Life," "Radioactive" and the final song of the night-"Love Shack." Pictured left to right are: (front row) Emily Kreiman, Jeremy Harris, Mariana Martens, Morgan Pullia and Brian King; (back row) Andrew Ramos, Taylor Ratkovich, Bryce Hurley, Mia Ambroiggio, Rocco Giase and Hannah Neher. Willowbrook's music department will present two more concerts during the remainder of the school year. Tomorrow's concert includes performances from the chamber and symphony orchestras, as well as the beginning and intermediate guitar groups. The May 22 choral concert will include performances from the concert and treble choirs, as well as the beginning mixed chorus and the CenterStage show choir. Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Photo by Chris Fox



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District 45 recognizes eight retirees at annual dinner

School District 45 paid tribute to eight staff members who will retire at the end of the current school year at a recent employee recognition dinner. The District 45 Board of Education hosted the event, which took place at the Diplomat West in Elmhürst on April 24.

The evening's honorees included Dr. Barbara Smith, who will retire after 44 years with the district. No one has spent more years as a teacher in the district than Smith, who is currently a sixth-grade math teacher and the math department chair at Jefferson Middle School in Villa Park. She spent one year as a student teacher in the district before spending the next 43 years as a teacher. Smith joined District 45 as a teacher at Franklin Elementary School (at Elm and Third streets in Villa Park), where she stayed until it closed in 1979. Smith then spent nine years at Ardmore School before working for three years in the district's central office as the coordinator for gifted education. She has spent the last 22 years teaching sixthgraders at Jefferson.

District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano noted during the recognition dinner that for at least 40 of her years with the district, Smith has not taken one sick day.

In addition to her duties as a math teacher, Smith is the coordinator of Jefferson's drug prevention program. She is also the school's seventh-grade cheerleading coach. Smith also implemented the district's Destination ImagiNation (DI) program and has directed that program for more than 25 years. DI is a non-profit organization that inspires students to work together to solve problems and search for creative solutions. Teams that compete at DI events select challenges and work together to find solutions to the specific challenge.

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Sixteen teams from District 45 schools competed at the DI regional event at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn on March 8. Nine of those teams advanced to the DI state meet, which took place April 12 at Illinois State University in Normal. Two of those District 45 teams then qualified for the DI Global Finals, which will be held May 20-24 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. That event will include contestants from over 30 countries.



District 45 honors retirees...

Photo by Jon Morgan

SCHOOL DISTRICT 45 recently honored eight staff members who will retire at the end of the 2013-14 school year. The scon-to-be retirees were honored at last month's employee recognition dinner, which was hosted by the district's board of education at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst. Pictured left to right are: Janet Swain, Carol Nowaczyk, Peggy Ahnett, Dr. Barbara Smith, Mary Kozien, Christine Messina, Diane Ruiz and Colleen Goff. The eight ladies have spent a combined total of 179 years with the district. Smith has spent the last 44 years in the district. She was a student leacher for one year and has spent the last 43 years as a teacher.

The other retiring staff members who were honored at the employee recognition dinner included Carol Nowaczyk and Janet Swain, who are both fourth-grade teachers at Ardmore School. Diane Ruiz, an early childhood teacher at Stevenson School, and Colleen Goff, who has been a school nurse at Jefferson, North, Schafer and Stevenson Schools, were also recognized. Other outgoing district employees included Christine Messina, an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; Peggy Annett, an administrative assistant in the district office, and Mary Kozien of the district's business office.

Village to perform water main flushing daily from May 19-23

The Village of Villa Park will be performing its semi-annual water main flushing operation in May According to a news release issued by the village, the operation is a necessary maintenance procedure to clear the mains of rust deposits and to check fire hydrants for proper operation.

Flushing will be performed from 7 a m to 7 p m each day from May 19-23

The village asks residents to refrain from doing laundry during those times, as rust stains could potentially damage clothing

For more information about the water main flushing contact the Villa Park Poblic Works Department at 630-834-8505

Villa Park's Tyler Rusnak earns a top score of 36 on the ACT

Villa Park resident Tyler Rusnak, who is a junior at Willowbrook High School, recently earned a perfect composite score of 36 on the ACT, a national college admissions exam.

Rusnak took the test at Willowbrook on April 12. A little more than two weeks later, he logged in to the ACT online account he had created to learn of his exceptional score.

"I certainly felt I had done well, but I didn't expect to get a 36," said Rusnak, who holds an academic rank among the top 1 percent of Willowbrook's Class of 2015. "It was a very welcome surprise."

The test, which includes sections on English, math, science and reading, lasts approximately four hours. Rusnak also opted to take part in an optional writing component during the April 12 test, as several colleges require that additional portion. He took the ACT again-without the writing componen on April 23. He has yet to learn of his composite score on that exam.

According to the ACT's Web site, less than one tenth of 1 percent of the students who take the exam earn a score of 36. Nearly 1.8 million students took the test in 2013. The average composite score was 20.9.

Rusnak did not need much help in publicizing his achievement. His older sister Lydia, a 2012 Willowbrook graduate who is now a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, posted the news on her Facebook page. The information quickly spread back to Willowbrook students and teachers.

'A lot of people have congratulated me,' said Rusnak. The teachers were really proud. It was almost a bigger deal for them. There is a lot of pride."

Rusnak took a brief ACT prep course to prepare for the test. He also took practice ACT tests administered by Willowbrook twice during each school year. He took those tests five times-twice as a freshman, twice more as a sophomore and once early in the current school year.

"Those tests were really helpful," said Rusnak, who takes a rigorous load of challenging Advanced Placement (AP) and honors level courses at Willowbrook. "I would also say that it helped in general just taking classes and working hard in school; learning



Superb score...

TYLER RUSNAK (above) of Villa Park recently earned a score of 36—the highest score attainable—on the ACT, a national standardized college entrance exam. A junior at Willowbrook High School, Rusnak took the test at his school on April 12.

how to analyze and problem solve.

Rusnak's parents are Andrew and Lily Rusnak. His stepparents are Bruce Goodman and Gladys Rodriguez. Rusnak grew up in Villa Park and attended North School from kindergarten through fifth grade. He then attended Jefferson Middle School for three vears before beginning his freshman year at Willowbrook. He hasn't decided where he will attend college in the fall of 2015. He is considering a few schools, including the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan. He may also follow his sister to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"It's hard to say what I'm actually going to pursue in college," said Rusnak, who has already visited some schools and plans additional visits this summer. "It will probably be some sort of math or science field. I'm not entirely sure of the specifics."

Ouestions? Comments?

E-MAIL THE VILLA PARK REVIEW AT vpreview@lbvpr.com



One year as president...

DEBORAH BULLWINKEL (above) has completed the first year of her four-year term as Villa Park Village President, Bullwinkel is pictured during Monday's Villa Park Village Board meeting. Villa Park voters elected Bullwinkel as their village president on April 9, 2013. She was sworn in on May 13 of last year, succeeding outgoing Villa Park Village President Tom Cullerton. Bullwinkel served one term as a trustee on the village board from 2009 to 2013.

Firefighters respond to Monday night house fire in Villa Park

Villa Park firetighters responded to a fire Monday evening at a one-story house at 940 5 Grant Ave.

The Villa Park Fire Department received the report of the fire at 8:56 p m stated Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, who said the homeowner related hearing a loud pop in the basement Rakosnik said the fire originated in the basement and spread to the kitchen on the main floor The homeowner, who lives alone, exited the residence and wis not in;used

Firefighters attacked the fire using one hose line into the kitchen and two hose lines into the basement said Rakosnik The fire was extinguish d within about 20 minutes

No invital ters were injured

Rakosnik said the cause of the fire remains under investigation but did not appear to be suspicious. He noted that while there were stories affecting the area during the fire, the cause of blaze did not seem to be storm-related

Rakosnik said damage to the home and its contents was estimated at \$90,000. The chief noted that there was expessive storage mside of the residence

The Villa Park Fire Department received assistance from fire departments of several neighboring munk-ipalities including Lombard York Center Oakbrook Terrace, Fimburst, Oak Brook and Wood Dale







CenterStage...

Above photos by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir performed for an audience of about 300 people at its annual "A Night at the Cabaret" event on Friday evening in the school cafeteria. The top photo shows some of the boys in the show choir. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Jackson Holler, Ryan Frandsen, Brian King, Rocco Giase and Eric Rundgren; (back row) Sam Cavender, Tim Wagner, Mathew Tantilla, David Stoffle and Andrew Ramos. The middle photo shows some of CenterStage's female members. Pictured left to right are: Emily King, Sydney Waleski, Dana Degnan, Mia Ambroiggio, Lena DiBenedetto, Perla Hernandez, Morgan Brown and Cassie Joyce. The bottom photo shows (left to right) Sabrina McCullough-Hart and Jack Corkery, who were the emcees of the event.

Sports



LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Warriors continue their streak of sectional titles

Willowbrook's badminton team captured the program's 13th straight sectional championship by winning the title at Thursday's five-team Lyons Township Sectional. The Warriors scored 15.5 team points to claim this year's sectional plaque. Lyons Township finished second with 13.5 team points.

The Warriors' entire sectional lineup of two singles players and two doubles teams qualified for the upcoming IHSA state meet, which begins on Friday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams at each of the state's 16 sectional competitions earned berths in the state meet.

While the Warriors are used to winning sectional badminton titles (they won 15 sectionals between 1984 and 2000 before beginning their current streak), they are not accustomed to winning them away from home, or winning as underdogs. The current string of 13 straight sectional victories dating back to 2002 includes 10 titles captured on Willowbrook's home court. The Warriors won a sectional title at Hinsdale Central in 2002, and at Evanston in 2005. They then won eight straight titles on their home floor before traveling to Lyons Township for this year's triumph.

"Lyons Township was the favorite," said Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy of the Warriors underdog role at Thursday's sectional. "On paper, only three of our players were supposed to qualify. Our goal was to get all six through [to the state meet]. We had a few upsets."

Senior Amanda Wendt won three of four matches at the sectional and

placed third in the singles competition to earn her second straight berth in the state singles meet. Wendt, who was the No. 3 singles seed at the sectional, will enter this year's state meet with a season record of 31-9. Senior Katherine Hinman, who was not seeded, also qualified for the state singles meet by winning three of five matches and taking fourth place at the sectional. Hinman's record now stands at 28-11.

Willowbrook's doubles team of junior Brooke Bimber and senior Janine Johnson won three straight matches at Lyons Township to claim the sectional doubles title. Bimber and Johnson beat their teammates in the sectional final, defeating the duo of senior Maddie Arnold and junior Sydney Planz 21-16, 21-16.

Bimber will make her second straight appearance in the state doubles meet, while Johnson will play in Charleston for the first time. The two Warriors will enter the state meet with a 19-5 record.

Arnold and Planz pulled off a pair of upsets at the sectional. The duo, which was not seeded at the event, knocked off the No. 4 seed (from West Aurora) to advance to the semifinal round, Arnold and Planz then best the sectional's No. 1 seeded doubles team (from Lyons Township) to advance to the championship match against the Bimber-Johnson team (the No. 2 doubles seed).

Arnold and Planz completed the sectional with an overall season record of 10-4.

Glenbard East's doubles team of seniors Katie Czervionke and Fatima Sakrani earned a trip to the state meet with a fourth-place finish at the



Warriors send six to the state meet...

THE WILLOWBROOK BADMINTON TEAM will send the maximum number of players--two singles contestants and a pair of doubles teams—to this week's IHSA State Meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The six Warriors qualified to compete in the state meet with their top-four finishes in Thursday's Lyons Township Sectional. Willowbrook earned 15.5 team points at the five-team event to win the sectional championship. Lyons Township finished second with 13.5 team points. The six Warriors who will play in the championship. Lyons Township hillshee second with 10.5 state meet (pictured above, left to right) are: (front row) Katherine Hirman and Amanda Wendt; (back row) head coach Brandon Murphy, Brooke Bimber, Janine Johnson, Sydney Planz and Maddie Arnold. Hinman and Wendt will compete in the singles competition of the state meet. The duo of Bimber and Johnson will participate in the doubles portion of the meet, as will the tandem of Arnold and Planz.

Broncos win...

MONTINI SOPHOMORE Amy Bukovsky (right) awaits a pitch while playing second base during Monday's softball game against St. Francis. The Broncos beat the Spartans 7-3 in Lombard to improve to 19-5 overall and 14-0 in the Suburban Christian Conference Junior pitcher Lauren Trojnar, who recorded four strikeouts, earned the victory to improve her record to 13-2. Sophomore Alyssa Sciafani drove in two runs for the Broncos. Trojnar, junior Tacia Mesina and sophomores Isabell Alexander and Emily Lezcano each drove in one run. Montini, which has two conference games remaining, can clinch sole possession of the Suburban Christian title by winning today's game against St. Edward.

Soccer club holds tryouts

The Infinity Soccer Club is holding tryous this month for its 2014-15 season. The tryouts will take place at the Proneer Day Care Center located at 543 E Taylor Road Lombard Tryouts for boys in the levels from U-8 to U-14 (players born between Aug 1 2000 and July 31 2007) will take place Monday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 20 Each session takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tryouts for guis in the same levels will take place fuesday, May 27 and Welnesday May 28 Each guts session will run from 6 to 7-30 p.m. While players only need to attend one session, attending hoth is encouraged For more information, visit the ('ib's Web

Third in state...

LOMBARD RESIDENT Seth Quick (right) competed in the finals of last month's Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship in Chatham, which is just outside of Springfield. An eighth-grader at Sacred Heart School, Quick earned a third-place finish in the 13-year-old boys division at the April 12 state competition, where he made 23 of 25 free throws. Quick's journey to the state competition began with his victory at a Christ the King Council No. 11027 local competition in January, where he made 12 of 15 attempts. He then went to a regional championship in Woodridge in February and connected on 21 of 25 free throws. Quick advanced to the state finals when he won a sectional championship at Benedictine



Firebirds' tryouts this month

The Firebirds Soccer Club, established in 1994, is celebrating 20 years of providing a competitive soccer program in the community The club provides professional training to: boys and girls from the U-8 level (second grade) through high school Meny of the Firebirds' teams compete in top divisions of the Northern Illinois Soccer League (NISL) and the Illinois Women & Soccer League (IWSL)

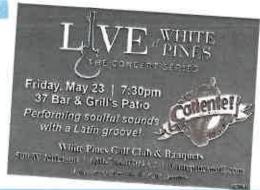
The Firebirds' boys and girls teams will hold tryouts this month for the 2014-15 season The tryouts will talle place at Lombard Common located on the southeast corner of St Charles Road and Grace Street For more information about the tryouts, contact lake Poremba at jacob poremba@yahoo com. Paris Koulugeorgas at pariskah@aci com. or visit the Firebirds. Web site at new firebirdsse com Pre-registration for tryouts is av idable through the Web site



A family of Firebirds...

THE FLOREY FAMILY of Lombard currently has four kids playing for the Firebirds Soccer Club. Pictured above (left to right) are: Patrick (U-14), Lizzy (U-12), Melissa (U-13) and Thomas (U-11). The

VILLA PARK INDEPENDENT



Willowbrook junior earns perfect score on ACT

VILLA PARK - For as long as Tyler Rusnak can remember, he has loved the feeling that comes with mastering a new concept.

The Willowbrook junior

constantly challenges himself with the most rigorous courses offered at the school and enjoys learning about a variety of content areas. His commitment to his studies recently paid off, as he received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. According to the web site actstudent.org, on average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a score



TYLER RUSNAK

"I'm happy for this suc-

cess as an individual, but it also means a lot for the community," Rusnak said. "It's something of which the school and community as a whole can be proud."

Rusnak said he prepared for the ACT by taking practice exams and a preparation course, and Willowbrook helped ready him by also implementing practice exams each year. He credits the teachers and staff at Willowbrook, his family and friends and the community with his success and thanks them for their support. He said having role models to look up to has inspired him to do well in academics and in life.

"I hope this makes people realize they can accomplish their goals as well," he said of his ACT achievement.

Rusnak is a member of Willowbrook's DECA Team, Math Team, National Honor Society, Civitas (the school's social studies honor society), Scholastic Bowl, Key Club and Gay-Straight Alliance. He hopes to attend University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Madison or University of Michigan and major in math or science.



Sabrina Miller, 3, plays among the flowers at the 19th annual Villa Park Men's Garden Club Mother's Day plant sale, held on Saturday, May 10, at Lions Park.

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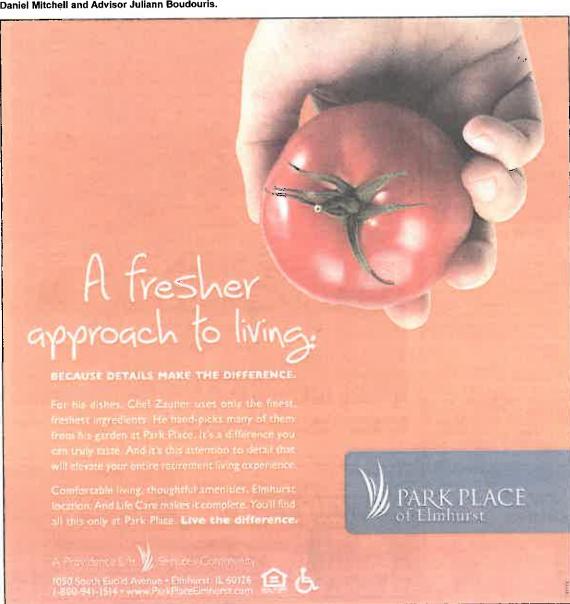
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Pictured are the Addison Trail students who recently competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference, along with the Addison Trail BPA Sponsors. They are (from left) Sponsor Jeff Laschinski, Anthony Pham, Alex DelaRosa, Franc De Guzman, Anthony Gamino, Brandon Sheehan, Stefani Scimeca, Anthony Nasti, Saul Rivera, Daniel Mitchell and Advisor Juliann Boudouris.





Pictured are Addison Trail seniors Anthony Pham and Stefani Scimeca, who finished in 5th place in Network Design Team at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference. The conference took place from April 30 to May 4 in Indianapolis. Read below for more BPA awards won by District 88 students.

District 88 students shine at BPA National Leadership Conference

INDIANAPOLIS — Nine Addison Trail students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference from April 30 to May 4 in Indianapolis.

In Accounting Using Quick-books, senior Stefani Scimeca finished in 3rd place. In Network Design Team, Scimeca and senior Anthony Pham finished in 5th place. Scimeca and senior Carrie Castellano also earned their Ambassador Award.

Other Addison Trail students who competed are senior Brandon Sheehan, junior Saul Rivera, senior Anthony Nasti, sophomore Alex DelaRosa, senior Daniel Mitchell, junior Anthony Gamino and junior Franc De Guzman.

Seven Willowbrook students also competed in the conference. In Business Meeting Management Concepts; senior Shannon Strum finished in 3rd place. Senior Ryan Barrie finished in 3rd place in Computer Security and Information Technology Concepts.

Other Willowbrook students

Other Willowbrook students who competed are senior Tom Waters, senior Shaun Hurdelbrink, junior Abdulaziz Ahmed, freshman Mustafa Ali and junior Atif Siddiqui.



courtesy photo

Among the many competitors honored at the second annual Daily Herald Prep Sports Excellence Awards banquet, including 10 each from Addison Trail and Willowbrook, were these AT seniors (from left): Christina Capuani, Danielle Ciaglia, James Wislek, Gia Dela Cruz and Mary Kate Flemming.

District 88 students honored by Daily Herald

10 from AT, 10 from WB attend Sports Excellence Awards banquet

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — On May 4, more than 600 competitors representing 32 sports were honored during the second annual Daily Herald Prep Sports Excellence Awards banquet — including 10 Willowbrook students.

The event took place at Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates and recognized the nominees, who were nominated by their schools and were selected for their athletic talent, academic achievement, sportsmanship, improvement or multisport ability.

The Addison Trail students who were recognized are seniors Christina Capuani, Danielle Ciaglia, James Wislek, Gia Dela Cruz, Mary Kate Flemming, Julia Rowley, James Pupillo, Niko Rocha, Bobby Carson and Angelo Amato.

The Willowbrook students who were recognized are seniors Molly Krawczykowski, Molly Kuenstler, Olivia Domin, Katherine Hinman, Amanda Wendt, Matt Burns, Chris Villafuerte, Hayden Adams, Brian Johnson and Mike Rothmund.

Restaurant group considering sale of Portillo's chain

Lake Forest reality show star considering purchase

By Dee Longfellow For The Elmhurst Independent

Last week, the Independent learned that Portillo's Restaurant Group was considering a move to sell off its well-loved namesake chain known as Portillo's. Famous for its 1950s diner atmosphere, as well as its Italian beef, hot dogs, tamales, its own brew of root beer and chocolate cake like no other, Portillo's has 38 restaurants in Indiana, Arizona, California and Illinois, including the location in Elmhurst near Route 83 and St. Charles Road.

"We've enjoyed significant

"We've enjoyed significant growth over the past 50 years, experiencing same-store sales increases over the last 10 years in the Chicagoland area, even when the economy as a whole suffered," founder, president and CEO Richard J. Portillo said in a news release. "This is a thriving business poised to launch to the next level, presenting an incredible opportunity for employees and investors."

Area residents may recall that Portillo addressed the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Board of Governor's dinner in November of 2011.

Later last week, the Chicago Tribune reported that Lake Forest entrepreneur Marcus Lemonis was interested in obtaining the chain. A millionaire who made his fortune in camping and RV equipment, Lemonis has appeared on reality shows like "Celebrity Apprentice" and "Secret Millionaire" and is currently starring in "The Profit" on CNBC.

"I'm definitely going to be in the mix," Lemonis reportedly told the Tribune. "It's going to be a lot cheaper than the [L.A.] Clippers."

"It's possible it won't happen," Portillo said in a later statement. "If I don't get what I want, if I don't feel that the culture would be carried on, I don't have to sell. Business is good."

In 2013, sales at the Portillo's chain topped \$300 million.

Lemonis said he would expect to pay a premium for the hot dog chain because it's "very profitable," well run and "fast-casual has kind of become en vogue again."

Portillo owns 19 of the Portillo's restaurants in Illinois as well as two locations in Arizona. He also said that he owns that commissaries that supply ingredients such as meat and sauces to the restaurants.

Lemonis has investments

in several food businesses in Illinois, New Jersey and Florida, many of which he learned about through "The Profit," the CNBC show where Lemonis helps turn around fledgling businesses.

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Willowbrook junior earns Eagle Scout status

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook junior Austin Stoner recently earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America.

Those who earn that rank earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership, which includes organizing, planning and completing an extensive service project in the community.

Stoner has been with Troop 330 since he was in first grade and has enjoyed every minute of it.

"I continued with the Boy Scouts program because it was a fun way to learn life skills, as well as socialize with my friends," Stoner said.

For his Eagle Scout project, Stoner built dugouts at the Jefferson Middle School fields in Villa Park.

"I chose that project because I remember playing there as a young boy, and there was no shelter," he said. "On rainy and windy days, it was tough not having shelter for the teams."

The first steps of the project consisted of contacting village officials, outlining a detailed plan, drawing a potential structure and securing funding from the Villa Park Parks and Recreation.

"Once we completed those initial tasks, we had to do a little trial and error before we settled on steel as the final building material," Stoner said. "Steel seemed to be the most wind and weather resistant."

The remainder of the project consisted of welding the steel, painting, rewashing the dugout, securing the structure with concrete and finishing it off with a final coat of paint.

"The project took about five months to complete," Stoner said. "I was actually injured in the middle of the project, so from conception to completion, it took about seven months."

Stoner plans to continue with the Boy Scouts program to earn more merit badges and assist other Scouts. After he graduates from Willowbrook, Stoner plans to pursue a college education and major in biochemistry.



photo provided

Pictured is Willowbrook junior Austin Stoner, who recently earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Resident issues open letter to Village President

Dear President Bullwinkel,

Thank you for your email thanking me for attending the village board meeting on Monday, April 28. Now that I have you at your keyboard, I will again ask you to respond to some notes I recently sent:

January 2014: My texts to you following Trustee Taglia's conviction for Disorderly Conduct -- the second time he has been found guilty as a Villa Park trustee. I suggested that you 'persuade' him to step down as he is a poor representative of this village and its residents, and a sorry example for our children.

3-10-14: My note asking for interpretation of local ordinance "Sec. 2-330 Board to Act as a Body." I heard from Manager Keehner and Trustee Aiello. Trustee Wagner will only speak to me face-to-face, which has yet to occur. This ordinance relates directly to the parameters of your role as an elected official and I am interested in your interpretation of it as our Village President.

3-21-14: My follow-up note asking for your interpretation of that same ordinance. In this note, I provided you with my inter-

pretation of the ordinance. I would like your thoughts on this as our Village President.

(As a side note, with all the ordinances our village has on the books and all the penalties it invokes on its residents and business owners if they violate said ordinances, there is nothing documented -- as per Janet Gorman, FOIA Officer -- to penaltize an elected official should he/she violate Sec. 2-330. That will need to be addressed in the future but that is not the point of this note.)

4-18-14: My note addressed to you and the trustees regarding Village Attorney Orr's statement at the April 14 board meeting where she misspoke on live TV and on the record about the security of private information that the Village of Villa Park keeps on its residents and business owners. It is the lack of response to this note that drew me to the podium at the April 28 board meeting. As always, I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sue Smith

Reader glad 'cooler heads prevailed' re: fire inspection fee

For once, wiser heads prevailed when Village Board Trustees voted against the proposed fire inspection fee. I find it hard to grasp the idea that the Village wants a single database to collect pertinent information from businesses, and then to charge these same businesses for maintenance and printing costs, along with marketing purposes and "easier communication between the Village and businesses."

There is no argument regarding the updating of contact information for fire department emergency responses. The question is: Will the fire department relay such updates to DuComm? When speaking about a "single data base," there probably is no other that serves that purpose better than DuComm. It is infrequent that

DuComm dispatch is unable to contact a business keyholder in an emergency.

The Village of Villa Park Fire Code has a section that requires new and remodeled businesses to get a permit for the installation of sprinkler and fire suppression systems, and fire alarms....all to be "supervised by the remote station located at DuComm, 600 Wall St., Glendale Heights, Illinois." DuComm also supervises outside alarm companies.

That 50-cent charge on the phone bill is a more reasonable fee for the 9-1-1 service we all receive, whatever the situation.

Vivienne Carlson



photos by Paul DelGuidice

Old home, young family

The Conboy family, Alisa, Rich, Lennon 12, Harper 8, and Lily 6, stand with Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission President Carol Marcus at Village Hall on Monday, April 28. The Conboys received a metal sign and to affix to their 1920 Prairie style home on E. Highland.



Good work!

Erica Skibbie (center) with Donald Skibbie and Gay Balesteri, shows off the Historical Preservation certificate and house sign awarded to her in recognition of her diligence in preserving her home, known as the Hill House, a 1924 Bungalow style residence on S. Ardmore.

Willowbrook social worker receives state award

VILLA PARK — On May 2, Willowbrook social worker Erik Engel was recognized by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA) during the chapter's annual Distinguished Service Awards.

That awards program honors deserving education staff and supporters of local school districts for their efforts to support public education throughout Illinois and for enhancing the image of public education. Engel was selected by a panel of judges as an Award of Merit recipient in the Faculty/Certified Staff category. Below is the nomination write-up about Engel that was submitted, written by Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause.

"When you meet Erik Engel, the first thing you notice is his quiet and humble demeanor. But the work Engel accomplishes as a social worker at Willowbrook speaks volumes.
"Engel recognized a need

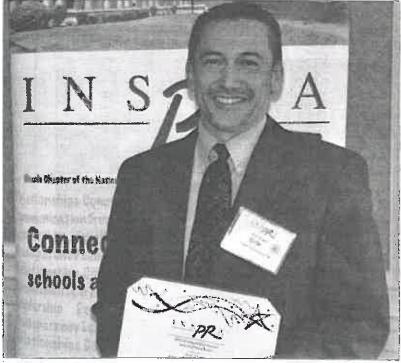
"Engel recognized a need to reach out to the black male students at Willowbrook, so he organized a potluck dinner and workshop for those students and their parents this past December. Engel also sponsors the Innovative Young Achieving Mens group (I.Y.A.M.), which engages black male students in positive behav-

iors and activities.

"To reach out to low-income students at Willowbrook, Engel facilitated a community Thanks-giving potluck dinner this year. Giving back to others is a cornerstone of pride at Willowbrook, and no one embodies that value more than Engel. He sponsors the Interact Club, and members of that group give back to the community through helping at a local shelter and cleaning up area parks and creeks.

"One of Engel's biggest accomplishments was directing a version of 'High School Musical Jr.' this past fall that featured students with special needs from Willowbrook and its sister school, Addison Trail, along with their fellow classmates. For all of his efforts and commitment to Willowbrook, Engel received the Symetra Heroes in the Classroom award this past November. That award is a community program that recognizes 16 Chicago-area teachers during the Bears season for outstanding leadership and instructional skills, and winners are selected from hundreds of nominees.

"Engel is a true example of what it means to be a Willowbrook Warrior. The impact he has made on the school and in the lives of our students will be remembered for years to come."



courtesy photo

Pictured is Willowbrook social worker Erik Engel; who was recognized by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA) during the chapter's annual Distinguished Service Awards on May 2.

WII veteran tells of experience as 'Monument Man'

VILLA PARK - Students sat spellbound as they listened to the World War II veteran. He explained something that they had only seen in the movies - his experience in World War II as one of the guards

in the "Monument Men." It was a compelling story, especially as the 7th graders were studying the Holocaust, and also timely, since the George Clooney movie "Monument Clooney movie "Monument Men" had just been released.

Willowbrook senior receives Honorable Mention for Daily Herald Academic Team

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Amanda Wendt has been named as a 2013-14 Daily Herald Academic Team Honorable Mention for DuPage County.

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Wendt will be featured in winning team members.



photo provided Wendt will be featured in a special edition of the Daily Herald's Neighbor section on Hamanda Wendt, who received Honorable mentions and the winning team members.

Dwight Lund visited Albright this spring and told his story of how he assisted in the liberation of the Flossenburg concentra-tion camp and how he served in Nuremburg during the war crimes trials. He also relayed the story of finding 4,000 bags of gold bars and artistic treasures in German salt mines. There were also 169 suitcases of gold fillings and silver and gold jewelry taken from Holocaust and other

victims of Nazi Germany. He told the heart wrenching story of Flossenberg where he found mountains of shoes from victims and dissection tables, where gold fillings were taken from victims. He passed around photos of himself when he was in the army, of General Eisenhower exiting the salt caves and others of that time period.

could go on forever these stories," he said. with

One by one students raised their hands with questions, showing their interest and curios-Where you scared? How you treat the SS men? Did you take any risks? How did your family feel? Where did you get the Nazi helmet? What weapons did you carry? "He had quite a tale to tell," said teacher John Zelman.

And one that the students now have heard in person.



courtesy photo

Meeting a WWII "Monument Man"

Students learned about the atrocities of WWII from a veteran who was a guard similar to the "Monument Men," as portrayed in the recent George Clooney movie. Dwight Lund (pictured) visited Albright School this spring and told his story of how he assisted in the liberation of the Flossenburg concentration camp and how he served in Nuremburg during the war crimes

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15 Willowbrook H.S. Spring Orchestra and Guitar Concert

Starting at 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.

Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 Spirito Šingers performing "Lean on Me"

Starting at 7:30 p.m., the Spirito Singers will be performing "Lean on Me" at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road, Tickets: \$22. Info: Order online at spiritosingers.org or call 1-877-8WE-SING.

Thursday, May 22 Willowbrook H.S. Choral Concert

Starting at 7 p.m. Willowbrook will hold a Choral Concert in White auditorium. The Choral Concert includes the Concert, Treble, Beginning Mixed Chorus and CenterStage. Admission: \$3/adults, \$2/students and seniors. Info: (630) 880-7174.

Friday, May 23 Intro to Self-Tracking

Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elmhurst Art Museum, a public program will be held, called, "Intro to Self-Tracking"which is connected with the Museum's Lifeloggers: Chronicling the Everyday display May 11 through Aug. 17. Led by technology entrepreneurs Eugene Granovsky and Mark Moschel. Free. Info: 630-834-0202.

Thursday, May 29 Willowbrook H.S. AP Music Theory Recital

Starting at 7 p.m. there will be an AP Music Theory Recital at WBHS White auditorium. The concert features compositions that students have written. Free admission. Info: (630) 880-7174.

Saturday, June 7 WB Athletic Boosters golf outing

The Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club will host its annual golf outing at Western Acres Golf Course, 2400 W. Butterfield Road in Lombard. Fees: \$65 per person includes nine holes of golf, lunch, beverages, prizes and entertainment. Send checks payable to Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club to Kevin Kohrt at 609 S. School St., Lombard, 60148 or k.kohrt@comcast.net.

Ongoing events... Open Gym on Mondays nights at Jefferson

On Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m., kids in grades 6-8 are invited to efferson Middle School to hang out with friends, play basketball and other games during Open Gym. Staff will be on hand to organize and facilitate activities. Kids must stay until Open Gym is over, unless previously arranged between parent and staff. NOTE: Open Gym will be cancelled if there are no participants by 7:45 p.m. The fee is \$4 per night, payable at the door. Open Gym is held on April 28.

Mayslake art exhibit to show work of volunteers, staff

• From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County invites art fans to an exhibition of works by the agency's volunteers and staff in a variety of media now through June 20 at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St. in Oak Brook. Info: call (630) 933-7200 or visit dupageforest.org

Villa Park Men's Garden Club meetings

· On the fourth Tuesday of every

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

Your Place for Seniors

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

VPRD's Reader's Theater Group

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

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

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

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Addison Trail boys tennis team downs Leyden

Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys tennis team scored a recent 5-2 West Suburban-Conference Gold Division victory over Leyden.

In other recent action, the Blazers dropped a 4-3 conference match to district neighbor Willowbrook and took second at the eight-team District 88 Classic. Willowbrook took third

At the District 88 Classic, Forest Beulle took second at No. 1 singles, while the No. 1 doubles team of Camden Knights and Alex Franco also placed second.

Beulle, who plays No. 1 singles in the weekend matches and No. 3 singles during the week, was 11-7 overall through his first 18 matches.

Coach Justin Hegner noted the team's

their mental focus.

"We have worked on that a lot and they are starting to do really well believing in themselves," he said. "Our mental focus and belief in ourselves is the (team's) biggest improvement."

Positioning has been a key area of focus for the Addison Trail doubles players. "A lot of my doubles players played singles previously and it took

singles players have been working on awhile to (understand) where to stand on the court and how to have a doubles strategy," said Hegner. "We have started doing a lot better at doubles in recent weeks."

> Hegner has seen the team's fortunes reverse in close matches.

"Our whole team is focusing better in dual meets and the close matches we were losing at the beginning of the season, we're now winning," he said.

lowbrook badminton team wins sectional title

Addison Trail, Willowbrook qualify multiple gymnasts for boys state finals

> By Mike Miazga Correspondent

The Willowbrook badminton team took home the Lyons Township sectional championship recently.

In doing so, the Warriors qualified the maximum six players for this weekend's state finals meet in Charleston.

The Willowbrok doubles team of Brooke Bimber and Janine Johnson won the sectional doubles title. They defeated teammates Sydney Planz and Maddie Arnold for the title. Planz and Arnold took second and went 3-1 in the tournament,

Willowbrook also qualified both its singles players. Amanda Wendt took third in the singles flight, while Katherine Hinman was fourth. Wendt scored a 22-20, 21-12 win over Hinman in the third-place match. Wendt went 3-1 in the tournament. Hinman went 3-2,

Addison Trail boys gymnastics

The Addison Trail boys gymnastics team had two individuals earn automatic entries into weekend's IHSA state finals.

Sophomore Marcus Rias tied for fifth on the vault at the Glenbard West sectional with a score of 9.05.

Teammate Marco Martinez also is headed to state after scoring a 7.70 on the horizontal bar and placing third.

Addison Trail finished seventh as a team at the sectional with a 134.55

Willowbrook boys gymnastics

The Willowbrook boys' gymnastics team placed fourth at the Glenbard West sectional with a 135.9 score. The Warriors had two individuals earn state qualifications.

Keawe Winstead won the pommel horse sectional title with a score of 8.65. Bret Golz tied for fifth on floor exercise with a 9.05.

Fenton boys volleyball

Through early last week, Anthony Lopez was the team's leader in kills, while Lopez and Phil Espinoza were the leaders

in blocks. Andy Gonzalez was the team leader in assists. Gonzalez and Isaac Anaya were tops in service aces.

Coach Heather Petersen noted the team's hitting has been improving. "We're placing the ball and playing smart and aggressive," she said. "We're getting hits from every position on the court."

The team's top hitters include Lopez, Nathan Rivera and Jakub Lewandowski.

Fenton has also taken strides on the defensive end. "Our blocking is continuing to improve," she said. "We are getting faster along the net. Passing is more consistent from the middle-back."

Espinoza and Lopez are the team's top blockers, while

Anaya and Joel Alcantara lead the way in the passing department.

Petersen also has been pleased with the team's setting position. "Setting continues to shine," she said. "We are able to run more options due to consistency in sets."

Additionally, Petersen likes the team's resiliency. "Regardless of wins and losses, the boys come out to play and focus on the game they have control over at that moment," she said.

In recent times, Alcantara was cited for his energy and strong defense, while Lopez was lauded for leadership. Petersen noted Kyle Murillo brings energy, heart and passion to the team.

IC Catholic Prep softball team defeats Rosary

Conenna twirls one-hit shutout in rebound game

By Mike Miazga Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep softball team dropped a recent 5-1 decision to Montini in Suburban Christian Conference Blue Division action.

The Knights had six hits in the game. Kaitlin Falduto scored IC's only run on an RBI single by Vanessa Godinez. Jessica Conenna went 2-for-3. She also took the loss on the mound despite allowing no earned runs and registering nine strikeouts.

IC rebounded to score a 7-0 SCC Blue win over Rosary. Conenna threw a one-hit shutout and had 11 strikeouts.

IC scored five runs in the sixth inning to pull away. Anjella Farmer went 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBI. Conenna went 2-for-4, while Godinez went 1-for-2 with an RBI. IC had 11 hits. Taylor Salvi also went 3-for-4.

IC also dropped a 6-1 SCC Blue game to St. Francis. The loss put IC at 16-12 overall and 7-7 in SCC Blue play. Conenna went 1-for-3 with an RBI, IC had four hits. Conenna took the loss. She had six strikeouts,

Willowbrook boys tennis team adds four victories Warriors soph Sommers on track for 20-win season

By Mike Miazga Correspondent

Through early last week, the Willowbrook boys tennis team sported a 5-4 overall record, going 3-1 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play. In recent action, the Warriors scored 7-0 wins over Proviso West and Proviso East, Addison Trail and Morton (4-3).

"We've had some very close and exciting matches," said Willowbrook coach Ed Delacruz, who noted that was Willowbrook's first win over Morton in a conference dual since 2006.

Willowbrook took third at the Lake Park Invitational, third at the eight-team District 88 Classic and fourth at the Prairie Ridge Invitational.

Sophomore Mike Sommers was leading the team with a 15-6 mark at No. 2 singles through early last week.

"Mike is on pace for a 20-plus-win season,"

noted Delacruz.

Senior Rob Martinez was 10-7 and is the team's captains. "He's one of the best captains I've ever had, which is a reason for the great success we're having because we have such good team chemistry," said Delacruz.

Delacruz labeled sophomore Adel Labadi as the team's most improved player so far this season. "Adel has been a catalyst in getting big victories at No. 3 doubles," the coach said. "He has nine wins this season and had the matchclinching win against Addison Trail."

Delacruz has been impressed with the team's fighting spirit in matches. "The biggest improvement is having my players understand they are in every match, win or lose ,and to never give up," he said. "This has been a true testament of what this young team that is filled with juniors and sophomores are starting to understand. The future looks bright for Willowbrook tennis."

Willowbrook will host the WSC Gold tournament this weekend.

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Willowbrook girls track team faring well

Warriors recently place second at Elk Grove invitational

By Mike Miazga Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls track team is enjoying success both on the team and individual levels this season.

The Warriors recently took second at the Elk Grove invitational. Willowbrook had 117 points, just four points shy of team-champion Marist.

Willowbrook senior Molly Krawczykowski won the 800, while senior Taylor Burton won the 400. Stephanie Enescu was first in the 100 hurdles. Junior Molly Frobel won the 200 and was third in the 100. Senior Jada Stills won the shotput title.

"We have a small group, but these girls work very hard," said Willowbrook coach Clyde Ware. "They are here every day and they are committed to what they are doing. They are having a lot of success because of

Ware also has been impressed with the team's 400 and 1,600

66We have a small group, but these girls work very hard."

> - Willowbrook coach Clyde Ware

relays. The 400 relay team features junior Gloria Johnson, junior Zakisha Hudson, Frobel and Burton. The 1,600 team has sophomore Shannon Jones, Krawczykowski, Burton and junior Kayla Denwood.

"The 4-by-4 team is looking very good for us," said Ware. "That group of four girls has

beaten the school indoor and outdoor record in the 4-by-8. Our 4-by-1 team has a chance. The girls are working hard and they will try their hardest. They believe they can do it but they have to be ready on the day. All of our girls have improved this year.'

Ware has especially been pleased with Frobel's progress this season. "This is her first year out," said Ware. "At the Elk Grove meet she ran prelims and semifinals in the 100 and 200 and she ended up third in the 100 and first in the 200. She's improved a lot for us. Taylor Burton has taken a step forward. She's part of that 4-by-8 team that has done well. Gloria Johnson is in her first year out for track and doing well. All of our girls have improved a lot.



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Addison Trail raises money for CFF in honor of classmate ADDISON — On May 5, Corona, who was diagnosed 12 and younger. There will father, Dominick, at 630-863—the support they've given

Addison Trail students and staff members walked the track in the school's field house for a cause.

During all physical education classes, students walked to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. According to the foundation's website at cef.org, "Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a life-threatening genetic disease that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system. An estimated 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. (70,000 worldwide) have CF."

The event was coordinated by Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose. At the center of the event was Addison Trail senior Anthony with CF at birth. Corona smiled from ear to ear as he joined his

classmates on the track.
"It feels really great," he said
of Addison Trail showing him their support. "I'm really honored my friends and teachers are doing this."

The event raised more than \$1,300 for the foundation. Corona and his team called "Anthony's Army" plan to walk again on May 17 at Busse Woods in Schaumburg (Grove No. 5 off of Higgins Road) to raise more money

There also will be a reception starting at 5 p.m. at Blue Line Grill, 475 S. Grace St. in Addison, Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages

be raffles for prizes. All proceeds benefit CFF. To reserve your spot, contact Anthony's

0863 or domc3@sbcglobal. net.

"We're overwhelmed with

Anthony's mom, Carrie. "It's truly amazing. You ask for a little, and they give so much."



Addison Trail senior Anthony Corona walks around the track in the field house at Addison Trail with juniors Ivonne Vega (right) and Lauren Szydlowski (left) during an event the school hosted to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Corona was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth, and Addison Trail students and staff came together to support him on May 5. He will participate in another walk on May 17 to raise more money for the foundation.



Addison Trail senior Anthony Corona (right) speaks to his classmates and Addison Trail staff members before they take to the track at the school to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Corona was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth, and Addison Trail students and staff came together to support him on May 5.

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Pictured are the Addison Trail students who recently competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference, along with the Addison Trail BPA Sponsors. They are (from left) Sponsor Jeff Laschinski, Anthony Pham, Alex DelaRosa, Franc De Guzman, Anthony Gamino, Brandon Sheehan, Stefani Scimeca, Anthony Nasti, Saul Rivera, Daniel Mitchell and Advisor Juliann Boudouris.





Pictured are Addison Trail seniors Anthony Pham and Stefani Scimeca, who finished in 5th place in Network Design Team at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference. The conference took place from April 30 to May 4 in Indianapolis. Read below for more BPA awards won by District 88 students.

District 88 students shine at BPA National Leadership Conference

INDIANAPOLIS — Nine Addison Trail students competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference from April 30 to May 4 in Indianapolis.

napolis.
In Accounting Using Quickbooks, senior Stefani Scimeca finished in 3rd place. In Network Design Team, Scimeca and senior Anthony Pham finished in 5th place. Scimeca and senior Carrie Castellano also earned their Ambassador Award.

Other Addison Trail students who competed are senior Brandon Sheehan, junior Saul Rivera, senior Anthony Nasti, sophomore Alex DelaRosa, senior Daniel Mitchell, junior Anthony Gamino and junior Franc De Guzman.

Seven Willowbrook students also competed in the conference. In Business Meeting Management Concepts, senior Shannon Strum finished in 3rd place. Senior Ryan Barrie finished in 3rd place in Computer Security and Information Technology Concepts.

Other Willowbrook students who competed are senior Tom Waters, senior Shaun Hurdelbrink, junior Abdulaziz Ahmed, freshman Mustafa Ali and junior Atif Siddiqui.

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Daily Herald releases names of its Academic Team

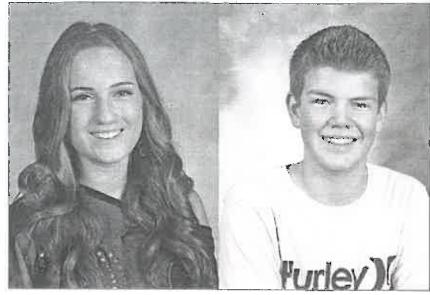
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Pirtle and Novak will be featured in a special edition of the Daily Herald's Neighbor section on May 9, along with the other honorable mentions and the winning team members.



Pictured are Addison Trail seniors Morgan Pirtle and Bret Novak, who have been given Honorable Mention for the 2013-14 Daily Herald Academic Team for DuPage County.

ATHS hosts 4th annual Sports Spectacular



all photos provided

On May 6, Addison Trail hosted its fourth annual West Suburban Conference Sports Spectacular, where more than 450 students with special needs participated in track and field events and a basketball tournament, played softball throw, enjoyed moon jumps and sang karaoke. Top left: Addison Trail freshman Renalda Trebicka enjoys a tasty treat, Top middle: Willowbrook junior Lorenzo Delgado participates in the long jump. Top right: Addison Trail freshman Isabella Chaidez sings karaoke. Bottom left; Willowbrook sophomore Anthony Leal-Gerwarth participates in a basketball tournament. Bottom middle: Addison Trail special education teacher aide Tim Homan welcomes students to the Sports Spectacular. Bottom right: Addison Trail senior Shelley McGrath-Myers sings the National Anthem during the Sports Spectacular.

ADDISON -- On May 6, Addison Trail hosted its fourth annual West Suburban Conference Sports Spectacular.

During the event, more than 450 students with special needs filled Addison Trail's field house, gyms, tennis court area and black box studio theatre. The students were from 13 schools in the West Suburban Conference, and they participated in track and field events and a basketball tournament, played softball throw and enjoyed moon jumps. New this year was karaoke, where the students were able to sing their favorite songs.

The Sports Spectacular was founded in 1994 by a group of West Suburban Conference athletic directors. Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose wanted to continue the event to offer students an atmosphere of fun.

D'Ambrose said it took about 100 volunteers (including the Addison Trail maintenance staff) and donations from local businesses to make the event a success. Donations for the event came from Addison Trail, Zio Tony's Pizza, Serino's Deli, Pyramid Club, Nardi's Pizza, Aurelio's, Blue Line Grill, Franky's, Giordano's, Pizza Hut, Home Run Inn, Rosati's, Great Lakes Apparel, BOOM Entertainment, Trophies By George, A Moon Jump For You and SYSCO.



Among the many competitors honored at the second annual Daily Herald Prep Sports Excellence Awards banquet, including 10 each from Addison Trail and Willowbrook, were these AT seniors (from left): Christina Capuani, Danielle Ciaglia, James Wislek, Gia Dela Cruz and Mary Kate Flemming.

District 88 students honored by Daily Herald

10 from AT, 10 from WB attend Sports Excellence Awards banquet

ADDISON/VILLA PARK - On May 4, more than 600 competitors representing 32 sports were honored during the second annual Daily Herald Prep Sports Excellence Awards banquet - including 10 Willowbrook students.

The event took place at Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates and recognized the nominees, who were nominated by their schools and were selected for their athletic talent, academic achievement, sportsmanship, improvement or multisport ability.

The Addison Trail students who were recognized are seniors Christina Capuani, Danielle Ciaglia, James Wislek, Gia Dela Cruz, Mary Kate Flemming, Julia Rowley, James Pupillo, Niko Rocha, Bobby Carson and Angelo Amato.

The Willowbrook students who were recognized are seniors Molly Krawczykowski, Molly Kuenstler, Olivia Domin, Katherine Hinman, Amanda Wendt, Matt Burns, Chris Villafuerte, Hayden Adams, Brian Johnson and Mike Rothmund.

Restaurant group considering sale of Portillo's chain

Lake Forest reality show star considering purchase

By Dee Longfellow For The Elmhurst Independent

Last week, the Independent learned that Portillo's Restaurant Group was considering a move to sell off its well-loved namesake chain known as Portillo's. Famous for its 1950s diner atmosphere, as well as its Italian beef, hot dogs, tamales, its own brew of root beer and chocolate cake like no other, Portillo's has 38 restaurants in Indiana, Arizona, California and Illinois, including the location in Elmhurst near Route 83 and St. Charles Road.

"We've enjoyed significant growth over the past 50 years, experiencing same-store sales increases over the last 10 years in the Chicagoland area, even when the economy as a whole suffered," founder, president and CEO Richard J. Portillo said in a news release. "This is a thriving business poised to launch to the next level, presenting an incredible opportunity for employees and investors.

Area residents may recall that Portillo addressed the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Board of Governor's dinner in Novem-

Later last week, the Chicago Tribune reported that Lake Forest entrepreneur Marcus Lemonis was interested in obtaining the chain. A millionaire who made his fortune in camping and RV equipment, Lemonis has appeared on reality shows "Celebrity Apprentice" and "Secret Millionaire" and is currently starring in "The Profit" on CNBC.

"I'm definitely going to be in the mix," Lemonis reportedly told the Tribune. "It's going to be a lot cheaper than the [L.A.]

Clippers."

"Ît's possible it won't happen," Portillo said in a later statement. "If I don't get what I want, if I don't feel that the culture would be carried on, I don't have to sell. Business is good."

In 2013, sales at the Portillo's chain topped \$300 million.

Lemonis said he would expect to pay a premium for the hot dog chain because it's "very profitable," well run and "fast-casual has kind of become en vogue again.'

Portillo owns 19 of the Portillo's restaurants in Illinois as well as two locations in Arizona. He also said that he owns both commissaries that supply ingredients such as meat and sauces to the restaurants.

Lemonis has investments

in several food businesses in Illinois, New Jersey and Florida, many of which he learned about through "The Profit," the CNBC show where Lemonis helps turn around fledgling businesses.



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It's prom season!

Addison Trail seeks donations for Blazer Boutique, The Blazer

ADDISON — It's prom season, and that means it's time for the Addison Trail Blazer Boutique!

tique!
The boutique was started about two years ago by Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose as a way for people to "be green" and recycle dresses they no longer wear for other students to enjoy.

The dresses are available for students to use for any special occasion such as prom, which is coming up on June 6, or graduation, coming up on June 8. Donations of purses, shoes, accessories and formal and semiformal dresses are being accepted.

And new this year, Addison Trail introduces The Blazer – a closet full of items for the boys. Donations of suits, ties, dress shirts and dress shoes for young men are requested.

If you have items to give to the Blazer Boutique or The Blazer, drop them off at Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison.



AT students model for Blazer Boutique

Addison Trail students model dresses from the Blazer Boutique last year. The boutique is a way for people to "be green" and "recycle" purses, shoes, accessories and formal and semiformal dresses they no longer wear for other students to enjoy. Donations are being accepted now. Donations of suits, ties, dress shirts and dress shoes for young men also are requested for Addison Trail's new closet for boys, called The Blazer.





Two ATHS seniors compete in Ford/AAA State Finals

ADDISON — Addison Trail seniors Sam Ramos and Ryan Szabelski competed in the State Finals of the Ford/AAA Troubleshooting contest on May 8 and 9 at Universal Technical Institute in Lisle. Ramos and Szabelski had 90 minutes to diagnose and repair seven to 10 "bugs" placed in a 2014 Ford Fiesta. Haggerty Auto Group once again loaned the students a brand new vehicle on which to practice for the competition.

On May 8, Addison Trail hosted a send-off for the students, where they performed a "practice run" in front of Addison Trail and District 88 staff to simulate the environment of the State Finals.

Addison Trail hosts annual Spring Art Show

ADDISON - From April 28 to May 2, the artistic talents of Addison Trail and Indian Trail Junior High School students were on display during the school's annual Spring Art

About 175 pieces created by Addison Trail students were showcased, as well as 40 pieces created by Indian Trail students. The Addison Trail pieces were judged, and the winners are:

Best of Show: Junior Cheyenne Lam

1st place: Senior Aime Zuniga (the 2014 Outstanding Senior in Art), sophomore Esmeralda Gomez, senior Olimpia Recchia

2nd place: Junior Teresa Godinez, Zuniga, Recchia

3rd place: Senior Courtney Tirado, Lam, Gomez

Honorable Mention: Junior Alfredo Ibarra-Granados, junior Giselle Legaspi, Gomez

People's Choice: Sophomore Lauren Zanin



all photos provided

Addison Trail senior signs to play baseball for Judson University

ADDISON - Joe Kurucar has been on the baseball field since he was 4 years old.

Now a senior at Addison Trail, Kurucar has signed to play baseball for Judson University, where he will be an outfielder.
"I love the sport," Kurucar said. "It's the first sport I ever

played, and I fell in love with it right away."

On May 6, Addison Trail hosted a signing ceremony to recognize Kurucar for his accomplishment. Addison Trail Head Baseball Coach Mike Kennedy said he has enjoyed working with Kurucar for the last four years.

To see him grow from where he was as a freshman to the confident athlete he is today is a real compliment to him and his mom, Susan," Kennedy said. "I can't wait to see him compete at the collegiate level.



Pictured with his mother Susan, Addison Trail senior Joe Kurucar signs to play baseball for Judson University, where he will be an outfielder. The young man has been playing the game since he was 4 years old.

Scenes from AT's spring art show

From April 28 to May 2, the artistic talents of Addison Trail students were on display during the school's annual Spring Art Show. Top left: This piece by junior Cheyenne Lam was selected as Best of Show. Top right: Sophomore Lauren Zanin poses by her artwork, which was selected as the People's Choice recipient. Bottom: Pictured is artwork by (from left) senior Aime Zuniga (the 2014 Outstanding Senior in Art), sophomore Esmeralda Gomez and senior Olimpia Recchia, all of which received 1st-place ribbons.

Addison Community Calendar

Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 Spirito Singers performing

"Lean on Me"

Starting at 7:30 p.m., the Spirito Singers will be performing "Lean on Me" at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road. Tickets: \$22. Info: Order online at spiritosingers.org or call I-877-8WE-SING.

Sunday, May 18 Portrait artist of U.S. vets coming to library

At 2 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, Jeanine Hill-Soldner, an artist from Algonquin who does portrait work pertaining to vet-erans, will be holding a lecture/ reception and exhibit titled, 'Portraits of American Veterans Project," Sponsored by the Addison Sponsored by the Addison Center for the Arts as well as the Addison Library. Info: (630) 543-3617 or addisonlibrary.org

Friday, May 23
• Intro to Self-Tracking

Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elmhurst Art Museum, a public program will be held called "Intro to Self-Tracking"— which is connected with the Museum's Lifeloggers: Chronicling the Everyday display May 11 through Aug. 17. Led by technology entrepreneurs Eugene Granovsky and Mark Moschel. Admission: Free. Info: elmhurstartmuseum.org.

Ongoing events...
• ACA, Library host exhibition of veterans portraits

The Addison Center for the Arts and the Addison Public Library present "Portraits of American Veterans," featuring a display of 23 portraits of American veterans. The exhibit will be showcased from May 16-June 2 in the meeting room of the Addison Library, then will be moved to the Rotunda of the Addison Village Hall, where it will remain from through June 13. Info: 630-543-3617 or 630-458-4500.

Mayslake art exhibit to show work of volunteers, staff

 From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County invites art fans to an exhibition of works by the agency's volunteers and staff in a variety of media now through June 20 at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St. in Oak Brook, Info: call (630) 933-7200 or visit dupageforest.

 Latest Addison Center for Arts exhibit on display

The Addison Center for the Art's latest gallery exhibit, "Wildflowers," by James Shirey, is on display until Saturday, June 7. Visitors will be able to see amaz-

ing photographs of the beautiful wildflowers that one may never come across in real life. The center is open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Info: (630) 217-5159.

· Community Garden plots at Old Mill Park available

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

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Future leaders of business

Addison Trail High School senior Anthony Pham (second from left), sophomore Alex DelaRosa, junior Franc De Guzman, junior Anthony Gamino, senior Brandon Sheehan, senior Stefani Scimeca, senior Anthony Nasti, junior Saul Rivera and senior Daniel Mitchell make up the school's team that participated in the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference between April 30 and May 4 in Indianapolis. They are joined by sponsor Jeff Laschinski (far left) and adviser Juliann Boudouris (far right).

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"Serving our communities to make them better places to live."

ADDISON - A senior at Addison Trail High School felt the support of his classmates and teachers when they walked to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation earlier this month.

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

On May 5, Addison Trail students and staff walked the track in the school's field house during all physical education classes in an event coordinated by Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose, according to a District 88 newsletter.

At the center of it all was Addison Trail senior Anthony Corona, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth. Corona smiled from ear to ear as he joined his classmates on the track. He said he felt honored that his friends and teachers were taking part, the newsletter

dedicated to finding a cure affects the lungs and diges-



Addison Trail High School senior Anthony Corona, who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth, walks May 5 around the track in the field house at Addison Trail with juniors Lauren Szydlowski (left) and Ivonne

than \$1,300 for the foundation netic disease that primarily foundation's website.

The event raised more for the life-threatening getive system, according to the again with his group called Anthony's Army on Saturday Corona plans to walk at Busse Woods in Schaum-

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- WHAT: Fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- WHERE: Blue Line Grill, 475 S. Grace St.
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burg to raise more money. Check-in is at 10:30 a.m., and the walk starts at noon at Grove No. 5 of the woods, off of Higgins Road.

A reception including dinner and soft drinks will follow at 5 p.m. at Blue Line Grill in Addison. The event will include a raffle, and proceeds will go to the foundation. A cash bar also will be available.

To reserve a spot, contact Anthony's father. Dominick. at 630-863-0863 or domc3@sbcglobal.net.



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Volunteer at annual Track and Field Meet

For the past 35 years, NEDSRA (Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association) has been running a track meet for Special Olympic athletes to compete for the chance to win medals. It is free to participate if you are a person with a disability. If the weather is nice, it really is a great event that symbolizes the NEDSRA slogan of "Put-COMMUNITY

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ting People First.' Volunteers from all over the DuPage County area will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday at

Glenbard East High School in Lombard and help in one of

two ways. One is being a volunteer "buddy" assigned to an athlete for the day to assist in finding his or her event and encouraging the athlete in his or her performance. The other is as an event volunteer helping to run the track meet, Most volunteers are high school students earning service hours required for graduation.

However, there are others who just enjoy helping people less fortunate than themselves. One volunteer told me last year, "It makes me feel good to be around these people. They are so joyful, and they appreciate any attention you can give them. I think I get more out of it than they do.

Dignitaries from Lombard and the Knights of Columbus color guard will be marching in the opening ceremony. The ceremony mimics the Olympics with the lighting of a torch starting the event.

At the end of the day, the athletes receive medals for placing in their events: running, long jumping and throwing a softball. The athletes I know will talk about their medals for weeks. It becomes a strong symbol of accomplishment for them, and they share that with everyone they meet.

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Bruce Flowers is the marketing coordinator for NEDSRA.

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Addison Trail's Alex Morales (rìght) chases a loose ball in his team's game against an Oak Park-River Forest team at the West Suburban Conference Special Needs Sports Spectacular.



Addison Trail High School offered plenty of fun for students with special needs at the annual West Suburban Conference Special Needs Sports Spectacular. With races, basketball and softball games, bouncy houses, karaoke and more, the event certainly is spectacular!



Congratulations to Morgan Pirtle, who was named as Addison Trail's April recipient of the 88's Best recognition. Pirtle, a senior, has taken various academically demanding courses, and she also has been part of numerous musical and theater performances at Addison Trail.



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Zers on a roll Since two losses on same day, AT volleyball wins nine straight

Since two losses on same day,

By DAN SANTAROMITA dsantaromita@shawmedia.com

VILLA PARK - Ever since it had one bad day at its own invite, Addison Trail's boys volleyball team has been on a roll.

The Blazers lost twice on April 26, but have quickly recovered. Tuesday's 25-19, 25-20 victory against District 88 rival Willowbrook was AT's ninth win in a row since that day.

AT improved to 4-1 in the West Suburban Gold and entered Thursday's match at Benet with an impressive 24-3 record. During the weekend the Blazers won the York Invite with a 5-0 record, including a win against highly-regarded Deerfield to take the title.

"We had a small letdown a couple weeks ago," coach Chad Grant said. "It's hard to say that we were in a funk or anything, it was just one day, but since then we've made the necessary corrections and they were obviously motivated by the losses and we've come back strong.'

Junior Alex Dickmann is clearly the star of the team. The outside hitter had 11 kills against Willowbrook, but he's not the only weapon at the Blazers' disposal. Senior Anthony Chiaramonte, junior Jack Vrchota and sophomore Kannon Neems give senior setter Kevin Grygo plenty of options.

"Everybody assumes that we're going to Alex the entire time, but we also do have other players that do step up and can get kills just like him," Chiaramonte said.

Chiaramonte gives the team another weapon at outside hitter, which is key when opposing teams try to focus on limiting Dickmann's hitting

"Alex had a lot of kills in the first game [against Willowbrook] and in the second game they started to cheat his way and we started to spread it out

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a little bit better," Grant said. "Anthony is the No. 2 guy and he's been playing well for us all season.

Chiaramonte is proud of the Blazers' record so far, which not only looks good on paper but also includes some big wins. AT was the first team to beat Glenbard West back on April 24. The Blazers also knocked off conference rival Morton, which received a No. 1 sectional seed, and Deerfield is another team with reasonable hopes of getting to state.

This is probably one of the best seasons I've had for my volleyball," Chiaramonte said. "We have a good group of guys together and we all click together and know how each other work."

The Blazers received the No. 4 seed in the Conant sectional when the draw came out last week. They will head to St. Charles North for a regional and could see Glenbard North, one of the teams that beat them at their own invite, in the regional final. A chance at revenge would be nice, but AT has its sights set much higher.

At the beginning of the season the team had the goal to get to state and nothing they've shown on the court has changed that.

"I always like our chances," Grant said. "We got a strong team. We just want to make sure that we're clicking on all cylinders and playing the best that we can by the start of the playoffs. I don't think there's any team that we're going to be over matched by or that I'm scared of.



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Addison Trail's Alex Dickmann sends the ball over the net during an April 15 match against Morton. Dickmann is a force for the Blazers, but they have other weapons on offense that will help them when the playoffs start.

BREAKOUT PLAYERS







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ABOVE: Addison Trail's Christian Grabowski takes the throw at first base in an April 16 game against Willowbrook. The junior bats high in the lineup and has been a key player for the Blazers this season

LEFT: Glenbard East's Marissa West slides into third base in a May 5 game against Wheaton Warrenville South. West has been a mainstay in the Rams' lineup and is part of a talented young core.

Rising stars emerge for area baseball, softball

By DAN SANTAROMITA dsantaromita@shawmedia.com

Every spring offers a chance for baseball and softball players to impact their teams more than they ever have before. Here are a few of the players having breakout seasons on the diamond for Addison Trail, Glenbard East, IC Catholic, Montini and Willowbrook.

T.J. Case School: Willowbrook

Class: Senior Position: Pitcher

Impact: Case had to deal with arm issues last year and that limited his production as a junior. This year he has only allowed one earned run and is living up to the expecta-tions of a Division I pitcher.

Anthony Esterly

School: Glenbard East Class: Senior Position: Pitcher



T.J. Case delivers a pitch against Leyden on May 2. After dealing with injuries last season, Case has been stellar on the mound for the Warriors this spring.

Impact: Esterly has been one of the Rams' top two pitchers, along with fellow senior Tyler Behrendt.

His last start was a quality effort against Lake Park where he allowed just one unearned run in 61/3 innings of work.

Sean Frontzak

School: Montini Class: Junior Position: Pitcher

Impact: Frontzak had a respectable 3.15 ERA as a sophomore last year, but was limited to just 20 innings on the mound as he adjusted to varsity competition.

This season he has been one of the Broncos' strong top three pitchers, along with older brother Eric Frontzak and senior Tyler Quick, and helped Montini stay in the hunt for the title in the competitive Suburban Christian Blue conference.

Christian Grabowski

School: Addison Trail Class: Junior Position: First base

Impact: After being a key player on the football team in the fall, Grabowski has carved a big role on the diamond as well. He has been one of the top hitters on the team, sliding right into the top part of the Blazers' batting order.

Tacia Mesina

School: Montini Class: Junior Position: Infield/outfield

Impact: Although Mesina doesn't bat high in the Broncos' loaded batting order, she has been one of the team's top hitters throughout the season. Through Wednesday she was hitting a team-best .410 out of the eighth spot in the lineup.

Sean Sutton

School: IC Catholic Class: Senior Position: Pitcher/shortstop

Impact: Sutton has proven to be a quality No. 2 starter behind ace Clark Brinkman, So far this season, Sutton has a 6-1 record and a 2.10 ERA with 31 strikeouts in 30 innings of work for the Knights.

Marissa West

School: Glenbard East Class: Sophomore Position: Second base impact: West has been a key hitter in the Glenbard East lineup in her first vear on varsity.

She has right in at the No. 3 spot in the lineup, has played solid infield defense and appears to be part of a solid young core for the Rams.

Kicking off with common goal

By DAN SANTAROMITA dsantaromita@shawmedla.com

Girls soccer teams across the area are preparing for kickoff in the postseason, with the goal of getting to North Central College in Naperville for the state finals June 6 and 7. Here's the outlook for Glenbard East, Willowbrook, York and other area teams.

Addison Trail

Regional: Addison Trail Sectional: Conant. Sectional seed: No. 17 First match: 3 p.m. Saturday vs. No. 16 Lake Park

Outlook: The Blazers get to host a regional, but after winning just once in the West Suburban Gold they were sent to a regional quarterfinal against Lake Park.

If AT gets past the Lancers, top sectional seed St. Charles North awaits in a regional semifinal. The regional championship is scheduled for May

Glenbard East

Regional: Glenbard East Sectional: Downers Grove South Sectional seed: No. 4

First match: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 13 Curie

Outlook: The Rams bave already broken the school record for wins (15) and shutouts (13) in a season, but now they have a chance to win the program's first regional title.

East received the No. 4 seed in the Downers Grove South sectional and gets to host a regional, which means everything is set up for the Rams to pull off the feat. Curie may not post much of a threat in the playoff opener, but likely regional final opponent York

The Rams are 15-6-1, but went just 2-4-1 in the always tough DuPage Valley Conference. Senior and Western Michigan recruit Alex Ruffer and sophomore Brittany Paganucci went for double digits in both goals and assists. Ruffer finished with 17 goals and Paga nucci was right behind with 16.

East will have the benefit



Erica Benson - ebenson@shawmedia.com York's Alyssa Kovatchis makes a play on the ball in an April 1 match against Lyons Township. Kovatchis and the Dukes start the playoffs Tuesday at Glenbard East.

of hosting the regional and a showdown against York in the May 23 regional title game would be a good match.

Montini Regional: Hinsdale South

Sectional: St. Francis Sectional seed: No. 7 First match: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 10 Kennedy Outlook: Last year the Broncos surprised Lisle in a Class 1A regional final to win the pro-

gram's second regional title in In order to win a third

straight regional, Montini will have to do so in Class 2A. The

Broncos finished the regular season 7-12, but closed by winning four of their past five

matches.

In the regional, Montini opens against Kennedy and if the Broncos can advance they would likely face regional host Hinsdale South in the final on May 23. The Hornets beat Montini, 6-0, back on March 22, the Broncos' second match of the season.

Willowbrook

Regional: Hinsdale Central Sectional: Downers Grove South Sectional seed: No. 10 First match: 7 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 7 Oak Park-River Forest

Outlook: The Warriors have been a bit streaky this season

and finished the regular season 11-11-1 and 4-2 in the West Suburban Gold.

Willowbrook last won a playoff game in 2009 and will have to get through Oak Park-River Forest to reverse that trend. The Huskies will enter as the favorites in the match, and Willowbrook senior captain and sweeper Lauren Carroll will have to play a big role in limiting the Huskies' attack.

Senior Tiffany Brinkman has been a been able to win balls and maintain possession at center midfield, Jessica Budig is also a dangerous

player up top.

Starting goalkeeper Alexis Jones and center forward and captain Melissa Rader returned from injury late in the season to also boost the lineup,

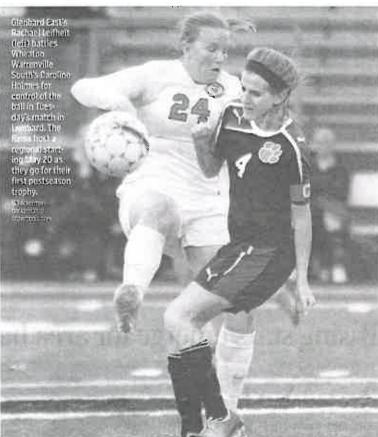
York

Regional: Glenbard East Sectional: Downers Grove South Sectional seed: No. 5 First match: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 12 Kelly

Outlook: After a great run of success in recent years, this season almost seems like a down year for the Dukes. However, there is still plenty of talent on the team and the chance to make a solid post-

The Dukes head to Glenbard East to start the postseason and are likely to see the host team in a regional final in Lombard on May 23. The Rams have a talented team, but York counters with Loyola-bound Catherine Kent and talented junior Alyssa Kovatchis up top.

York entered Thursday's regular season finale at Downers Grove South with a 10-6 record and fresh off an impressive 4-3 win against Hinsdale Central. The Dukes tied for second in the West Suburban Silver.



Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



KALEEN SMITH

Addison Trail Senior | Track and field

Why Smith was selected:

Smith won the 100-meter dash and the long jump and was second in the high jump at the West Suburban Gold meet last week.

Addison Trail senior athlete Kaleen Smith had a great showing at the West Suburban Gold outdoor conference meet on May 8. Smith, who didn't even compete with the outdoor track team last season, won the 100-meter dash and the long jump and was also a part of the Blazers' winning 4x200-meter relay in addition to placing second in the high jump. Smith, this week's Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about her strong

What was your reaction to winning two individual events conference?

It's crazy. It's a lot of hard work put into it. I still can't believe I actually got it. There's so many people in our conference that are so good.

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Going into the meet did you think you had a chance to have that much success?

I kind of knew that I would get into finals, but I didn't really expect to win it. I didn't think it would actually

After only competing during the indoor track season last year, is it extra special to do well in outdoor this season?

Yeah it is, It's mind-blowing. I didn't really expect to improve because senior year usually you don't really improve that much, but this year I kind of launched forward.

What happened that helped you improve?

I don't really know. Just a lot of practicing with summer workouts, preseason through indoor and outdoor. I'm just happy that it happened

→ GIRLS TRACK ROUNDUP

Strong finishes propel Willowbrook at WSG

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Addison Trail, Glenbard East and Willowbrook competed in conference track meets on May 8. The Blazers and Warriors headed to Downers Grove South for the West Suburban Gold meet while the Rams traveled to West Aurora to compete in the DuPage Valley Conference. All three teams competed in the Wheaton Warrenville South sectional on Thursday. but first here's how the teams did in conference.

Willowbrook

Eight Warriors had top three finishes at the Gold meet. including Jada Stills' title in the discus.

Stills was also second in the shot put. Kayla Denwood was right behind Stills in the shot put by placing second.

Taylor Burton had a strong all-around day, placing third in both the 100-meter dash and the 200 and taking fifth in the 400.

Standout 800 runner Molly Krawczykowski entered the sectional meet with the top seed time, but settled for second in conference. She ran almost three seconds below the state-qualifying standard by finishing in 2:17.

Shannon Jones was third in the 1,600 and Elizabeth Pegler took third in the 300-meter

Willowbrook was third in the team standings.

Addison Trail

Kaleen Smith was the star of the WSG meet for the Blazers.

The senior won the 100-me-



Willowbrook's Molly Krawczykowski runs in the 800-meter run at the West Suburban Gold meet at Downers Grove South on May 8, Krawczykowski cłocked a solid time but settled for second.

ter dash and the long jump while taking second in the triple jump. She crossed the finish line in 13.05 seconds in the 100 and jumped 17 feet, 3.5 inches to take the long jump.

Freshman Lauren Kroll won the 200 with a time of 26.28 seconds. Kroll was also third in the 100-meter hurdles.

AT's relays also had strong showings. Yulisa Vivero, Kroll, Jamie Borcha and Kim Schonder teamed up to win the 4x100, and the 4x200 relay also took first.

Lynette Banuelos was

ence title by less than fourtenths of a second. Her time of 59.92 seconds was good for second place. AT took fourth overall at the meet.

Glenbard East

The Rams competed at the DuPage Valley Conference meet at West Aurora and the 4x400-meter relay team won a conference title. The 4x200 relay placed fourth.

Individually, Allison Hansen was sixth in the 1,600-meter run and Stephany Flores edged out for the 400 confer- took sixth in the long jump.

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WHAT TO WATCH

GIRLS SOCCER: IC Catholic and Timothy Christian each won by blowouts to set up a regional title game at 4 p.m. today at IC.

■ BASEBALL: York hosts Hinsdale Central in a doubleheader at 10 a.m. Saturday with a chance to win the West Suburban Silver title. **BOYS TENNIS:** York takes on the rest of the West Suburban Silver in the conference tournament at Proviso West today and Saturday.

>> PREP ROUNDUP

Hit parade helps AT sweep Proviso East

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Addison Trail's baseball team swept Proviso East over the weekend.

Joe Kurucar totaled seven hits for the series. Christian Grabowski and Nate Mueller each had five in the three

BASEBALL Glenbard East

After taking two of three games against Naperville North over the weekend, the Rams beat Lake Park, 3-2, in the series opener Wednesday. Pitchers Tyler Behrendt and Scott Borosak combined for a 4-0 shutout against the Huskies on Saturday.

Willowbrook

The Warriors were swent by Hinsdale South last weekend, scoring just four runs in the three-game series.

Jake Cady gave up just two runs in a complete game 2-0 loss on Saturday, which was the score of both games of the doubleheader

Mike Rothmund was 3 for 3 with two doubles and a home run in Monday's 6-4 loss.

BOYS TENNIS Willowbrook

The Warriors beat Walther Lutheran, 3-2, to head into the West Suburban Gold tournament this weekend with some momentum.

SOFTBALL **Glenbard East**

The Rams split a doubleheader against Glenbard West on Saturday, losing the opener, 9-2 and winning the second game, 5-2. Dana Camp pitched a complete game in the win. Kailey Lyons and Kelli Tyler each had three hits.

East dropped DuPage Valley Conference games against



Addison Trail's Nate Mueller fields a ground ball in an April 16 game against Willowbrook. The Blazers swept a doubleheader against Proviso East on Saturday.

Wheaton North (10-3) earlier

Addison Trail

AT swept a doublehead BOYS GYMNASTICS er against Proviso East on Wednesday to improve to 5-5 in the West Suburban Gold.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL Glenbard East

Wheaton North knocked off the Rams, 25-19, 20-25, 25-14, on Tuesday.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD Glenbard East

Jack Peters won the 800-meter run and the 4x100 and 4x800 relays crossed the finish line in first at Hoffman Estates' Pete Reiff Invitational on May 9. Ben Sullivan took second in the shot put.

Addison Trail

Jaavion Bradley and Ron-

Glenbard North (11-0) and ald Duling tied for second in (vault) will join him, the high jump at Conant's Gummerson Cougar Classic

Addison Trail

Six different Blazers qualified for the state meet taking place today and Saturday at Hinsdale Central.

Marco Martinez earned a spot on high bar and parallel bars. Marcus Rias (vault), Alfredo Torres (floor exercise), R.J. Infusino (still rings). Akash Patel (vault) and Daniel Baeza (vault) also earned spots at state.

Willowbrook

Keawe Winstead won the pommel horse at the Glenbard West sectional to book his place at state.

Bret Golz (floor exercise, high bar), Corey Coman (pommel horse) and Colten Bach

Glenbard East

Mike McGowan earned an at-large spot at the state meet on the vault.

BADMINTON Willowbrook

Brooke Bimber and Janine Johnson teamed up to win the doubles draw at the Lyons Township sectional. They defeated teammates Sydney Planz and Maddie Arnold in the final.

Amanda Wendt was third in singles and Katherine Hinman took fourth to also qualify for state. The Warriors won the sectional.

Glenbard East

Seniors Katie Czervionke and Fatima Sakrani took fourth in doubles at the Lyons Township sectional to qualify

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