

A big finish...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir closed out Thursday's concert with three songs. The concert, which was the Willowbrook music department's final event of the 2013-14 school year, also included performances from the beginning mixed chorus, the treble choir and the concert choir. The evening also included special recognition of the choral department's 20 seniors, who then performed their senior song—"You'll Be In My Heart" by Phil Collins. The CenterStage show choir then sang "Sing a Song" and "In My Life." The photo on the right shows the choir at the end of its final song—"Love Shack."



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Villa Park VFW post honors the fallen on Memorial Day

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2801 held its annual Memorial Day service on Monday afternoon. About 300 people attended the service. Longtime post member Sid Bergh, who is a World War II veteran, served as master of ceremonies for the brief event, which included remarks from Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel. Henry Ebeling of Steuere Funeral Home in Villa Park read a list of area veterans who passed away in the last year. The list included veterans whose arrangements Steuere Funeral Home had handled in the last year. A member of the post then read the names of its members who had died in the last year.

The brief ceremony then moved outside of the facility, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. Moments after Dan Thomas, the post's commander-elect, placed a wreath near the flagpole, the American flag was raised from half-staff to the top of the staff. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the flag is to be flown at half-mast until noon on Memorial Day, when it is to be raised to the top of the flagpole.

A bugler from the Royal Airs Drum and Bugle Corps then sounded taps in honor of those who had died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The entire drum and bugle corps then played "The Star Spangled Banner." Moments later, at Bergh's direction, the attendees released red, white and blue balloons into the air in honor of the veterans from Villa Park who died in the last year.



Solemn ceremony at the Villa Park VFW...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE OUTDOOR PORTION of Monday's Memorial Day service at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2801 ended with a balloon release to honor the Villa Park veterans who have died in the last year. The above photo shows some of the service's attendees releasing the balloons. Post member Sid Bergh, who served as master of ceremonies for the service and handled the countdown for the release, is shown in the upper right portion of the photo with his right arm raised. The lower left photo shows Dan Thomas, who is the post's commander-elect, during the indoor portion of the ceremony. The lower middle photo shows a bugler sounding taps shortly before the balloon release. The lower right photo shows members of the Royal Airs Drum and Bugle Corps playing the national anthem.



Town hall meeting regarding roads takes place Thursday

The Village of Villa Park invites residents to attend a town hall meeting on Thursday, May 29, at the Iowa Community Center. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the community center, which is located at 358 N. Iowa Ave.

According to a news release issued by the village, the town hall meeting will be a forum to discuss the condition of Villa Park's roads and the possibility of a road referendum. The village is seeking residents' feedback on a proposed bond measure to

address funding for street improvements and major street reconstruction.

The release describes Thursday's event as an informal meeting open to all residents of Villa Park that will provide an opportunity for members of the Villa Park Village Board and village staff to answer frequently asked questions regarding the village's proposed street improvement plan.

For more information about Thursday's meeting, contact Villa Park administrative assistant Rita Knaack at 630-592-6052.



Firefighters respond...

Photo by Steve Spoden

VILLA PARK FIREFIGHTERS responded to a single-family home at 235 E. Park Blvd. at about 9:30 a.m. on Friday morning after an entertainment system inside the home reportedly overheated. "It ended up being an electrical issue," said Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik. "There was a lot of smoke in the house." According to Rakosnik, someone who was doing work in the basement of the home that was unrelated to the entertainment system went upstairs, observed the smoke and called 9-1-1. Rakosnik said there was no structural damage to the home.



Going deep...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR OLIVIA DOMIN (above) of the Willowbrook softball team hit two home runs during Saturday's doubleheader against Glenbard East. Domin hit a grand slam in the first game to help the Warriors to a 12-1 victory in Villa Park. She added another homer in the second game. Glenbard East defeated Willowbrook 14-7 in that contest, which marked the end of the regular season. The Warriors finished the regular season with an overall record of 20-10. They will begin the IHSA Class 4A playoffs with this week's game against Fremd at the Rolling Meadows Regional. The Willowbrook team hit a total of 43 home runs during the regular season. Junior Samantha Schmidt led the Warriors with 14 homers. Junior Alyssa Rensing added 10 homers. Sophomore Zoe Dannenberg connected for five home runs, while Domin hit four homers. The Warriors honored their seven seniors during Saturday's doubleheader. The seniors on this year's team are: Julia Beres, Domin, Carrie McCann, Michele Panter, Alex Sumang, Nicole Talan and Lauren Wallace.



Choral award winner...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL senior Dana Degnan (above, left) is her school's 2014 recipient of the National School Choral Award. Degnan, who is a Villa Park resident, received the award during Thursday's concert, which was the Willowbrook music department's final concert of the school year. She is pictured with Karyn Wolcott, who is Willowbrook's choral director and the chair of the school's music department. Principal Dan Krause presented the award to Degnan, who is a member of the school's concert choir and CenterStage show choir. "It is in recognition of singular merit, ability and achievement of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program and an unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation, and high qualities of conduct by the general consent of the music faculty, school officials and your peers," said Krause moments before presenting the award, which was determined by a vote of members of the concert choir. Degnan's name will be inscribed on a plaque that is permanently displayed in the school's choir room. The plaque shows the school's recipients of the annual award dating back to 1985. In addition to receiving the National School Choral Award, Degnan was one of several choir members who received certificates for service and dedication and for musicianship through performance. Degnan plans on attending Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., with a major in theater and a minor in psychology.



CenterStage ladies...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE CENTERSTAGE SHOW CHOIR performed the final three songs of Thursday's choral concert at Willowbrook High School. The concert was the Willowbrook music department's final event of the school year. The above photo shows some of the female members of the show choir. Pictured left to right are: Olivia Smith, Hannah Neher, Cierra Rago, Morgan Pullia, Taylor Ratkovich, Emily Kreiman and Mariana Martens.



Ceremony at the VFW...

Photo by Chris Fox

VILLA PARK VILLAGE PRESIDENT Deborah Bullwinkel (above, left) spoke briefly during Monday's Memorial Day service at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801. Pictured on the right is longtime post member Sid Bergh, who served as the event's master of ceremonies. About 300 people attended the service, which concluded with a bell-ringing ceremony in honor of the Villa Park veterans who died during the war.

Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Rams' season ends with a loss in a regional final

The Glenbard East girls soccer program's quest for its first-ever regional championship will continue into 2015.

The Rams' 2014 season ended with a 2-1 loss to York in Friday's final of the IHSA Class 3A Glenbard East Regional in Lombard. The visiting Dukes scored one goal in the first half and added another goal midway through the second half to take a 2-0 lead. The Rams scored their only goal on a penalty kick by senior Alex Ruffer with about 55 seconds left in the match.

"We had a couple of good chances [to score] in the first half," said Glenbard East coach Kent Overbey after the match. "It's unfortunate."

Glenbard East completed the season with a record of 16-7-2. The Dukes, who improved to 12-6-1, advanced to this week's Downers Grove South Sectional. They will face

Lyons Township in this week's sectional semifinal match. Lyons Township is the No. 1 seed in the sectional. Glenbard East was seeded fourth, while York was seeded fifth.

The 2014 Rams' 16-win output set a new program record for victories in a season. The previous record was 13 victories, set in 2003. This year's Rams also posted a new program record with 14 shutouts. The team allowed only 16 goals all season. As Overbey noted, the Rams set the records while playing against several challenging opponents.

"You don't get to the top by playing a bunch of pushovers," said Overbey, who has coached the Rams for seven seasons. "Our schedule has gotten harder every year."

Ruffer tallied 20 goals and 22 assists during the season. Sophomore Brittany Pagnucci provided 18 goals and 15 assists. Juniors Jordyn Fulton

and Holly Ward contributed 10 and eight goals, respectively.

Ruffer, who spent four seasons on the varsity team, will continue her soccer career at Western Michigan University. Overbey praised the contributions of Ruffer and two other seniors who each spent three years on the varsity squad—Kelly Ravenscraft and Taylor Halcox.

"It's the work ethic in the off-season," said Overbey. "It's the commitment to playing year-round. That's something we didn't always have. The best part about this senior class is that they've instilled the idea that we can play with any team."

Glenbard East opened post-season play with a 7-0 win over Curie in a regional semifinal match on May 20. Freshman Dana Plotke scored three goals for the Rams. Ruffer, Ravenscraft, Fulton and Ward each scored one goal.



A super season...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR ALEX RUFFER (above) of the Glenbard East girls soccer team completed her four-year varsity career with the Rams in Friday's IHSA Class 4A regional final against York. The visiting Dukes beat the Rams 2-1 in Lombard to win the Glenbard East Regional and advance to this week's Downers Grove South Sectional. The Rams finished the 2014 season with an overall record of 16-7-2. Ruffer, who scored Glenbard East's only goal of Friday's match on a penalty kick with about one minute to play, finished the season with a team-leading 20 goals. She also contributed a team-high 22 assists. Ruffer will continue her soccer career at Western Michigan University.

finished the day with five strikeouts.

He allowed three hits and no earned runs in two and two-third innings.

Scott Borosak belted a two-run triple to left field in the bottom of the fifth inning to extend Glenbard East's

lead to 10-4.

Ritchie provided three of Glenbard East's 14 hits. Griffin, Allen and Moore connected for two hits apiece. Ritchie and Griffin both drove in three runs.



Providing relief...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST JUNIOR Tyler Huber (above) pitched two and one-third scoreless innings in relief during Monday's IHSA Class 4A baseball playoff game against Conant. The Rams beat Conant 11-4 in Lombard to advance to today's regional semifinal against St. Charles North in St. Charles.



Tournament champions...

THE YANKEES of the Lombard Baseball League's Regular Division AA level won the recent first-half tournament title. The Yankees, who had an 8-1 record in the first half of the season, won the tournament championship at Sunset Knoll on May 19. Members of the team (pictured above, left to right) are: (front row) Isaac Sobieszczuk and Matthew Guthrie; (second row) Dailia Hilliard, Alyssa Osborne, Ryan Junior, Jordan Rech and David Steinger; (third row) Jeremiah Rosenbrock, Ethan Bruen, Sean McMillan, Casey Nelson and Logan Hess; (back row) coaches Dave Steinger, John Guthrie and Kyrie McMillan.

The Glenbard East baseball team opened the 2014 post-season with Monday morning's 11-4 home win over Conant in an IHSA Class 4A regional quarterfinal game. The Rams, who improved their season record to 18-17-1, will meet St. Charles North in today's regional semifinal game in St. Charles.

Glenbard East scored six runs in the bottom of the third inning to take an 8-2 lead over Conant. Justin Griffin belted a three-run homer over the left field fence during the inning to break a 2-2 tie. Tyler Behrendt, John Allen, Joey Moore, Ryan Schelske and Joe Ritchie also contributed hits during the inning.

Anthony Esterly pitched the first four and one-third innings to earn the victory for the Rams. Tyler Huber relieved Esterly with one out in the top of the fifth and struck out two straight Conant batters. Huber

Montini relay team finishes second at state

Montini's 4 x 800-meter relay team of senior Brittany Fisher, junior Madeline Jamrozek and sophomores Emma Makowski and Gianna Salzbrenn earned a second-place finish at the IHSA Class 2A girls track and field state meet at Eastern Illinois University. The foursome completed the relay in Saturday's 4 x 800-meter final in 9 minutes, 26.47 seconds. Salzbrenn earned two top-eight finishes in individual events, placing seventh in the 300-meter low hurdles and eighth in the long jump. Salzbrenn ran the 300-meter low hurdles final in 46.35 seconds. Her best effort in the long jump covered 17 feet, 2 1/4 inches.

Glenbard East senior Jack Peters qualified for this week's IHSA Class 3A boys state meet with his second-place finish in the 800-meter run at Friday's Lake Park Sectional. Peters covered the 800-meter run (two laps around the track) in the sectional in 1 minute, 57.79 seconds. Willowbrook senior Jake Bloemke earned a berth in the Class 3A state meet with his second-place effort in the 400-meter dash at the same sectional. Bloemke finished the race in 31.65 seconds.



Down the line...

Photo by Chris Fox

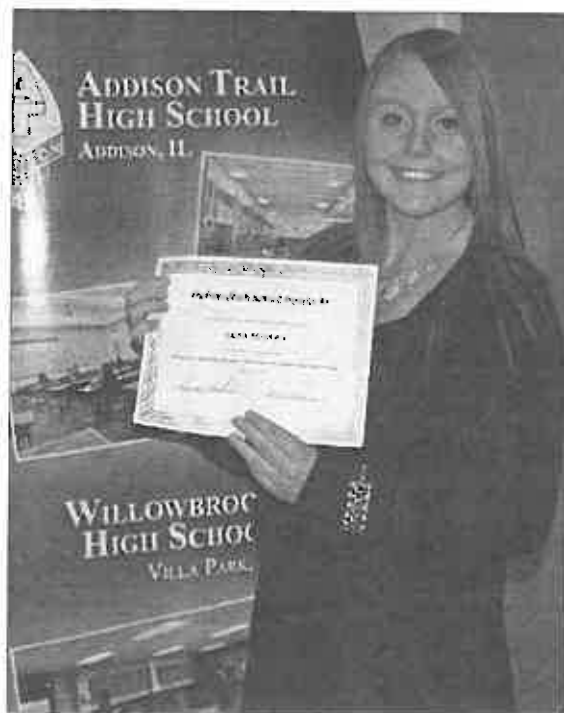
JUNIOR ERIN SPORER (above) of the Willowbrook softball team reaches for a grounder while playing third base during Thursday's game at Montini. The two teams combined for 10 home runs in Willowbrook's 16-9 victory. Juniors Samantha Schmidt and Alyssa Ressler both hit a pair of homers for Willowbrook. Sporer and senior Olivia Domin both supplied one homer. Sophomore Alyssa Scalfani homered twice for Montini. Junior Tacia Mesina and sophomore Emily Lezcano each added one homer. Willowbrook finished the West Suburban Gold Conference season by completing a game against Leyden on Friday. Ressler's game-ending single in the bottom of the seventh inning brought in the winning run in the Warriors' 7-6 victory. Willowbrook closed out the season with a conference record of 8-4. The Warriors, who will begin the IHSA Class 4A playoffs this week, wrapped up the regular season with an overall record of 20-10 after splitting Saturday's doubleheader against Glenbard East in Villa Park. Willowbrook won the first game 12-1. The Rams earned a 14-7 victory in the second game. Domin hit a grand slam in the opening game. She added another homer in the second game. Schmidt hit her 14th homer of the season in the opener. Sophomore Zoe Dannenberg, who was the winning pitcher in the first game, drilled a home run in the second game. Glenbard East's Dana Camp was the winning pitcher in the second game. Anna Mahay and Marissa West hit home runs for the Rams in the second game. Glenbard East's season ended with a 10-0 loss to Lake Park in Monday's Class 4A regional quarterfinal game. Montini completed its regular season with losses Friday and Saturday at the Bandits Jamboree in Rosemont. The Broncos, who completed the regular season with an overall record of 23-10, will open the Class 3A playoffs at the Aurora Central Catholic Regional.

Two District 88 students receive Koch Scholarships

ADDISON — Addison Trail senior Abby Meinen and Willowbrook senior Mira Staykova are the recipients of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2014.

Meinen and Staykova each received a \$1,500 scholarship from the District 88 Board of Education. Since spring 1984, the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship has been given in honor of former District 88 Superintendent Dr. David Koch.

Scholarship recipients are chosen from the 18 students named as 88's Best each school year. The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to highlight students' success. That award recognizes nine Addison Trail and nine Willowbrook students each school year for reaching their personal best in various areas. Students are honored each month during a District 88 Board of Education meeting in the areas of academics, highly improved performance, extracurricular activities, service work and performing arts/electives.

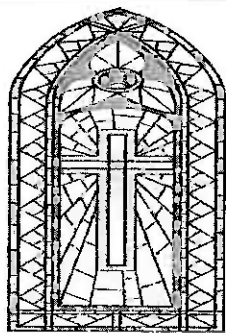


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Pictured is Addison Trail senior Abby Meinen, who has been chosen as a recipient of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2014.



Pictured is Willowbrook senior Mira Staykova, who has been chosen as a recipient of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2014.



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North Avenue bridge work snarls traffic

Motorists should expect congestion through September

By Paul DelGuidice
For The Villa Park Independent

VILLA PARK — Just when you thought it was safe to get back on the road....

Motorists in the Villa Park and Elmhurst area are still adjusting to long delays and traffic jams caused by work on Route 83 south of North Avenue when up pops another construction headache.

The North Avenue bridge over Salt Creek, just west of

Rte. 83, is being replaced. The project started in March, with lane closures beginning in the middle of May. The replacement of the bridge deck and superstructure is scheduled to last through September.

The construction scope has forced closing of left turn lanes onto South Villa Ave. Motorists seeking to travel south off of North Ave. must travel west to Ardmore Ave. or Addison St. No time frame for when left turns will again be allowed at this intersection was available.

The \$2.9 million project was deemed necessary to update the aging bridge. More than 110,000 cars a day pass through the intersection of North Ave. and Rte. 83 daily.



photo by Paul DelGuidice

A portion of Salt Creek is exposed through this giant hole as crews rebuild the North Ave. bridge, just west of Rte. 83. Construction, along with traffic congestion, is scheduled to continue through September.

WB senior to play volleyball for Hannibal-LaGrange University

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Christopher Oplawski has only been playing volleyball seriously since his freshman year, but his skills have earned him a spot on a college team.

Oplawski has signed to play volleyball for Hannibal-LaGrange University, where he plans to major in exercise science.

"My love for the sport has inspired me to continue to the next level," Oplawski said. "I stuck with it because I've always had the mentality that whatever sport I played, I would get good enough to play at the collegiate level."



CHRISTOPHER OPLAWSKI

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 29

• **Village to hold Town Hall meeting**

At 6:30 p.m., the Village is hosting a Town Hall meeting at the Iowa Center, 338 No. Iowa, to discuss road conditions, roadway improvements and a possible road referendum. This informal meeting is open to the public and all residents are urged to attend. Info: 630-592-6052.

• **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, May 31

Texas Hold 'Em tourney benefits Police Benevolent Assn

From 2-10 p.m. at the Villa Park VFW, 29 E. St. Charles Road, the Villa Park Police Benevolent Association will be holding its inaugural charity poker Texas Hold 'Em event. Two major tournaments will be offered: a \$20 tournament to start at 2 p.m. and a \$50 tournament at 5:30. Twenty percent of all paid entries benefit Villa Park Benevolent Fund. Info: contact Marc Bregman at mbregman@invillapark.com.

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.

• **Comedy Night at Trinity Lutheran**

At 7 p.m., the Dorcas Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 S. Ardmore in Villa Park, will present "Sally Edwards, Christian Comedian." Proceeds benefit Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry. Tickets: \$15, available at the door. Info: send an email to jgbuehre@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, June 14

Legendary Doc Severinsen to perform in free concert

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the Mall of Elmhurst College's arboretum campus, legendary trumpet player and former Tonight Show bandleader Doc Severinsen, with jazz trumpeter Byron Stripling, vocalist Vanessa Thomas and the acclaimed Elmhurst College Jazz Band, will headline June Jazz: A Summer Extravaganza. Admission: Free. Info: call (630) 617-3390.

Thursday, June 19

Villa Park Guild annual Chicken Salad Luncheon

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Villa Park Recreation Center, 32 Wildwood, the Villa Park Guild will be hosting its annual Chicken Salad Luncheon. All members and their friends are welcome. The luncheon will be followed by a program that includes karaoke. Ticket: \$15 each. Tickets are available by sending a check addressed to Gail McGrew, 121 E. Madison St., Villa Park 60181. Info: call (630) 834-9278.

Ongoing events...

Open Gym on Mondays nights at Jefferson

• On Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m., kids in

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Two Willowbrook students earn ICED 2014 Media Award

VILLA PARK — On May 20, Willowbrook seniors Addie Maggard and Alex Bardesi were honored for their work in the production of "High School Musical Jr." earlier this school year. The production was performed by Willowbrook and Addison Trail students with special needs, who were accompanied by their fellow classmates. Maggard helped direct the play while Bardesi served as production manager.

For their efforts, Maggard and Bardesi were selected as the recipients of the Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities (ICED) 2014 Media Award and were recognized during a ceremony on May 20 in Springfield.

"The 'High School Musical Jr.' production would not have been possible without Maggard and Bardesi," said Erik Engel, Willowbrook social worker and director of the play. "Their involvement was instrumental in the success of the performance. They were there almost every day for four months, helping the actors learn their lines and the music. I couldn't be more proud of them."

"High School Musical Jr." was seen by about 1,400 people in one day on August 29, 2013. As a follow-up event, Willowbrook hosted an Academy Awards-style night for the "High School Musical Jr." cast and crew. The event was a multimedia production, where students received Oscar-like awards and acceptance speeches were given. There was even a "red carpet" with paparazzi for arriving guests.

Two WB seniors qualify for IHSA Girls Track and Field State Meet

Willowbrook seniors Molly Krawczykowsky (second from left) and Taylor Burton (next to Krawczykowsky) will compete in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Girls Track and Field State Meet, which takes place from May 22 to 24. Pictured with them are Coaches Clyde Ware and Christine Hasler. Krawczykowsky will participate in the 800-meter run and Taylor Burton takes part in 400-meter dash. Willowbrook hosted a State send-off for the student-athletes on May 21.

courtesy photo

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

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.

Swimming lessons available this summer

• Parks and Recreation is offering swim lessons throughout the summer at Jefferson and Lufkin pools. Lessons are available for pre-school, beginner, intermediate and advanced levels and offered mornings, evenings and Saturdays. Private lessons are also available Monday-Friday between 10-11:30 a.m. Info and fees: visit Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. or call (630) 834-8970.

Water fitness classes available this summer

• Parks and Recreation is offering a variety of Water Fitness classes this summer at Jefferson and Lufkin Pools that are great for all skill levels. Choose from Aqua Pilates, Aqua Zumba,

Aqua Cardio Kickboxing and more. Classes are available throughout the week at convenient times. Info and fees: Call (630)-834-8970 or visit vprd.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.

VPD'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: QuestPublishing@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



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Willowbrook seniors Addie Maggard (right) and Alex Bardesi (center) receive the Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities (ICED) 2014 Media Award from Illinois Department of Human Rights Director Rocco J. Claps. Looking on (far left) is Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary Michelle R.B. Saddler.

Addison Trail hosts Senior Awards Night

ADDISON — On May 22, about 130 Addison Trail seniors were recognized for their achievements and outstanding academic performance during the school's annual Senior Awards Night.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was English Department Chair Amy Ferraro, and the student master of ceremonies was senior Matthew Neuman.

During the event, students

were recognized for winning scholarships, being members of Addison Trail's National Honor Society, being selected

as recipients of the President's Award for Educational Excellence and being named as Illinois State Scholars. The class

of 2014 has received nearly \$4.8 million in scholarships and financial aid.



photos courtesy of Dakota Rosch
Addison Center for the Arts Executive Director Annette Leiber presents senior Kala Keller with the Addison Center for the Arts Scholarship.



Addison Trail Counselor Shane Cole (right) presents the editorial staff of the school's yearbook, ATtribute, with the Addison Trail ATtribute Scholarship. Students pictured are (from left) seniors Tyler Skupien, Miranda Ristich, Lucero Luna and Anne Pacilli.

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Addison Trail-Willowbrook athletes compete at girls state track meet

Willowbrook's Bloemke qualifies for boys state track meet

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Both Addison Trail and Willowbrook had athletes competing at the recent Class 3A girls state track meet in Charleston.

The Addison Trail 400 relay team of Jamie Borscha, Yulisa Vivero, Klea Gjonaj and Kim Schonder took seventh in its heat with a time of 51.37 and did not advance to the finals.

Addison Trail's Kaleen Smith jumped 15-9 1/4 and took 10th in her preliminary heat of the long jump. She also was eighth in her prelim heat of the 100 with a time of 12.87. She did not advance in either event.

Teammate Lauren Kroll finished sixth in her preliminary heat of the 200 with a time of 25.73. She did not qualify for finals.

Willowbrook's Taylor Burton placed sixth in her preliminary heat of the 400 with a time of 58.97, while Molly Krawczykowski placed eighth in her preliminary heat of the 800 with a time of 2:22.89. Neither advanced to the finals.

Willowbrook boys track

Willowbrook senior Jake Bloemke took second in the 400 at the recent Class 3A Lake Park sectional and earned a place in this weekend's state finals. He finished with a time of 51.65.

The Warriors finished 11th in the sectional with nine points. Fenton and Addison Trail each scored one

point at Lake Park.

Fenton girls soccer

The Fenton girls soccer team scored a 7-1 win over Chicago Prosser in the semifinals of the its own Class 2A Fenton regional.

Willowbrook girls soccer

The Willowbrook girls soccer team dropped a 6-0 decision to Oak Park-River Forest at the Class 3A Hinsdale Central regional.

Addison Trail girls soccer

The Addison Trail girls soccer team lost 9-0 to Lake Park in a Class 3A regional quarterfinal game played at Lake Park.

Willowbrook boys tennis

The Willowbrook boys tennis team tied for fifth at the recent York sectional with 10 points.

Fenton boys tennis

The Fenton boys tennis team was seventh at the St. Charles East sectional with two points.

Willowbrook softball

The Willowbrook softball team opened Class 4A regional play earlier in the week at Rolling Meadows against No. 8 sectional seed Fremd. The Warriors are the No. 9 seed. If Willowbrook won against Fremd, it will play for the regional title Saturday at 11 a.m. at Rolling Meadows against No. 1 seed Glenbard North, Rolling Meadows or Wheaton North.

Addison trail softball

The Addison Trail softball team opened play in its own Class 4A regional against Larkin earlier in the week in quarterfinal play. Larkin is the No. 20 sectional seed, while Addison Trail is the No. 13 seed. A win would have sent Addison Trail to a Tuesday game

against No. 4 seed St. Charles North. The regional title game is slated for Saturday at Addison Trail.

Fenton softball

The Fenton softball team opened Class 3A region play Tuesday night against Regina Dominican Grayslake Central. Fenton is the No. 7 sectional seed while Regina is the No. 10 seed. If Fenton won, will play for the regional title Saturday at 10 a.m. Grayslake Central.

Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team opens play Thursday in the Class 4A York regional against host York. Willowbrook is the No. 9 seed in the sectional, while York is the No. 8 seed. The winner advances to Saturday's championship game at York.

Addison Trail baseball

The Blazers baseball team traveled to Hoffman Estates Monday for a Class 4A Hoffman Estates regional quarterfinal game against the host school. Addison Trail is a No. 18 sectional seed. If Addison Trail won, it advanced to play No. 2 St. Charles East Wednesday. The regional title game is Saturday morning.

Fenton baseball

The Bison hosted a Class 3A Vernon Hills regional quarterfinal game Memorial Day against Chicago CICS/Northtown. Fenton is the No. 5 seed in the regional. CICS/Northtown is the No. 4 seed. If Fenton won, it played No. 1 seed Vernon Hills on Wednesday. The regional final is Saturday morning at Vernon Hills.

Willowbrook baseball team rolls into playoffs

Warriors close regular season with four wins; Pizur strikes out 11 in win over Morton

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team comes into the 2014 season with some nice momentum after going 4-0 during a recent stretch of games.

The 4-0 mark upped the Warriors record to 19-11 overall. Willowbrook finished 11-7 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Willowbrook started the span with a 1-0 eight-inning WSC Gold win over Morton. The win closed out the conference season and gave the Warriors a 2-1 series win over Morton.

Willowbrook's Tucker Newling doubled in the eighth and later scored on an error.

The Warriors had six hits in the game. Tyler Vavrek went 2-for-4 with a double. Brian Johnson also hit a double.

Matt Pizur was the winning pitcher. He went all eight innings and gave up only three hits, while striking out 11 and walking only one. He threw 80 of his 121 pitches for strikes.

Willowbrook also recorded a 10-0 win in five innings over WSC Silver entrant Glenbard West.

Mike Rothmund went 2-for-3 with three runs scored, a home run and three RBI. Johnson was 1-for-2 with a home run and two RBI. Mike Petruzzini went 1-for-4 with two RBI.

Jeremy Knable was the winning pitcher. He

threw a five-inning complete game and allowed only four hits, while striking out three and walking none.

Willowbrook had eight hits in the game.

The Warriors also recorded a 21-0 win in five innings over WSC Silver member Proviso West. Willowbrook had 12 hits in the game.

Tyler Zunkel went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and an RBI. Cameron Lagocki went 3-for-3 with a double and four RBI. Cameron Murer was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBI. John Halloran had a triple.

Matt Gasiamis was the winning pitcher. He threw a five-inning complete game and allowed only two hits, while striking out five. He threw 42 of his 60 pitches for strikes.

Willowbrook then edged Glenbrook South 8-7 in a non-conference game. Willowbrook had 10 hits in the game.

Newling again was the center of the outcome. His RBI single in the seventh won the game.

Johnson went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, two doubles and two RBI. Rothmund went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Newling went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Jake Cady had a double.

Zunkel was the winning pitcher in relief. He tossed the final two innings and struck out two. Cady started and pitched four scoreless innings. He allowed four hits and struck out one.

Willowbrook opened play in the Class 4A York regional Thursday against host York.

IC Catholic Prep softball team wins regional title

Conenna throws perfect game in championship

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep softball team scored a combined 33 runs in two games en route to winning the Class 2A IC Catholic Prep regional title at Plunkett Athletic Complex in Elmhurst.

It was IC's first regional title win since 2003.

IC, the No. 2 seed, scored a 13-0 five-inning victory over top-seeded Chicago Academy in the regional title game.

IC standout Jessica Conenna pitched a five-inning perfect game. She struck out 10 to help the Knights improve to 20-15 on the season.

The Knights pounded out 14 hits in the contest. Conenna helped her cause at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two triples and two RBI. Gabby Curran went 2-for-4 with a double, a triple and two RBI. Anjelia

Farmer went 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Lindsey Montoya went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Taylor Salvi was 1-for-4 with three RBI. Kasey Carve had a double.

IC opened postseason play with a 20-3 five-inning win at home against Francis V. Parker. The Knights trailed 3-1 after a half-inning, but quickly established control by scoring 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning. They added five more in the second inning. IC had 16 hits in the game.

Curran went 4-for-4 with two runs scored, a triple and three RBI. Conenna was 2-for-3 with a double, three runs scored and three RBI. Farmer was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI. Kaitlyn Falduto was 1-for-4 with two RBI. Salvi was 2-for-4 with three runs scored and a RBI. Molly Manion went 2-for-2 with two RBI, while Carve had a double.

Farmer was the winning

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courtesy photo

AT sends four to IHSA Girls Track and Field State Meet

Four members of the Addison Trail Girls Track and Field Team will compete in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Meet, which takes place from May 22 to 24. Pictured are (back row, from left): Coach Shelia Sullivan, junior Maria Dugo, freshman Klea Gjonaj, senior Janely Sanchez, junior Kimberly Schonde; (front row, from left): senior Yulisa Vivero, freshman Lauren Kroll, senior Kaleen Smith, senior Jamie Borscha and Coach David Pytko.

IC Catholic Prep girls soccer team wins sectional title

Knights rally from two goals down to earn crown; Langan scores game-winner

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep girls soccer team rallied when it counted most.

The Knights scored a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over

Lisle to win the Class 1A Lisle sectional title. It was IC's second sectional title in a row and third in program history.

IC played in the Hinckley-Big Rock supersectional Tuesday against either Rockford Christian or Stillman Valley. If IC won the supersectional game, it will at 5 p.m. on Friday in the Class 1A state semifinals at North Central College in Naperville.

IC's only other state finals appearance was in 2008.

IC trailed 2-0 early on against Lisle.

"It was a fantastic win," said IC coach Tod Privett. "We got down 2-0 in 10 minutes. Lisle had all the pressure on us and we couldn't generate any offense."

Privett made some adjustments after Lisle's second goal. "About 12 minutes in I tweaked the formation and moved some kids around," he said. "We neutralized the game and slowly our kids gained confidence. In the second half I altered the formation again."

IC cut the lead to 2-1 when Grace Vitek nailed a 25-yarder with about 14 minutes expired in the second half.

"The kids were getting more confidence and we were getting opportunities," said Privett. "Our defense locked down solid in the second half and

didn't give up many chances."

Vitek made it 2-2 when she scored again about 15 minutes after her first goal.

That set the stage for Tessa Langan to score the game-winner with about two minutes left in regulation.

"Tessa went 1 v. 1. It was one of the better goals I've seen based on pure technical ability," said Privett. "We were able to kill off the last minute-and-a-half of the game. It was a nice win. Lisle had a nice fan base there and they sat in stunned silence."

Privett continued to marvel at Langan's goal.

"Tessa beat her marker," said Privett. "One of her instructions each time she got the ball was to try and turn her marker and go 1 v. 1. She turned the player and beat her mark and looked up and saw the far post wide open and passed the ball right in the corner. It was like a clinic."

Privett also lauded the play of Erin Maloney.

"Erin Maloney was her usual outstanding self anchoring the back line," said Privett. "She had the game of all games, but that might be hyperbolic because she always brings her best game and we needed it. She broke up quite a few final rushes. Erin did an outstanding job."

Dominique Lotz was single out by Privett for her unselfish play throughout the season.

"Dominique had to sacrifice this year," he said. "She would have preferred to be a striker but with the formation I prefer to play she is playing holding center midfield. She's sacrificed so much and worked hard at it to get better. She plays with a lot of heart. She had two assists against Lisle on nice penetrating passes to Grace. Without her willingness to move to that spot we would not have this type of success this year."

Privett has watched his team take major steps this season.

"If someone asked me at the beginning of the season if this was the goal...these girls have exceeded this year and have come together when the needed to," he said. "When we got down 2-0, we could have caved and we had some troubles earlier in the year when we got down and ended up getting blown out. They stuck to task and did what we asked and left it on the field. We only have three club soccer kids on our team, Lisle is all club soccer kids. They went above and beyond out there."

IC reached the sectional title game after a 13-0 win over Chicago IHSC.

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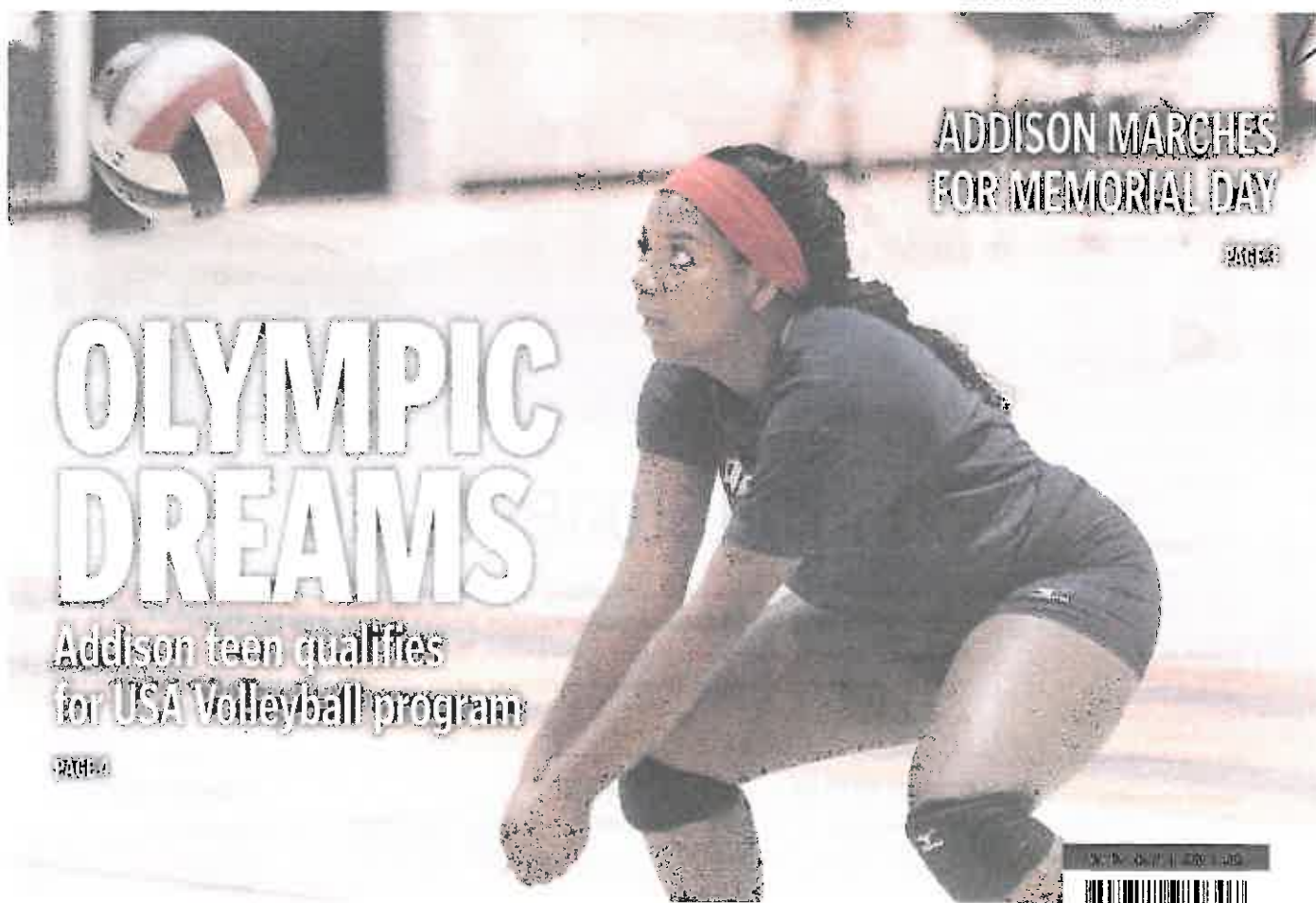
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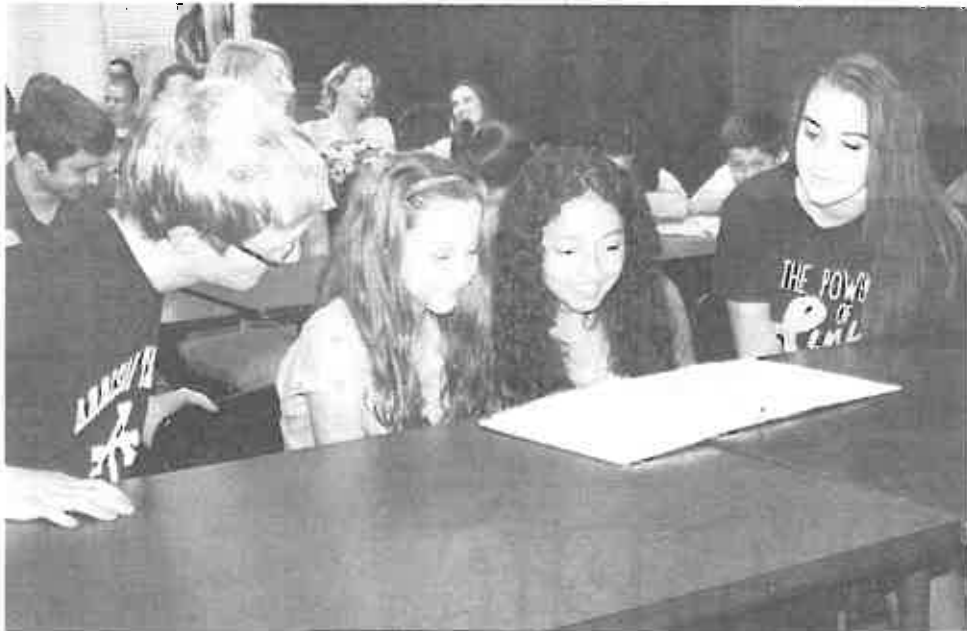


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Bringing stories to life

Addison Trail High School seniors Matthew Neuman (far left) and Anne Pacilli (far right) participate in the second annual Blazer Reading Rainbow project May 21 with two students from Stone Elementary School in Addison. As part of the project, Stone fifth-graders wrote stories and Addison Trail music-production students created audio and sound effects for the stories. And theater students narrated them.

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Addison teen follows Olympic dream

By MARI GRIGALIUNAS
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ADDISON – Addison 14-year-old Caira Williams is anxious for high school, but first she has a volleyball-filled summer that will take her everywhere from Orlando to Italy.

"I know it's going to be really hard," Caira said about an upcoming training camp in Las Vegas.

She recently found out she qualified for the USA Volleyball High Performance program, which aligns perfectly with her Olympic ambitions.

When asked about when she set her sights on achieving the elite honor, the candid teen answers "fourth grade" without hesitation.

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Caira Williams, 14, of Addison bumps the ball at practice with her volleyball club, Lions Jrs. 14 Red, on Wednesday at The Max in McCook.

ComEd continues Addison storm-hardening efforts

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON – ComEd is undertaking several projects in Addison to improve reliability in the area.

Under the Energy Infrastructure and Modernization Act, the company is investing \$2.6 billion over 10 years to modernize its power system across northern Illinois, according to a ComEd news release.

ComEd will update the system with digital technology as well as replace, refurbish and upgrade electric equipment throughout the area.

Grid modernization and storm-hardening efforts contributed to nearly 300,000 avoided interruptions in 2013 in the ComEd system, the release stated.

Addison projects include:

- Installation of nine distribution automation devices through 2013 that detect issues and reroute power,

often with no noticeable interruption in service.

ComEd is planning five more installations in 2014 and five more by the end of the program.

- Refurbished or replaced more than 8,700 feet of URD (underground residential distribution) cable through 2013. In 2014, more than 42,000 feet of URD cable installation is planned for the year.

- Replaced 500 feet of mainline cable.

- Installation of 2,500 feet of spacer cable in 2014 as part of the storm-hardening program. Spacer cable is a stronger, more tree-resistant type of cable.

ComEd is working with Addison officials to identify areas where it can make the greatest impact in improving reliability and storm response. Governmental and External Affairs Senior Vice President Fidel Marquez said in the release.

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ADDISON – Vanguard Wrestling will present family-friendly, tag-team wrestling matches during Lethal Alliance on Sunday.

MTV's Wrestling Society X, international superstar Arik Cannon, Vanguard Wrestling All-Star Alliance Champion Thomas Sinclair and Kriss Stark will take over the Addison Community Center for the event.

World Tag Champions The Hoogigans will face high-flying Danny Cannon and Isaias Velazquez. There also will be a special three-way match for the Vanguard Wrestling All-Star Alliance Circuit Championship.

Those who bring World Wrestling Entertainment tickets will get \$5 off admission.

Bell time is at 4 p.m. Sunday. Kids' admission is free, and adults cost \$10 at the door. The Addison Community Center is located at 120 E. Oak St.

Visit www.VWAAWrestling.com for more information.

Addison seniors honored at Awards Night

ADDISON – About 130 Addison Trail High School seniors were recognized for their achievements and outstanding academic performance during the school's annual Senior Awards Night on May 22.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was English Department Chair Amy Ferraro, and the student master of ceremonies was senior Matthew Neuman, according to a District 88 newsletter.

During the event, students were recognized for winning scholarships, being members of Addison Trail's National Honor Society, being selected as recipients of the President's Award for Educational Excellence and being named as Illinois State Scholars, the newsletter stated.

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Neighbors helping neighbors in DuPage County communities

Great storms blew through recently and I couldn't help but think about the figurative storms that often blow through people's lives: health emergencies, job loss, death of a spouse, mental illness, divorce.

Some families have all the resources they need to weather the storms of life. Their houses are built on strong foundations, their financial future isn't based on the next paycheck, they have a comprehensive health insurance policy that covers everything from a bout with the flu to a full-blown mental health crisis. But other families don't have these resources to help see them through a crisis - this is where organizations, such as People's Resource Center, can help fill the gap.

Built on a model of neighbors helping neighbors, People's Resource Center has offered a variety of programs to stabilize DuPage County families that are caught in the storms of life.

A visit to our food pantries can ease the strain of a too-tight budget.

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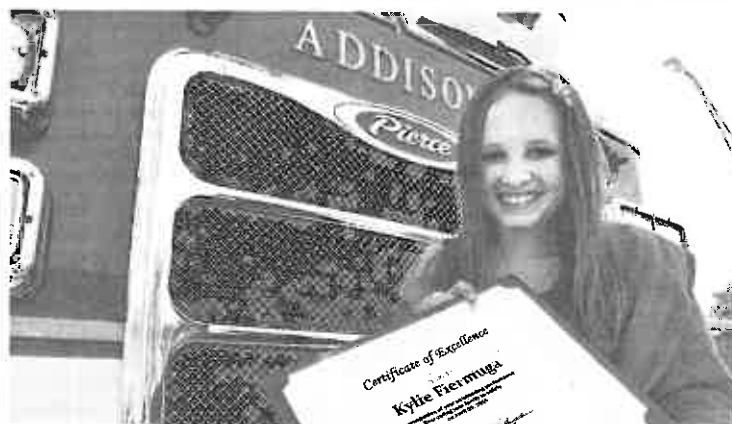
Neighbors truly are helping neighbors at the People's Resource Center. 1,900 volunteers last year provided the bulk of service delivery; thousands of donations from people all over DuPage support the myriad programs we offer; and congregations, service organizations, community groups and other social service organizations are partnering with People's Resource Center to assist our neighbors in need.

Because of this strong network, DuPage County and its nearly one million residents can face the storms of life knowing that our neighbors will help us when we are tested; that we are a community of caring, ready to roll up our sleeves and help our neighbors in need. Helping one another is not only the right thing to do, but it is what our community and our neighbors do each day. I'm proud to call DuPage County home - I hope you are too.

Melissa Travis is senior director of programs for the People's Resource Center.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Melissa Travis



Stone Elementary School third-grader Kylie Fiermuga holds the certificate she was awarded May 19 by the Addison Fire Protection District after she successfully used an escape plan she developed for class when a dryer fire started in her home in April.



Addison 9-year-old Kylie Fiermuga put what she learned in the classroom to work when a dryer fire started in her house at the end of April. Using an escape plan she developed with her parents for a class taught at her school by the Addison Fire Protection District, Kylie and her family safely evacuated their house. Great work, Kylie!



The Addison Lions Club recently formed the Leo Club at Addison Trail High School, creating the only Leo Club in Illinois where all members have a visual impairment. The club offers students opportunities to expand on their leadership and teamwork skills, and it is an important addition to the high school.

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• DREAM

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After trying out for a club team, Caira quickly found her passion. Watching the U.S. women's volleyball team lose the gold medal to Brazil in 2012 just inspired her more. She admired the professional players.

"All the girls were like 10 feet tall," Caira said.

She finally got the opportunity to meet one of her favorite players Destinee Hooker at a camp she hosted in Niles last summer.

"They look really fierce on TV, then you meet them and they're just all calm," Caira said.

Even though she recalls Hooker was pregnant at the time and didn't do too much



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Caira Williams (left), 14, of Addison serves the ball at practice with her volleyball club, Lions Jrs. 14 Red, on Wednesday at The Max in McCook.

demonstrating herself, the camp was a fast-paced challenge – a challenge the young player rose to quickly by

moving to practice with the 18-year-old group after an impressive serve.

Fueled by her competitive

nature and personal drive to succeed, Caira is determined to prove herself next school year at Addison Trail High School. She already has her sights set on the varsity team.

While she has proven her skill by making the USA High Performance program, she doesn't rely on natural talent.

"It's not easy. It's really hard," said Caira, who played on her school team at Indian Trail Junior High School, a club team called Lions Jrs. 14 Red and an Addison Girls Sports Program team, all with overlapping seasons.

And those seasons keep her busy.

"There were several consecutive weeks where Caira played seven days a week," said her father, Jeff Funderburg.

During rare free minutes when she's not practicing for her Olympic dreams, Caira plays violin and does her homework.

Anxious to play with a

competitive high school team, Caira understands some of her peers only play for fun. Still, she thought maybe she could encourage more girls to pursue volleyball as more than just a unit in gym class.

"Maybe because they think they're bad or people say they're bad, they just don't want to play," Caira said.

She wants to start a training camp for younger girls to help improve their skills. She thinks if girls see themselves improve, they might want to compete like she does.

Her skills have earned her a trip to Italy with a group of other volleyball players from across the United States. The group of girls will travel the country and play against teams from other nations.

Eventually, she plans to do the same on Team USA.

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Born: Oct. 30, 1945; in Oak Park, IL
Died: May 5, 2014; in Lombard, IL

Leslie Lee Gotaas nee Anderson, passed away May 5, 2014 at Sunrise Assisted Living of Lombard. She was born October 30, 1945 in Oak Park, Illinois.

She is the beloved wife of the late Paul, loving daughter of the late Dorothy and the late Ralph Anderson, dear sister of Liz Michiels, and the late Barbara Jane Ely nee Anderson; fond aunt of Andrea Michiels, Paula (John Graham) Michiels, John Jay Michiels and Robin Leslie Michiels.

Family and friends to gather Saturday May 31, 2014 for 10:00am Memorial Service at Medinah

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Addison students help clean Salt Creek

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ADDISON - District 88 students and staff teamed up to help with the annual Interact Club Salt Creek Cleanup Project this month.

In 2008, the Interact Club and Rotary Club of Addison adopted a three-mile stretch of Salt Creek that goes through Addison. Every year for the past seven years, District 88 has committed to getting into canoes and cleaning garbage out of the creek and off the shore, a District 88 newsletter stated.

More than two dozen students participated in the clean-up May 17 after participating in a canoe safety training.

Along with cleaning the creek, the goal of the project is to allow students to respect and appreciate nature. Addison Trail social worker and



Photo provided

Addison Trail High School juniors Susana Ochoa (from left) and Kira Crespo pull trash out of Salt Creek during the annual Salt Creek Cleanup on May 17.

Interact Club sponsor Jorge de Leon said in the newsletter that he's seen the effects of the cleanup as each year, the students find less garbage than the year before.

By the end of this year's cleanup, participants had collected several large garbage bags of trash, children's toys, plastic bottles and more, according to the newsletter.

» NEWS BRIEF

Addison students win art scholarships

ADDISON - A pair of Addison students received District 88 Art Scholarships for 2014.

Addison Trail High School junior Cheyenne Lam and senior Aime Zuniga earned a \$250 scholarship from the District 88 Board of Education.

Willowbrook High School senior Kathrene Garcia and sophomore Laima Licitis also received scholarships.

The students' artwork will be displayed in the District 88 boardroom for one year.

Sky Zone to feature food donated by restaurant

Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park invites local police, fire and EMS members and their families to a Give Back Night.

All officers and department

members are invited to Sky Zone Elmhurst with their families for a free night of fun, featuring pizza donated by the Addison Giordano's.

Paul Lushin, owner of Sky Zone Elmhurst, and his business partner, Gary Rowe, are both former police officers.

The event is their way of showing appreciation for public safety officials.

Give Back Night will be from 6 to 8 p.m. June 9 at Sky Zone in Elmhurst, 325 W. Lake St.

Addison senior wins \$1,500 scholarship

ADDISON - An Addison Trail High School senior earned the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2014.

Abby Meinen received a \$1,500 scholarship from the

District 88 Board of Education.

Since spring 1984, the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship has been given in honor of former District 88 Superintendent Dr. David Koch.

Scholarship recipients are chosen from the 18 students named as 88's Best each school year.

The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to highlight students' success.

That award recognizes nine Addison Trail and nine Willowbrook High School students each school year for reaching their personal best in various areas, including academics, highly improved performance, extracurricular activities, service work and performing arts or electives.

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• POLICE

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a.m. May 10 at Grove Avenue and Illinois Route 83.

Traffic violation

• Francisco Miranda, 25,

5122 W. Wolfram St., Chicago, was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license at 1:44 a.m. May 8 at York Road and Devon Avenue.

• Oscar Lopez-Velasquez, 24, 112 Bridget Court, was charged with no valid driver's license at 9:40 p.m. May

9 at Entry Drive and Grand Avenue.

• Stanislaw Brabala, 57, 6341 N. Delphia Ave., Chicago, was charged with no valid driver's license and theft of a registration sticker at 8:38 a.m. May 11 at Church Road and Grand Avenue.

SPORTS

Comments?

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Addison Trail's boys volleyball team celebrates after winning a regional title Wednesday. The Blazers dropped the first game against Glenbard North but battled back for the win.

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High five

Jack Vrchota helps Addison Trail volleyball to fifth regional title

By DAN SANTAROMITA

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ST. CHARLES – After getting blown away in Game 1, Addison Trail's boys volleyball team needed someone to turn things around and Jack Vrchota did the job.

The junior middle hitter had eight kills, most of which came in game two when the Blazers desperately needed some momentum. Vrchota's big day helped turn things around in the Blazers' 15-25, 25-22, 25-15 win against Glenbard North in Wednesday's St. Charles North regional final.

"I think this was my best

Sectional semifinal

■ **WHO:** Addison Trail vs. Lake Park

■ **WHAT:** Sectional semifinal volleyball

■ **WHERE:** Conant High School, 700 E. Cougar Trail, Hoffman Estates

■ **WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. today

game of the season," Vrchota said. "I'm glad it was in the regionals."

After Glenbard North came up with seven blocks in Game 1, the Blazers needed to change up their attack. It

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started with setting the middle more, and Vrchota took advantage of the opportunity. Once he started getting kills, that opened things up for standout outside hitter Alex Dickmann.

Dickmann finished with a match-high 14 kills to help AT (33-4) to its fifth regional title in seven seasons.

"Once our middles and out-

sides starting drawing more blocks, the double block started to come off me so it was a little easier for me to swing," Dickmann said.

Dickmann had five kills in the match's final nine points to emphatically seal up the regional.

Glenbard North was one of four teams to beat the Blazers in the regular season, and it looked like a possible repeat after Game 1. AT had to shake off some early nerves.

"It was more of a lack of focus," Vrchota said. "We just came together as a team more in the second game so we really pushed through. We noticed where the struggle was and

they were weaker in the middle. They started setting me more and that started opening up our outsides."

Anthony Chiamonte added six kills. Setter Kevin Grygo had 33 assists.

Next up is a date with Lake Park in today's sectional semifinal at Conant. The Lancers won the DuPage Valley Conference and are the top sectional seed. The teams didn't meet in the regular season, but there is still some familiarity.

"I played with five of their kids in club," Vrchota said. "They're a good team. We're going to have our hands full, but I think we can do it."



Montini's Morganne Evans fires the ball across the diamond during a May 12 game against St. Francis. The Broncos blasted Bogan in a regional playoff game on Tuesday to advance to the regional final.

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Big day for Montini softball vs. Bogan

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Montini's offense enjoyed a big day as it went off on Bogan for a 19-0 win in five innings in a softball regional semifinal game on Tuesday.

The Broncos will face Riverside Brookfield in the regional championship game at 11 a.m. Saturday at Aurora Central Catholic.

SOFTBALL Addison Trail

The Blazers thumped Larkin 17-0 in a regional quarterfinal Monday, but lost 12-2 against St. Charles North the next day. Danielle Ciaglia had two RBIs for AT in the loss.

Glenbard East

A 10-0 loss to Lake Park in a regional quarterfinal Monday ended the Rams' season at 7-26.

BASEBALL Glenbard East

The Rams beat Conant 11-4 Monday in a regional quar-

terfinal, but lost to St. Charles North 10-5 on Wednesday.

In Monday's win, Joe Ritchie was 3-for-3 with three RBIs, Justin Griffin blasted a three-run home run and John Allen and Joey Moore had two hits each. Moore also had three hits against St. Charles North.

Addison Trail

The Blazers finished the season 11-20 after losing 8-2 against Hoffman Estates in a regional quarterfinal Monday. Joe Amato homered in his brother Frank Amato for the Blazers' only runs.

Montini

Austin Kline hit a three-run home run as part of a seven-run first inning in Montini's 11-0 playoff win against Prosser on Wednesday.

The Broncos play either Glenbard South or Westinghouse in the regional championship game at noon Saturday.

GIRLS SOCCER Montini

The Broncos finished the season with an 8-10 record after losing in a Class 2A regional final against Hinsdale South, 4-0.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL Glenbard East

The Rams advanced to the regional final with a 25-17, 25-19 win Tuesday against regional host Metea Valley. In the final, St. Francis beat East 25-16, 25-14.

Willowbrook

The Warriors finished the season 15-21 after losing a regional quarterfinal match against Nazareth 22-25, 25-20, 25-19.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD Glenbard East

Senior Jack Peters qualified for the Class 3A state meet by taking second place in the 800-meter run at the Lake Park sectional.

The state meet starts today and continues Saturday at Eastern Illinois University.

Willowbrook

Defending Class 3A 400-meter dash state champ Matt Burns suffered an injury at the Lake Park sectional, costing him his chance to repeat.

On the upside, teammate Jake Bloemke took second place in the 400 to qualify for state.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD Addison Trail

Senior Kaleen Smith competed in two events at the Class 3A state meet. Smith was 24th in the 100-meter dash and 28th in the long jump. Freshman Lauren Kroll took 17th in the 200. The 4x100 relay team of Jamie Borscha, Yulisa Vivero, Klea Gjonaj and Kim Schonder was 25th.

Willowbrook

Taylor Burton was 16th in the 400-meter dash at the Class 3A state meet. Fellow senior Molly Krawczykowski took 21st in the 800 after running more than six seconds slower than her sectional time.

Big numbers to know

4th Place in Class 3A 400-meter dash state meet

13 Hits in four innings for Montini's Morganne Evans

25-13 Final score for Willowbrook boys volleyball sectional

15 Finals appearance by senior Jack Peters in 800-meter dash at Lake Park sectional

20-17 Final margin for Glenbard East girls volleyball

Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**ALEX
DICKMANN**
Addison Trail
Junior | Volleyball

Why Dickmann was selected:

Dickmann had 14 kills in the regional final victory against Glenbard North on Wednesday.

Addison Trail junior outside hitter Alex Dickmann showed why he is one of the most respected hitters in the state in Wednesday's regional championship match against Glenbard North. Dickmann had 14 kills, including five in the match's final nine points, to propel AT to a 15-25, 25-22, 25-15 victory. Dickmann, this week's Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about the win and the upcoming sectional semifinal against Lake Park.

What do you think was the reason for the team's slow start?

It was just a nerve-wrecking start knowing that was one of the teams that we got upset by, but once we got our gameplan down we were able

to turn it around. We had this team scouted down to the bone because of our coaches, so we knew what they were going to run when they ran it.

What does it mean to you to win a regional title?

It's my second year winning a regional so it feels just as good as the first one. A lot of hard work and dedication went into it and we came out on top.

What do you know about Lake Park for the next match?

I played their club team before with my club and they actually beat us so I already know what they have. It's going to be tough to beat them because they are a good team, but if we bring our 'A' game we definitely have a chance to beat them.

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Another memorable run for Knights

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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HINCKLEY - A year ago IC Catholic girls soccer won a sectional title and coach Tod Privett lamented the fact that he had to find new players after the Knights' star players, K.C. Morris and Angela Toritto, both graduated to play college soccer.

In stepped senior Grace Vitek and freshman Tessa Langan, who were both newcomers to the squad this

spring. Vitek finished the season with 30 goals and 22 assists and Langan proved to be a key offensive contributor after scoring the late game-winner in the sectional final against Lisle on May 23.

The 3-2 win against Lisle gave the Knights a second straight sectional title before they fell to Rockford Christian 2-1 in the supersectional at Hinckley-Big Rock on Tuesday. Vitek scored twice against Lisle and netted her 30th of the season to tie

the match against Rockford Christian before the Knights conceded the game-winner.

Langan's goal against Lisle came with less than two minutes remaining and completed a comeback from 2-0 down at halftime.

"I saw space on the left side and I ran with it," Langan said after the sectional final. "I'm just happy I was able to help the team. We all tried our hardest and everyone did their job."

The sectional title was IC's third, all coming since 2008.

Salzbrunn, relay medal for Montini at state

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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CHARLESTON - Brittany Fisher didn't get the state title in the 4x800-meter relay she and Montini were hoping for, but she did end her career as a four-time all-state athlete.

The Broncos' senior anchored the 4x800 relay at the Class 2A state meet at Eastern Illinois and helped Montini place second for the third year in a row. Fisher was a part of all three of those relays, as well as a ninth place relay when she was a freshman.

"We were so close the last two years and got second, I just wanted to give it all I had," Fisher said. "All my high school training, I left it all out there on the track."

I was in it for the team. We were the only running event today and I just wanted to do well for my team."

Sophomores Emma Makowski and Gianna Salzbrunn and junior Madeline Jamrozek ran with Fisher, who plans to run track and cross country at Dayton next year. They ran a time of 9:30.03 during the prelims, which was more than three seconds faster than the closest competition.

Montini ran faster in the finals, but Washington cut more than 15 seconds off its prelim time to move up from fifth to first.

"I'm pretty happy with how we finished," Fisher said. "I was telling them just to catch girls, just keep catching girls. If you're be-

hind that's all you can do in a race like this. We all depend on each other. That's the special thing about relays - you all depend on each other and that's what makes it fun."

Salzbrunn was also busy with individual finals on Saturday. She took seventh in the 300-meter hurdles and eighth in the long jump to medal in both events.

"I knew I had a shot, but it was a long shot," Salzbrunn said of the long jump. "On the 4x800 Brittany really pulled through, so I want to thank her for that. It's just great to be able to share this with my team."

Junior Jasmine Woodley was 12th in the discus and Maggie Hallerud was 14th in the 3,200.

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