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Police nab suspected thieves of semi-tractor parts

Three-hour police surveillance nets arrest in Addison

VILLA PARK — According to a release issued by Detective Sergeant Dan McCann of Villa Park Police Department, on May 12, Villa Park police were assigned to investigate a theft of a semi-tractor, which was reportedly stolen from a business located on the 900 block South Route 83.

The semi-tractor was recovered on the same day at a business in Hillside. The offenders attempted to remove the tires from the semi-tractor but were scared off by a Hillside police officer patrolling the area. Officers obtained surveillance video from several locations, which identified the vehicle the suspects were driving in prior and after the theft occurred, that vehicle being a 1994 Ford maroon cargo van.

Police then conducted surveillance on this vehicle over the next few weeks. On May 26, officers followed the suspect vehicle as it left a residence in Maywood. Officers followed the vehicle to a closed

trucking business located on the 900 block of South Addison Road in Addison.

The vehicle remained in the area for approximately three

hours as officers conducted surveillance and could hear noise coming from within the fenced parking lot of the business. Officers stopped the vehicle

as the suspects attempted to drive away from the business. Upon stopping the vehicle, officers observed 14 semi-tractor wheel/tires and numerous tools

inside the van. They returned to the business and found a cut hole in the fence and two

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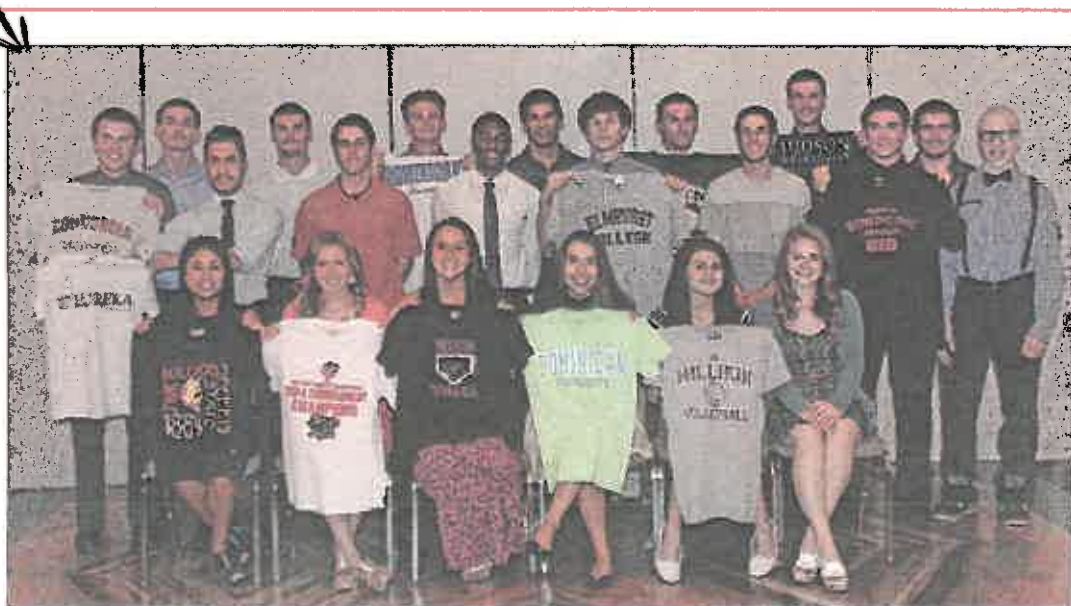


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Addison Trail hosts 2014 athletic banquet

On May 28, Addison Trail hosted its annual athletic banquet to honor the athletic and academic successes of the class of 2014. During the banquet, 31 student-athletes were recognized for continuing their sport at the collegiate level. Pictured are some of those student-athletes. They are (front row, from left) Gia Dela Cruz, Connie Barkoulies, Danielle Ciaglia, Carmelita Villalobos, Christina Capuani, Crystal Marinelli, (middle row, from left) Daniel Krajewski, Trey Smith, Frank Amato, Ronald Duling, James Pupillo, Joe Amato, Jim Wislek, Stephen Hayden, (back row, from left) Angelo Amato, Zack Dowz, Camden Knights, Niko Rocha, Ryan Petrbok, Joe Kurucar and Daniel Tomasello. Special awards were presented to Gia Dela Cruz, Female Athlete of the Year; Niko Rocha, Male Athlete of the Year; Katherine Dziabis, Female Scholar Athlete of the Year; and Aleksandar Surjanec, Male Scholar Athlete of the Year. The full list of honorees can be found at dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1607.



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Students help Addison celebrate Memorial Day

ADDISON — On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, the Village of Addison and participating local organizations honored and remembered those who have lost their lives while serving in the military. There was a pan-

cake breakfast, a community march and a Veterans Resource Fair.

Addison Trail sophomore Nino Conte placed a wreath during the cemetery observance at St. Paul Cemetery in Addison, and Addison Trail musicians performed during that observance.

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Right: Pictured is Addison Trail sophomore Nino Conte, who placed a wreath during the Addison Memorial Day cemetery observance.



Left: Members of Boy Scouts of America carry the flags during the Addison Memorial Day event. The day included a pancake breakfast, a community march and a Veterans Resource Fair.

Addison Trail Booster Club to host 2nd annual golf outing

ADDISON — On June 14, the Addison Trail Athletic Booster Club will host its 2nd annual golf outing at Maple Meadows Golf Club, 272 S. Addison Road in Wood Dale.

Check-in for golf will begin at 12 noon and dinner will begin about 6 p.m.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$250, and you can designate the sport/club/program to which you would like to donate your golf or dinner fees. For more information or to sponsoring a hole, contact Mary Lou Costabile via e-mail to: HJL1001@aol.com or call 630-546-2556. To register and learn about fees, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1590. The registration deadline is June 6.

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Willowbrook honors athletes in class of 2014

On May 28, Willowbrook hosted its annual athletic banquet to honor the athletic and academic successes of the class of 2014. (Top left): Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club President Bill Degnan welcomes the crowd. (Bottom): Willowbrook Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Pete Montgomery shares successes of Willowbrook's student-athletes. (Top right) The Boys Track & Field team is recognized for winning the West Suburban Conference Gold Division Championship this year. Special awards were presented to: Molly Kuentler, Athletic Booster Club Outstanding Female Athlete; Matt Burns, Outstanding Male Athlete; Molly Krawczykowski, Helen Carpenter Most Valuable Female Athlete Award; and Brian Johnson, the John A. Fischer Most Valuable Male Athlete Award.



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Orthodontic UPDATE



by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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Many people believe that orthodontic treatment is most often undertaken for aesthetic purposes, and, indeed, many patients simply want to have more attractive smiles without gaps or protruding teeth. However, there are also a number of other reasons for correcting misplaced teeth and misaligned bites. Some people simply have so much difficulty chewing that they cannot derive full nutritional benefit from a healthy diet. Others may experience difficulty breathing, which may be either the cause or the effect of poor tooth or jaw positioning. There are also those who have difficulty with their speech, have noticeable facial imbalance or asymmetry, or endure the painful experience of continually biting their cheeks and palates. There is more to orthodontic treatment than looks.

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Ardmore K's celebrate graduation

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Some very excited kindergarteners are pictured here at a graduation end-of-the-year celebration at Ardmore School last week. The students sang songs, recited poems and looked forward to the future in front of the gym packed with parents and family members.

Tracy Ibeling to address class at AT graduation

Winner of competition will reflect on unlimited potential



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Pictured is Addison Trail senior Tracy Ibeling, who is this year's graduation speaker.

ADDISON — On June 8, Addison Trail senior Tracy Ibeling will take the stage to address the audience and her classmates during the school's 48th annual commencement ceremony.

Ibeling entered the school's annual graduation-speech competition and was selected as this year's winner by a panel of judges.

"This is one of the greatest honors I've ever received," she said. "It's an opportunity for me to share the love I have for Addison Trail with my classmates."

Ibeling's speech, entitled "Yesterday's Obstacles Are Today's Successes: Unleash the Powers Within," will congratulate the members of the class of 2014 on their achievements and will encourage them to go further and remember where they came from.

"My message is we all have unlimited potential, so don't let anyone hold you back," she said. "To me, being a Blazer means we don't just achieve what we're supposed to — we go above and beyond to succeed."

Ibeling plans to attend Elmhurst College on a music Presidential Scholarship and will major in music education, with a minor in speech pathology or English. Her goal is to become a school choir director.



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The Addison Park District is getting the Family Aquatic Center in Community Park, 120 E. Oak, in top shape for the season. The pool features 50-meter L-shaped pool, six 25-yard lap lanes, a diving well, one-meter and three-meter diving boards and a zero-depth Splash Pad. Pool passes are now available.

Community pool now open

Reminder to pick up passes at Park District

ADDISON — With summer weather in the forecast, the Addison Park District is getting ready for summer and the Family Aquatic Center in Community Park, 120 E. Oak, is now open. The pool features 50-meter L-shaped pool, six 25-yard lap lanes, a diving well, one-meter and three-meter diving boards and a zero-depth Splash Pad.

The public is reminded to pick up a season pool pass and dive into fun. Family of four: \$90 for unlimited open swim periods. Daily rate: \$4/resident, \$7/non-resident. Following is a schedule of open swim hours:

Saturday, June 7: open 1-8 p.m.

Sunday, June 8: open 1-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 14: open 1-8 p.m.

Sunday, June 15: open 1-8 p.m.

Monday, June 16: 2-5 p.m.

After June 16, hours will be 2-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

As a visual cue, the Addison Park District will use a colored flags system to show at a glance when Open Swim is available. A colored teardrop flag will be displayed in front of the Pool entrance at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. A green flag indicates open swim is available; a red flag means that open swim is temporarily unavailable.

For more information, call (630) ADD-PARK option #2 or visit addisonparks.org

Addison Trail holds end of school recognition assembly

ADDISON — On May 23, Addison Trail celebrated the end of the 2013-14 school year with its annual recognition assembly.

During the assembly, students were honored for their accomplishments in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Business Professionals of America (BPA); DECA; Science Olympiad; SkillsUSA; Ford/AAA; Math Team; the Close Up program; Youth in Government; Guitar Ensemble; Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA); Torch (Addison Trail's student newspaper); perfect attendance; the Go Pink or Go Home campaign and athletics. The class of 2014 has received more than \$4.8 million in scholarships, and the recipients of those scholarships were recognized during the assembly.

Staff members also were highlighted. Science Department Chair John P. Turner was named as this year's Outstanding Achievement

recipient; community liaison police officer Tony Reda, recently promoted to the position of sergeant with the Addison Police Department, was thanked for his four years of service to Addison Trail; Assistant Principal Doug Wildes was honored for his 11 years of service to Addison Trail, as he moves on to become an Assistant Principal at Willowbrook at the end of the school year; and, Turner and science teacher Mike Farina were recognized as this year's retirees.

Members of the girls and boys gymnastics teams gave a performance to entertain the crowd, and Principal Adam Cibulka provided a closing speech to thank the students and staff for a great school year.

To see the PowerPoint presentation showcased during the assembly with the names of the honorees, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1614.



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Addison Trail senior Genesis Garcia addresses Addison Trail students and staff during the school's annual recognition assembly. Garcia was acting as "Principal for a day" and assumed the role of Principal Adam Cibulka through the Addison Trail Lettermen Club's Senior Takeover Day. During the assembly, students were honored for their academic, athletic and extracurricular accomplishments during the 2013-14 school year.



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At Lake Park's 5th grade Science Fair

Lake Park 5th graders presented their science projects at a Science Fair that was held at the school on Thursday, May 29. Project topics included optical illusions, earthquakes, lightning, wind measurements, and tornadoes. Students were required to form a hypothesis and explain how their project proved or disproved that hypothesis. Parents, District administrators, students, and other visitors stopped by the student displays to hear about what the 5th graders learned as they developed their projects.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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. Free Admission. Info: (630) 617-3390.

7200 or visit dupageforest.org.

• **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 Monday, June 9. Visitors will be able to see amazing 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.

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 through 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-

• **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.

• **Active Adults Senior Club**

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

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.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail boys volleyball advances to sectional semifinals

Willowbrook baseball team plays for regional title

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team dropped a recent 18-25, 25-13, 25-13 decision to Lake Park in the semifinals of the Conant sectional.

Earlier, the Blazers won the St. Charles North regional title. Addison Trail defeated Glenbard North 15-25, 25-22, 25-15 in the championship match and downed Bartlett 25-17, 25-21 in the semifinals.

Fenton girls soccer

The Fenton girls soccer team lost a 2-1 decision to Chicago Von Steuben in the championship game of the Class 2A Fenton regional.

Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team lost 8-1 to Batavia in the championship game of the Class 4A York regional.

The Warriors were limited to a single hit in the game, a double by Mike Rothmund. Tyler Vavrek scored Willowbrook's run. Jeremy Knable and Matt Pizur pitched for the Warriors.

Willowbrook advanced to the championship game by scoring a 3-2 victory over host York in the semifinals.

Each team had four hits in the game. Willowbrook scored single runs in the first, third and fourth innings. York had two runs in the sixth inning.

Jake Cady pitched a complete-game four-hitter en route to the win. He allowed no earned runs and had eight strikeouts against no walks.

Tyler Zunkel was 1-for-4 with a stolen base. Rothmund was 1-for-3. Brian Johnson was 1-for-2 with a triple, a run scored and a stolen base. Tucker Newling had an RBI, while Luke Schuemer went 1-for-3 with a run scored and a double. Jake Cady had a stolen base.

Willowbrook closed out the regular season with a 1-0 non-conference victory over Maine West.

Cameron Murer was the winning pitcher. He allowed two hits

over six innings and had three strikeouts. Matt Gasiamis pitched the final inning and earned the save.

Johnson was 1-for-2 with a double and an RBI. Mike Petrucci went 1-for-1. Rothmund had a stolen base.

Willowbrook finished the season 21-12.

Addison Trail baseball

The Addison Trail baseball team dropped an 8-2 decision to Hoffman Estates in a Class 4A regional quarterfinal game played at Hoffman Estates.

Fenton baseball

The Fenton baseball team lost 3-2 to Vernon Hills in semifinal action of the Class 3A Vernon Hills regional. Fenton advanced to play Vernon Hills after scoring a 7-2 win over Chicago CICS Northtown in regional quarterfinal play.

Willowbrook softball

The Willowbrook softball team lost 7-0 to Rolling Meadows in the championship game of the Class 4A Rolling Meadows regional. The Warriors earlier scored an 8-7 win over Fremd in semifinal play.

Addison Trail softball

The Addison Trail softball team dropped a 12-2 decision to St. Charles North in Class 4A Addison Trail regional semifinal action. Danielle Ciaglia went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Blazers. Crystal Marinelli took the loss. Addison Trail advanced to the semifinals after scoring a 17-0 win over Elgin Larkin in the quarterfinals.

Fenton softball

The Fenton softball team lost 8-2 to Grayslake Central in the championship game of the Class 3A Grayslake Central regional. Fenton advanced to the title game thanks to a 9-8 win over Regina.

Willowbrook boys volleyball

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team lost 22-25, 25-20, 25-19 to Nazareth Academy in quarterfinal action of the Glenbard West regional.

Fenton boys volleyball

The Fenton boys volleyball team suffered a 25-16, 25-21 loss to Bartlett in the St. Charles North regional.



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Safe!

Warrior Brian Johnson slides under the tag to score from third base on a sacrifice fly in the 4th inning. Johnson's run proved to be the difference as Willowbrook beat York 3-2 at the IHSA Class 4A regional semi-final game played in Elmhurst on Thursday, May 29.

Quick study

Willowbrook senior Jake Bloemke qualifies for boys track state finals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook senior Jake Bloemke was seeing blue this season.

"Since last year my goal was to get down and run on the blue track at Eastern Illinois," he said.

Bloemke was referring to the trademark colored track at O'Brien Stadium, which is the annual site of the boys and girls high-school state finals.

Bloemke realized that goal when he finished second in the 400 at the Class 3A Lake Park sectional, earning him a place on the blue track.

Bloemke ended up finishing seventh in his preliminary heat of the 400 at state with a time of 51.30. That time was better than his sectional time of 51.65.

Bloemke said he was further motivated after going to Charleston last year and watching Willowbrook's Matt Burns win the 400 state championship.

He also noted having a year of experience under his belt made a major difference this spring.

"I got better at not letting nerves get to you," he said. "Last year was my first year running track at Willowbrook. It was a little nerve-racking when I was running in the big meets. Now, it's not so bad."

Bloemke said the key for him in the 400 is making sure there is plenty left in the tank at the end of the one-lap race.

"It's about endurance and not letting yourself die at the end," he said. "You have to be strong

in the last 100 meters of the race."

Bloemke said he made sure his endurance was strong by upping his workouts.

"I definitely did more off-season work," he said. "That helped me out so I could start off the season well. The 400 takes a lot out of you and you have to make sure you still have something at the end. It's probably one of the harder races to run. You have to make sure you don't die at the end but you still have to give it everything you have."

Bloemke played volleyball at Willowbrook prior to joining the track team.

"I was having fun with volleyball, but wasn't playing a lot," he said. "I always knew I was pretty fast and then I went out for the team because one of our coaches (Matt Clapper) told me I should run track. It was something to do rather than not do any sports. I have always loved competing so I decided track would be the next thing for me to do."

Bloemke was a tad bit surprised by his state qualification.

"It was a challenge making it this year," he said. "I had a stress fracture and wasn't really expecting it. I'm very grateful that I was able to earn a spot in the state meet. It's awesome."

Bloemke, who enjoys fishing, skateboarding and "outdoorsy" endeavors, will continue his educational career at the University of Missouri. He said radiology could be a possible field of study.

"I'm also going to try and walk onto the track team there," he said. "That would be one of the next goals for me."

Brook Olympics bring school spirit and more to Willowbrook

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook's Brook Olympics isn't just a normal spirit week.

It is an opportunity for students and staff to engage in friendly competition for a good cause, as 100 percent of the proceeds from the week's activities benefit local charitable organizations.

This year's Brook Olympics took place from May 19 to 23. During the week, students and staff participated in various activities and events to show their school spirit and, more importantly, their commitment to one another and what it means to be a Willowbrook Warrior.

During the Brook Olympics, classes go head to head in a weeklong series of events and challenges, with the hope of their class being named the champion. For every event that takes place, a gold medal earns three points, a silver medal earns two points and a bronze medal earns one point.

On May 23, students and staff gathered for the annual Brook Olympics Assembly. During the assembly, various student groups performed, staff members went head to head in a staff



Willowbrook freshmen compete in the tug-of-war competition during the school's annual Brook Olympics Assembly. They made Brook Olympics history by winning that competition. photo provided

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PBIS team caps off year with BBQ

ADDISON — On May 28, the Addison Trail Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team hosted its annual end-of-year barbecue.

The PBIS program was implemented in fall 2007 and teaches and re-teaches students expected behaviors, rules and what it means to be a Blazer. The goal of the program is to develop a positive school climate through creating common language and standards.

The barbecue is a time to celebrate improved behaviors at Addison Trail and is an opportunity to communicate behavioral data for the year not only to the staff, but to the students as well. It also closes the loop on the PBIS team's plan to set goals, meet goals and communicate progress. This year, the PBIS program helped lead to a decrease in the areas of class behavior issues, physical and verbal altercations and bullying.

Community members, including members of the Addison Fire Protection District and DeVry University, volunteered during the event. Administrators took to the grill and cooked up a tasty lunch for students and staff.

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On May 28, the Addison Trail Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team hosted its annual end-of-year barbecue. Top right: Addison Trail juniors Yesenia Melendez (left) and Estefany Alvarez enjoy the festivities, which included cotton candy and a moon jump. Left: Addison Trail Assistant Principal Doug Wildes (left) and Guidance Director Kevin Redding grill hotdogs for students and staff. Right: Joe Schramm, a firefighter/paramedic with the Addison Fire Protection District, hands a snack to Addison Trail sophomore Giovanni Facciano.



• OLYMPICS

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version of the TV show "Survivor" and students battled in a tug-of-war competition. The assembly raised about \$380 in just five minutes by sending buckets around to students in the bleachers.

Seniors took home first place, and for the first time in Brook Olympics history, juniors came in second. Freshmen and sophomores tied for third place — another Brook Olympics first! Freshmen also made history by winning the tug-of-war competition.

The assembly also recognized the 27 male faculty members who participated in Facial Hair February earlier this year, which raised more than \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth. The Facial Hair February winner was chosen by students through donations, and the staff member with the most money raised was Neil Wahlgren. Second place was awarded to Brett Maguire, and third place went to Matt Scott.

"Even though Brook Olympics was a little later this year, the students still participated a lot and had tons of fun," said Cristy Hebreard, Willowbrook teacher and Blue Crew Advisor. "This is the best week of the year, and it really brings our school together — even though they are competing against each other. The spirit, the enthusiasm and the behavior of the students this year was awesome, and I look forward to many more Brook Olympics!"

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Willowbrook honors athletes in class of 2014

On May 28, Willowbrook hosted its annual athletic banquet to honor the athletic and academic successes of the class of 2014. (Top left): Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club President Bill Degnan welcomes the crowd. (Bottom): Willowbrook Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Pete Montgomery shares successes of Willowbrook's student-athletes. (Top right) The Boys Track & Field team is recognized for winning the West Suburban Conference Gold Division Championship this year. Special awards were presented to: Molly Kuentler, Athletic Booster Club Outstanding Female Athlete; Matt Burns, Outstanding Male Athlete; Molly Krawczykowski, Helen Carpenter Most Valuable Female Athlete Award; and Brian Johnson, the John A. Fischer Most Valuable Male Athlete Award.



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Orthodontic UPDATE



by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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Many people believe that orthodontic treatment is most often undertaken for aesthetic purposes, and, indeed, many patients simply want to have more attractive smiles without gaps or protruding teeth. However, there are also a number of other reasons for correcting misplaced teeth and misaligned bites. Some people simply have so much difficulty chewing that they cannot derive full nutritional benefit from a healthy diet. Others may experience difficulty breathing, which may be either the cause or the effect of poor tooth or jaw positioning. There are also those who have difficulty with their speech, have noticeable facial imbalance or asymmetry, or endure the painful experience of continually biting their cheeks and palates. There is more to orthodontic treatment than looks.

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News from VFW Post #2801, Villa Park

Guiseman earns highest possible honor as Post Commander

VILLA PARK — The Post was recently honored by a visit of the National Commander in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of the Post, and the selection of recent Post Commander Dennis Guiseman as a Special-Aide-de-Camp. On April 30, Commander-in-Chief William A. "Bill" Thien commended Guiseman for achieving the designation, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Post Commander.

Other news...

- Avid Bingo player Dawn Davis, has won the first \$5,000.00 jackpot. Dawn's lucky strike occurred during Bingo night on April 29. This is the first time a player had hit the jackpot since the Post implemented this new Bingo feature.

- Kudos to Bingo Chairman Tim Connolly and his team for coming up with the idea, which has created a 65% increase in Bingo players on Tuesday nights.

- The Post's All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner on April 12 hosted by Villa Park's own Boy Scout Troop #242 was a great success. They fed more than 200 diners. If you missed it,

you missed salad, meat balls and sausage and all the pasta you could eat. Plans are already in the works to host another pasta dinner later in June. Stay tuned.

Dates to remember:

On June 22, July 20, August 24 and September 21, enjoy Sunday Brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All you can eat for just \$12.95. Dishes include pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, bacon and eggs, prime rib, baked ham, potatoes, fruit, pastries and more. Includes coffee, tea and juice.

More June happenings:

June 14 — From 8-11 a.m., the City Centennial Pancake Breakfast will be held. Tickets are \$2 for pancakes, sausages, juice, milk, coffee.

June 15 — Father's Day — Brats, Burgers & Draft Beer (two max) \$10, includes salad & French fries. This event is co-hosted by Post Boy Scouts.

June 28 — Welcome Home Veterans fundraiser and "Guts

Run"

11 a.m. - Guts Run registration, \$20 - Wildfire Harley-Davidson, 120 W North Ave, Villa Park

4 p.m. - Military Benefit Fundraiser, \$10 at the VFW Post 2801.

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the greater the opportunity for achieving the funds needed to complete the Post construction. We now have a 40-day window to keep our message on this site.

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• Post Activities Reminders

Every Tuesday — Bingo

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- Lottery: Remember, no side gambling, cards, bar dice, squares, etc; The Post's State of Illinois Gaming License does not allow it.

OBITUARIES

James A. Chevrier, 76

James A. Chevrier, of Hayward, Wisc., formerly of Villa Park, passed away on May 28, 2014, at the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital at the age of 76. He was born in Elmhurst on March 17, 1938, the son of A. Bryan and Margaret (Finnegan) Chevrier. He was raised in Villa Park and was active with scouting, earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

At an early age, Jim developed a love for Corvettes. He purchased his first at the age of 19 and it was a 1957 Corvette with which he won the World Series of Drag Racing in Cordova, Ill. Jim joined U.S. Army in 1961 and served two years in El Paso, where he worked in the motor pool. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1963 but served in the reserves until 1967.

On May 28, 1966, Jim was joined in marriage to Helen Valerie Schmitz at St. Alexander Catholic Church in Villa Park. He worked for Northern Illinois Gas Company before and after his time in the service. He started work there as a car washer and gasser and then moved up to transportation (coordinator) Technician as a fleet mechanic, and then pipeline inspector. He worked for the company for 40 years and retired in 1996. He served as Union Steward for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Illinois.

In 1997 Jim and Helen moved to Hayward, Wisc., on Grindstone Lake where Jim and his family have owned property since the 1950s. Jim enjoyed skiing, gardening and taking meticulous care of his yard. He was a member of the Eagle

Scout Association and the Elmhurst Ski Club for many years. He is still a proud owner of a 2010 Corvette.

Jim is survived by his wife of 48 years, Helen; and one brother-in-law, John Schmitz JR (Rosemary), one nephew, John Schmitz III and a great nephew, John Schmitz IV. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301; or Northwoods Humane Society, Hayward, Wisc.

Memorial Visitation will be Saturday June 7, 2014, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Robert J. Fugle, 83

Robert J. Fugle, of Oswego, formerly of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 83. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Beloved husband of Lillian Palma-Fugle and the late Mary L. Fugle; loving father of Linda (Craig) Wolff, Larry (Sandy), Robert C., Ronald (Patricia) and Barbara (Bernard) Arcara; step-father of Dennis, Jerry (Mary Ann) and Roy Palma; proud grandfather and great grandfather of many. Funeral services were held on Monday June 2, 2014, at Steuerle Funeral Home in Villa Park. Interment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Dubinas, Kumar to address classmates at graduation

Each reflects on high school years in terms of legacy, humanity

VILLA PARK — On June 8, Willowbrook seniors Rokas Dubinas and Santhanam Kumar will take the stage to address the audience and their classmates during the school's 55th annual commencement ceremony.

Kumar was chosen to speak based on his academic standing, as he is ranked in the top 5 percent of the class of 2014. For Kumar, being a commencement speaker is a dream come true.

"It means I'm fulfilling a legacy, as my mom and my aunt also were graduation speakers and were valedictorians at Willowbrook," he said. "My speech will focus on the idea of equality between all people. I will talk about how everyone has potential and can fulfill their dreams."

Kumar plans to attend University of Illinois at Chicago to study biology. He said Willowbrook has been instrumental in preparing him for future success, and he'll always remember his high school classmates.

"I feel the class of 2014 was and is one of the best classes Willowbrook has had," Kumar said. "I look forward to ending our high school career on a

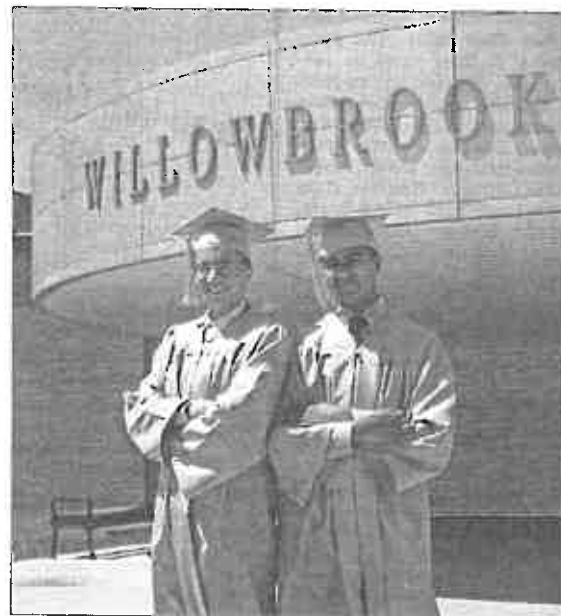


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Pictured are Willowbrook seniors Rokas Dubinas (left) and Santhanam Kumar, who are this year's graduation speakers.

positive note."

Dubinas will speak as President of the class of 2014.

"It's a great privilege," he said of addressing his classmates. "My class elected me as their leader my sophomore year, and it's an honor to give the final message they will hear in high school."

He said the theme of his speech will be humanity.

"I will talk about the importance of setting aside our differences that have divided us and embracing our similarities," he said. "To me, being a Willowbrook Warrior means accepting others for who they are, rather than what they are."

Dubinas plans to study international relations at the United States Military Academy West Point.



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Annual event puts AT students in charge

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON - Seniors at Addison Trail High School took over for faculty and staff during the Lettermen Club's third annual Senior Takeover Day.

More than 91 seniors "took over" for teachers, administrators, clerical staff, the guidance office and dean's office on May 23, according to a District 88 newsletter.

Lettermen Club co-sponsor Hannah Sutton came up with

the idea for a Senior Takeover Day after participating in a similar event at Lake Park High School as a student. She and co-sponsor Rebecca Cibulka wanted to host the event as a way to create a fun tradition at Addison Trail.

All seniors were eligible to participate, as long as they were in good academic standing and their teacher signed the permission slip forms, the newsletter stated.

Senior Genesis Garcia took over as the leader of the school by filling in for Principal Adam Cibulka. The seniors coordinated meetings, sent out emails and passed out cookies as part of the Blazer Pride Cookie Program, which honors students and staff members who exemplify positive behavior, according to the newsletter.

Addison Trail also celebrated the end of the 2013-14 school year with its annual recognition assembly that day.



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LAWRENCE R. KEITH

Lawrence R. Keith, age 90, of Addison, passed away June 2, 2014. Arrangements by Steuerle Funeral Home. 630-832-4161

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Addison Trail team hosts barbecue

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON – Addison Trail High School's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports team recently hosted its annual end-of-year barbecue.

The PBIS program was implemented in fall 2007 and teaches and re-teaches students expected behaviors, rules and what it means to be a Blazer. The goal of the program is to develop a positive school climate through creating common language and standards, according to a District 88 newsletter.

The barbecue is a time to celebrate improved behaviors at Addison Trail, and it is an opportunity to communicate behavioral data for the year. It also closes the loop on the PBIS team's plan



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Joe Schramm, a firefighter/paramedic with the Addison Fire Protection District, hands a snack to Addison Trail High School sophomore Giovanni Facciano at the annual end-of-year barbecue hosted May 28 by Addison Trail's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports team.

to set goals, meet goals and communicate progress.

This year, the PBIS program helped lead to a decrease in the areas of class behavior issues, physical and verbal altercations, and bullying, the newsletter stated.

Community members, including members of the Addison Fire Protection District and DeVry University, volunteered during the event May 28. Administrators took to the grill and cooked up lunch for students and staff.

Board votes to raise salaries after election

By **NATHAN LURZ**
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WHEATON – After a week-long delay stemming from transparency concerns, the DuPage County Board voted to raise the pay for several seats and cut stipends for a number of major county positions Tuesday.

The split votes, all of which included at least three nays, will raise the salaries of board members elected or re-elected in November by 2 percent in fiscal years 2017 and 2018. The same increases will go into effect for the chairman, regional superintendent of schools, treasurer, clerk and sheriff positions.

Board member San Torna-tore called the raise "symbolic," and said over the course of the four-year pay schedule it would mean about \$10 extra a week for most board members.

"It might be considered a pat on the back, but if taxpayers don't think we are doing a good job, they certainly have the right to vote other people in," he said.

Chairman Dan Cronin said the increase in board member salary from about \$50,000 to \$52,103 was a modest cost of living adjustment back-ended to give the county time to recover from recent economic hardships. The chairman's pay is

now slated to go up to \$131,559 from \$126,450.

Six voted against their raises, many saying the board already was well-compensated for its work.

Board member Laurie Nowak said DuPage County has some of the highest-paid elected officials in the state and many receive outside income for their work at other full-time jobs.

"I think we need to keep in mind that this is not Monopoly money," she said. "It's hard-earned by people in our districts. And tax dollars should benefit taxpayers, not elected officials."

The board's votes will raise the salaries for the treasurer and clerk by \$5,650; the sheriff by \$6,527; and the county-paid portion of the salary for the regional superintendent by \$1,291. The state pays for the remainder of the position.

The board also voted to cut stipends for the liquor commissioner, the secretary to the liquor commissioner and the supervisor of safety, who advises the board on traffic-related issues. The positions are currently held by the board chairman, county clerk and county sheriff, respectively.

The cuts will save \$24,650 annually. The largest amount comes from the \$15,000 apportioned to the sheriff for his

safety supervision duties.

The items, excluding the liquor commissioner stipend, were originally slated to be voted on during the board's meeting May 27.

However, the meeting was stopped by Glen Ellyn resident and county clerk candidate Jean Kaczmarek, who said the vote would violate the Open Meetings Act.

She said compensation packages of \$150,000 a year or more must be advertised at least six days in advance, but that the May 27 meeting information was posted May 23.

Kaczmarek said at this week's meeting before the vote that most elected officials were good people but that problems such as the previous week's attempted vote were the result of members not being fully informed and a small few with questionable motives.

She also expressed hope that the board would not go through with the raises.

"Today you have an opportunity to show taxpayers that you care about the bottom line so much that you're willing to make a personal sacrifice," she said. "That the ideals of transparency and accountability must transcend convenience and temporary fixes that don't represent the people in the room but the people outside this room."

SPORTS



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Blazers play their best, but bounced from playoffs

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ADDISON – For one game it was all clicking for Addison Trail's boys volleyball team, but that turned around quickly.

The Blazers dominated the first game against Lake Park in the sectional semifinal at Conant on May 30, but fell in three games 18-25, 25-15, 25-13.

"We came out and probably played the best volleyball we played all season," coach Chad Grant said. "We passed perfectly and had three options every time. They were just guessing."

Ultimately the top-seeded Lancers found their best in Game 2 and kept the momentum rolling. Lake Park qualified for state by beating Barrington 25-17, 25-21 in the sectional final.

"They're a very good team and turned it around," Grant said. "They won all the long rallies."

Despite the loss, Addison Trail finished the year with a 33-5 record, matching the program record for wins in a season and won the program's fifth regional since 2008. After all five regional titles AT has lost the sectional semifinal.

The Blazers even beat two state-qualifying teams in the regular season in Morton and Glenbard West.

The success of this team, led by talented junior hitter Alex Dickmann and seniors Kevin Grygo (setter), Marco Parisi (libero) and Alex Chiaramonte (outside hitter) was something the Blazers expected.

"We pulled up a bunch of sophomores and a freshman last year so we knew what we had," Grant said.

Grygo and Chiaramonte will be key losses to replace, but Grant expressed confidence in the ability of junior Joe Nasti to take over at setter for Grygo. Replacing Chiara-



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Addison Trail's Zach Vaca hits the ball during a match against Morton earlier this season. Vaca and the Blazers played their best game of the season against Lake Park, but lost in three in a sectional semifinal against the Lancers.

monte at outside hitter might be more of an uncertainty moving forward. In all, six seniors graduate from the team.

In terms of what's back, Dickmann and middles Jack Vrchocha and Kannon Nelms

will both be back. Vrchocha, a junior, had a standout match in the regional final win against Glenbard North. Nelms, a sophomore, flashed the ability to be a strong blocker.

The Blazers were second in the West Suburban Gold on all levels and expect to be in contention for conference and regional success again.

"There's some talent in the pipeline," Grant said.

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Cady caps career in fine fashion



Willowbrook's Jake Cady delivers a pitch in a regional semifinal game against York on May 29. The senior yielded just three hits in a complete game against the Dukes as the Warriors won 3-2.

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ELMHURST — Before Willowbrook's baseball team lost in a regional final, Jake Cady had one more special performance for the Warriors.

The senior pitcher fired a three-hit complete game in a 3-2 win against neighboring York in the regional semifinal on May 29 before the Warriors lost to top sectional seed Batavia 8-1 in the final Saturday.

Cady needed just 81 pitches to go the distance in the victory. He also racked up eight strikeouts without walking a batter.

"I'm not typically a strikeout pitcher, everything was just working," Cady said. "It's the best I've had all four pitches working."

Coach Vic Wisner knew right away that Cady, who had knee surgery in the offseason and didn't throw his first pitch after the injury until the first practice of the spring season, had his good stuff.

"He doesn't throw a ton of pitches," Wisner said. "You can tell in the first couple innings when his ball is down he's going to be in really good shape. He's an absolute battler."

The day after defeating York, the Warriors headed to prom and returned Saturday morning for the regional final against Batavia. Willowbrook committed six errors leading to five unearned runs in the loss to the Bulldogs.

Batavia scored once in the first inning and three times in the second to build an early lead. A two-out double by Mike Rothmund broke up the Bulldogs' no-hitter and the shutout in the sixth inning as Tyler Vavrek scored. That stood as Willowbrook's only hit on the day.

"The way we battled against York and all of the things we showed against them shows tremendous character," Wisner said. "Even the way we battled back [against Batavia]. With those errors it could have been a 15-0 game. We hung in there, kept it as close as we could. That showed the resiliency and character that we have."

Willowbrook had won seven of eight entering the regional final. They finished the season 21-12, marking the third straight season of more than 20 wins for the program.

One notable absence from the postseason was pitcher T.J. Case. The High Point recruit sat out the last three weeks of the season and was hoping to return for sectionals. Case was 5-1 on the season with a 0.22 ERA, having just allowed one earned run in 32 innings.

Case and Cady both graduate, leaving a hole in the rotation. Sophomore Matt Pizur started some conference games and will likely see a bigger role next year.

On the offensive side, Rothmund (.461 batting average) and Brian Johnson (.424) led the way. Rothmund had 24 extra base hits and 40 RBI. Johnson wasn't far behind with 21 extra base hits and 27 RBIs. At the top of the order, fellow seniors Tyler Zunkel and Vavrek combined for 44 stolen bases.

Just two starters in the starting lineup Saturday, Mike Petrucci and Dom McDonnell, were juniors.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Chicago Bears youth camps coming to area

Several noncontact football camps run by the Chicago Bears and led by professional coaches will make stops in the suburbs this summer.

The five-day camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are for

kids ages 6 to 14. There will be comprehensive skills camps for kids ages 6 to 14 and accelerated skills camps for kids ages 9 to 14.

The camps cost \$399 with a \$95 deposit required. Dates and locations of local camps are:

• **Carol Stream:** June 23 to 27 at Fountain View Recreation Center

• **Elmhurst:** June 23 to 27 at Faganal Hall at Elmhurst College

• **Naperville:** June 23 to 27 at All Saints Catholic Academy

• **Geneva:** July 21 to 25 at Geneva Middle School North

• **Glen Ellyn:** July 21 to 25 at Park View Elementary School
For information or to register,

visit www.BearsCamps.com.

Garza, Bostic to host camp at Benedictine

Chicago Bears players Roberto Garza and Jon Bostic will host a football camp June 29 to July 2 at Benedictine University.

The camp is designed for players

ages 7 to 18 and features daily instruction, lectures and demonstrations by Garza, Bostic and other members of the Bears. Overnight and day camp options are available.

For information or to register, visit www.footballcamps.com or call 301-575-9400.

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Wild creations...

FIRST-GRADERS at North Elementary School recently welcomed seventh-grade students from Jackson Middle School to share artwork inspired by Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are." The first-graders worked under the direction of North art teacher Laura Allan to create their own wild thing creatures. Allan teamed up with Jackson art teacher Tara Challenger to have seventh-graders design and sew stuffed versions of the first-graders' creations. The photo on the right shows (center) Jackson's Mario Glase, who created two stuffed wild things—one for Brianna Koller (left) and another for Rafael Garcia (right). When the first-graders received their wild things from the seventh-graders, the students from the two District 45 schools sat in the North School cafeteria to create stories about the new wild things. A collection of the students' stuffed creatures and wild thing drawings will be on display at the inaugural District 45 PTA Council Art Show, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 6, at Schafer Elementary School. The school is located at 700 E. Pleasant Lane, Lombard.



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Willowbrook seniors receive their diplomas on Sunday

Willowbrook High School's Class of 2014 will celebrate its commencement on Sunday afternoon in the school's main gymnasium. There are more than 500 students in this year's graduating class. Two of those students—Santhanam Kumar and Rokas Dubinas—will take the stage to speak during the ceremony.

Kumar, who is a Villa Park resident, is the top-ranked student in his school's graduating class. He is not the first member of his family to speak at a graduation service at Willowbrook. His mother, Deepa Kumar, was the valedictorian of her senior class at the school. Her sister, Tara Raghvan, was also the valedictorian of her senior class at Willowbrook.

"It means I'm fulfilling a legacy, as my mom and my aunt also were graduation speakers and were valedictorians at Willowbrook," stated Kumar of the honor of speaking at this year's commencement exercises—the school's 55th annual graduation service.

Kumar's mother and aunt both grew up in Villa Park. His mother now teaches economics and statistics at Northwestern University, while his aunt is patent attorney in Chicago. Kumar's father, Dr. Sampath Kumar, is an infectious disease specialist.

Kumar will attend the University of Illinois-Chicago, where he intends to major in biology and pursue a minor in political science.

"I wouldn't mind studying medicine, but I'm not quite sure yet," he said of his plans for the future.

Dubinas, an Oakbrook Terrace resident who is the president of the Willowbrook's Class of 2014, has an academic rank within the top 1 percent of the class. He is the son of Gus Bahramis and Vita Doubinene. In early July, Dubinas has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He leaves for the academy in early July.

"It has an excellent track record," said Dubinas of the academy. "A lot of people have graduated from there. Eisenhower, Patton, MacArthur. But it's not only that. It also combines the physical, mental and academic



Representing the senior class...

Photo by Chris Fox

ROKAS DUBINAS (above, left) and Santhanam Kumar (right) are two of the more than 500 students who will graduate from Willowbrook High School on Sunday. Dubinas, the president of the school's senior class, and Kumar, who is the top-ranked student in the school's Class of 2014, will both speak during the ceremony. Dubinas will attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Kumar will attend the University of Illinois-Chicago. The two students are pictured outside of the school on Friday morning, shortly after the annual senior recognition ceremony that took place in front of the entire student body.

aspects that ultimately produce a sound leader. That's one of the main reasons I wanted to go to this academy."

Dubinas will major in international relations at West Point. He also aspires to apply for and receive a Rhodes Scholarship to the University of Oxford in England. Dubinas has committed to serve five years in the military after his four years at West Point. He said that the military would pay for graduate school if

he extended his commitment for an additional four years.

"It would be nine years [of total service beyond four years at West Point] if you went that route," said Dubinas, who is interested in focusing on a career in diplomacy or politics.

When asked what he will remember about his four years at Willowbrook, Dubinas referred to the school's diversity, which he plans to mention during his speech on Sunday.

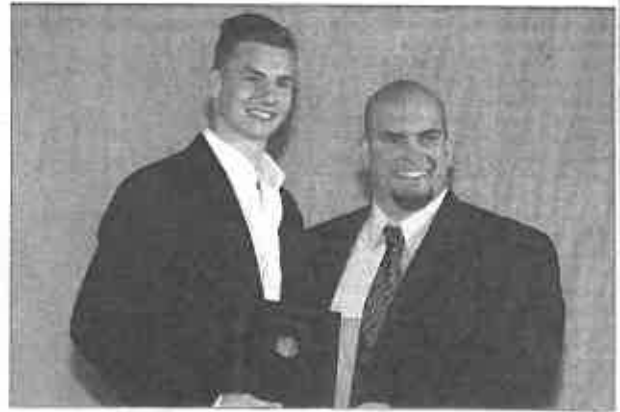
"Willowbrook embraces diversity," Dubinas said. "Through different cultures, religions, races and ethnicities, it develops a sense of tolerance and a better understanding of the world. That's what I'm truly going to remember about Willowbrook."

Before attending Willowbrook, Kumar and Dubinas both attended Stella May Swartz School from grades two to four and Albright Middle School from grades five through eight.



Monster maker...

VILLA PARK RESIDENT Matt Kapolczynski (above) was recently an exhibitor at C2E2, (Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo) at McCormick Place in Chicago, where he displayed his work and did live demos as a representative of Kosart Effects Studios. He is pictured with one of the monsters he created. Kapolczynski, 37, worked on a life-size sculpture of "Trap Jaw," a character from the cartoon "He-Man and the Masters of the Universe." He created the character over the course of the exposition, from start to finish, so attendees could see a live sculpture in progress. Kapolczynski grew up in Lombard and attended Glenbard East High School. "I was always coloring or drawing or playing with clay as far back as I can remember," he said. "My dad would come home with gigantic reams of discarded computer paper for me to draw on. I'm lucky I had parents that were supportive of the fact that I liked art." He then attended College of DuPage and the American Academy of Art. From 2004-07, he ran an art gallery in Villa Park called Culture Pop. The gallery displayed paintings, sculptures, pottery, photography, videos and more. Three years ago, Kapolczynski began taking classes at Kosart Effects Studio in Westmont. The classes and workshops are taught by artist J. Anthony Kosar, who was the season four winner of "Face Off," a reality television game show on the Syfy cable channel. The program features prosthetic makeup artists competing against each other to create prostheses such as those found in science fiction and horror films. Kapolczynski learned new techniques and honed his skills at the studio. The school offers special effects classes such as masks, prostheses and denture making. It is also a full functioning special effects studio. Kapolczynski is now a member of the studio's team.



Prom night...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S prom took place Friday evening at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Several of the promgoers went to Lombard's Lilacia Park for pre-prom photos. The above photo shows (left to right) seniors Tucker Newling, Elizabeth Pegler, Molly Kuenstler and Mark Lundine. All four students are Villa Park residents. The photo on the right shows (l. to r.) seniors Gregory Ross and Linda Chanthavong posing for a picture in the park. Ross is an Elmhurst resident. Chanthavong lives in Villa Park. Both students are ranked within the top 5 percent of Willowbrook's senior class. Ross was named prom king during Friday night's dance. Senior Becky Hemm of Villa Park was named the prom queen. Willowbrook's Class of 2014, which includes over 500 students, will celebrate its commencement on Sunday afternoon in the school's main gymnasium.



Photos by Chris Fox

Outstanding seniors...

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SEVERAL MEMBERS OF Willowbrook High School's Class of 2014 were honored during Friday morning's senior recognition ceremony. The all-school service took place in the school gymnasium. The honorees included 10 seniors who received Outstanding Student Awards in each of Willowbrook's academic departments. The top photo shows Brock Johnson (left), who was honored as the physical education department's outstanding student. He is pictured with Michael Haussmann, the chair of the department. The second photo shows Emily Gornick (right), the math department's outstanding student, along with math department chair Margaret Dickow. The third photo shows Samuel Dando (left), the music department's outstanding student, with music department chair Karyn Wolcott. The bottom photo shows Aldana Maciel (right), who was named the world language department's outstanding student for the 2013-14 school year. She is pictured with language teacher Mahjoub Hilali. All four of the students pictured above are residents of Villa Park.



Photos by Steve Spoden

Up on the roof

LOMBARD POLICE DETECTIVE Jim Kohl is pictured Friday morning on the roof of Dunkin' Donuts, 1160 S. Main St., where he waved at passing motorists hoping they will stop and make a donation to Special Olympics Illinois and get him down off the roof. Pictured safely on the ground are (l. to r.): Dunkin' Donuts customer Gage Forster, Lombard Police Detective Sgt. John Malatia, Lombard Police Detective Lt. Cyndy Abenante and Lombard Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA) members Jim Krupka, Dan Brink, Loretta Kerns and Terri Jessen who is pictured in both photos with her grandson, Blake Holtquist, who is 8 years old and has been an early morning volunteer for the event for three years. He is the son of Liz and Bill Holtquist who are also LCPAAA members. Abenante and other Lombard officers will continue their fundraising efforts on Sunday, June 8, as they take part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run.



Flat Apple program returns to Lombard

Once again Healthy Lombard is sponsoring the Flat Apple Summer Program in order to motivate kids to start, or continue physical exercise, learning about healthy lifestyle choices, networking, inclusion in group activities, healthy eating, building respect for self and others, growing (mental, physical and emotionally) and practicing healthy habits. The program is designed to encourage kids to keep their bodies moving when they are on summer break from school. To participate:

Parents/guardians register their child/children in the Flat Apple Program online at www.healthyhombard.org/2014flatapple and receive a copy of the Healthy Lombard logo when your registration is confirmed. (It is a two-dimensional logo of an apple thus the name, Flat Apple.) Print out the logo from the e-mail, or if you click on the logo when you open the confirmation on your cell phone or computer, it will download it into your photos.

By registering, you will also be granting permission for Healthy Lombard to post your child's image on the Healthy Lombard Web site and/or Facebook Page as well as to receive information about future Healthy Lombard Hot-Spot Events via e-mail or Facebook.

Participate in a Healthy Lombard Hot Spot Event. Throughout the program year, Healthy Lombard will host "Hot-Spot Events" that encourage group exercise activities. If your child participates in the event, he/she will earn one bite at the apple. Each "bite" provides the participant an opportunity to earn a prize for their healthy habits. The "bites" are raffle tickets that will earn participants a chance to win great prizes for participating in the Hot-Spot Events.

The more "bites" a child earns, the greater the chance to earn a prize. At the end of the program in mid-August, raffle winners will be selected at random. The winners' name will be

posted on the Flat Apple 2014 Web page and notified by e-mail and phone call as to when and where prizes will be awarded.

Hot-Spot Events will be publicized through the Healthy Lombard Facebook Page, so "like" the page for information about events. Currently, Hot-Spots are scheduled to take place at the following locations/events:

- Lombard Cruise Nights—Kick-off June 14
- Reach Out for Outreach Dash on Ash—June 26
- Historical society Civil War Encampment—July 27
- Taste of Lombard—July 1
- National Night Out—Aug. 5
- Sky Centers open house events
- Peck House and historic cottage events

Take a healthy selfie. You and/or your child can also do a healthy activity (i.e. running, gardening,

walking on the Prairie Path, working out, etc.) of your own choosing, and then take a "Healthy Selfie" of yourself/child doing this activity with Flat Apple, the Healthy Lombard logo, included in the photo.

E-mail the photos to jay@healthyhombard.com. Include your name and phone number with e-mail. (This provides a way for Healthy Lombard to find your registration and add in two additional raffle tickets for you.)

Healthy Lombard is a 501c3 Foundation created in 2009 to address the problem of childhood obesity and to promote healthy lifestyles for everyone. For more information, visit the Web site at: <http://www.healthyhombard.com>, check out the Flat Apple video at <http://www.youtube.com/healthyhombard> or call Healthy Lombard founder and volunteer CEO Jay Wojcik at 630-916-0519.

Willowbrook musicians earn IHSA superior rating

On March 8, the Willowbrook High School Music Department participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Competition. Students from around the state performed and were judged in several categories.

Forty-one Willowbrook student musicians received a Superior rating, the highest achievable.

Solo performance: Jack Corkery, voice; Henry McCarthy, guitar; Carrington Breckenridge, voice; Bryce Hurley, violin; Alexis Cazarez, voice; Morgan Brown, voice; Alex Vilicano, cello; Alex Lapinski, voice; Allison Reed, cello;

Hannah Neher, viola; Andrew Ramos, voice; Zach Gorecki, cello; Galen Bergsten, French horn; Matthew Buhr, voice; Cierra Rago, voice; Tess Marsh, violin; Jeremy

Gavard, trombone; Jackie Bliss, flute; Samantha Witkowski, voice;

Sabrina Hill, bassoon; Mariana Martens, voice; Addie Maggard, voice; Allie Rodwell, trumpet; Sam Dando, string bass; Teagan Ziegler, cello; James Reilly, alto saxophone; Tony Tamburrino, guitar; Nathaniel Wells, oboe;

Dana Degnan, voice; Emjay Angeles, cello; McKenzie Kolp, violin; Laura Smith, voice; Deanna Neil, violin; Isabelle Martinez, clarinet; Shannon Strum, violin; and Erin Sulla, viola.

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

Vehicle sticker legislation moves to governor's desk

Legislation proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to allow a printed receipt from the Secretary of State to serve temporarily as the vehicle renewal sticker was approved by the Illinois General Assembly. The measure now goes to the governor's office for his consideration.

Senate Bill 2802 would allow motorists to drive without an up-to-date vehicle renewal sticker affixed to their license plate provided they have a receipt from the secretary of state that proves they purchased a sticker online before expiration, but have not yet received the registration sticker. The receipt is valid for no more than 30 days from the expiration of the previous registration's sticker's date.

"This is another consumer friendly initiative that encourages online transactions with my office," said

White. "Our driver services facilities have many customers come in to buy their stickers a day or two before they are set to expire. This bill will allow such customers to make the same purchase online, and then use the receipt as proof of up-to-date registration compliance."

Last year, more than 150,000 customers purchased vehicle renewal registration stickers during the last two days in May. The vast majority of customers visited a facility to conduct these transactions; just over 6,300 people purchased their renewal stickers online.

White's office has continually worked to provide more services online to further improve customer convenience. Over the last seven years, Internet transactions have increased by nearly 300 percent in the secretary of state's office.

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LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Warriors earn one playoff win before bowing out

The Willowbrook baseball team's season ended with Saturday's 8-1 loss to Batavia in an IHSA Class 4A regional championship game at York High School in Elmhurst.

The Warriors, who closed out the 2014 season with a record of 21-12, opened the playoffs with Thursday's 3-2 victory over York in a regional semifinal game. Senior pitcher Jake Cady led Willowbrook to the victory on the Dukes' home field in Elmhurst. Cady allowed four hits and no walks over seven innings. He recorded eight strikeouts.

Willowbrook took a 3-0 lead with single runs in the first, third and

fourth innings. Tyler Zunkel singled to lead off the game. He then stole second base and advanced to third base on a groundout before scoring on an infield error. Luke Schuemer scored Willowbrook's second run after hitting a double to lead off the third inning. Schuemer, like Zunkel, scored on an error by the Dukes. Brian Johnson scored Willowbrook's third run when he tripled to lead off the fourth inning and scored on a sacrifice fly by Tucker Newling.

The three-run lead appeared to be a comfortable cushion for Cady, who did not allow a baserunner through four innings. The Dukes' leadoff

batter in the top of the fifth inning reached base on a Willowbrook error. The next batter singled to give York its first hit of the game. Moments after a lineout for the first out of the inning, a York batter hit a line drive right at Cady, who snared the ball out of the air. He then turned and fired to second base to complete an inning-ending double play.

The Dukes connected for three singles and scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Cady ended the inning with a strikeout. The Dukes went down in order in the bottom of the seventh inning, which included a groundout, a strikeout and a flyball to Johnson in left field.

The Warriors were unable to generate much offense in Saturday's game against Batavia, the No. 1 seed in the 20-team Schaumburg Sectional. (Willowbrook was the No. 9 seed.) Senior Mike Rothmund provided the Warriors' only hit of the game when he connected for a run-scoring double in the top of the sixth inning to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 6-1.

Batavia, which improved to 31-3, scored one run in the first inning and added three runs in the second inning. The Bulldogs scored two runs apiece in the fourth and sixth innings.

Glenbard East

The Rams completed their season with a 10-5 loss to St. Charles North in a May 28 IHSA Class 4A regional semifinal game in St. Charles.



Broncos win...

MONTINI JUNIOR PITCHER Sean Fritszak (above) allowed four hits over seven innings to help the Broncos to a 3-1 win over Glenbard South in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional final in Lombard. The Broncos, who improved to 22-9, advanced to this week's Glenbard South Sectional. They will meet Riverside-Brookfield in Thursday's sectional semifinal game. Montini broke a 1-1 tie against Glenbard South with two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Rhett Wojkovich's slide into second base on Eddie Bava's bases-loaded ground ball contributed to a wild throw by the Raiders. Two runs scored on the play.

Peters runs in another final at the state meet

Glenbard East senior Jack Peters earned a seventh-place finish in the 800-meter run at the IHSA Class 3A boys track and field state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Peters completed Saturday's state final in 1 minute, 55.34 seconds. Peters qualified for the 12-contestant state final with his preliminary time of 1:56.60 on Friday. Peters finished sixth in the same event at last year's state meet.



Determination...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Jake Cady (above) delivers a pitch during Thursday's IHSA Class 4A playoff game against York in Elmhurst. Cady pitched seven strong innings to lead the Warriors to a 3-2 victory and a berth in Saturday's championship game of the York Regional. Batavia defeated Willowbrook 8-1 on Saturday to win the regional and advance to this week's Schaumburg Sectional. The Warriors finished the season with an overall record of 21-12.

Glenbard East wrapped up the year with a record of 18-18-1.

The Rams trailed St. Charles North 2-1 in the middle of the sixth inning. The North Stars, who went on to capture a regional title with Saturday's 2-1, nine-inning victory over Glenbard North, erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth

to take a 10-1 lead.

Glenbard East managed to score four runs in the top of the seventh inning. Joey Moore had the Rams' only hit of the inning—a two-out single that drove in one run. Moore had three of the Rams' nine hits. John Allen and Michael Sebbly both delivered two hits.

Rams lose regional final match against St. Francis

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team's season ended with a 25-16, 25-14 loss to St. Francis in a May 28 regional championship match at Metea Valley High School in Aurora. The Rams completed the 2014 season with an overall record of 24-13.

Senior Cory Soehren provided 13 assists in the loss to the Spartans, whose season ended with Friday's loss to Glenbard West in a sectional semifinal at Hinsdale Central. Junior Ben Symonds made

19 digs for the Rams, while senior Sterling Glover contributed four kills. Junior Adam Eholi added three kills.

Glenbard East advanced to the regional final after winning its post-season opener on May 27—a 25-17, 25-19 win over Metea Valley. Glover and Eholi bashed five kills apiece in the regional semifinal match, while junior Jamie Wareham hit four kills. Symonds had 24 digs and Soehren handed out 14 assists.



Tournament victory...

THE LOMBARD LIGHTNING 13-U BASEBALL TEAM (above) won a wood bat tournament in Lombard over the Memorial Day weekend. The Lightning won three of five games at the two-day event and defeated a team from Riverside-Brookfield to win the championship. Members of the Lightning (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Trevor Bottom, Austin Esterly, Liam Doyle, Mitchell Glennon, John Ansbarger and Jimmy McGee; (back row) Coach Tim Glennon, Coach Ken Esterly, Patrick Crossland, Jacob Bailey, Ethan Pieniazek, Jack Niles, Joe Guthrie, Noah Davies and Coach Jim Davies.



Playoff victory...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIORS A.J. NOLEN (No. 18, center) and Tyler Zunkel (left) celebrate the final out of their team's 3-2 victory over York in Thursday's IHSA Class 4A regional baseball game. The game's final batter flew out to senior Brian Johnson in left field. The Warriors' season ended with their next game, an 8-1 loss to Batavia in Saturday's regional championship game.

Broncos win regional title; Warriors fall to Glenbard North

The Montini softball team cruised to the championship at the IHSA Class 3A Aurora Central Catholic Regional with two top-sided victories. The Broncos opened the post-season with a 19-0, five-inning victory over Chicago's Bogan High School on May 27. Montini defeated Riverside-Brookfield 10-0 in five innings in Saturday's regional championship game.

Montini will enter this week's Glenbard South Sectional with an overall record of 25-10. If the Broncos beat St. Francis in a sectional semifinal, they will advance to this Saturday's sectional final against either Lemont or Glenbard South.

Montini scored 13 runs in the bottom of the first inning of its win over Bogan. Sophomore Alyssa Scalfani had two hits and drove in four runs for the Broncos, who finished the game with 21 hits. Senior Sara Ross and junior Morganne Evans each drove in three runs. Scalfani, Ross and Evans joined freshmen Claudia Cornejo and Andi Dunning and sophomores Amy Bukovsky and Emily Lezcano in collecting two hits apiece.

Bukovsky pitched the first three innings for the Broncos. Junior Lauren Trojnar pitched the last two

innings. Neither Montini pitcher allowed a hit. Bukovsky and Trojnar piled up a total of 10 strikeouts.

The Broncos scored seven runs in the first inning of Saturday's victory over Riverside-Brookfield. They added three more runs in the second inning. Senior Cristina Barrett lashed two hits and drove in three runs. Ross and Trojnar each drove in two runs with two hits apiece. Freshman Naomi Alonzo went 2-for-3 and drove in one run.

Trojnar pitched a complete game for Montini, allowing three hits and one walk over five innings. She struck out five batters.

Willowbrook

The Warriors' season ended with Saturday's 7-0 loss to Glenbard North in an IHSA Class 4A regional final in Rolling Meadows. The Panthers advanced to this week's sectional in Bartlett. They will meet St. Charles North in a sectional semifinal contest. Willowbrook closed out the season with an overall record of 21-11.

The Warriors opened the playoffs with an 8-7 victory over Fremd in a regional semifinal game on May 28. Junior Samantha Schmidt bashed two home runs for Willowbrook. Those two long balls gave her 16 homers for the season.