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AT Blazettes to host fiesta-themed dance clinic

Pictured are members of the Addison Trail 2014-15 fall Blazettes team, which will host a fiesta-themed dance clinic Aug. 11 to 14 for students in kindergarten through eighth grade from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Addison Trail field house. The fee is \$50 per student and includes snacks, drinks, a camp T-shirt and a gift. To register, call 630-458-4391.

Grant Reform Act signed into law

WESTMONT — Last week, Illinois became the first state in the nation to enact a comprehensive set of standards to ensure transparency in the management and oversight of state grant funds, Deputy House Minority Leader Patti Bel-

lock (R-Hinsdale) announced Wednesday, July 16.

According to a press release issued by Bellock's office, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, signed into law by the Governor, strengthens and streamlines require-

ments for all state grants across all state agencies. The reforms include stronger state grant procedures to bring them in line with federal standards; improved conflict of interest disclosure requirements; and strict, real-time auditing of all

state grants.

The new law is in response to a report by the Illinois Single Audit Commission, created last year by legislation spearheaded by Leader Bellock, which found that currently, the Illinois grant process has no common

application, no common grant agreement, a lack of transparency, no uniform administrative rules, and a lack of state-wide non-compliance list. Many of these issues are wh

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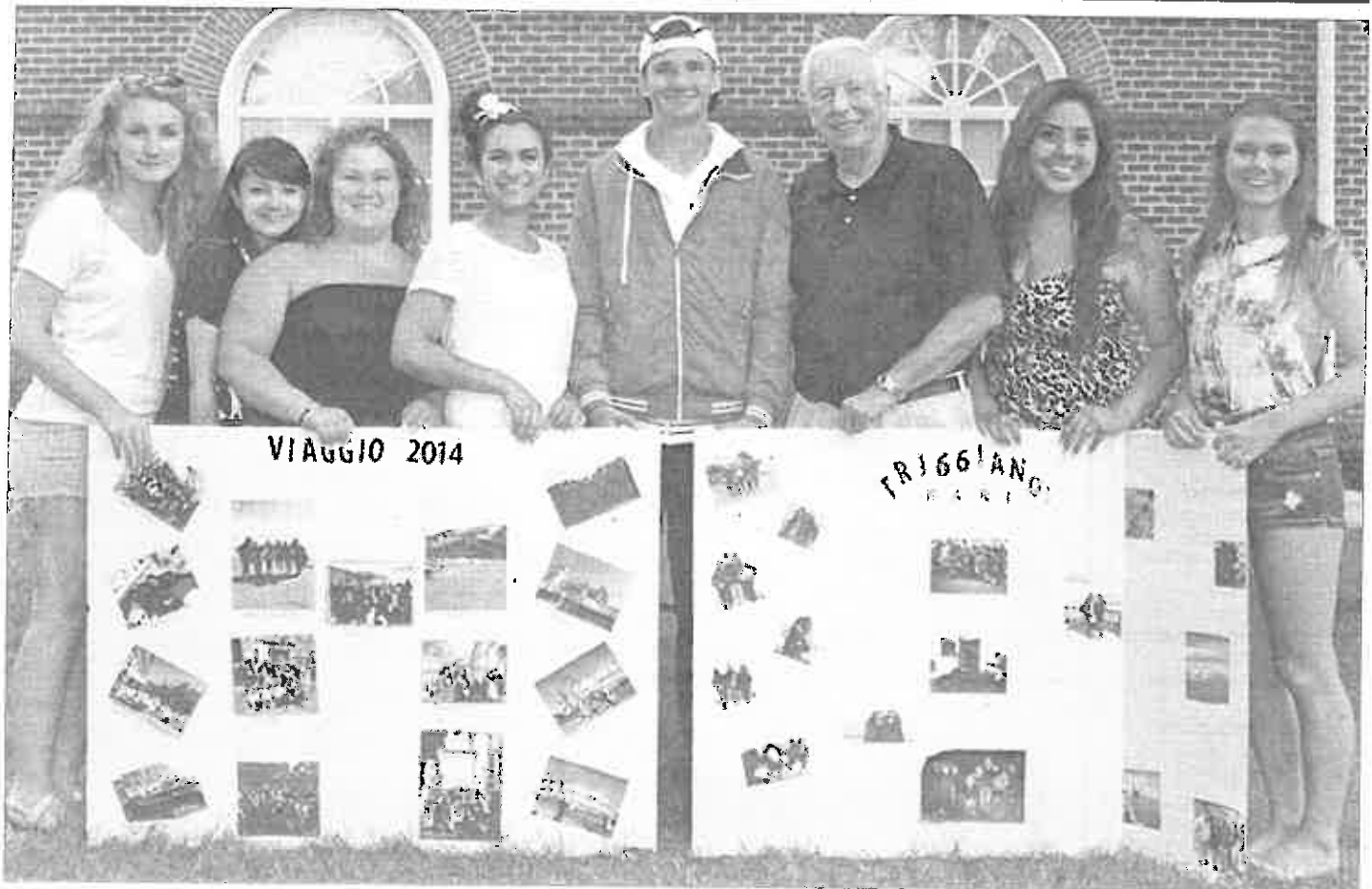
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Illinois receives \$100K grant from federal agency

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supports recreational boating, clean water

WASHINGTON — A total of \$16.6 million in grants will be awarded to 21 states under the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. More than \$700,000 was awarded to four states in the Midwest Region including Illinois, which received \$100,000. Other state recipients were Indiana (\$362,140), Michigan (\$200,000) and Missouri (\$50,000).

CVA funding promotes and assists recreational boaters with properly disposing of on-board septic waste among recreational boaters, keeping U.S. water resources in good condition for public uses like fishing and drinking.

Since the first CVA awards were made in 1993, the Service has awarded more than \$200 million to states to fund construction, replacement, renovation and maintenance of facilities for properly disposing of on-board septic waste on recreational boats. The program also provides information and education about the importance, benefits and availability of pump-outs.

"Clean water is a fundamental need for both people and wildlife, and a perfect example of

"Clean water is a fundamental need for both people and wildlife, and a perfect example of how the fates of both are intertwined."

— Service Director Dan Ashe

how the fates of both are intertwined," said Service Director Dan Ashe. "Clean Vessel Act grants not only help ensure that clean drinking water, sustainable ecosystems and healthy recreational areas are accessible to the American people, they also provide a substantial economic benefit for local communities."

Funds for the CVA program are provided annually from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, which is maintained through the collection of fishing tackle manufacturer excise taxes and boat and fishing import duties, as well as motorboat and small engine fuel taxes.

District 88 Sister Cities honored at Rock 'n Wheels event

Sister Cities President and former Addison Mayor Larry Hartwig (third from right) greets Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities students who participated in the Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities student exchange program this past school year. Hartwig and the students spoke about the program during a recent Rock 'n Wheels event hosted by the Village of Addison. District 88 will attend another Rock 'n Wheels event on July 31. Students pictured are (from left) Gabriela Calderone, Susana Silva, Brianna Sitkowski, Angela Pitello, Camden Knights, Stephanie Diaz and Kamila Tychonowicz.

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result in the ability to misuse grant funds, Bellock said. The legislation signed by the Governor on July 16 remedies all those current failures.

There have been numerous cases recently of grant funds being misused most recently including the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, a program that received more than \$54 million taxpayer dollars and was handled with no accountability and little transparency, according to Bellock.

"Organizations receiving state grant funds must be held to the highest standards

of accountability," Bellock said. "These common-sense reforms will protect taxpayer dollars from being abused and mismanaged while ensuring that state grants are awarded only for legitimate initiatives to improve the quality of life and opportunity for individuals, families, students, entrepreneurs and others in Illinois."

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, created by House Bill 2747 and sponsored by Leader Bellock and Rep. Fred Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates), secured final approval from the General Assembly on May 30.

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Depth helps Addison Trail girls basketball team

Blazers benefit from 30-plus-game summer schedule

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls basketball team gained experience in a hurry this summer.

The Blazers jammed 31 games into a three-week time frame. "We got stuff done early in June," noted Addison Trail coach Rob Schader.

The Blazers played six nights at Palatine High School and also hosted four one-night shootouts. Addison Trail once again went to a team camp at Purdue University where it played

seven games.

"We've been going there for eight years now," said Schader. "The kids love it. It's a great atmosphere. We get in a lot of games and it's a good team-bonding opportunity. We saw teams from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The kids got to see what a college campus looks like and they were able to play a game on the main floor. This trip is good for the kids in a basketball and overall sense. It gives them the opportunity to see what college is like."

In terms of his observations during the summer, Schader came away with one in particular that stood out.

"We have a very deep team," he said. "We have a lot of kids who are competing for playing time this year. It's a very competitive group and we

have a lot of talent. We will have kids who are capable of scoring. We will be bigger and able to rebound better. We have a lot of kids with experience coming back."

Schader also likes how the team is shaping up defensively.

"The girls play hard on defense," he said. "We will be able to mix it up on defense."

Schader noted Kelly Delawder and Nina Beltrano had strong summers, as did Rachel Baumgartner, Tegan Graff and Alex Disilvio.

"We have a lot of talented kids coming back," the coach said. "That showed this summer. Our seniors played well and the juniors are playing hard. We have a chance to be a very good team."

Schader was particularly impressed

with the way Beltrano and Baumgartner conducted themselves in the summer.

"Nina and Rachel played as hard as I have ever seen," he said. "They played hard all summer long. Their leadership is great and it will definitely help us."

Juniors Maria Koulogeorgas and Nia Westerkamp also were cited for strong play. Schader noted Nicole Pudlo, who was sidelined last season, will help the team in the shooting department, while Stephanie Messina is coming back from injury and also will help, as will multi-sport athlete Jessica Mell.

"It's going to be an interesting year both offensively and defensively," said Schader. "This group has potential. If we are all on the same page, this season should be a lot of fun."

Willowbrook baseball team loses in summer regional final

Warriors fall one game short of state finals berth; Zunkel throws no-hitter against Montini

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team came within a game of reaching the coveted summer state finals in Naperville.

The Warriors went 3-1 in the state playoffs, falling to 7-2 to Nazareth Academy in the Fenwick regional championship game. Nazareth advanced to the state quarterfinals.

Willowbrook opened the playoffs with a 12-0 win in five innings over St. Joe's. Chris Roycroft was the winning pitcher.

"We played very well as a team," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "The best thing about the St. Joe's game was that it went quick and we didn't use many arms. It's tough when it's a single-elimination tournament and you are playing every day. Being able to save arms is important."

The Warriors then scored a 4-3 win at home over Maine West in the second round of the playoffs.

"It was a great baseball game," said Wisner. "Matt Pizur did a phenomenal job pitching for us. He went the

full seven innings."

Cameron Murer scored the game-winning run in the seventh inning on Luke Schuemer's RBI hit.

Trey Jones and Mike Petruzzi each had two hits in the contest.

"We played solid fundamental baseball," said Wisner. "We were able to capitalize on mistakes. We did a great job of executing on fundamentals."

Willowbrook then shifted over to Fenwick where it scored a 10-0 win in five innings over Montini. In this game, Cameron Zunkel threw a five-inning no-hitter. Jon Kelso hit a bases-clearing double in the first inning and drove in the last two runs that provided the 10-run-rule margin.

"Cameron struck out a ton of people," said Wisner. "He was very good. We made no errors and turned a couple double plays."

Roycroft pitched in the Nazareth game. He gave up a two-run homer with two outs in the first inning and then shut out Nazareth for the next five innings.

Jones had two hits, while Dom McDonnell had a key two-out hit for the Warriors.

"We had a lot of opportunities," said Wisner. "We had three innings where we had guys on third base and couldn't get any runs. We had first-and-third two times and the bases loaded with two outs another time. We just couldn't get that timely hit. We lost 7-2, but it

was 2-1 going into the sixth. Nazareth scored five runs in the sixth. We had them on their heels, but couldn't get them. Nazareth is a good team that doesn't make mistakes and will capitalize if you make a mistake."

Wisner thought the tide was turning in the fifth inning.

"They changed pitchers in the fifth when we had the bases loaded," said Wisner. "I thought something might happen. We were grinding, grinding and grinding out there. They were working so hard."

Willowbrook finished the summer season 20-8. "That's the first time in program history that we've won 20 in the summer," said Wisner. "It also was the first regional championship game in the summer we've played in."

Wisner said Petruzzi, Jones, Pizur and Cam Ligocki already have been named team captains.

"We'll name two more captains," said Wisner. "All these guys had really great leadership summers."

Obviously, Wisner was pleased with the progress his team made during the summer.

"We won 42 games if you count the regular season in the spring and the summer," said Wisner. "That's a lot of games to win. These guys are starting to feel it. They feel Willowbrook baseball is good baseball and they are going out there and proving it. This group is so

baseball-smart. If you drop a ball against us, we will take an extra base. If you throw a curveball in the dirt, we'll take an extra base. That's what makes this group special. We know we have to replace eight start-

ers from last year. This group does all the little things right. We got a lot accomplished this summer."

Willowbrook was the No. 4 seed in the Fenwick regional. Nazareth was the No. 2 seed.

IC Catholic Prep girls basketball team has productive summer

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep girls basketball coach Aubree Schuett sees one common theme during each summer season.

"The summer always is a nice way to transition from the graduated seniors to the girls who are figuring out what their new roles will be," she said.

IC was plenty busy during its summer time together. The Knights played in the Lisle summer league and also attended team camp at Notre Dame.

"We lost some games, but we also showed we could be competitive," she said. "I thought we had some good success. The Lisle summer league was competitive and we learned quite a lot about ourselves at Notre Dame individually and as a team. We didn't win a game last year at Notre Dame so we looked at where we were and we went from there. I believe in putting the girls in situations that could cause some adversity. You don't know what you need to work on unless you

are put in a position where you could fail."

IC wrapped up its summer season this past weekend at the Maine West observation event.

"We have some kids who are looking to play in college, so the Maine West shootout will give them that exposure," said Schuett.

Overall, Schuett saw many things she was pleased with. "We had a really good summer," she said. "We had a couple kids come out who didn't come out last year. We're still working through some things. I think we have another skilled team."

IC shifts to the expanded Metro Suburban Conference this coming season. "The new conference will present us with another set of challenges," said Schuett. "The conference will be very competitive. We'll be playing teams we aren't used to playing."

Erin Maloney was one of many IC players who starred

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Learning from their sister

Sister Cities President and former Addison Mayor Larry Hartwig (third from right) greets Addison Trail High School students Gabriela Calderone (from left), Susana Silva, Brianna Sitkowski, Angela Pitello, Camden Knights, Stephanie Diaz and Kamila Tychonowicz. The students participated in the 2013-14 Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities student-exchange program. Hartwig and the students spoke about the program during a recent Rock 'N' Wheels event hosted by the village of Addison.

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

Tanya Abraham

AGE: 19
SCHOOL: Butler University
MAJOR: Pharmacy
HOBBIES:

Volunteering at animal shelters, homeless shelters and with kids in need

WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS

ADDISON: Addison gave her so many opportunities, and she'd be proud to represent it.

**Robin Camp**

AGE: 19
SCHOOL: Illinois Wesleyan University
MAJOR: Accounting
HOBBIES:

Dance, student ambassador, photography

WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS

ADDISON: She'd do well representing Addison at community events and when she's away at school.

**Carrie Castellano**

AGE: 18
SCHOOL: Miami University of Ohio
MAJOR: Accounting
HOBBIES:

Dance, teaching religious education
WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS
ADDISON: To be a role model to younger people in the community

**Gianna Giralamo**

AGE: 17
SCHOOL: Columbia College Chicago
MAJOR: Multimedia journalism
HOBBIES:

Music, softball
WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS
ADDISON: To represent her town and help with her professional goals

**Tracy Ibeling**

AGE: 19
SCHOOL: Elmhurst College
MAJOR: Music education, minor in speech pathology
HOBBIES:

Theater, singing
WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS
ADDISON: To give back to the community and be a role model



A crowning event to commence



Reigning Miss Addison Aimee Gaspari (left) and Mary Camp are among those in attendance Wednesday at a buffet dinner in the Addison Village Hall rotunda for the 2014 Miss Addison pageant.

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Miss Addison 2014 to be crowned Wednesday from 10 contestants

By MARI GRIGALIUNAS
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ADDISON – During a recent meet and greet at Addison Village Hall, Miss Addison 2013 Aimee Gaspari, 19, admitted she's a little reluctant to give up her crown because she's enjoyed the past year so much.

"I know the experiences and the memories that I have will stay with me forever," said Gaspari, acknowledging she'll be giving up her title next week when the new Miss Addison is crowned.

On Wednesday, the 10 contestants for the 2014 crown met the pageant's judges, as well as Gaspari.

They've all submitted complete applications containing their essays, transcripts, GPA, ACT scores and letters of recommendation.

Village Clerk Lucille Zucchero insisted the pageant be a scholar-

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- **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Wednesday
- **WHERE:** Addison Village Hall, 1 Friendship Plaza

ship opportunity when she began leading it several years ago, so in addition to the pageant's signature 14-karat gold pendant donated by Dosis Jewelers of Addison every year, Miss Addison receives a \$2,000 scholarship.

The first and second runners-up are awarded \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships, respectively.

For all the flash and flair that will fill the Village Hall rotunda next week when the pageant contestants walk a red carpet in

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Megan Lobner

AGE: 18
SCHOOL: Illinois State University
MAJOR: Speech pathology
HOBBIES:

Swimming, theater and playing the clarinet

WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS

ADDISON: She has involved herself a lot in the community.

**Maggie O'Brien**

AGE: 18
SCHOOL: Illinois State University
MAJOR: Marketing
HOBBIES:

Theater, playing the clarinet in marching band

WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS

ADDISON: Miss Addison has always been her role model, and she wants to inspire her younger sisters and other girls.

**Morgan Pirtle**

AGE: 18
SCHOOL: University of Illinois at Chicago
MAJOR: Jazz studies
HOBBIES:

Singing, musical theater, tap dance, sewing and fashion

WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS

ADDISON: To represent the community in a positive way and be a role model for girls of all ages

**Samantha Slater**

AGE: 18
SCHOOL: Benedictine University
MAJOR: Communication arts
HOBBIES:

Dance and gymnastics
WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS
ADDISON: To inspire young people in the community

**Olivia Ustas**

AGE: 18
SCHOOL: University of Alabama
MAJOR: Chemical engineering and business
HOBBIES:

Volunteering, golf and gymnastics
WHY SHE WANTS TO BE MISS
ADDISON: As someone who works and volunteers in the community, she wants to show Addison in a positive light.



SPORTS



Have a question or comment?

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Nick Villasenor fires a pitch in a summer league playoff game July 15 against Nazareth. An incoming sophomore, Villasenor is among a group of younger players who got their first taste of varsity baseball this summer.

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Blazers' boys of summer

AT baseball builds for next spring during summer season

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ADDISON — Christian Grabowski is stepping into a big role for the Addison Trail baseball program.

The senior two-way player emerged as a leader on and off the field for the Blazers during the team's summer season, which ended July 15.

Grabowski took the mound and was the victim of five unearned runs in AT's 6-1 loss against Nazareth in the opening game of the summer state playoffs.

Grabowski, who should

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also play a big role for the football team as a wide receiver in the fall, was an all-district player for the summer season. His on-field performance was strong, but he still is adjusting to the new leadership role.

"It's exciting to know that you're the top dog, everyone looks up to you," Grabowski

said. "It should be interesting [next spring]. I'm excited for it."

This summer, the Blazers worked in a number of juniors into a roster that also included a few senior returners, including second baseman Jaime Valdez. Incoming sophomore lefty Nick Villasenor also impressed on the mound.

"The summer was good," coach Michael Kennedy said. "Some of our juniors really stepped up and they're playing some nice ball. Some of our seniors kind of molded into that leadership role. Grabs [Grabowski] has been doing a great job on the mound."

Kennedy's theme this summer was similar to that of the past spring. The Blazers can't afford to make mistakes in the field that gives teams extra outs. While wins and losses aren't necessarily the first priority in summer, the loss to Nazareth highlighted that AT still needs to improve on that aspect of the game.

However, the coach remains optimistic about the talent the team has.

"We could be a pretty good team this spring," Kennedy said. "I think we got a lot coming back, and we got to put some of our juniors that

are going to really contribute right away with a lot of our seniors returning."

The different atmosphere of the summer is built around helping players develop while they also juggle participation in other sports and baseball travel tournaments on the weekends.

"It's laid back a little more, but we still have the competitive atmosphere going," Grabowski said. "It's just to get together with the new juniors and get them up to speed with us. Then you can start jelling together. It definitely helps a lot."

Lombard Area AAUW Used Book Sale takes place August 6-9

LOMBARD — The Lombard Area AAUW opens its annual Used Book Sale on Wednesday, August 6, from 5-9 p.m. at First Church of Lombard, 220 S. Main Street (corner Main and Maple). Wednesday is "Pre-Sale Night" and timed entry tickets will be given out at 3 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Admission is free on Thursday and Friday, August 7-8 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. as well as on Saturday, August 9, when the sale is open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

This year we're holding a "Bag Day" with special pricing — fill a bag of books for only \$10 on Friday after 5 p.m. and all Saturday morning. Also new this year, collectibles will be half price after 5 p.m. on Friday.

More than 15,000 books will be for sale, sorted into categories such as Collectibles, children's books, and Better Books, in addition to 'hardback and paperback fiction and non-fiction.

Most books are priced from 50 cents - \$2, with better books and collectibles \$5 and up. Proceeds from this annual event fund local and national scholarships and grants. The mission of the American Association of University Women is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. For more information, check the web site at lombard-il.aauw.net.

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More news from the Village - railroad crossing work scheduled

Canadian National Railroad has scheduled a rebuild of the railroad crossing at North Avenue (Illinois Route 64) just west of Addison Road. Work was scheduled to begin Friday, July 25, and will take approximately one week, weather permitting. Traffic will be detoured onto Addison Road during this period. Drivers are asked to use caution in the area, and avoid this route where possible.



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District 88 Board recognizes seven Special Olympians

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dispatched to investigate a suspicious incident at the Target Store located at 50 E. North Avenue in Villa Park. Upon arrival officers interviewed a 16-year-old female victim, who advised she was approached by Bernero while walking toward the Target Store.

Bernero had handed the victim a \$20 dollar bill, which he claimed she had dropped. Bernero then asked if they could hang out later and asked for her cell phone number. The female advised that she became afraid and gave the subject her cell phone number. The male then asked the female to follow him to his vehicle so he could get his cell phone. The female advised that she couldn't and she left the area.

The male subject shortly after called the

female's cell phone in an attempt to meet with her again at the Target Store. The male subject was located in his vehicle, which was parked at the Target Store and he was placed into custody without incident.

The male subject, identified as Adam Bernero, 30 years old of Addison, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, a class C misdemeanor. Bernero posted bond and was released.

Members of the public are reminded that these complaints contain only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

During its June 23 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education recognized seven Willowbrook students who competed in the Special Olympics Summer Games from June 13 to 15. Pictured are (back row, from left): Jorge Garabito, Dillon Darrow, Sean Worden; (front row, from left) coach Tiffany Lamberty, Florezel Fesby, Laura Mayen, coach Tara Murphy and coach Jeremy Pack. (Not pictured: Lorenzo Delgado, Alex Leo.) Their events were: Laura Mayen (100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4-by-400-meter relay), Lorenzo Delgado (200-meter dash and 4-by-400-meter relay), Dillon Darrow (4-by-400-meter relay), Jorge Garabito (4-by-400-meter relay), Florezel Fesby (softball throw), Sean Worden (running long jump) and Alex Leo (gymnastics).

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Willowbrook's Zunkel reflects on summer no-hitter

Pitcher helps Warriors come within one win of state quarterfinals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook-junior-to-be Cam Zunkel said the secret to his recent success on the mound was to keep things simple.

Zunkel threw a five-inning no-hitter for the Warriors in a recent summer state playoff game against Montini. He struck out seven.

"I had good location with my fastball," he said. "I let my defense do the work. I wasn't trying to overpower people out there. Seven strikeouts isn't bad, but I had some great defense out there and great defense always helps."

Zunkel said the summer season was a beneficial one

for him. "I had a lot of fun pitching for Willowbrook," he said. "(Pitching) Coach (Curtis) Hudson always calls a great game and Dom (McDonnell) is a great catcher. I had great confidence in my defense whenever a ball was hit."

Zunkel added that having that solid defense behind him was important.

"When you are on edge pitching, you tense up," he said. "I always knew my defense had my back and that helped with my confidence."

Zunkel, who enjoys playing a variety of different sports with his friends in his spare time, said his biggest improvements as a pitcher of late have been two-fold.

"I've definitely been locating my fastball better and Coach Hudson has helped me develop a better curveball than I already have," he said.

Zunkel, who played at York his freshman season and was with the Willowbrook sophomore team this past spring (the sophomores went 21-8 and took second in

conference), was part of a Warriors summer team that advanced to a regional championship game—one win shy of playing in the state quarterfinals.

"We had a great summer season," he said. "We were always competing in every game we played. We had a great pitching staff this summer. We had a lot of fun together. We were competitors. We were into every moment and every play of the game. We never took a play off. Coach (Willowbrook head coach Vic) Wisner is a great coach. He's always looking to make players better and looking to go farther in the playoffs."

Zunkel, who also is playing this summer with the Premier travel baseball club out of Oswego, likes the way the team is shaping up heading into 2015.

"I'm looking forward to the spring season," he said.

"I think we have a good team here. We know if we continue to go out there and compete and do what we can do and play at the level we are capable of playing at, we can go far."

Fenton girls basketball team has productive summer

Coach Anderson pleased with camp turnout

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton girls basketball team's summer camp was labeled a success by veteran coach Tim Anderson.

In addition to camp activities, the Bison also competed in a shootout at Addison Trail. The team's shootout at Valparaiso University was cancelled.

"Camp went well," said Anderson. "We had kids willing to make the commitment and they got along with each other well. They started to meld together as a team. You always start forming the next year's team during the summer. I'm looking for even more of that when the season gets going. I thought we had a really good summer and that bodes well for a lot of things heading into the future."

Anderson was especially impressed

with summer attendance.

"We had a lot of kids here," he said. "It's the most we've had in a long time. The turnout throughout the summer was phenomenal. The girls took advantage of a lot of opportunities and that will help us once November comes along and the season starts."

Fenton is moving forward without graduated standout Tina Guarino.

"Tina was a great leader, a great player and a great mentor," said Anderson. "A lot of kids in the program are the way they are because she had a lot to do with it."

Anderson saw plenty of positives during the summer, especially from the defensive end.

"I'm happy with how things went," he said. "I think we will play some pretty good defense. We also have a lot of flexibility with this group. We can go big or we can go small. We could go out there with one post player and four guards. There is a lot of flexibility."

Anderson said the upcoming season

also presents several question marks, especially concerning the team playing in the greatly expanded Metro Suburban Conference.

"We're going into a new division in the conference that I know is going to be more challenging," said the coach. "There is that newness factor where we are going to be playing in four or five new gyms. There will be an adjustment period."

Anderson cited strong summer play from the likes of Jessica Bango, Val Andrews, Dana Fritz and Courtney Susmarski, along with sophomores-to-be Ellie Wassmann and Krysta Wilson. Fritz and Andrews are seniors-to-be, while Bango and Susmarski will be juniors.

"Jessica Bango is a junior with the leadership skills of a senior," said Anderson.

Anderson said he subscribes to a theory he calls basketball osmosis.

"If you do things the right way and even if after you leave the season in

February and don't really pick up a ball and then come in the summer, you'll see kids take little leaps because of things that sunk in during the previous season," he said. "I've noticed that about this group. Things have sunk in and some things are a little more automatic. We have some experience coming back. Now we're on to learning some new things and we'll see what happens going forward."

Anderson is excited to build off the summer success.

"Our kids do a lot of different things besides basketball and I respect that a lot," he said. "We had a commitment from them this summer. I was very happy with attendance. The commitment level was outstanding and that's one of the more important things. If you don't have things like commitment, sooner or later it's going to hold you back from getting better. These girls gave themselves an opportunity to get better this summer just by being here."

IC Catholic Prep football team progressing during summer session

Knights excited about both offensive and defensive prospects

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep football coach Bill Krefft has several things he's excited about this summer.

"Our summer camp is going well," he said. "I like how our team is shaping up. We have some good running backs and

wide receivers."

Which leads into the other thing he's excited about.

"We might throw the ball a little more than normal," he said. "We'll be getting into some passing formations more than usual."

Kreffit said senior Connor Youngmen has the current leg up on a healthy quarterback competition that also features junior Pat Jordan, sophomore Matt Sutton and freshman Luke Ricobene.

"Connor is taking charge," the coach said. "He's a strong leader and he throws a nice ball and can make the reads. We also have some younger kids fighting for the spot. They all can throw the ball real well. In the past we've been a run-dominated team. We'll open up some people more than usual with the passing game."

IC participated in several 7-on-7 sessions during the summer. One event at Willowbrook was cancelled due to bad

weather.

"The first one we did was up in Buffalo Grove and it was really nice to get out and see some bigger schools, which will help us get ready for the season," said Krefft.

IC also went to a team camp at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

"We did a couple 7-on-7s down there," he said. "We looked pretty good in the 7-on-7s and we showed that we have the ability to throw a lot more

than we have in the past."

Kreffit said the trip to Wesleyan was extremely beneficial beyond the football Xs and Os. "Building team chemistry there was huge," he said. "Going into a season, the group doesn't really know each other until we get to that team camp. You learn so much about each other in those three days. On the field, we were able to split the group in half and work on a lot

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Addison Trail football team to play five home games

Blazers face district rival Willowbrook in Week 9

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail football team will enjoy a little extra home cooking this season.

The Blazers are slated to play five of their nine regular-season games at home this season.

The Blazers, under the direction of coach Paul Parpet Jr., are coming off a 2013 season where they went 2-7.

Addison Trail opens the season with a pair of home contests. The Blazers kick off the season Friday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. against Metro Suburban Conference entrant Glenbard South.

The Blazers then welcome Hinsdale Central to Addison on Friday, Sept. 5 for one of their two West Suburban Conference crossover games against teams from the Silver Division. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Addison Trail kicks off the WSC Gold Division portion of its schedule with a pair of road contests. In Week 3 on Sept.



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Aug 29	Glenbard South	7:30 p.m.
Sept 5	Hinsdale Central	7:30 p.m.
Sept 12	At Downers South	7:30 p.m.
Sept 19	At Leyden	7:30 p.m.
Sept 26	Hinsdale South	7:30 p.m.
Oct 3	At Morton	7:30 p.m.
Oct 10	Proviso East	7:30 p.m.
Oct 18	At Glenbard West	1:30 p.m.
Oct 24	Willowbrook	7:30 p.m.

12, the Blazers head to Downers Grove South (7:30 p.m. start) and then face Leyden on the road on Friday, Sept. 19 (7:30 p.m. start).

The Blazers return home on

Friday, Sept. 26 to face Hinsdale South (7:30 p.m. start) and play a road game Friday, Oct. 3 against Morton (7:30 p.m.).

Proviso East comes to Addison in Week 7 on Friday, Oct. 10 (7:30 p.m.).

Addison Trail's annual WSC crossover game with Glenbard West takes place this year in Glen Ellyn on Saturday, Oct. 18 (1:30 p.m. start).

The regular season concludes on Friday, Oct. 24 with the annual District 88 game against Willowbrook at Addison Trail.

Fenton football team packs plenty of action into summer session

Bison host 7-on-7 competition at Redmond Park

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton football team packed a lot of progress into a short window of opportunity.

The Bison broke their summer session into two three-week periods with a week of rest between.

"We went three weeks on, one week off and then three weeks on," said Bison coach Mark Kos. "You only get 24 contact days over the course of the summer and we made the most of them."

Fenton played in a 7-on-7 event at Nazareth Academy and also hosted a 7-on-7 competition at Redmond Park.

"The 7-on-7s are great coaching moments and great team moments for the kids," said Kos. "We saw Fenwick and Nazareth who are two programs that could be among the top teams in the state. Our kids came ready to compete against teams of that stature."

Kos noted this is the year where nine players on the team are now seniors after being moved up to the varsity as sophomores.

"This is year three from when we moved those guys up," he said. "Their leadership this summer has been very impressive, as has their work ethic. The seniors are showing that leadership each day. After three years, they are used to being varsity football players. They've done a great job helping the younger kids on the team and showing them this isn't sophomore or freshman football anymore and showing them this is how we do things here."

Fenton made nice progress last year by qualifying for the playoffs and Kos is hopeful the team is ready to take even more steps forward this year.

"Our hope and expectation is to have a very successful season," he said. "I'm pleased with those nine seniors in how they've developed and the way they have worked tirelessly to get better."

Kos said the team's offense is slightly ahead of the defense after the recent summer session.

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"I would have to give the edge right now to the offense," he said. "This is the second year since we've changed things on offense. It's nice that we've been able to build upon the terms and concepts we installed last year. Last year we started from scratch in building a new offense."

Three-year varsity quarterback Willie Wassmann leads the way on offense. Kos said Cody Quarles (defensive end-tight end), Matt Lucas (linebacker-fullback) and Kyle McPherson (running back-linebacker) also enjoyed strong summers.

"Those young men are four of those nine players," he said. "They are rock-solid kids who are character kids. They represent the program well. They are poised to have fantastic senior seasons. All of their hard work is going to pay dividends for us."

Kos is looking forward to what the 2014 season brings.

"I would think if we do our job as coaches and players and continue to work as hard as we have, we have the potential to improve over last season," he

said.

"Our goals don't change. We want to win that first game and want to have an opportunity to win the conference and have the opportunity to have a long

run in the playoffs. The kids have bought into what we are doing here. If June and July are any indication, these kids aren't letting up off the throttle any time soon."

IC Catholic Prep football team faces new challenges

Knights debut in new conference, will play five road games in 2014

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep football team's schedule has undergone an extreme makeover.

The Knights departed the Suburban Christian Conference for the expanded Metro Suburban Conference starting with this fall season. IC is part of the new 14-team conference, which will feature a different divisional alignment for football than other MSC sports. The MSC features two six-team divisions (Timothy Christian and Illiana Christian do not have football programs).

IC, which went 6-4 last year and qualified for the Class 3A playoffs under coach Bill Krefft, is part of the MSC West Division, which also includes

Aurora Central Catholic, Fenton, Glenbard South, Riverside-Brookfield and Wheaton Academy.

IC's traditional non-conference schedule also features a different look. The Knights will open up the 2014 season at home at the Plunkett Athletic Complex on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. against Kankakee McNamara.

The Knights then hit the road and head to Southern Illinois for a 6 p.m. game on Sept. 6 against Mater Dei High School in Breese.

IC then travels to Melrose Park to play familiar foe Walther Christian on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 1 p.m., in a MSC crossover game.

Longtime conference opponent Elgin St. Edward comes to Elmhurst on Saturday, Sept. 20 for another MSC crossover contest (1 p.m. start).

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Sept 6	At Breese Mater Dei	6 p.m.
Sept 13	At Walther Christian	1 p.m.
Sept 20	Elgin St. Edward	1 p.m.
Sept 26	At Aurora Central	7:30 p.m.
Oct 4	Riverside-Brookfield	1 p.m.
Oct 11	Wheaton Academy	1 p.m.
Oct 17	At Glenbard South	7:15 p.m.
Oct 24	At Fenton	7:15 p.m.

There she is, Miss Addison

Future communications student wins annual pageant



The 10 contestants in the 2014 Miss Addison Scholarship Pageant give the judges and the audience one final look before the judges adjourn to make their decision Wednesday at Addison Village Hall.

Photos by Bill Ackerman - backerman@shawmedia.com

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON – A new Miss Addison was crowned Wednesday night after 10 young women competed in the annual pageant at Village Hall.

Samantha Slater, 18, won the title and a \$2,000 scholarship after she and the other contestants walked the red carpet, modeled dresses, and answered questions for the judges and audience.

Slater plans to study communication arts in the fall at Benedictine University.

First runner-up Morgan Pirtle, 18, won a \$1,000 scholarship, and second runner-up Tracy Ibeling, 19, won a \$500 scholarship.



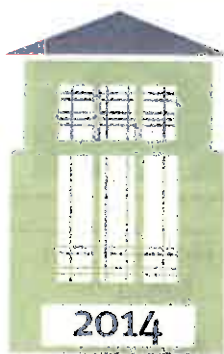
Samantha Slater reacts as she is announced the winner of the Miss Addison 2014 pageant Wednesday at Addison Village Hall.

More online

To view more photos from the pageant, visit mysurbanlife.com/addison.

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NEWS BRIEF

Students enjoy nature during camping trip

ADDISON – Members of Addison Trail High School's Interact Club recently went camping at Rock Cut State Park.

The nine female students camped from June 27 to 29. During their trip, the students went hiking and canoeing, learned about local wildlife, and participated in team-building exercises, according to a District

88 newsletter.

The club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Addison and is available to students who want to join together to tackle issues in their community that they care most about, according to the newsletter.

In the newsletter, Interact Club co-sponsor Esther Delgado said this was the first time many of the girls had ever gone camping.

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Bridge Communities partnership gives new shoes to kids in need

When a homeless family becomes part of Bridge Communities, their lives are transformed in major ways. They're moved into a safe, stable apartment; they receive weekly mentoring from dedicated volunteers; and they're connected to tutors, employment coaches and community programming for their entire family.

We also realized sometimes it's the little things that matter just as much. One client once told us owning a dining room table was something she had thought would be out of her reach and was now so grateful to have dinner with her family there every night. For others, it's seeing their child start to smile again after settling into a routine.

Part of Bridge's mission is helping restore our families' confidence and dignity after going through the traumas of homelessness, which is why we've partnered with the Gotta Have Sole Foundation.

The organization was started in 2010 by a teenager named Nicholas Lowinger, who was inspired after learning many children in a local homeless shelter didn't have shoes that fit properly or had to miss school frequently because they only had one pair of shoes to share among their siblings. He started to collect gently used shoes to donate, then new shoes. His dream became a foundation, and they now have given free, new shoes to more than 10,000 homeless children across America.

Now, children in Bridge Communities will be recipients of the program as well. Our Bridge Builders volunteer group already has measured the feet of about 50 children for shoes, and we expect to measure about 40 more this summer. The kids will each receive a new pair of gym shoes in time for the upcoming school year, and everyone will get a new pair of socks from a collection drive conducted by Baird & Warner's Glen Ellyn office as well.

A new pair of back-to-school shoes may be something we and our kids take for granted, but for many Bridge families, it means stability and normalcy. It's something that may be difficult to work into the budget when a family is trying to make ends meet and save for the future. We're grateful to organizations like Gotta Have Sole for helping Bridge families take a step in a better direction.

Lisa Doyle is the communications manager for Bridge Communities.



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Lisa Doyle



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Sister Cities President and former Addison Mayor Larry Hartwig (third from right) gathers at a recent village event with Addison Trail High School students Gabriela Calderone (from left), Susana Silva, Brianna Sitkowski, Angela Pitello, Camden Knights, Stephanie Diaz and Kamila Tychonowicz, who participated in the 2013-14 Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities student-exchange program.



The Addison-Triggiano Sister Cities student-exchange program provides Addison Trail High School students with the opportunity to host students from Italy and then travel to Italy themselves, where they visit major cities and experience high school there. Former Addison Mayor Larry Hartwig and several Addison Trail High School students spoke about the program during a recent Rock 'N' Wheels event hosted by the village. It sounds like a great learning opportunity for local students.



The Addison Fire Protection District recently hosted a golf tournament with other local firefighter organizations to benefit the families of their fallen comrades. The sixth annual Chicagoland Memorial Golf Tournament in Glendale Heights supported the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. What a worthy cause.

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