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LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Willowbrook graduate enters U.S. Naval Academy

by Chris Fox

Most of the 2014 high school graduates who are heading off to college are leaving sometime this month. Villa Park's Molly Kuenstler, however, left town at the end of June.

Three weeks after graduating from Willowbrook High School, Kuenstler departed for the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Kuenstler is attending the military service academy, where she's a member of its women's swim team.

One day before leaving Villa Park and heading east, Kuenstler closed out her nine-year career with the Villa Park Mariners swim team by delivering first-place finishes in all five of her events. She won three individual races and swam on two winning relay teams in the 15-18 girls division during the Mariners' June 28 meet at Carol Stream.

In addition to swimming with the Mariners, Kuenstler spent four years on the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls swim team. She competed in four straight IHSA state swim meets.

Kuenstler, whose favorite subject is science, wants to become a doctor.

"I either want to be some sort of physician or do some sort of medical research," said Kuenstler several days before she left Villa Park for Annapolis. "It's very broad at this point. I just know I want to do something in the medical field."

Kuenstler graduated with an academic rank within the top five percent of Willowbrook's Class of 2014, which included about 500 students. About one week before graduating, she was honored as the science department's Outstanding Senior for the 2013-14 school year. Each of the school's 10 academic departments honored a senior student at the May 30 event.

"She was wonderful to teach," said Willowbrook science teacher John Fouser of Kuenstler, who volunteered as a student lab assistant for the school's science department. "She's highly self-motivated and curious about subjects. She's willing to put in the effort to thoroughly learn the material. She's got quite a road ahead of her. I'm confident she'll be able to handle it with success."

As a junior at Willowbrook, Kuenstler took an Advanced Placement (AP) chemistry class taught by Fouser. She described the class as a kind of

wake-up call.

"I was fine as a freshman and sophomore," she said. "It got so much tougher in my junior year. It took me awhile to adjust. That class really taught me that if you want to succeed, you can't just settle for 'good enough.' He [Fouser] made me realize I could be doing better. That class really turned it around for me. I started working harder in every class and taking things more seriously."

Kuenstler and all of her fellow members of the Class of 2018 needed nominations from their senators or congressional representatives to be accepted to the academy. Kuenstler received nominations from both U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth and Senator Mark Kirk. She had interviews with staff members of both legislators before receiving the nominations.

Kuenstler visited other schools as she considered her future. The naval academy was her top choice.

"I did look at a bunch of other schools," said Kuenstler, who attended a week-long program at the academy in the summer of 2013. "The Naval Academy just kind of had that 'wow' factor, something that none of the other schools had. I loved the atmosphere. I loved the people there."

Kuenstler attended the summer camp at the academy after filling out a preliminary application. She got a taste of life there by taking part in some endurance courses and eating in the food hall. She made another visit to Annapolis in September 2013 for a recruiting trip with the swim team. Kuenstler learned she had been accepted into the academy a few months later when she received a letter of assurance shortly after Christmas.

"I'm going for the academics, to further my education and to have a career," said Kuenstler, who noted that there is a five-year commitment to serve in the U.S. Navy after she graduates.

Kuenstler said that while two of her grandparents served in the armed forces, she did not have a deep military background.

"It was more the school than the military," said Kuenstler on what attracted her to the academy. "But the opportunity to serve as an officer in the U.S. Navy is giving me an amazing bonus to a great school."

Kuenstler headed to the academy in

late June to begin what's known as Plebe Summer—a rigorous seven-week session of training designed to lay the foundation for four years of education and training. Shortly before leaving for Annapolis, Kuenstler outlined what was coming.

"You get up at 5:30 a.m. You go run. You do physical training. You go to breakfast. You go to classes, briefings, obstacle courses and drills. You go to lunch, then have more drills and briefings."

According to the U.S. Navy's Web site, Plebes in the Class of 2018 were allowed three 30 minute phone calls home during the summer. Parents returned to Annapolis for parents weekend (Aug. 7-10) at the end of Plebe Summer.

"I guess I'm kind of worried about transitioning to military life," she said. "In all honesty, I don't know much about it. I haven't been exposed to it. But I feel like once you get there, you're completely immersed in it. I think I can get used to it."

One of the adjustments Kuenstler had to make before Plebe Summer was cutting off a substantial portion of her red hair.

"I've got two feet of hair to cut off," she said in mid-June, noting that military rules stated her hair could be no longer than six inches. She measured her hair at 30 inches before making the major cut a few days before leaving Villa Park. She donated the excess hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which creates free, real-hair wigs for women with cancer.

Kuenstler said she looked forward to a structured schedule during her time at the academy. That schedule will include blocks of classes in the morning, lunch, another block of classes in the afternoon and swim practice from about 3:30 to 6 p.m.

"I like things to be regimented and put in place," she said. "I like schedules."

Kuenstler is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Kuenstler. Her older brother Drew is beginning his senior year at the University of Iowa. Her younger brother Zack is starting his junior year at Willowbrook. Kuenstler was involved in gymnastics for several years, from about age 3 until she was around 12 years old. She's also tried soccer, track, volleyball and basketball. Kuenstler



Special honor...

Photos by Chris Fox

MOLLY KUENSTLER (above, right) is pictured with United States Naval Academy Information Officer David A. Frey during Willowbrook High School's senior recognition ceremony in May. Frey visited the ceremony to honor Kuenstler, who was accepted into the United States Naval Academy. Kuenstler graduated from Willowbrook on June 8. Three weeks later, she headed to Annapolis, Md., for her induction and what's known as Plebe Summer—an intense seven-week training program for all incoming freshmen at the academy.

stated that she was not an outstanding swimmer when she joined the Mariners at the age of 10.

"I was barely able to swim a 25 [one length of the pool—25 meters] when I started," she recalled. "I was not all that good."

As an eighth-grader, Kuenstler swam the 100-meter freestyle event in about 1 minute, 5 seconds. She set a goal of swimming that event in less than one minute by the end of her freshman year in high school. She achieved it her first meet, completing the race in about 58 seconds.

"She's without a doubt the hardest working kid I've ever met," said Paul Anderson, the head coach of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls swimming team, of Kuenstler. "She was the first freshman in the history of our program to make it to the state meet. She was tiny—the smallest girl at the meet—but she was a gamer. She was not afraid of anybody. It's sad to see her go, but I can't wait to see what she does in the future."

As a freshman, Kuenstler swam on a relay team that qualified for the IHSA

state meet. She qualified for the state meet as an individual (in the 100-yard freestyle) and swam on two qualifying relay teams as a sophomore. One year later, she qualified individually in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events, and as a member of two state-qualifying relay teams. She swam on one qualifying team in her senior season.

"That was probably one of my greatest high school experiences," said Kuenstler of her time on the high school team, which won the West Suburban Gold Conference title during her senior season. "It really helped build me as a person. It taught me self discipline and the merits of hard work. I think it played a big role in deciding on the Naval Academy because it taught me the importance of working as a team."

Kuenstler, whose favorite stroke is the freestyle, said she's always preferred being part of a winning relay team to individual honors.

"The relays have always been the most important part of the meet to me," she said. "Sharing success with others is a far greater feeling than just having it to yourself."



Former Mariner is now a midshipman...

MOLLY KUENSTLER (above) of Villa Park is now at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Kuenstler, who graduated from Willowbrook High School in June, spent four years on the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls swim team. She also spent nine seasons on the Villa Park Mariners swim team. The above photo shows Kuenstler preparing to enter the water in the 15-18 girls 200-yard freestyle relay event during the Mariners' June 21 meet against the Lombard Waves. Cheering on Kuenstler in the lower right portion of the photo is Molly Hill, who was also part of the relay team. In addition to being a teammate of Kuenstler's on the Mariners, Hill was a fellow team member on the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls team.

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Addison Trail introduces Blazer Ambassadors program

90 in student-to-student mentor service

A group of 90 students will demonstrate their Blazer Pride by becoming Blazer Ambassadors this year at Addison Trail.

The Blazer Ambassadors program will be implemented this school year to better deliver student-to-student mentor services at the school. A group of 30 ambassadors will work with special education students, another group of 30 ambassadors will work with students one on one, and the last group of 30

will serve as tutors.

Before becoming an Ambassador, students had to apply and be chosen from a large group of applicants. Ambassadors went through training in late summer and will continue to receive training in early fall.

Ambassadors also will be part of larger school programming such as Freshmen Orientation, Course Information Night and other transition programs for freshmen and new students. All 90 Blazer Ambassadors will be mentors in the freshmen houses.

OBITUARY

Dorothy L. Ross, 93

ADDISON — Dorothy L. Ross, 93, a resident of The Vines Senior Home, Elgin, IL (formerly of Addison, IL.) passed away Thursday, July 31, 2014 surrounded by family.



DOROTHY ROSS

Dorothy was born August 28, 1920 in Batavia, IL. to parents Irvin Sorenson and Emma (David) Sorenson. She had one brother, Irvin

(Bud) Sorenson, and two sisters, Millie Hildenberg and Delores Biggerstaff. They resided in Maywood and Bellwood growing up. She graduated from Proviso High School in Maywood in 1937. She then attended the University of Illinois at Navy Pier in Chicago from 1953 to 1955.

Dorothy married William Seaman in 1943. Together they raised his 11 year-old son, Raymond J. Seaman. William passed away in 1956.

She worked a variety of jobs throughout her life. William and Dorothy owned three restaurants in the 1940's. Bill's Diner, Dewey's Hamburger, both in Forest Park, and The Lobby Restaurant in Chicago. She was an executive secretary for W.W. Grainger, Inc. from 1950 to 1961. She was an Executive Receptionist from 1961 to 1965. From there she worked until retirement in 1988 at GTE Automatic Electric.

Dorothy has always had religion in her life. She attended St Peters Church in Antioch from 1946-1972. She also was an active member of the Addison Bible Church until it resolved. She then found 1st Baptist Church of Wood Dale, which she was a member of until her death. She was an active prayer

warrior in her church.

Dorothy enjoyed traveling. Her favorite place she visited was Washington State. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, baking and canning.

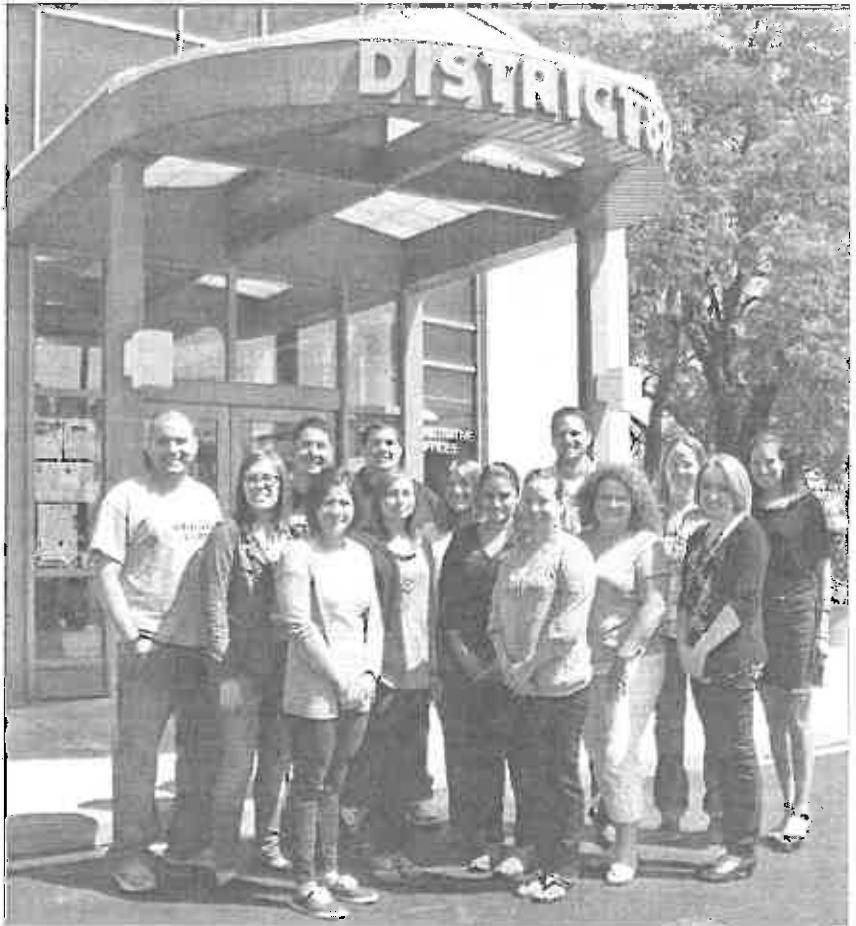
She met the love of her life, Robert Ross and they married on May 26, 1973. Together they enjoyed camping trips, gardening, and scouting. Dorothy was proud to be recognized as the first female leader in the Co-Ed Explorer post in 1972. She had six step children.

Dorothy was known as a loving, caring, prayerful, thoughtful woman, who was often invited to lead prayer at The Vines. She loved to laugh and touched the hearts of those who knew her.

She is survived by her 2 Granddaughters, Sharon Seaman and Cathy (Darrell) Vaden, and her 3 great grandchildren, Kelly (Jose) Robles, Adam Sorenson, and Shane Seaman. She is also survived by Bob's children Barbara Resendez, James (Nancy) Ross, Debra (Marty) Coe, Mary Anne (Jeff) Nora, David (Melanie) Ross, and Suzan (John) Eckberg. Dorothy was also blessed by 13 Grandchildren, Scott Resendez, Lisa Resendez, Courtney Ostrowski, Sara Dinardo, Sarah Lawyer, Nancy Sue Ross, Robert Ross, Michael Ross, Shane Nora, Nicole Nora, Alyssa Eckberg, Shelby Eckberg, Allison Eckberg and ten Great Grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Ross, her son Raymond Seaman, both of her parents, and all of her siblings.

Visitation was held on Sunday, August 3, 2014 at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Funeral Services were held on Monday, August 4 at Corman Memorial Home in Roseville, IL. with burial following at 2 p.m. at Roseville Cemetery.



courtesy photo

Welcome to the family

District 88 welcomed new staff members to the district on Aug. 14 by hosting a breakfast with local officials, first responders and service groups. The new staff includes: (back row, from left) Jeffrey Angle, Michael Marotta, Anthony Pennella, Jessica Null, Brian Chelmecki, Julie Rana, Dana Marine, (middle row), Carrie Skala, Kira Bonk, Nadia Gomez-Moran, Sheryl Anderson, Tricia Mueller, (front row) Mayra Carrera and Amanda Nickless.

Addison Trail hosts heroin awareness event

Raised funds and awareness

“District 88 is proud to be a community partner in the fight against heroin.”

— Dr. Scott Helton

ADDISON- — District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka participated in the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation's 2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon & Fun Run, held on Aug. 9.

The event took place at Addison Trail, and more than 300 people participated. The goal of the walk-a-thon and fun run was to raise awareness and funds to fight against heroin in the community. The event raised in excess of \$8,000.

Participants enjoyed a resource fair, live music, door prizes and a raffle.

“District 88 is proud to be a

community partner in the fight against heroin,” Helton said. “We are committed to help put an end to the heroin epidemic in the county and state and will continue to support the county and the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation to ensure the safety of students.”

For more information about the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation, go to <http://ltmfoundation.org>.

• CodeRED

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istration must take place online. This allows us to make sure to include you in messages that pertain to a smaller geographic area.

Q: If I received the test phone call, do I need to register?

A: If you received the message last week, then you are in the database. However you may still want to receive messages at other phone numbers or email addresses as well. If so, you should register those online.

Q: I didn't receive a test call last week. Why not, and what should I do?

A: Many people nowadays no longer have landlines at home, which makes it even more important to go online and register for CodeRED. Even if you have a landline, there is the small possibility that you are not in the database.

Chamber of Commerce hosts annual *Swing & Sizzle*



Villa Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alesia Bailey and President John Zaley 'ham it up' during the *Swing & Sizzle*. This year's theme was the movies (Zaley is dressed as Charlie Chaplin).



photos by Paul DelGuidice
Joe Lane of Mike's Meat Market and Mike Hirsch of Edward Jones manned the grill at this year's Villa Park Chamber of Commerce *Swing & Sizzle*.



Willowbrook High School Principal Dan Krause gets his salad in the food line at this year's *Swing & Sizzle*. Attendees also enjoyed corn on the cob, a baked potato and, of course, a steak.



Volunteer Jeannie Nichols chats with Chamber member Phil Greco (The Odeum Expo Center)



Elmhurst Hospital's Diane McGinnis joins York Township Clerk Dan Kordik and York Township Trustee Paul Hinds at the *Swing & Sizzle* on Wed. Aug. 13.

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Addison Trail football team makes good summer progress

Blazers open fall practices on a strong note

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail football coach Paul Parpet Jr. was pleased with the amount of work his team got in during the recent summer session.

The Blazers participated in a pair of 7-on-7 events. First, Addison Trail played in the Red Grange 7-on-7 at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School.

"It was a two-day tournament that was very competitive," said Parpet Jr. "You play for points and you play to win. They have officials there and you have 25 seconds to snap the ball. It was good for the kids."

In July, Addison Trail hosted the West Suburban Conference 7-on-7. "With that one each team got 10 plays and the ball was snapped from a consistent spot," said Parpet Jr. "It was good for the kids to be in a couple of competitive events."

Parpet Jr. saw many positives during the summer.

"We definitely have experienced kids coming back in key spots," he said.

"Our skill players are pretty good. We have a lot of competitive kids who have a lot of experience. They will go out there and compete because they are hungry and want to win. They had a great attitude for the 25 days we were together during the summer."

Parpet Jr. said while the team worked on its passing game, there was an additional emphasis in the summer.

"What we spent some good time on over the summer is running the football," he said. "We have to be consistent running the football. The last couple years we did not run the ball like I would have liked to run it. We've shored that up. It all starts up front."

Parpet Jr. said the offensive line will be bolstered by returning starters Tyler Schroeder-Zelek and Josh Broschinsky.

"We have guys who can get the job done up front," he said. "With some of the newer kids, it's a matter of catching them up to the speed of playing varsity football. I think we will be sound and consistent up front. Our offense has the opportunity to be explosive."

Addison Trail returns the likes of Javvion Bradley, Mike Rybarczyk (quarterback) and Jake Atiyeh on the offensive side of the ball. Parpet Jr. also has been impressed with the offensive efforts of juniors Mike Hundley and Malik Pierre-

Louis and sophomore Darius Conrad. The team suffered a blow when wide receiver Christian Grabowski hurt his knee at the end of summer.

"We will win football games based on whether or not we can be consistent up front," said Parpet Jr.

The defense also has made strides over the summer.

"We have some good skill coming back on the defensive side of the ball," the coach said. "We have our whole secondary back and two of four linebackers and two down linemen back. We're working hard to be consistent on defense. We have to stop the run and we have to get the defense off the field on third down and put the ball back in our offense's hands. Like everybody else, if you can convert on third down on offense and stop the other team on third down on defense you are going to be successful more times than not. We're focusing on stopping the run on defense and running the ball on offense."

Key defensive returners include linebacker Eric Gilliam, Matt Gontarek, Conrad, Anthony Metallo, Marc Anemone, Matt Domek and Bradley.

The team's attitude also has been high atop Parpet Jr.'s list of positives.

"These guys keep getting better every day," he said. "This is a fun bunch of

young men. They want to work and they want to get better. It's not how much you have in the playbook, but it's how good you can run the stuff in the playbook. That's the focus. We've been getting in as many reps as we can. Football hasn't changed. It's the same as it was 50 years ago. You run the football and you stop the run and that's what these guys have focused on this summer."

Parpet Jr. was impressed with the team's intensity last week during the opening of fall practices.

"When you don't have to get your players fired up and they go out there and want to practice, that makes it easy," he said. "These guys are excited about practice. They are hungry. We went 2-7 last year and didn't reach the expectations we had last year. These guys are even more motivated and they want to get better. You can't coach that. You can't coach instincts. These guys know each other. They know the guys around them and they know how to get open and help each other out. Those are things that you can't coach. They've been playing together since they were little with the Cowboys (youth program). Now, it's more about fine-tuning things. These guys expect to have a good season. They have high expectations for themselves."

Summer work paying off for Willowbrook football team

Warriors look to continue recent gridiron success

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook football coach Nick Hildreth views the summer session he has with his team as a clean slate.

"Every summer you start new," he said. "You have holes to fill and the coaching staff is anxious to see what identity the team takes on. You have a lot of new faces who will fill those holes."

Hildreth said this particular summer was especially important on the offensive side of the ball.

"We only have three starters back on offense so there was a lot of evaluation," he said.

The Warriors participated in 7-on-7 events with Lemont and Riverside-Brookfield. Willowbrook was supposed to

host another 7-on-7, but it was rained out.

"It's an opportunity to get some work in against somebody else," said Hildreth. "The summer can get long sometimes. This is a great opportunity to go and matchup with another team. It was nice to see somebody else."

Willowbrook's offensive and defensive lines participated in a linemen's challenge at Bolingbrook High School.

Overall, Hildreth liked what he saw during the summer.

"We put in a lot of effort and had a lot of energy," he said. "I can't complain. They had great energy day in and day out. If the kids continue to bring that type of energy we will take that and continue to work to get better and fine-tune things from a technical standpoint."

Willowbrook is in better shape on the defensive line in terms of returning personnel.

"Defensively we return more guys. We only lost a couple so there is definitely more experi-

ence on that side," said Hildreth.

Willowbrook is coming off a 2013 season where it made the state playoffs and finished second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

"Every year it's a new group," said Hildreth. "We went up to a

travel camp at Ripon College and when we go up there we go through a segment where the kids establish their goals both individually and as a team. In general, these guys have high expectations for themselves and for the team."

Willowbrook opens the sea-

son with home games in four of the first five weeks. The Warriors welcome town neighbor Glenbard East to Villa Park on Friday, Aug. 29 in the season opener. The Warriors host Glenbard East, Lyons Township and Hinsdale South in the first three games of the season.

IC boys golf team poised for strong season

Knights return three experienced seniors and girls standout Hurt

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep boys golf coach Don Sujack likes the direction the program is headed in.

"The next couple years I think we will be pretty decent," he said.

IC returns three experienced seniors and a talented girls golfer who will contribute at the boys varsity level.

Back are seniors Anthony Clementi, Robert Hughes and Stone Brinkman, along with sophomore girls standout Maddie Hurt. Hurt, who played with IC's boys team during the regular season as a freshman, shifted over to the girls state tournament series and finished tied for 38th place in Class A.

"We have a good number of returning players who we are expecting contributions from," said Sujack.

Sophomores Trey Morris and John Hoffman also played some on the varsity last year.

"We expect Trey and John to be in the mix along with players

such as Matt DeWitte and Jack Ricobene (both juniors)," said Sujack. "We have some talented players. The four returning players have been working on their games and Maddie played in a lot of tournaments over the summer. She will be a force to be reckoned with, especially during the girls postseason. She'll also be a regular contributor with the boys team. This is Anthony Clementi's fourth year and Robert and Stone are in their second years on the varsity. Anthony advanced to

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Addison wrestlers compete at national event

Fuentes, Carson named All-Americans

Five Addison Trail High School wrestlers competed in the USA Wrestling/Asics Nationals tournament held in Fargo, North Dakota in July. The grapplers represented the State of Illinois and the Village of Addison.

In the 15 & 16 yr. old Cadet Division, Addison Trail Senior Karim Fuentes finished in 4th place. He earned All-American status in the Greco-Roman 275 lb. weight class.

Blazers standout Bobby

Carson also earned All American status by placing 7th in the 275 lb. Junior Freestyle Division.

In the 17 & 18 yr. old Junior Division, Anthony Metallo (Greco-Roman), Stepen Hayden and Danny Tomasello (Freestyle) all qualified and wrestled tough, but came up short of place winning.

"All of Addison can take pride in these wrestlers' representation of their town and bringing home two All-Americans," said Addison Trail Assistant Varsity Head Coach Sam Geraci, who is also the Head Coach of Headlock Wrestling Academy.

Ground broken for Community Center at DuPage County Health Department

DU PAGE COUNTY – Members of the DuPage County Board of Health, DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin, DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) Leadership and the Board of Directors for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) DuPage took part in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Community Center on Thursday (Aug. 14) afternoon.

The Community Center will be built on property to the east of the existing DCHD Central Office on the DuPage County Government campus in Wheaton. The building will be 33,000 square feet and will include 133 parking spaces. The estimated cost is \$11 million and it will be fully funded by the Health Department.

"The Community Center signals a new direction of healthcare at the Health Department. This facility will allow the Department to expand public health services to provide and really embrace integrated care opportunities, including wellness and recovery for all county residents," said Linda Kurzawa, President of the Board of Health.

Chairman Cronin called the event "an historic day for DuPage County and the Health Department.

This Community Center is a model program of shared services and a public and private partnership that benefits the entire community."

Karen Ayala, Executive Director of the Health Department, added: "Our intent is to offer a comprehensive approach to wellness that includes support, socialization and recreation, to all DCHD clients, as well as our staff and the entire community."

Ayala noted that DCHD's 24-hour crisis services will be transitioned to the Community Center, along with vocational training and psychological rehabilitation programs from its Transitional Services Center. Community Center construction is expected to be completed in fall, 2015.

Wight & Company has been a valued partner in this project and has provided architectural design and engineering services for the Community Center, and was also selected to provide construction management services.

For more information on the Health Department, follow us on YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, or visit www.dupagehealth.org.

Special events scheduled for Oktoberfest

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation is hosting Oktoberfest September 5-7 at Lions Park, 320 E.

Wildwood. Come out for lots of good food, music and entertainment.

Several special events will take place at Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 6: a Bags Tournament will be held at 4 pm. Two-person teams will compete for "Best of the Fest". Each team is guaranteed two matches. Awards include a total cash payout of \$150 and trophies. The fee is \$25 per team with pre-registration; \$35 for walk-up registration.

This bags tournament is for ages 16 and older.

A FREE Teen Pizza Judging Contest will be held at 4:30 pm. Teens will blind taste test pizza from area pizzerias and vote for the best in several categories. Pre-registration is required. A FREE Villa Park's Got Talent Contest will be

held 12-3 pm. Individuals and groups can compete in a Junior 12 and younger),

Tween (13-17) and Adult (18 and over) division. Pre-registration is required. Call 630-834-8970 with any questions on these Oktoberfest events.

Montini Catholic High School principal and teacher selected as Arthur J. Schmitt scholars

Montini Principal Maryann O'Neill and teacher, Kevin Beirne, were recently selected as Lewis University's 2014 Arthur J. Schmitt Scholars.

Lewis University, a Catholic and Lasallian University based in Romeoville, Illinois, presents the prestigious scholarship to students who excel in their academic performance and who actively promote the school's mission, especially through the development and exercise of leadership skills.

The two award recipients attended a special luncheon in honor of all 2014 Schmitt Scholars on April 25, 2014 at the James A. LaGrippe Pastoral Center in Romeoville. At the luncheon, O'Neill and Beirne were formally awarded their \$5,000 scholarships. They also had the opportunity to meet and personally thank directors of the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation.

Maryann O'Neill has been an educator for 29 years, and is entering into her eleventh year as Principal at Montini Catholic High School. Under her leadership, Montini Catholic has become a place where Catholic values of service and charity are as important as academic excellence. "I believe that we need to educate the entire child – heart, mind, spirit and body," said O'Neill. "We do this by 'touching hearts,' which means we must know our students, accept them for who they are, and work to move them forward." As a compassionate school leader, O'Neill also has energetically worked towards accommodating the needs of all learners especially those most in need. She also led improvements in various areas, such as in curriculum, technology and facilities.

O'Neill is a member of the National Catholic Education Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Diocese of Joliet High School Principals Council, the Lasallian Mission Council, and the Lasallian Association for Secondary Schools Chief Administrators Planning Committee. She was also a recipient of the Bishop Roger L. Kafar Award in 2012.

Montini English teacher, Kevin Beirne, is also

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— Kevin Beirne, teacher

the school's Director of Digital Learning. He has been a teacher at Montini for seven years, and this is his second year receiving the Arthur J. Schmitt Scholarship. Beirne received his Master of Arts at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. He also served as Montini's Student Activities Director where he coordinated the school's non-athletic extra-curricular program and moderated its student government organization, responsible for fundraising, class outings and student events.

"I think more than anything, the work of a teacher is to help each student discover in her or himself, a love of learning, and a desire for knowledge," Mr. Beirne said. "While we work hard to facilitate their learning during their time at Montini, we've only achieved something if they take responsibility for their own learning by the time they leave us."

Arthur J. Schmitt was an industrial executive who devoted his resources to promoting his strong Christian principles and ideals. He established the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation in 1941 with the goal of granting fellowships for graduate degrees at institutions. His philosophy still applies today, "The important thing to do is to figure out a place for yourself in the world, and then do something about it."



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Montini Catholic High School President Jim Segredo (far left), congratulates Principal Maryann O'Neill and teacher, Kevin Beirne on their Arthur J. Schmitt Scholars Award.

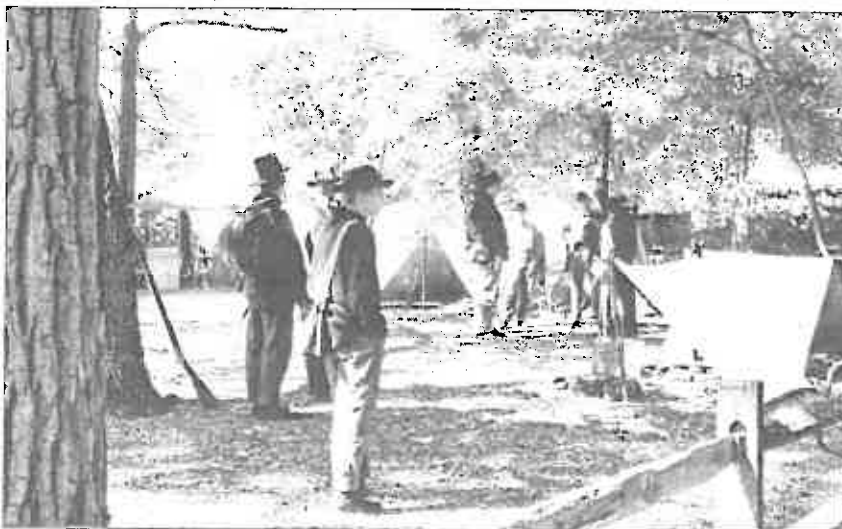
Civil War Encampment coming to Graue Mill Aug. 30, 31

OAK BROOK — Graue Mill and Museum, 3800 York Road, will be hosting a Civil War Encampment from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Aug. 31.

Don't miss this favorite annual tradition when members of the 10th Illinois Regiment and their families spend the weekend on the Mill grounds, depicting what life was like in a Union military camp.

Complete with authentic clothing, weapons and tools, this event will take you back in time to the 1860s. Experience black powder firing demonstrations and drills, cooking, toys, and crafts.

The members of this regiment are excellent presenters who pay attention to historical accuracy and are extremely dedicated to creating a unique and unforgettable experience.



A Civil War encampment will take place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Aug. 31 at Graue Mill and Museum, 3800 York Road.

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District 88 partners to support students with special needs

District 88 is committed to meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of all its students.

Some students need more structure and intervention to meet the academic challenges of high school, and the schools (Addison Trail in Addison and Willowbrook in Villa Park) continuously look for ways to help them succeed.

For a portion of the school's students with special needs, a separate placement is necessary to provide a smaller, more controlled environment to allow those students to reach their full potential.

According to District 88 staff, finding the right environment can be a challenge, given the needs of each student. As a solution to that challenge, District 88 has entered into a partnership with Glenbard District 87 to create their own special education outside placement facility. This facility will provide a local, cost-effective and higher-quality option to better meet the needs of our students.

Districts 88 and 87 have contracted with Ombudsman PLUS to open the DuPage Glenbard Ombudsman PLUS program for students with special needs. The facility is on Army Trail Road in Addison opened to students on Aug. 20.

The program will serve 30

students, who require the following supports and services to reach success.

- A highly structured learning environment
- A combination of teacher-led instruction and computer-assisted instructional support
- Social skills development
- Positive behavior interventions and supports
- Small class sizes
- Daily social work services/interventions

Staffing for this program will include three special education teachers, two social workers and teacher assistants. District 88 students will be recommended for this program by the student screen teams at Addison Trail and Willowbrook, and placement will take place using the special education Individualized Education Program (IEP) team process, as required by law.

As students reach their set goals in the program, they can transition back to their home school. The program will use District 88 curriculum for direct instruction, and students will have the opportunity for credit recovery as needed to ensure progress toward graduation.

For more information, feel free to contact District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente at jbarbanente@dupage88.net or 630-530-3982.

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sectionals last year and all three of them expect to get there this year. Trey, John, Matt and Jack all played some varsity last year and will be in the mix for playing time."

IC shifts from the Suburban Christian Conference to the expanded Metro Suburban Conference.

"We're not playing the likes of Marmion, Marian Central and Montini anymore," said Sujack. "We expect to be very competitive in our new conference. The play of our individuals and the whole team should be markedly improved from 2013. They got out and played in tournaments and worked on their games over the summer. Our individual play has improved and consequently the team should be better."

IC started off the season with tournaments at Cog Hill (ISL-MSC event) and Glen Oak and will play Saturday at the Grant Invitational in Fox Lake.

"We will get a really good idea of what we look like this week," said Sujack. "I like how the team is shaping up. It's good to have those three seniors and Maddie. Maddie went downstate last year and during the summer she was in the 70s almost every time out. She has confidence playing with the boys. There's no longer that newness factor."

Sujack is excited about the younger players in the program as well.

"We have good, young kids

in the program who know what they are doing," he said. "We have a full frosh-soph squad, so our players will have the opportunity to compete and

contribute both this year and beyond. We have a lot of kids nipping at the heels of each other. Those young players have a lot of good potential."



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One heck of a ride

AT, District 88 administrators take first-day bus ride with students

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA
ADDISON – Some Addison Trail High School students had special guests on their bus ride home Wednesday from their first day of school: Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka and DuPage High School Dis-

trict 88 Superintendent Scott Helton.
 The bus ride to kick off the school year is a tradition in the district.
 For information on the upcoming school year at Addison Trail, visit dupage88.net/site/sub/2.



RIGHT: Addison Trail High School Principal Adam Cibulka talks with students Wednesday during his annual ride on a school bus to kick off the new school year.
BELOW: DuPage High School District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton takes a selfie with Addison Trail High School senior Diego Murillo as they ride a school bus together.

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LEFT: Addison Trail High School Principal Adam Cibulka talks with a bus driver prior to riding a school bus after Addison Trail's first day back to school Wednesday.

YOUR WEEKEND FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Friday
High: 90
Low: 72
 Partly sunny, heat index near 97

Saturday
High: 85
Low: 71
 Partly sunny, chance of t-storms

Sunday
High: 89
Low: 72
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ON THE COVER

In the late 19th century, Marquardt Store (left) and Herman Heuer Meat Market sit on Lake Street near Addison Road in Addison, the current site of a Walgreens.
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11 PERCENT: Maybe
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District 88 welcomes the new school year

At District 88, we're excited to have welcomed a new school year Wednesday. A new school year is the perfect time to reflect on the successes of last year and prepare for the year ahead to ensure we continue building futures for the students of District 88. Last year, we observed measurable positive student performance outcomes such as:

- More than 90 percent of the class of 2014 at Addison Trail and at Willowbrook was accepted to a two- or four-year college or university.
- Addison Trail students will attend schools in 16 states and Canada, and Willowbrook students will attend schools in 23 states and Washington, D.C.
- Addison Trail and Willowbrook were recognized by The Washington Post for a record number of students participating in the Advanced Placement program at both schools, which allows students to earn college credit while in high school. This was the seventh consecutive year District 88 was recognized in that ranking. We look forward to continuing that success this year, and we will focus on the following areas during the 2014-15 school year:
 - Continue to align our curriculum and assessments to the new Common Core State Standards. Those new standards were created to increase rigor in English and math, which will carry over into all subjects; to develop consistent learning expectations for all students; and to implement higher-level, clearer and deeper real-life learning to prepare students for college and career.
 - Continue to implement interventions and strategies to close the achievement gap among student groups.
 - Continue to raise expectations for all students.
 - Continue to implement best practices with technology to ensure our students are prepared with 21st-century technology skills.
 - Continue to provide support and professional growth opportunities for staff members.
 - Continue to be transparent, open and honest with our stakeholders through our website, newsletter, social media and face-to-face interactions, meetings and events.
 - Continue to maintain fiscal responsibility to ensure a stable financial environment.

We have great leadership at our schools, a supportive and knowledgeable Board of Education, involved and engaged parents/guardians and community members and talented and committed staff. With that mix, we'll meet any situation head on and find the path to success. We'll continue to work together to ensure District 88 remains one of the top school districts and to build futures for our students.

Scott Helton is the superintendent for DuPage High School District 88.



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Nick Gore of Bartlett hugs Felicia Miceli on Aug. 9 at the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation's second annual Walk-a-Thon and Fun Run in memory of her son, Louie.



Two years after losing their son and brother Louie to a heroin overdose, the Miceli family of Addison continues their battle against the drug through the organization they started in Louie's name, LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation. The foundation speaks to young people across the Chicago area to help spread the word about the dangers of the highly addictive drug. The Miceli family took a heartbreaking tragedy and turned it into a way to help others.



The Addison Public Library saw an increase this summer in the number of children and teenagers who participated in its summer reading programs. It's important for learners to keep their minds sharp even when school is not in session, so it's great to see young Addison residents doing just that. Hopefully they had many grand adventures this summer with a little help from their favorite authors.



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Wilkie's hockey odyssey continues in Canada

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VILLA PARK – Zach Wilkie has been traveling all over the world recently, but was able to stop at home in Villa Park to stay with his family, something that has become increasingly rare for the 17-year-old hockey prospect.

Wilkie just competed in the 2014 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in the Czech Republic and Slovakia with the U-18 U.S. National Team. The Americans took the bronze medal. Wilkie, a defenseman, registered three assists in five games at the tournament, including one on the game-winning goal in the 5-4 overtime victory against Sweden for the bronze on Aug. 16.

"We didn't get the result that we wanted," Wilkie said. "We were looking to get a gold medal. It came down to a semifinal against Canada. We came into the bronze medal game and ended up beating Sweden. I'm happy that we did it, but I wish we would have won gold."

The U.S. went 2-1 in pool play with wins against Russia and Finland and a loss against the Czech Republic. Canada beat the Americans 11-5 in a semifinal.

After the tournament, Wilkie flew home to be with his parents but is already back on the road for the start of his season with the Niagara Ice Dogs of the Ontario Hockey League. The team is based in St. Catharines, Ontario. The OHL is a junior hockey league in Canada made for top prospects. Wilkie is entering his second year in the league and will be eligible for the NHL Draft in 2015.

"It's tough not living with your parents anymore and having to grow up so quick but it's also a nice experience to move to another country," Wilkie said. "The draft is a big thing that I'm looking forward to. I'm just trying to work my hardest this year to be drafted as high as I can. That would be the goal right now, just to get drafted and after that try to make an NHL team."

If Wilkie gets drafted he



Photo provided by Linda Wilkie

Zach Wilkie finishes a check along the boards in a Niagara Ice Dogs game last season. The Villa Park native is preparing for his second season in the prestigious Ontario Hockey League.

2013-14 season stats

35 Games played
1 Goal
5 Assists
6 Points

can remain with the Ice Dogs through age 20, although his goal is to move up quicker than that. He could also land in the American Hockey League with NHL-affiliated minor league clubs.

For now, Wilkie is still getting used to life in Canada. He has noticed the differences with the hockey-obsessed country when international tournaments take place.

"You're under a bit of a microscope there so you have to be aware of what you're doing

on and off the ice," Wilkie said. "If it's the Olympics or World Juniors all the restaurants are busy during the games. It's interesting being an American in Canada because everybody is giving you hazes, but it's all in good fun."

Wilkie is one of six Americans on the Ice Dogs' 26-man roster. As part of his foreign journey, Wilkie is staying with a family under the Canadian billet system. He had nothing but good things to say about his host family.

"I think I probably have some of the best billets in the league," Wilkie said. "They treat me like I'm their own son. It's nice to have billets that are like family to you."

Training camp is just getting started for the Ice Dogs and the season starts Sept. 26.

Girls golfers set sights on state tournament

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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kas as key players for the season ahead.

As the girls golf season gets underway, teams have their sights set on the same destination – downstate DeCATUR for the Class A and AA state tournaments on Oct. 17 and 18. If tradition holds, Addison Trail, Glenbard East, Willowbrook and York will begin the postseason at the same regional tournament.

The Rams moved into the Upstate Eight this year and the first conference match was Thursday against West Aurora.

Willowbrook Warriors

Coach: Jim White
Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players	Year
Madison Aiello	Senior
Amanda Di Nella	Senior
Therese Flicek	Senior
Allison Kelley	Senior

Outlook: Four-year varsity player Amanda Di Nella has qualified for sectionals the past three seasons for the Warriors.

She will be joined by Madison Aiello, Allison Kelley and Therese Flicek as seniors on the team.

"We are a young and inexperienced team, but have players that want to learn and compete, can't ask more than that," coach Jim White said.

York Dukes

Coach: Barb Tilden
Conference: West Suburban Silver

Top players	Year
Megan Backman	Junior
Breanna Failla	Senior
Natalie Hennin	Senior
Elise Rantis	Senior
Danielle Sika	Senior

Outlook: The Dukes feature 11 returners in the program, including four seniors: Breanna Failla, Natalie Hennin, Elise Rantis and Danielle Sika.

In addition, returning juniors Megan Backman, Lauren Cairo, Ellen Foley, Maggie Milkowski and Katie Beth Pasternock give the team plenty of depth. Backman and Rantis qualified for sectionals as individuals last year.

"All the seniors promise to be strong players and the younger girls all have promising futures on the team," York coach Barb Tilden said.

Addison Trail Blazers

Coach: Phil Stewart
Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players	Year
Francesca Capparelli	Freshman
Al-Baab Khan	Senior
Nicolina Mannino	Senior

Outlook: Plenty of new faces will make up the Addison Trail girls golf team this year. Not only is Gia Dela Cruz, one of the best golfers to ever go through the program, gone, but a new coach also is in place.

Phil Stewart takes over and has a young squad in his first year. Just two seniors, Al-Baab Khan and Nicolina Mannino, are on the roster, but Stewart was optimistic about the young players coming up.

"We are a young team trying to start over after Gia's graduation," Stewart said. "We have quite a few freshmen that we hope can grow into really good golfers. Francesca Capparelli has the best golf game on our team as of now."

Glenbard East Rams

Coach: Scott Miller
Conference: Upstate Eight Valley

Top players	Year
Grace Ludwig	Junior
Anna Mahay	Senior

Outlook: Two sectional qualifiers, Grace Ludwig and Anna Mahay, are back to lead the Rams this fall.

Glenbard East has 12 returning players in all. Coach Scott Miller also mentioned junior Gillian Ostrowski and sophomore Samantha Katsi-



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AT boys golf aims to replicate recent success

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The boys golf season has already teed off and teams are hoping to make the trek to Bloomington and Normal for the Class 1A, 2A and 3A state tournaments Oct. 17 and 18. Here's the outlook for Addison Trail and other area teams.

Addison Trail Blazers

Coach: Eric Norberg

Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players	Year
Dan Hartnett	Senior
Nick Sammarco	Senior
Tommy Stuhr	Senior
Zack Vaca	Senior
Joe Zucchero	Senior

Outlook: The Blazers won a regional last year and return five of the six golfers that competed in that meet, including top golfer Zack Vaca.

Nick Sammarco, Dan Hartnett, Tommy Stuhr and Joe Zucchero also are part of the six-man senior class on the roster. Junior Santino Biolatta also figures to be a regular in the top six.

Eric Norberg takes over as the boys coach after leading AT's girls program last season.

Montini Broncos

Coach: Dave Lyons

Conference: N/A

Top players	Year
Eddie Fitzgerald	Senior
Adam Keefe	Senior
Matt Spangler	Senior

Outlook: The Montini boys golf team isn't as fortunate as the football program to have found a conference right after the dismantling of the Suburban Christian Conference. The Broncos will be an independent team this season, but still have scheduled matches with teams from the Chicago Catholic League, their future home.

"It is hard to set expectations because we do not have a conference this year," coach Dave Lyons said. "We will be joining the Catholic League next year. I would say our goal is to get the

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team back downstate again this year."

Alex Keefe, the top golfer from last year, is back to lead that charge. Montini was 12th in state last year and Keefe took 15th individually. Fellow seniors Eddie Fitzgerald and Matt Spangler also return from that team.

"If some of my underclassmen fill the roles that my departed seniors had, we will be in the thick of a downstate trip this October," Lyons said.

Willowbrook Warriors

Coaches: Gary Walker

Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players	Year
Mike Madrid	Senior
Dominic McDonnell	Senior
Henry Wallace	Senior

Outlook: Seniors Mike Madrid, Dominic McDonnell and Henry Wallace are the only varsity returners on the team with 22 golfers in the program.

Coach Gary Walker talked up Wallace as a key player for this season.

"This is Henry's fourth year in the program and he has improved each season," Walker said. "His effort is always great and I'm hoping his improvement continues through regionals."

The Warriors have a number of invites throughout the season to go with the West Suburban Gold schedule. Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South appear to be the favorites in the conference along with Addison Trail returning much of a regional-winning team from a year ago.

Willowbrook will hope to crack the top half of the conference with a youth movement.

"We are very young, with only three varsity golfers returning," Walker said. "Our focus this season is to control what we can control. If we do that, the scores will take care of themselves."



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Addison Trail's Zack Vaca chips the ball onto the green Wednesday during the Addison Trail Invite at Oak Meadows. Vaca is one of five players returning from the Blazers' regional tournament-winning team in 2013.