Season finale...

THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL music department held its final concert of the 2014-15 school year on Thursday night in the Doris White Auditorium. The photo on the right shows members of the concert choir, which performed five songs, including a medley from "West Side Story." The concert choir performed under the direction of Karyn Wolcott, Willowbrook's choral director and the chair of the school's music department. Thursday's concert also included performances from the beginning mixed chorus, the treble choir and the CenterStage show choir. The concert also included recognition of the department's senior students, who will graduate on June 7. Wolcott made brief comments about each of the seniors and mentioned the schools they will be attending later this year.

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VFW post marks Memorial Day with solemn ceremony

Monday's annual Memorial Day ceremony at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 ended with the post's traditional balloon release in honor of the area veterans who passed away during the last year. There was a mild sprinkle in the air during the release of the red, white and blue balloons outside of the post facility at 39 E. St. Charles Road.

Post member and World War II veteran Sid Bergh served his usual role as master of ceremonies during the brief service inside the post. Speakers included Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel, DuPage County Board member Peter DiCianni and Tim Connolly, who is the post's commander-elect. Connolly's wife, Marilyn, who is the post's junior vice commander-elect, also spoke and described the origin of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, which dates back to the 1860s, shortly after the end of the Civil War.

Near the end of the indoor service, a bugler from the Royal-Airs Drum and Bugle Corps sounded taps. The attendees then assembled outside for the balloon release at Bergh's command.

A day to remember...

TIM CONNOLLY (above, left), the commander-elect of Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801, speaks during Monday's Memorial Day service. The above right photo shows bugler George Johnson of the Royal-Airs Drum and Bugle Corps sounding taps at the conclusion of the indoor service. The photo below shows Henry Ebeling (right) of Villa Park's Steuerle Funeral Home reading the names of the area veterans who died in the last year, and whose arrangements were handled by the funeral home.

Paying tribute...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 ended with the balloon release to honor area veterans who died in the last year. The above photo, taken shortly before the release, shows the American flag at half-staff. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the flag is to be flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, when it is raised to the top of the flagpole. The flag was raised as the balloons were released. The photo below shows Christopher Roder (center) of Boy Scout Troop No. 242 during the presentation of colors at the start of the indoor ceremony. Roder is a Villa Park resident and a junior at Willowbrook High School. He's also one of four Eagle Scouts in the troop. The troop's three other Eagle Scouts are Anthony Roder, Alex Catalano and Kevin Green.

St. Alexander School won't be open for the 2015-16 school year

St. Alexander School in Villa Park, which opened in 1925, will not be open during the upcoming 2015-16 school year.

In a May 22 letter addressed to St. Alexander families, the Rev. Mark Cote—the pastor of the St. Alexander parish—stated that operations at the Catholic school, located at 136 S. Cornell Ave., are being suspended at the end of the current school year.

"Effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year, operations of St. Alexander School will be suspended," stated Cote's letter. The pastor stated that the decision to suspend operations was reached with the support of the Most Rev. Daniel Conlon, the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, as well other officials in the diocese and much of the St. Alexander parish leadership.

St. Alexander School nearly closed five years ago, but after an appeal to the diocese, the school remained open. In November 2009, the Diocese of Joliet's Strategic Planning Committee recommended closing the school at the end of the 2009-10 year. St. Alexander appealed that decision in January 2010. Later that month, J. Peter Sartain, who was then the bishop of the diocese, announced that the school "should continue as long as it is able to provide quality Catholic education and is financially viable according to the benchmarks to be developed by the Catholic Schools Office and the Diocesan Financial Office."

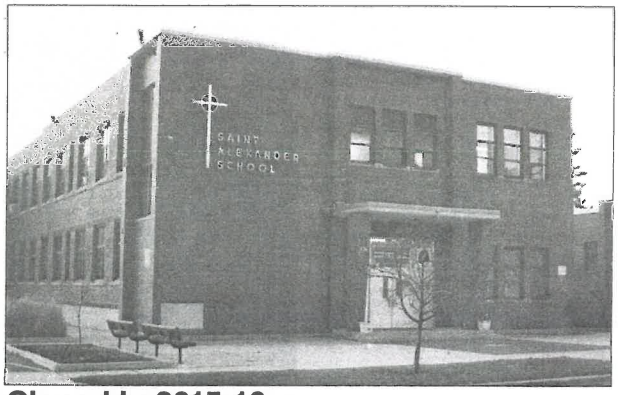
In the fall of 2009, the school served 140 students in the Pre-K3 (for 3-year-olds) through eighth grade. The current enrollment is reportedly under 100 students.

Cote's May 22 letter was dated the same day of the graduation Mass for the school's eighth-grade class.

"As many of you are already aware, St. Alexander School has been facing an uphill battle for many years now to remain open, viable and sustainable," stated Cote in last week's letter. Cote noted that over $250,000 was raised in the last six years in an effort to keep the school open. "However, enrollment has declined, bringing us far below where we were six years ago. The money that was raised in order to help us build our enrollment has also been depleted. A big part of our issue is being able to provide the kind of quality of education that St. Alexander School has held in the last 89 years. With low enrollments comes the need for cuts in staffing, which decreases the overall educational experience. While we examined various models of school for next year, our enrollment simply will not work in any of them."

Cote's letter also mentioned that the St. Alexander parish faces significant financial challenges, including $650,000 in debt. The pastor also stated that an informal inspection from the diocese's buildings and property office "pointed out a number of critical and costly repairs that our campus will need to address in the coming years."

Cote added that discussions have already begun with nearby Catholic schools about helping St. Alexander families who want to continue providing a Catholic education for their children.



Closed in 2015-16...

File photo

VILLA PARK'S ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL, located at 136 S. Cornell Ave., won't be open for the 2015-16 school year. In Friday's letter to St. Alexander families, the Rev. Mark Cote, who is the pastor of the parish, announced that operations at the school will be suspended at the end of the current school year. Cote cited declining enrollment and financial challenges as main factors in the decision to close the school, which reportedly serves under 100 students. The pastor stated that discussions have already begun with nearby Catholic grade schools about the possible transition of St. Alexander students to their schools for the 2015-16 school year.

Kiwanis Club holds yard sale outside of North Park Mall on Saturday

Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a giant yard sale fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. The sale will take place at the North Park Mall on the northeast side of the parking lot. All funds raised will go to Project Eliminate, a Kiwanis International and UNICEF endeavor for the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus. For more information, contact the Kiwanis Club at 630-247-9064.

Villa Park officers take part in 'Cop on the Rooftop' on Friday

Officers from the Villa Park Police Department are participating in the statewide effort to raise funds for Special Olympics Illinois by taking part in the annual "Cop on a Rooftop" event. The Villa Park officers will man the rooftop at the Dunkin' Donuts located at 1 W. St. Charles Road on Friday, May 29, beginning at 5 a.m.

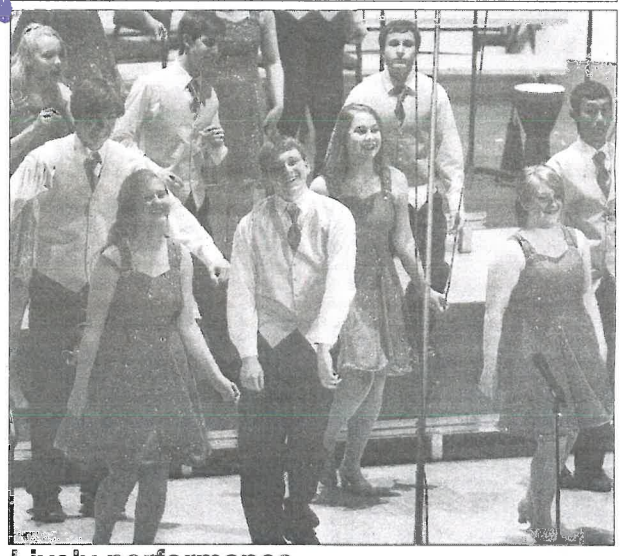
Illinois police officers are scheduled to cover the rooftops of more than 190 Dunkin' Donuts locations around the state to raise awareness and raise funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

According to a news release provided by the Village of Villa Park, each guest who visits a Villa Park cop on the rooftop of the Dunkin' Donuts on May 29 and makes a donation to the torch run will receive a free donut coupon. Guests who donate at least $10 will receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run travel mug (while supplies last) and a coupon for a free medium coffee.

Villa Park officers raised about $1,700 during last year's event. The goal for this year is $2,500.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised over $35 million for Special Olympics Illinois during the last 29 years. Every year, more than 3,000 officers cover about 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through municipalities around the state and to the State Summer Games held in Normal each June.

For more information about Special Olympics Illinois, visit www.soill.org.



Lively performance...

Photos by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir performed three songs at the end of Thursday's concert—the final concert of the 2014-15 school year. The above photo shows members of the show choir during the final song of the night—"Treasure." The CenterStage singers also performed "Sing, Sing, Sing" and "The Prayer."

Investigation continues into two Villa Park deaths on May 20

by Bonnie MacKay

Villa Park police are continuing their investigation into the death of two residents on the south side of the village.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Julia Drive at about 1:18 p.m. on May 20 for an unknown request.

Upon arrival, officers found the front door of the home open, did not hear any sounds from the residence and received no response from inside the home.

Officers entered the residence where they found two people, a husband and wife, who had suffered gunshot wounds. Although paramedics responded to the scene, both subjects were pronounced dead at the scene, according to the DuPage County Coroner's Office.

The individuals were identified as Charles Dubrovin, 63, and Theresa Dubrovin, 56.

McCann related that the 9-1-1 call came from a male subject in the residence.

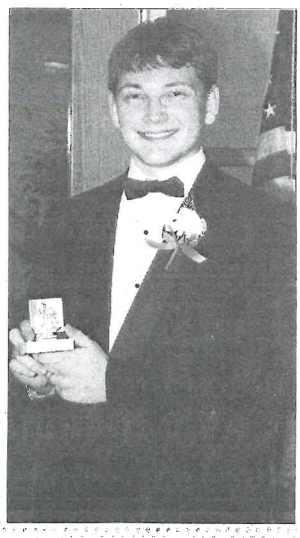
It appears to be a murder-suicide, McCann said, adding that it is still not clear what happened in the home.

Two adult children, who lived at the residence, were not home at the time of the incident, according to the sergeant.

The case remains under investigation as detectives attempt to determine what led to the incident and why it happened. An autopsy was conducted on Thursday, May 21.

Award winner...

SENIOR ALEX LAPINSKI (right) was named Willowbrook High School's 2015 recipient of the National School Choral Award during Thursday evening's concert. Principal Dan Krause, who took the stage to announce the winner of the annual award, noted the honor is presented each year to a senior following a vote by the members of the concert choir. Lapinski's name will be engraved on a plaque that is displayed in the school's choir room. Before announcing Lapinski as this year's winner, Krause read the criteria of the award, stating, "In recognition of singular merit, ability and achievement, of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program and in unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation and high qualities of conduct, by the general consent of the music faculty, school officials and your peers." Lapinski, who is pictured with the award shortly after the end of the concert, will attend Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He plans to major in music education with the hope of becoming a choral director.



Villa Park residents can order free low-growing trees; supplies are limited

The Arbor Day Foundation is partnering with ComEd to give away thousands of low-growing trees to ComEd's customers, including those in Villa Park.

According to a news release provided by the Village of Villa Park, the low-growing trees help maintain reliable electric service, reduce energy costs and beautify the communities ComEd serves. ComEd and the Arbor Day Foundation will provide a total of 6,500 free trees, but less than 2,000 remain.

To order trees, Villa Park ComEd customers can go online and visit arborday.org/comedfreetrees and use the online tool to determine the best location in their yard to plant the free trees. During checkout, use promo code AD2015. Those who need technical assistance or help placing their order can contact the Arbor Day Foundation at 855-234-3801.

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Couple found dead in home on Julia Drive

Villa Park police investigating apparent murder-suicide

By Paul DelGuidice
For The Villa Park Independent

VILLA PARK — Police were called to the house at 202 Julia Drive around 1:20 in the afternoon on Wednesday, May 20 after a report that gun shots were heard inside the home.

The responding officers found the door to the house open, but nobody responded when the police identified themselves. After entering the home, the officers discovered Charles Dubrovin, 63, and his wife Theresa Dubrovin, 56, both unresponsive with gunshot wounds. Firefighter/paramedics were called to the scene, but the couple was dead.

"It's a murder-suicide," said Villa Park Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, "but obviously we've got a lot of things to verify."

Detectives have scheduled interviews with friends, neighbors and family members of the deceased couple. The Dubrovins have two adult children that lived with them, but neither were present in the home on Wednesday.

Public records show the house is scheduled to be sold at a foreclosure auction on June 25.

According to one neighbor, the Dubrovins were "nice people," although they kept to themselves. The neighbor indicated she never witnessed any arguments or complaints from the couple.

A motive for the murder-suicide has not been established. The double homicide was the first murder in Villa Park in five years, according to police.

Illinois lawmakers send Right To Try Act to Governor Rauner

State could become 18th to help terminally ill access medications

SPRINGFIELD — A law to give terminally ill patients access to medicines that have passed Phase 1 of the FDA approval process but are not yet on pharmacy shelves has passed the state House and Senate with bipartisan, near unanimous support. Governor Bruce Rauner has 60 days to sign or veto the bill once it reaches his desk.

House Bill 1335, the Right To Try Act, was sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers led by Rep. Greg Harris, a Democrat representing Chicago, and Sen. Michael Connelly, a Republican representing Wheaton. Right To Try allows doctors to prescribe to terminally ill patients medicines being used in clinical trials.

Right To Try laws are already in place in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and

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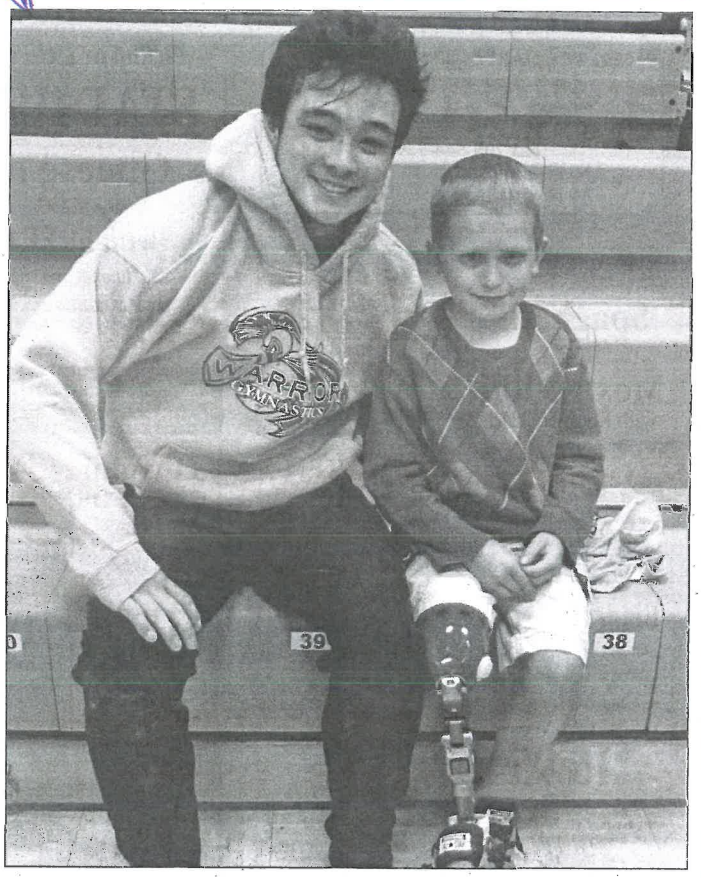

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WB senior works with disabled 7-year-old

Willowbrook senior Keawe Winstead (left) is pictured with Payton O'Brien, one of the athletes he coaches at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center. Payton, 7, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (an aggressive form of bone cancer) in February 2014. He and Keawe have developed a special bond, and he has learned many life lessons from Keawe. Full story and more photos on page 3.

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Beyond The Gym: WB senior teaches life skills to young gymnast

Seven-year-old Elmhurst athlete doesn't let disability slow him down

When watching 7-year-old Payton O'Brien during practice at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center, he is just like any other athlete in the class. He swings on the parallel bars, hangs from the rings and enjoys learning new skills.

But there's something different about O'Brien. As his teammates jump up and move from one event to the next, he hops on one leg with the assistance of crutches. O'Brien was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, an aggressive form of bone cancer, in February 2014. Three months later, his right leg needed to be amputated below the knee, and he underwent lung surgery in September 2014.

After those surgeries – and undergoing 21 rounds of chemotherapy – O'Brien had lost strength and his passion for sports. He had participated in gymnastics when he was younger, so his parents, Brian and Laura, took him to see his cousin compete in a meet. It wasn't long before O'Brien was asking to get back in the gym and attend classes at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center.

"In the gym, he's just like everyone else," Brian said. "He can do many of the events, so it's like he doesn't have a handicap."

It was at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center that Payton met Willowbrook senior Keawe Winstead, who took him under his wing and helped him regain his love for the sport – and much more.

"It has been amazing to watch Payton's self-esteem and strength grow," Keawe said. "There are days when he gets down or a little shy, but I remind him he's just as good as or better than the other kids. He is very mature and understands what's going on, and my job is to make sure he stays confident and develops not only gymnastics skills, but also the skills to not focus on what other people say or think."

Keawe starting coaching at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center about two years ago, and he immediately found his niche with athletes who require a little extra attention.

"I want them to realize they can fit in and be 'normal,'" he said. "My passion is working with kids who have that drive to succeed – like [Payton]. I want to help them reach their goals."

Payton sits with his family. Holding the "We [heart] Payton" signs are his sisters, Briley (left) and Avery. Sitting are (from left) Dad Brian, Payton, his brother Walker and Mom Laura. Payton was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in February 2014 and now takes gymnastics classes at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center. He has formed a special bond with his coach Willowbrook senior Keawe Winstead.

Keawe draws on his own gymnastics experience to help his students. For nearly 14 years, he has spent countless hours in the gym, and he has been a standout on the Willowbrook Boys Gymnastics Team the last four years. He plans to be a walk-on for the University of Illinois at Chicago Mens Gymnastics Team this fall. Keawe has qualified for the Illinois High School Association State Meet multiple times on several events, and the Willowbrook team finished in 4th place at the State meet this year.

When he visited Keawe during a recent competition, the team adopted him as a Warrior and gave him a Warrior Gymnastics T-shirt. He has become an honorary member of the team.

Brian said Keawe and Payton have a special bond, which he credits to Keawe's positive and patient coaching style.

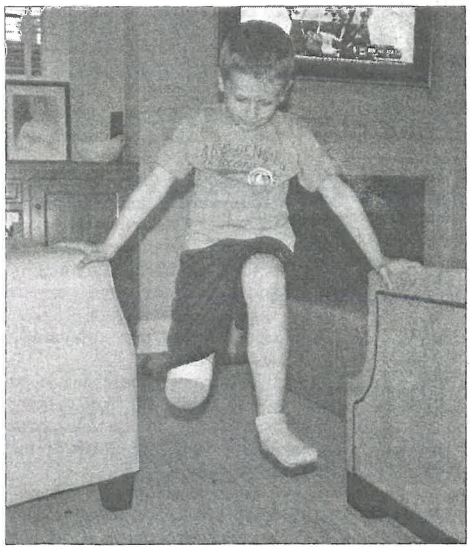
Payton might have only one leg, but he doesn't let that slow him down. At home, he can often be seen swinging from the sofa and chairs as if they're equipment in the gym, so it might not be surprising to learn his favorite event is the rings. To see a video of Payton on the rings with Keawe, go to dupage.net/site/public/videos/?item=116.

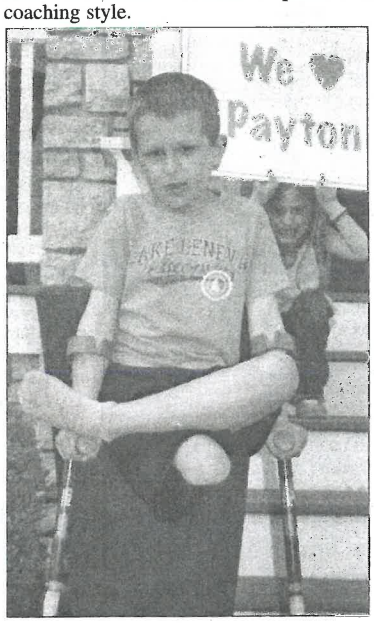
Payton said he likes gymnastics because Keawe makes classes fun.

"He teaches me a lot, and he gives good instruction," Payton said.

Along with gymnastics, Payton participates in baseball, golf and swimming. He also likes to play lacrosse and watch football and basketball. If there's one thing he has learned from gymnastics, it's to never give up.

"You can do it if you just try," he said.





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(top left): Payton O'Brien, 7, swings from the sofa in his living room to practice for gymnastics. (top right): Payton works on his strength and flexibility by holding himself up on his crutches. Pictured in the background is his sister, Briley.

Police Department offers lobby to conduct Craigslist transactions

Safety concerns drive the effort around the country

VILLA PARK — After a handful of high-profile crimes involving Craigslist buyers or sellers being victimized, the Villa Park Police Department is joining departments around the country to provide a designated location for such transactions.

In an effort to reduce the chance of crime during those incidents, the Village of Villa Park will offer its police department lobby as a meeting place to complete online transactions. A staff member is at the front desk from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Even if the staff member at the desk is busy, there are others available in the department at any given time.

Even when using the police department lobby, staff recommends that people arrange their transactions during the daylight hours and that they bring along a friend.

Although the police department is being used as a venue to conduct transactions, this does not guarantee the validity of any merchandise or payments made as a result of craigslist transactions. Police personnel will not document the identity or specifics of any transactions taking place at the police department.

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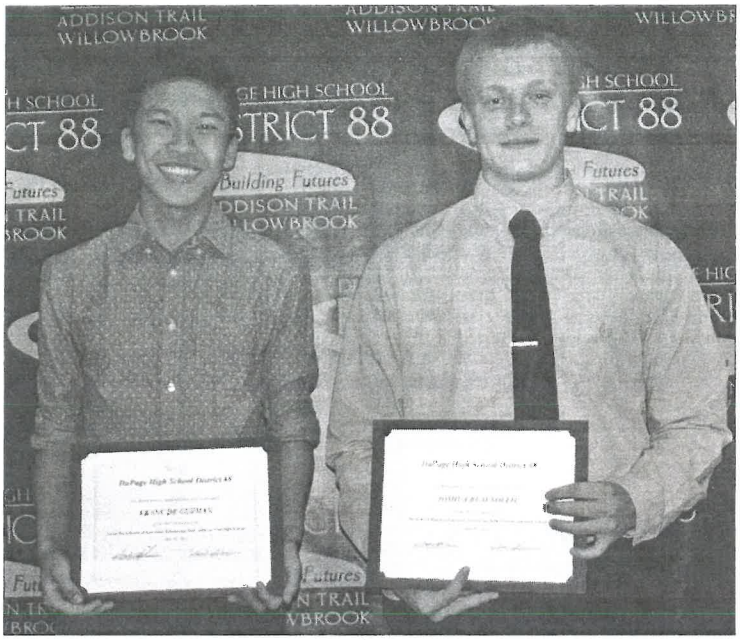
District 88 awards two seniors David Koch scholarships

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — During its May 18 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education named Addison Trail senior Franc De Guzman and Willowbrook senior Joshua Beausoleil as the recipients of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2015.

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

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



Right: Pictured are Addison Trail senior Franc De Guzman (left) and Willowbrook senior Joshua Beausoleil, who have been named as the recipients of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2015.

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Forest Preserve offers look at 2015-16 budget proposal

WHEATON — The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County released a proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 that continues to demonstrate the agency's value to DuPage County residents.

An average of 2 percent of a DuPage County homeowner's tax bill funds the District's budget.

For example, a homeowner with property that has an assessed valuation of $300,000 pays only $160 annually to the District. Of that $160, $80 funds the agency's annual operations to ensure taxpayers enjoy a myriad of services within its 25,000 acres of land, 60 forest preserves, 600 acres of lakes and 145 miles of trails. The remaining $80 funds voter-approved referendums.

"We're proposing a budget that we believe is fiscally sound and in line with the board's recommended guidelines," said Jack Hogan, the District's director of Administration & Finance.

Residents can view the preliminary numbers and see how the District allocates resources on the annual budget page of dupageforest.org. Comments and suggestions on the proposed budget are welcome on the District's Facebook and Twitter pages with #dupageforest.

"The Board of Commissioners consistently challenges staff to find new operational efficiencies," said Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President Joe Cantore. "This proposed budget reflects those efficiencies while maintaining high-quality services for DuPage County residents."

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Conroy to hold Summit on Heroin at Elmhurst College

Hopes to bring together law enforcement, treatment center, others

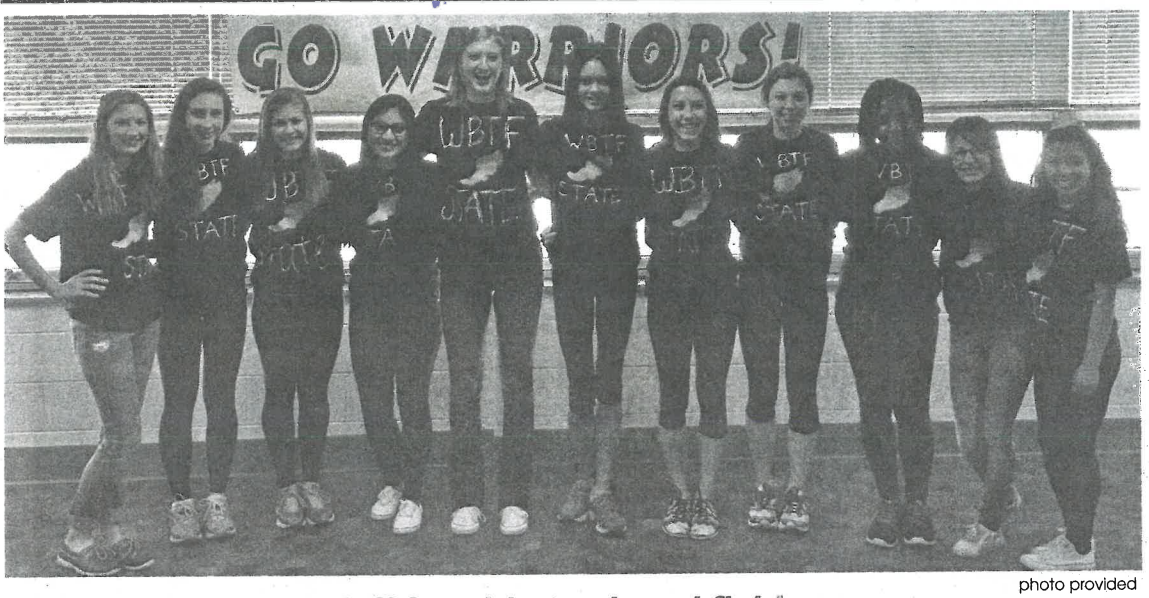
VILLA PARK — Continuing her work to combat the rising heroin epidemic and raise awareness in DuPage County, state Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) is partnering with Serenity House, local law enforcement and other community partners to host a Heroin Summit on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Room at Elmhurst College.

"The heroin crisis in DuPage County deserves immediate attention of policy makers and members of the community," Conroy said. "As a mother, I understand the necessity of getting out in front of this issue and educating our children about the unimaginable harm that this drug can cause to their families and our communities."

The summit will include small group discussions led by local law enforcement, medical and substance abuse professionals, those recovering from heroin addiction, and other local experts. Attendees will participate in two small group discussions, with topics including: Heroin's effect on addicts and families, trends in heroin treatment, community and law enforcement partnerships, effectiveness of the Narcan program and community resources.

The event is free and open to the public and free parking is available in the Alexander Lot, located just north of the football field.

Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, contact Conroy's office at 630-415-3520, RepDebConroy@gmail.com, or visit 28 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park.



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WB hosts state sendoff for girls track and field

The members of the Willowbrook Girls Track and Field Team were treated to a big send-off by the high school before it traveled to Eastern Illinois University for the Illinois High School Association Girls Track and Field State Meet on May 21-23. Pictured are (from left) freshman Catherine Carey, freshman Briana Jones, freshman Ashley Tegtmeyer, junior Kimberly Leon-Cervantes, freshman BettyAnn Garrett, sophomore Grace Guthrie, junior Melissa Johnston, junior Shannon Jones, sophomore Kyla Denwood, junior Diana Mendoza and junior Diana Marin. Guthrie, Johnston, Marin and Jones competed in the 4X800-meter relay. Alternates were Carey, Jones, Tegtmeyer, Leon-Cervantes, Mendoza and Garrett. In addition, Jones competed in the 800-meter run and Denwood competed in discus.

WBHS presents 2015 Mindprints Art & Literary Show

all photos by Paul DelGuidice

Hard work pays off

Above: Willowbrook senior Liana Pavese and Faculty Advisor Jan Piedra show off the 2015 Mindprints Artist Literary Magazine Pavese edited. The annual art show/essay reading was held at the Funky Java Coffee House on Tuesday, May 19, where numerous students displayed their artworks or personal writing.
Left: Kaitlyn Glason shows her painting "Up House" at the Mindprints art show on May 19. In addition to artwork, some students submitted their literary contributions such as essays, poems and stories.

Say it with feeling

Senior George Dawson reads "Path of Footprints (Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh)" a poem by Rachel Bonarek at the Mindprints art and literary show. This year the event was held at the Funky Java Coffee House on Tuesday, May 19.

Variety is the spice of life

Claudia Schmidt, a sophomore, stands with her unnamed ceramic piece. Students contributed drawings, sculptures, ceramics, paintings, essays and poems to the show.

• LAWMAKERS

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Wyoming. Lawmakers in Florida have sent a similar bill to their governor for approval. The legislation has been introduced in 20 other states this year. The national bipartisan effort to give terminally ill Americans access to investigational medications is being led by the Goldwater Institute.

"The way Senator Connelly and Representative Harris worked together to make sure this effort was bipartisan is remarkable," said Kurt Altman, national policy advisor at the Goldwater Institute. "Their work is a model for how lawmakers can come together and get good things done for those facing life-threatening illnesses."

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Right To Try is limited to patients with a terminal disease that have exhausted all conventional treatment options and cannot enroll in a clinical trial. All medications available under the law must have successfully completed basic safety testing and be part of the FDA's ongoing approval process.

"Governor Rauner has the opportunity to help thousands of Illinoisans with this bill. We hope he signs it without delay," said Olsen.

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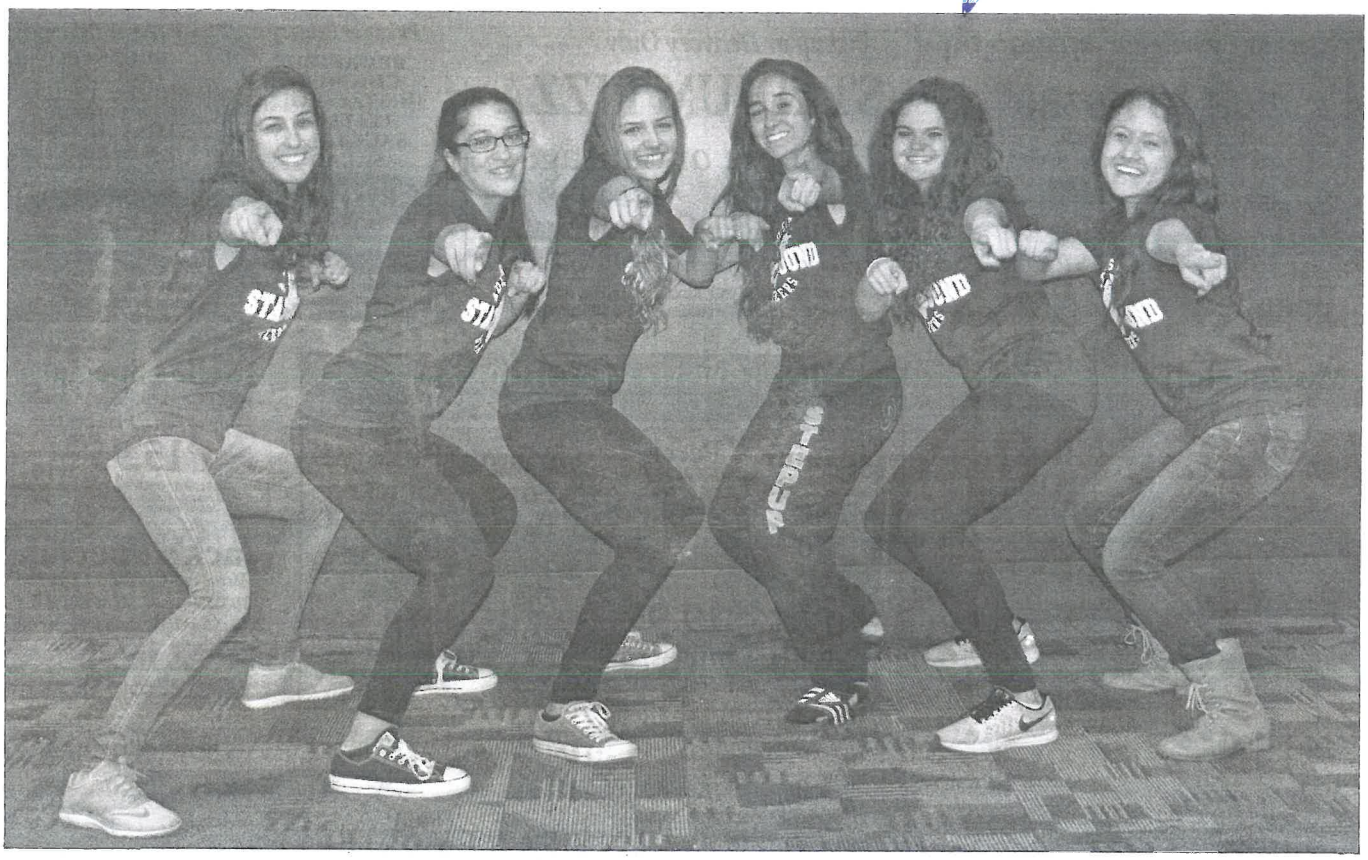

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Addison Trail girls Track and Field get state send-off

Addison Trail held a state send-off for the Girls Track and Field Team, which traveled to Eastern Illinois University for the Illinois High School Association Girls Track and Field State Meet held May 21-13. Pictured are (from left): sophomore Klea Gjonaj, junior Lynnette Banuelos, sophomore Lauren Kroll, senior Maria D'Ugo, senior Kimberly Schonder and sophomore Briceyda Vivero. Banuelos, Schonder, D'Ugo and Kroll competed in the 4x100-meter relay. The team qualified with a time of 49.43 – a new school record. Gjonaj and Vivero served as alternates for the relay. Banuelos also competed in the 400-meter dash; Kroll competed in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

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Wesley School 3rd graders visit Village Hall, Historical Museum

ADDISON — The 3rd grade classes from Wesley School took a field trip to the Addison Historical Museum, Coach House, and Century House to get a glimpse into Addison's history on Wednesday. Jeannette Paradiso and Historical Society volunteers led the students through the three buildings, showing the students artifacts and photos that reflect what life was like in Addison long before the students were born.

Students then moved to Addison Village Hall were they ate lunch while visiting with Mayor Rich Veenstra. The group posed for a photo with the mayor in the rotunda before learning about the Finance Department from Rosanne Benson and the Community Development Department from John Berley. Doree Krage and Don Weiss from Community Relations continued the tour showing the students architectural drawings of Village Hall as well as the photos of all of Addison's past mayors.

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Addison Mayor Richard Veenstra (back, center) joins a group of 3rd graders from Wesley School in the rotunda of Addison Village Hall during their recent field trip. The students also visited the Addison Historical Museum.

Valdez signs with Lincoln College

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Pictured is Addison Trail senior Jaime Valdez. On May 20, Valdez signed to wrestle and play baseball for Lincoln College.

After playing baseball since he was about 5 years old, Jaime began wrestling his freshman year. He said highlights of his high school wrestling career include winning the West Suburban Conference Gold Division Championship three times with his team, winning the Batavia Tournament his senior year, being named All-Conference and Academic All-Conference his senior year and being named as Captain of the team his senior year. Highlights from his high school baseball career include earning 3rd place in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division Championship this year with his team and being named as Captain of the team this year.

Jaime said his passion for baseball and wrestling is what gave him the motivation to continue the sports at the collegiate level.

"Wrestling definitely builds character," he said. "It helps develop you as an athlete and as a person. You have to put in the time and effort to get where you want to be as a wrestler. Baseball is such a fun sport, and it has always been a part of my life – I just love the game."

Valdez thanks his coaches, teammates and family for their support and for helping him develop the skills necessary to fulfill his goal of competing in collegiate sports. He plans to major in business at Lincoln College.

Illinois lawmakers send Right-To-Try Act to governor

State could become 18th to help terminally ill access medications

SPRINGFIELD — A law to give terminally ill patients access to medicines that have passed Phase 1 of the FDA approval process but are not yet on pharmacy shelves has passed the state House and Senate with bipartisan, near unanimous support. Governor Bruce Rauner has 60 days to sign or veto the bill once it reaches his desk.

Sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers, House Bill 1335, the Right To Try Act allows doctors to prescribe to terminally ill patients medicines being used in clinical trials. Part of a national bipartisan effort, Right To Try laws are already in place in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. Lawmakers in Florida have sent a similar bill to their governor for approval.

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Villa Park police investigate apparent murder-suicide

Couple found in home dead from gunshot wounds

By Paul DelGuidice
For The Independent

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Police were called to a house at 202 Julia Drive in Villa Park around 1:20 in the afternoon on Wednesday, May 20 after a report that gun shots were heard inside the home.

The responding officers found the door to the house open, but nobody responded when the police identified themselves. After entering the home, the officers discovered Charles Dubrovin, 63, and his wife Theresa Dubrovin, 56, both unresponsive with gunshot wounds. Firefighter/paramedics were called to the scene, but the couple was dead.

"It's a murder-suicide," said Villa Park Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, "but obviously we've got a lot of things to verify."

Detectives have scheduled interviews with friends, neighbors and family members of the deceased couple. The Dubrovins have two adult children that lived with them, but neither were present in the home on Wednesday.

Public records show the house is scheduled to be sold at a foreclosure auction on June 25.

According to one neighbor, the Dubrovins were "nice people," although they kept to themselves. The neighbor indicated she never witnessed any arguments or complaints from the couple.

A motive for the murder-suicide has not been established. The double homicide was the first murder in Villa Park in five years, according to police.

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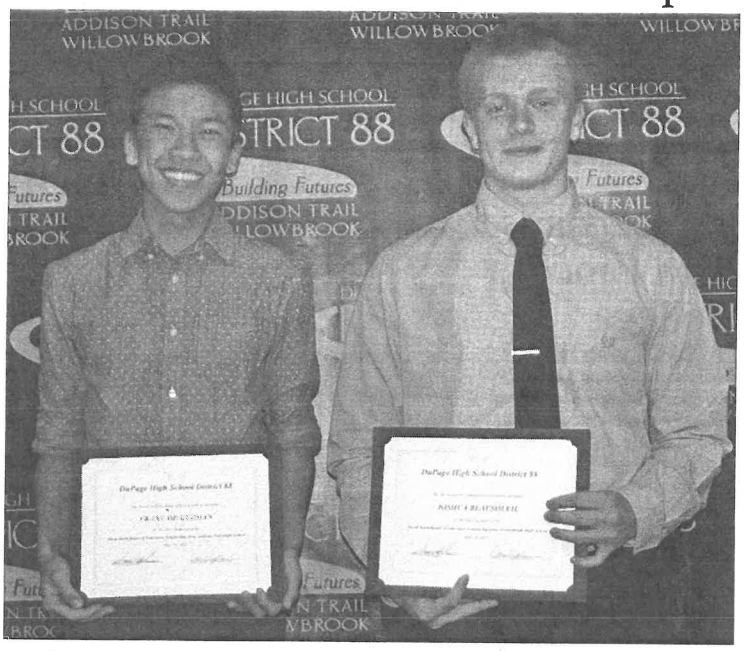
District 88 awards two seniors David Koch scholarships

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — During its May 18 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education named Addison Trail senior Franc De Guzman and Willowbrook senior Joshua Beausoleil as the recipients of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2015.

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

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



Right: Pictured are Addison Trail senior Franc De Guzman (left) and Willowbrook senior Joshua Beausoleil, who have been named as the recipients of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for 2015.

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Forest Preserve offers look at 2015-16 budget proposal

WHEATON — The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County released a proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 that continues to demonstrate the agency's value to DuPage County residents.

An average of 2 percent of a DuPage County homeowner's tax bill funds the District's budget.

For example, a homeowner with property that has an assessed valuation of $300,000 pays only $160 annually to the District. Of that $160, $80 funds the agency's annual operations to ensure taxpayers enjoy a myriad of services within its 25,000 acres of land, 60 forest preserves, 600 acres of lakes and 145 miles of trails. The remaining $80 funds voter-approved referendums.

"We're proposing a budget that we believe is fiscally sound and in line with the board's recommended guidelines," said Jack Hogan, the District's director of Administration & Finance.

Residents can view the preliminary numbers and see how the District allocates resources on the annual budget page of dupageforest.org. Comments and suggestions on the proposed budget are welcome on the District's Facebook and Twitter pages with #dupageforest.

"The Board of Commissioners consistently challenges staff to find new operational efficiencies," said Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President Joe Cantore. "This proposed budget reflects those efficiencies while maintaining high-quality services for DuPage County residents."

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Conroy to hold Summit on Heroin at Elmhurst College

Hopes to bring together law enforcement, treatment center, others

VILLA PARK — Continuing her work to combat the rising heroin epidemic and raise awareness in DuPage County, state Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) is partnering with Serenity House, local law enforcement and other community partners to host a Heroin Summit on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Alexander Room at Elmhurst College.

"The heroin crisis in DuPage County deserves immediate attention of policy makers and members of the community," Conroy said. "As a mother, I understand the necessity of getting out in front of this issue and educating our children about the unimaginable harm that this drug can cause to their families and our communities."

The summit will include small group discussions led by local law enforcement, medical and substance abuse professionals, those recovering from heroin addiction, and other local experts. Attendees will participate in two small group discussions, with topics including: Heroin's effect on addicts and families, trends in heroin treatment, community and law enforcement partnerships, effectiveness of the Narcan program and community resources.

The event is free and open to the public and free parking is available in the Alexander Lot, located just north of the football field.

Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, contact Conroy's office at 630-415-3520, RepDebConroy@gmail.com, or visit 28 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park.

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On May 21, Addison Trail hosted a graduation ceremony for the students who participated in the Little Blazers Preschool program. (top left): Preschooler Bianca Scianna holds her American Girl doll, who was dressed to graduate as well. (top middle): AT Family and Consumer Education teacher Lija Marzec (left) and senior Mary Flores (right) help Scianna with her cap before the ceremony. (top right): Senior Alexandria Dilsworth shares a laugh with preschooler Owen Butler before the ceremony. (bottom left): Pictured is the Little Blazers Preschool class of 2015. (bottom right): Senior Hannah Yurek hands a graduation certificate to preschooler Carissa Shepardson.

Graduation held for ATHS preschoolers

ADDISON — On May 21, parents/guardians and Addison Trail students and staff members gathered to celebrate the graduation of preschool students who were taught by 18 Addison Trail students in the Little Blazers Preschool program.

The preschoolers wore graduation caps and gowns and received a certificate for their hard work. After the ceremony, they enjoyed treats with their parents/guardians and the Addison Trail students who taught them during the year.

The nine children in the class are from the surrounding communities. They spent three mornings a week with the Little Blazers Preschool class, during which Addison Trail students conducted lessons in math, science, art, music, language arts and large muscle.

Students of Second Semester honored at ATHS

ADDISON — Each semester, Addison Trail departments establish criteria that guide the nomination of a student who displays Blazer Pride to receive Student of the Semester recognition. On May 19, students were recognized as Students of Second Semester for the 2014-15 school year and were presented by the staff member who nominated them. Those students are Art: senior Kimberly Zaragoza; CTE business: junior Kannon Nelms; CTE family and consumer science: sophomore Alfred Lugo; CTE industry and technology: senior Cody Welsh; English: sophomore Hannah White; ESL: junior Joselyn Hernandez; Math: senior Dakota Noel; Music: junior Jacob Bartkiewicz; Physical education: senior Kinga Kaczowka; Reading: senior Dayana Ramirez; Science: sophomore Angel Ibarra; Social studies: freshman Karlie Hagopian; and World languages: sophomore Megan Biewer.

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Pictured are Addison Trail students who were recognized as Students of Second Semester during a breakfast in their honor on May 19. They are (back row, from left) Dakota Noel, Jacob Bartkiewicz, Cody Welsh, Angel Ibarra, Megan Biewer, Kannon Nelms; (front row, from left) Karlie Hagopian, Dayana Ramirez, Joselyn Hernandez, Hannah White, Alfred Lugo, Kinga Kaczowka and Kimberly Zaragoza.

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(Top left): Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (right) presents Richard Rentner with the Outstanding Achievement Award for Willowbrook during the District 88 Staff Recognition Dinner on May 15.
(Top right): Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (right) presents Jason Bugajsky with the Outstanding Achievement Award for Addison Trail.

Staff recognition dinner held

Honors two with Outstanding Achievement Awards

VILLA PARK-ADDISON — On May 15 during its Staff Recognition Dinner, District 88 recognized and honored 64 staff members for their years of service and seven staff members who will retire at the end of this school year.

The 2014-15 retirees are Deborah DeGeorge, Tom Domin, Karen Feyereisen, Rachel Frese, Richard Rentner and Annette Whitaker from Willowbrook and Rita Christopher from the District 88 Office.

District 88 Board of Education Vice-President Jay Irvin welcomed the crowd, and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton gave the closing speech. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Brendan Lyons, Addison Trail social studies Department Chair.

The Outstanding Achievement Awards went to Jason Bugajsky from Addison Trail and Rentner from Willowbrook.

District 88 announces technology updates for next school year

Interactive option available for registration; online payment for cafeteria

VILLA PARK-ADDISON — Last week, in its regular communiqué, District 88 announced numerous technology updates coming during the transition from the 2014-15 school year to 2015-16.

According to Aaron Lenaghan, District 88 Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning, over the summer, the District will implement a more interactive option for student registration through Nucleus, the Learning Management System. Online forms, available at dupage88.net, will allow parents to update and submit student registration information electronically during a registration period in July, which enhances and streamlines our August in-person registration.

More information on how to set up parent accounts and use the interactive online system will be sent to parents soon.

There will also be online options to pay for cafeteria items, which will allow parents to use a credit card online to pay for student purchases. More details will be coming soon.

"We are thrilled about these changes as we update our technology systems, with a continued focus on increasing online accessibility, streamlining electronic communication and preparing our students with 21st-century technology skills," Lenaghan said.

The laptop checkout program at the school libraries is being expanded so more students have the opportunity to check-out and use a laptop for school work, class projects and research assignments.

"This program is an ongoing commitment to our students to provide them with digital access in an increasingly technology-focused world," Lenaghan said. "Thank you for your support of District 88 as we continuously look to improve our technology services."

Lenaghan can be reached at alenaghan@dupage88.net or call 630-782-3133.

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SPORTS

Addison Trail boys volleyball team on a roll

Dickmann breaks school single-match kills record against Willowbrook

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team is playing well at the right time of the year.

The Blazers continued their hot streak during a recent stretch that upped the team's mark to 15-1 over its last 16 games. Addison Trail was 29-6 overall through late last week.

"We have really picked up our blocking and defense of late," said Addison Trail coach Chad Grant. "We picked up two wins against two of the best teams in the state in Joliet Catholic and Benet. We executed well in high-pressure situations in both those matches. The boys are excited for the playoffs. Hopefully we can go on a run the next two weeks."

In recent action, the Blazers scored a 25-21, 17-25, 26-24 non-conference win against Glenbard East. The win avenged an earlier loss to the Rams in the championship match of the Willowbrook tournament.

Alex Dickmann registered 22 kills and three blocks. Kannon Nelms had five kills. Jack Vrchota had four kills and six blocks, while Zack Vaca added four kills, five digs and two assists. Joe Nasti had 33 assists.

In a 25-17, 25-18 West Suburban Conference crossover win against Oak Park-River Forest, Dickmann had nine kills. Vaca added five kills and eight digs. Vrchota had five kills and three blocks. Jonny Valentini had four kills. Nelms added three kills and three aces, while Arlind Rojba had nine digs. Nasti had 25 assists.

Addison Trail wrapped up West Suburban Conference Gold Division action with a 22-25, 25-16, 25-19 win over District 88 neighbor Willowbrook.

Dickmann broke his own school record for most kills in a single match with 24. Vaca had seven kills and nine digs. Vrchota had six kills and two blocks. Valentini had three kills and 10 digs. Nelms had three kills, while Rojba had seven digs. Nasti finished with 43 assists. Addison Trail ended up 5-1 in WSC Gold play.

Through late last week, Dickmann ranked fourth all-time in IHSA history for career kills with 1,340.

At the second day of the Willowbrook tournament, Addison Trail defeated Wheaton North 25-18, 25-17 and downed Joliet Catholic 25-19, 25-23. The Blazers lost 25-11, 25-19 to Glenbard East in the championship.

The Blazers started the tournament with a 25-16, 25-20 win over Leyden. Dickmann had six kills and two aces. Valentini had five kills, six digs and two aces. Nelms finished with five kills and two blocks. Vrchota had five kills. Colton Noel had three kills and one block. Nasti dished out 26 assists.

In a 25-17, 25-16 win over Geneva at Willowbrook, Dickmann had 13 kills and three blocks. Vrchota finished with six kills and five blocks. Nelms added four kills, while Valentini had three kills and five digs. Vaca had two kills, eight digs and two aces. Nasti had 26 assists and Rojba had 11 digs.

Willowbrook softball team swinging hot bats

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook softball team heads into the postseason swinging the heavy lumber.

During a recent seven-game stretch where it went 6-1, Willowbrook belted 11n home runs and scored more than 10 runs in four of the games.

At the Fenton tournament where they went 3-0, the Warriors opened play with an 11-0 win over Maine South. Willowbrook had 10 hits. Zoe Dannenberg went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Alex Kassal went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a home run and two RBI. Delaney Pelsor went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a double, a homer and two RBI. Courtney Ruchala tripled and Jordan Marczewski had a double. Dannenberg was the winning pitcher. She struck out seven in five innings.

In a 7-2 win over Cary-Grove, Sam Schmidt went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Pelsor was 3-for-3 with a double, a homer and three RBI. Erin Sporer went 2-for-3, while Ressinger had a triple. Pelsor was the winning pitcher. She allowed four hits over seven innings and struck out two.

In a 4-2 win against Naperville Central at Fenton, Schmidt had a home run and three RBI. Dannenberg was the winning pitcher. She struck out three in seven innings.

Willowbrook then scored a 13-3 win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail. The Warriors had 16 hits.

Dannenberg was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI. Schmidt went 2-for-3 with three runs scored, a homer and three RBI. Ressigner had a hit and two RBI. Ruchala went 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Kassal was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, two triples and two RBI. Pelsor went 3-for-5 with an RBI. Marczewski had a hit and an RBI. Sporer and Jiana Funteas each had a double. Dannenberg was the winning pitcher; she struck out four.

In a 11-2 West Suburban Conference Gold Division loss to Downers Grove South, Schmidt went 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBI. Dannenberg had a double.

In a 16-1 WSC Gold win over Proviso East, Cheyenne Brunig went 3-for-3 with three runs scored, three doubles and two RBI. Schmidt went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBI. Ressigner went 3-for-3 with three runs scored, three RBI and a double. Pelsor was 2-for-3 with a homer. Sporer had a home run, scored two runs and drove in three. Kassal and Isabella Devens each had a double. Pelsor was the winning pitcher. She struck out seven in five innings of work. Willowbrook finished the conference season 9-3.

In an 11-10 non-conference win over Montini, Dannenberg went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, a double, two homers and three RBI. Schmidt was 2-for-4 with three runs scored. Ressinger was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Kassal was 2-for-5 with an RBI. Pelsor went 2-for-3 with a run scored, a home run and two RBI. Sporer went 1-for-4 with two RBI. Funteas was 1-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Marczewski had a triple. The win moved Willowbrook to 22-10 overall.

Willowbrook opened play in the Class 4A Schaumburg regional Wednesday against Lake Park. If the Warriors won that game they will play for the regional title Saturday at 11 a.m. at Schaumburg. Willowbrook is the No. 8 seed in the sectional. Lake Park is the No. 9 seed.

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On May 21, Addison Trail hosted its annual Senior Awards Night. (top left): Alesha Heniey (right), with the District 4 Educational Foundation for Excellence, names Viola Gjanci as the District 4 Educational Foundation for Excellence Scholarship recipient. (top middle and right): Judy Socha (at right in both photos), with the Addison Community Blood Program, presents Maria Bouzarelos Kopta (pictured, top middle) and Julia Dziabis (pictured, top right) with the LifeSource Student Blood Drive Scholarship. Edgar Flores also received that award. (top far right): Guidance Counselor Shane Cole names Estefania Diaz as the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship recipient. (right): AT Principal Adam Cibulka, a member of the Addison Rotary Club, presents Deanna Rodriguez (left) and Susana Ochoa with the Addison Rotary Club Scholarship.

Indian Trail's ESL students study famous drug abusers

Lessons in 'Fallen Stars' urges making smart choices

ADDISON — As part of the Lost Dreams mini-unit, Indian Trail Junior High School ESL (English as a Second Language) students in Mr. Rodriguez's class presented biographies of famous people who died prematurely due to substance abuse.

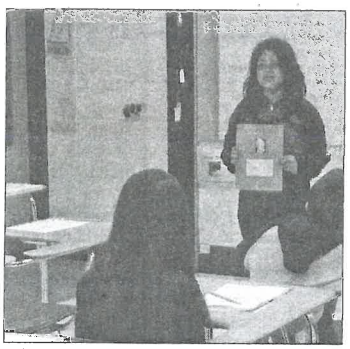
Each student researched an individual 'fallen star' from a list that included Kurt Cobain, Chris Farley, Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Heath Ledger, and many other entertainers. The mini-unit is taught to create awareness about the dangers of using alcohol and drugs. Students are encouraged to make smart choices, focusing on a healthy lifestyle—free of drugs and alcohol, and achieving their academic goals.

Students presented their projects in front of district and school administrators and their peers.

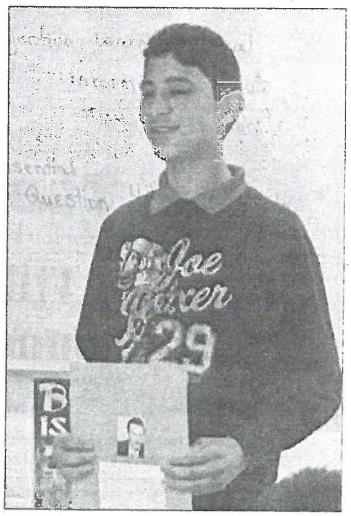
Assistant principal Karla Kelly complimented the students on how far they have progressed during the year with their confidence in their English-speaking skills. Each of the administrators attending the event offered positive feedback to the students on the content and clarity of their presentations.

photos provided

Chris Farley is described by this ESL student at Indian Trail, reporting on a famous person who died from substance abuse. Farley was a favorite on Saturday Night Live in the 1980s, performing characters from a Chippendales dancer to a motivational speaker who lived "in a van down by the river."



This student talks about Marilyn Monroe, who reportedly died of a drug overdose, although differing stories abound including her connection to the Kennedys. The report was given as part of a lesson for the ESL student to practice their English.



Another actor who died before his time was Heath Ledger, as reported by this ESL student at Indian Trail Junior High. The exercise was a lesson in reading biographies of famous people and discussing them in the classroom.

ATHS holds Senior Night, presents annual awards

ADDISON — On May 21, more than 100 Addison Trail seniors were recognized for their achievements and outstanding academic performance during the school's annual Senior Awards Night.

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

During the event, students were recognized for winning scholarships, being members of Addison Trail's National Honor Society, being selected as recipients of the President's Award for Educational Excellence, being named as Illinois State Scholars and more. To date, the class of 2015 has received more than $3.5 million in scholarships and financial aid.

To see the 2015 Senior Awards Night program with the award recipients, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2251.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 30
CFF Fundraiser for Anthony Corona

Beginning at 6 p.m., a fundraiser to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be held at J. D. Muggs, 437 S. Addison Road, hosted by "Anthony's Army," in honor of Anthony Corona. "The Cruisin' Classics" will perform, meet Ozzie the Cougar, raffle prizes, more. Tickets: $5 at the door. All ages welcome.

Monday, June 1
Addison Aglow International praise and worship

From 10-11 a.m. Addison Aglow International will host "One Hour with Jesus" at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1213 W. Army Trail Blvd., between Mill and Lombard roads on the south side of the street. Following the praise and worship hour, there will be a free anniversary luncheon beginning at 11:15 a.m. Info: Marilyn Evans at 630-307-0688, leave your name, phone number and the number of people that will be attending.

Sunday, June 7
Genealogical forum

The Genealogical Forum of Elmhurst welcomes Jeff Bockman with a talk on "genealogical research trips—more than just records?" that will be held at 3 p.m. at the Community Bank of Elmhurst, 300 W. Butterfield Road. Guests are welcome and donations are appreciated. Info: email: elmhurst.genealogy@yahoo.com

Ongoing events

- **Addison Center for the Arts welcomes Skye.Water.Earth**

Now through June 13, the Addison Center for the Arts will host an exhibition by Judie Anderson called "Skye.Water.Earth." The gallery is located at 213 N. Lombard, door No. 4. Info: 630-458-4500 or addisoncenterforthearts.com.

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

Addison Trail's Kroll competes in three events at state track

Blazer senior Bradley headed to state this weekend in high jump

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail sophomore Lauren Kroll competed in three events at the recent Class 3A girls track and field state finals meet in Charleston.

Kroll took fifth in her preliminary heat of the 100 with a time of 12.57 and did not advance to finals. She also took fifth in prelims in the 200 with a time of 26.0 and did not move on to finals.

Kroll also anchored Addison Trail's 400 relay team that took eighth in its preliminary heat with a time of 50.49. That group also included junior Lynette Banuelos and seniors Kim Schonder and Maria D'ugo.

Addison Trail boys track

Addison Trail senior Jaavion Bradley will compete in the Class 3A state finals track and field meet this weekend after placing second in the high jump with a height of 6-3 at the recent York sectional.

Addison Trail took ninth as a team in the sectional with 18 points.

Addison Trail girls soccer

The Addison Trail girls soccer team dropped an 8-1 decision to host Elk Grove in a recent Class 3A regional quarterfinal game.

Willowbrook girls track

The Willowbrook girls track team had two individuals and a relay compete in this past weekend's Class 3A state meet in Charleston.

Kyla Denwood, who won a sectional title in the discus, took 10th in her preliminary heat of the discus with a throw of 101-8 and did not advance to finals.

Junior Shannon Jones took 11th in her preliminary heat of the 800 run with a time of 2:27.84 and did not qualify for finals.

The Warriors 3,200 relay team of Melissa Johnston, Diana Martin, freshman Ashley Tegtmeyer and sophomore Grace Guthrie placed 11th in its preliminary heat with a time of 10:26.04 and did not advance to finals.

Willowbrook boys track

The Willowbrook boys track team finished 10th at the recent Class 3A York sectional with 17 points. The Warriors did not advance any athletes to this weekend's state finals meet.

Willowbrook girls soccer

The Willowbrook girls soccer team lost a 4-0 decision to Oak Park Fenwick in the semifinals of the Class 3A Lyons Township regional.

Fenton boys volleyball team scores win against IMSA

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton boys volleyball team gained momentum heading into the playoffs after a recent 25-22, 25-14 win over IMSA.

Joel Alcantara led the Bison with three aces. Alexis Mendoza and Alejandro Cruz each had two aces while Javier Sanchez had one ace.

Sanchez paced Fenton with 10 kills. Mendoza had four kills, while David Gutierrez had two kills. Brandon Limon and Alcantara each had a kill.

Limon and Manny Villegas each had five blocks. Gutierrez and Mendoza each had two blocks.

Through late last week Sanchez was the team leader in kills, while Mendoza was tops in digs and Alcantara was leading in aces. Alcantara and Mendoza are the teams' top two servers.

Fenton coach Heather Petersen continues to be pleased with her team's offense. "The team's offense is its strength," she said. "When they can set up the offense, it looks real good. Javier and Alexis can put the ball away but we have to set it up."

Petersen added the team's blocking continues to improve. "But in order to get better at blocking we need to be able to run a more aggressive offense in practice," she said.

The Bison have been working hard on their passing and digging. "We can continue to get better at passing and digging," said Petersen. "We are scrappy but it doesn't allow our offense to get set up."

Sanchez and Mendoza were lauded for their recent contributions on the floor. "Javier has become more of a leader on the floor and is a great option for us when we want to put the ball away," said Petersen. "Alexis has gotten to be so smart on the court and is by far our best passer."

Petersen saw additional positives in the team's recent matches against Illiana Christian and Riverside-Brookfield.

"The matches against Illiana and R-B were a lot closer than in year's past and the boys kept it together the whole game," she said. "The boys have been competitive in a lot of games. They are young so this gives us momentum going into next year. We need to learn how to win. We have played some great competition and have shown we can be competitive with some great teams. The boys see these great players on other teams and it gives them motivation to continue to get better."

Fenton opened the postseason earlier this week against Chicago Jones at the Chicago DePaul College Prep regional.

Runs aplenty for Willowbrook baseball team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team wasn't giving any teams a discount on run production last week.

The Warriors racked up 42 runs during a three-game stretch where they went 2-1. Willowbrook closed out the season with a 25-9 record.

In the West Suburban Conference Gold Division finale, the Warriors downed Morton 10-0 in five innings. Willowbrook finished the conference season 14-4 and won five of the six series it played in the division.

Willowbrook pounded out 10 hits in the win. Mike Petruzzi went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI. Matt Pizur went 2-for-4. Trey Jones was 1-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI. Luke Schuemer went 1-for-3 with two RBI. TJ Geritano went 2-for-2 with a double, a run scored and two RBI. Cam Ligocki had a double and two RBI. Pizur was the winning pitcher. He went five innings and struck out four.

The Warriors then scored a 16-0 win in five innings over Proviso West. Willowbrook had 16 hits and scored all 16 of its runs in the first inning.

Petruzzi was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a double and two RBI. Cameron Zunkel went 3-for-3 with two doubles and two RBI. Pizur was 2-for-2 with two RBI. Geritano went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI. Dom McDonnell was 2-for-3 with two doubles and three RBI. Ligocki and Matt Garbacz each had a double. Willowbrook had eight doubles as a team.

Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He fanned two in two innings of work.

The Warriors then dropped a wild 17-16 non-conference game to Glenbrook South in nine innings. The two teams combined to score 33 runs on 31 hits with 11 errors.

Willowbrook trailed 9-6 after five innings and then scored nine runs in the sixth inning.

Jones went 2-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI. Schuemer went 3-for-6with two runs scored and three RBI. John Halloran went 2-for-4 with a double, a run scored and three RBI. Geritano had a triple and two RBI. Kyle Ferguson went 2-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and two RBI. Zunkel had a triple. Pizur took the loss in relief. Willowbrook lost the junior varsity game 3-2 to Glenbrook South.

The Warriors opened the playoffs Wednesday in the Class 4A Wheaton North regional. If Willowbrook won that game it will play for the regional title Saturday at 10 a.m. against either South Elgin or Batavia. Willowbrook is the No. 2 seed in the St. Charles East sectional. South Elgin is the No. 7 seed and Batavia is the No. 10 seed.

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The Don of A New Day in Sports

Players have been named for 3rd Annual Addison Cup: Defending champion Jim Jaskoske returns. He will be challenged by former Driscoll and Elmhurst College player Nick Fisto. Two players from Addison Trail Golf Team will challenge Jaskoske, namely Dan Hartnett and Nick Samarco. The event will be held at Links and Tees Golf Complex on Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m. Admission is free.

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The Village of Bensenville Has Scheduled a Public Hearing For The Church Road Improvements Preliminary Engineering Study

The Village of Bensenville cordially invites you to attend a Public Hearing concerning the Preliminary Engineering Study for the Church Road Improvements. The Village plans to resurface Church Road and construct a shared-use path along the east side of Church Road from Grand Avenue to Jefferson Street in the Village of Bensenville in DuPage County. The proposed improvement impacts Bensenville Park District property, including the White Pines Golf Club. The impacts to these resources have been minimized so that function of the properties will be maintained. The Village of Bensenville is seeking 4(f) De Minimis Impact finding from the Federal Highway Administration for these impacts.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the preferred improvement plan to the public, present the project schedule, and to seek public input and comments regarding the project. The details of the hearing are as follows:

Date: June 9, 2015
Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Location: Village Hall
12 S. Center St.
Bensenville, Illinois 60106

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing for this project. The hearing will be accessible to persons with a disability. Anyone in need of special assistance and planning to attend should contact the Village of Bensenville listed below by June 2, 2015 by telephone, in writing, or by e-mail.

The public hearing will be conducted in an informal, open house basis. Representatives from the Village of Bensenville and the project consultant will be present to discuss the project and answer questions on an individual basis.

For more information, please contact:
Village of Bensenville
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Bensenville, IL 60106
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LEGAL NOTICE

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Specifications and bid forms can be found at www.bensenville.il.us under "Business". They can also be picked up at the Public Works Department, 717 E. Jefferson, Bensenville IL 60106, or by e-mailing kkatz@bensenville.il.us, or by calling 630-350-3489.

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Ilsa Rivera-Trujillo
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Fenton's Burris earns two top 10 finishes at state

Fenton girls soccer reaches regional final

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Fenton junior girls track standout Emmy Burris had a weekend to remember recently.

Burris finished in the Top 10 in the state in a pair of events at the recent Class 3A girls track and field meet held at Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium in Charleston.

Burris took fourth in the state in the long jump with a leap of 18-6 1/4. That same distance put her in fourth place in her preliminary heat a day earlier and earned her a spot in the finals.

Burris also placed seventh in the state in the 100 with a time of 12.25. In the preliminaries, Burris took fourth in her heat with a time of 12.24 and advanced to the finals.

Burris' performance at the state meet ranks as the second-best single state meet showing in school history. Wendy Winters finished in the Top 10 in four events at the 1979 state meet. Fenton has never had an individual state girls track champion.

Fenton girls soccer

The Fenton girls soccer team dropped a 3-1 game to Chicago Noble/Bulls in the championship game of the Class 2A Fenton regional.

The Bison reached the final by scoring an 8-1 victory over Chicago Noble/UIC in the regional semifinals.

Fenton baseball

The Fenton baseball team split a recent Metro Suburban Conference West Division series with Aurora Central Catholic.

In a 5-1 loss to ACC, Fenton had four hits. Eric Pingel went 1-for-3. Cory Schwarz was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Alejandro Orosco went 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI. Orosco pitched six innings and struck out two.

In a 7-3 win at Redmond Park in Bensenville, Fenton had 11 hits. Schwarz was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Orosco went 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Saul Aguire went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Brady Pugliese had a double. Matt Lucas threw a complete game and struck out three to pick up the win.

Fenton then dropped an 11-1 game to Glenbard South in MSC West action Joey Simoncelli went 2-for-2. Griffin Deleskiewicz had an RBI. Pingel had a double and David Alden stole a base. Alex Williams took the loss.

Fenton also lost 8-0 to Chicago Kenwood in non-conference action. Fenton did not have a hit in the game.

Fenton (12-15) opened Class 3A regional action at home at Redmond Park Wednesday night against Marian Central Catholic. If Fenton won that game it will play for the regional title Saturday at home at 10 a.m. Fenton is the No. 9 seed in the sectional. Marian Central is the No. 8 seed.

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Pieces fell into place for Willowbrook boys gymnastics team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys gymnastics team had a season for the ages this spring.

The Warriors won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title and qualified for the state finals meet as a team. Willowbrook finished fourth at state with a 148.550 score.

"The team really made progress," said Willowbrook freshman gymnast Adam Sousa, who took fourth in the state in the all-around competition with a score of 51.700. "We have gotten stronger the last couple years. We've been building up our skills and we have specialists on the team that have helped out a lot."

Willowbrook's main three scoring gymnasts were Sousa, Keawe Winstead and Bret Golz. Golz took 17th in the all-around competition. However, the Warriors also received contributions throughout the season from the likes of Marquise Washington, Zack Zeffiro, Joey Eagan, Matthew Barrantes, Bailey Heppner, Ian Patete, Dylan Leska and RickySaldana.

"This team has a family aspect to it," said Leska, who competed on vault and horizontal bar for the Warriors. "If you mess up the team is there to pick you up and tell you that it's OK. We're always together no matter what. It's very big to have that on a team. Even if you're teammates aren't up on the equipment, they are there cheering you on no matter what."

Sousa noticed the emphasis on the team aspect when he joined the team as a freshman this year. "There is a friendship and brotherly vibe here," he said. "Our motto is one team, one family. As soon as I got into the gym here I felt it. It was immediate."

Leska said the team's success this season was a major source of pride with the group in representing not only themselves but Willowbrook in general.

"What we've done means a lot," he said. "The school hasn't done this in a long time. It brings a lot of emotion to the school and it is a lot of motivation for the team. This has been a great experience for us."

Willowbrook Boys Gymnastics 2015

West Suburban Conference Gold Division champions
Hoffman Estates sectional team champions
Finished fourth in state as a team

Adam Sousa fourth in all-around (51.700)

Bret Golz 17th in all-around (48.700)

Adam Sousa tied for sixth on floor (9.00).

Adam Sousa fifth on horse (8.85)

Bret Golz tied for sixth on vault (8.90)

Adam Sousa tied for sixth on parallel bars (8.6)

Adam Sousa tied for eighth on hi-bar (7.80)

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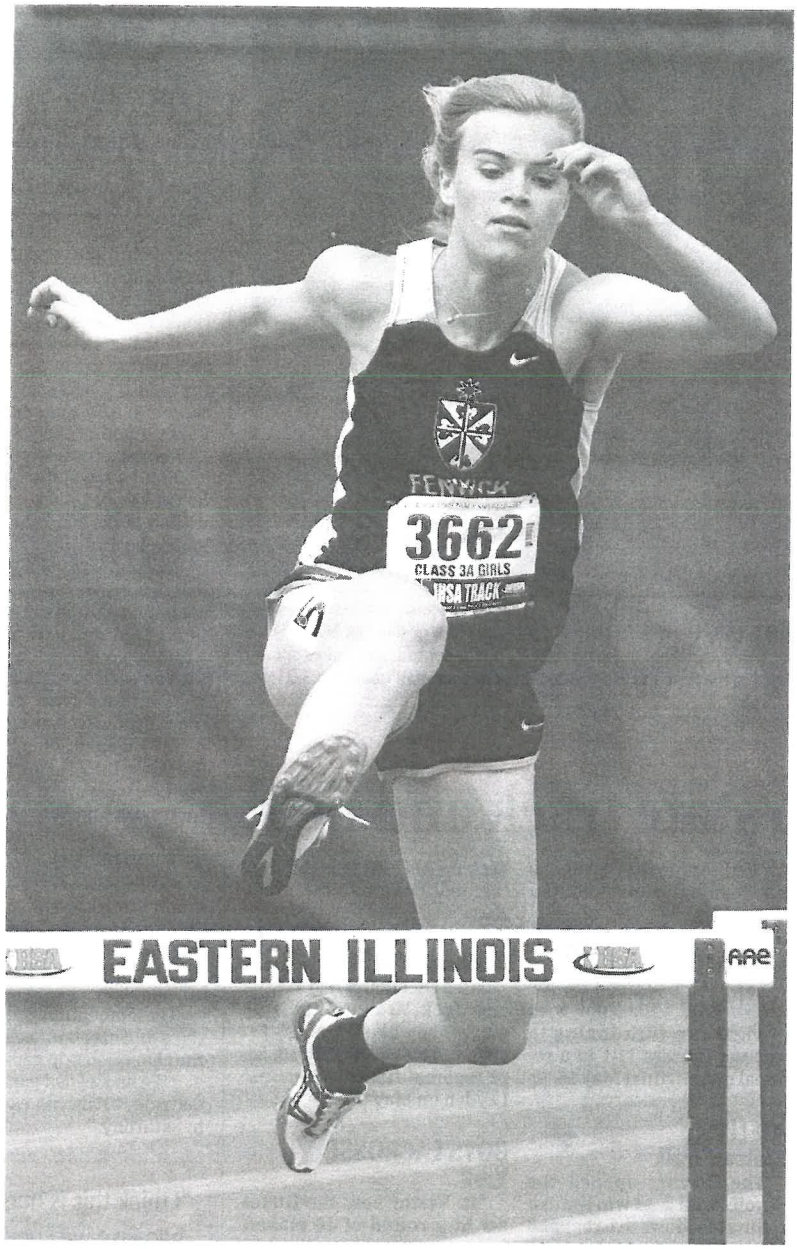
Cronin, Waltz capture medals at state meet



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Fenwick's Grace Cronin competes in a preliminary race of the Class 3A 300-meter hurdles May 22 at the state meet. Cronin, an Elmhurst resident, made the finals of the event and placed second.

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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CHARLESTON – Grace Cronin would do anything to win the 300-meter hurdles race at the Class 3A state meet May 23 and proved it.

The Fenwick junior and Elmhurst resident led much of the race, but Belleville East's Miya Dorsey caught her down the final stretch. In a final attempt to win, Cronin dove at the finish line.

The end result was that Cronin lost the race by one one-hundredth of a second. Dorsey finished in 42.94 seconds and Cronin came in at 42.95 seconds.

"I knew it was going to be really close so I just thought [to do] whatever I could to get first place and whatever I could to get 42. And I did get 42, so that's pretty good for me," Cronin said. "I've been working for 42 the entire season so I was very happy to get that."

Cronin also was second in the 110-meter hurdles. She finished in 14.42 seconds.

A year ago, Cronin was second in the 110-meter hurdles, third in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the high jump in the Class 2A meet. This year, she was second in both hurdles races in Class 3A. Next year she's gunning for state titles.

"I'm coming back for that next year hopefully," Cronin said. "I'll work for that."

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> **Grace Cronin**
> Fenwick junior

York's Abby Waltz takes home medal

Abby Waltz placed seventh in the pole vault in Class 3A by clearing a height of 11 feet, 6 inches. She improved by a foot compared to last year's state meet, where she placed 11th after clearing 10-6.

Waltz, a senior, was York's only medalist at state.

Ashley Reid, Caily Schwartz, Josephine Jelinek and Shante Dansby placed 10th in the 4x200-meter relay, missing the finals by one spot. Reid, Veronica Wagner, Jelinek and Dansby placed 30th in the 4x100 relay. Hannah Wahlgren, Elizabeth Hagstrom, Briget Berger and Maddie Fabry took 28th in the 4x800 relay. Hagstrom was also 38th in the 1,600.

IC Catholic

Mikko Eguia placed 22nd in the 800-meter run at the Class 1A state meet May 22.

Timothy Christian

Hannah Bosman placed 23rd in the triple jump and 24th in the 300-meter hurdles in the Class 2A state meet May 22. Bosman also ran with Olivia Hoekstra, Zoe Stanton and Hannah Slager in the 4x200 relay, which placed 29th.

Addison Trail

Lauren Kroll finished in 16th place in the 200-meter dash and was 18th place in the 100. She also ran in the 4x100 relay with Lynette Banuelos, Kim Schonder and Maria D'Ugo.

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Fast start not enough for York soccer

By JASON ROSSI
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HINSDALE – Alyssa Kovatchis knew York's girls soccer team had to get off to a strong start, and she did something about it.

Kovatchis scored goals six-and-a-half minutes apart in the first half to stake the Dukes to an early lead, but Hinsdale Central battled back and handed York a 3-2 loss in a Class 3A sectional semifinal game at Central on May 26.

"First half we were going a little with the wind, so that was helpful," Kovatchis said. "I knew we had to come out strong and set a good base and I thought that would hold up, but it didn't work out that way."

Kovatchis got her left foot on a ball and put it inside the right post to open the scoring with 14:49 left in the first half. Then she tracked down the ball in the area off a restart and put the ball inside the left post for a 2-0 lead.

After having a strong wind at their backs in the first half, the Dukes (13-6-2) and Red Devils switched sides in the second half, and the momentum switched, as well. Central scored seven minutes into the second half, tied it midway through and scored the game-winner with 9:45 to play.

"When we were up two goals, it looked like we sat back a little bit and they came out a little bit harder," York head coach Don Vana said. "They went after the ball harder than we did. ... Kind of like what we did to them in the first half they did to us in the second half."

Despite the way the season ended, it was still a success for York. The Dukes won a regional title for the second straight year despite a litany of injuries that had them shorthanded for much of the season.

"I would have liked to have all our players play in this game," Vana said. "We miss Jes Bianchi and Kaylin Kenny, two starters for us that didn't play, plus Ffyon Hund. Those are three girls that earned a lot of time for us. They've done an excellent job for us and it's unfortunate they were hurt and not able to play."

"At one point we had seven starters out," Kovatchis said. "It was a tough battle, but we got this far so it was a good season."

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York's Abby Horn (left) battles for possession of the ball May 26 in a sectional semifinal game against Hinsdale Central. The Dukes scored twice in the first half but yielded three second-half goals in a 3-2 loss.

Knights ride offense to sectional final game

By JASON ROSSI
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LISLE – Kaitlyn Falduto singled and later scored in the sixth inning, putting an exclamation point on IC Catholic's 11-3 win against Westmont in a Class 2A sectional semifinal game.

The Knights had 14 hits and scored multiple runs in four of six innings to make up for a 2-0 loss against Westmont in a sectional final last season.

"I think this is huge just because we knew this was going to be a tough game and we came out. And we were ready," Falduto said.

The Sentinels took a 3-2 lead in the top of the third, but IC (26-5) went back on top in its half of the frame and never looked back.

Jessica Conenna had two hits, two RBIs, two runs and earned the pitching win. Vanessa Godinez had two RBIs while Josie Lytton and Gabby Curran each scored twice.

"Our bats came alive," IC coach Frank Reaber said. "She's a really good pitcher, and she beat us last year in the sectional final, so we worked on moving in the box and being more aggressive. And for the most part, every girl hit the ball."

IC advanced to the sectional title game at Benedictine University. The Knights will face Regina Dominican at 11 a.m. May 30 with a chance to move on to the supersectional June 1.

The momentum gained from the semifinal win will help in the championship game.

"We had a good game," Reaber said. "This can carry over to Saturday."

"I think this is huge just because we knew this was going to be a tough game and we came out. And we were ready."

Kaitlyn Falduto
IC Catholic sophomore

PREP ROUNDUP

York sends 6 entries to state track and field

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

York's Alex Teague (100-meter dash, 200), Matt Plowman (1,600) and Charlie Kern (800) won titles at the York boys and track field sectional.

David Prigg also qualified in the pole vault. The Dukes won the sectional and qualified the 4x800 and 4x200 relays.

The state meet starts May 29 at Eastern Illinois University.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

IC Catholic

Jordan Rowell won all three sprint events at the Class 1A Lisle sectional and Philip Roberto won the 800-meter run. IC also qualified the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays for state.

Timothy Christian

Andy Margason qualified for the Class 1A state meet in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles from the Lisle sectional.

Addison Trail

Jaavion Bradley was second in the high jump at the York sectional to advance to state.

BASEBALL

York

The Dukes lost to Streamwood 8-3 in a regional quarterfinal May 25. Mike Bernal and Frank Romano had two hits each in the loss.

IC Catholic

Brandon Russ struck out nine in a complete game, but the Knights lost to Lisle 2-0 in a regional semifinal May 21.

Addison Trail

Lake Park jumped on AT pitcher Nick Villasenor with an eight-run fifth inning to beat the Blazers 11-1 in a regional quarterfinal May 25.

SOFTBALL

Addison Trail

The Blazers opened the playoffs with a 5-4 win against Rolling Meadows in a regional quarterfinal May 27.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

York

Bobby Krissinger had 11 kills and John Kopach had 25 assists in the Dukes' regional final victory against Lane Tech on May 27. It is the first regional title for York since 2003.

Addison Trail

Alex Dickmann had 11 kills and Jack Vrchota had five while Joey Nasti had 23 assists in the Blazers' 25-13, 25-22 regional final win against Leyden on May 27.

BOYS LACROSSE

York

St. Viator beat the Dukes 8-3 in a round of 16 playoff game May 21.

GIRLS LACROSSE

York

The Dukes advanced to the state quarterfinals with a 10-6 win against Lyons Township on May 27.