

## Longtime business under new owners...

THE OLDEST STORE in Villa Park celebrated a new beginning with a recent ribbon cutting ceremony. Pioneer Garden and Feed, located at 118 S. Villa Ave., was built in 1918 and grew from a feed store to a business that serves residents' garden and birding needs. Tony and Angie Rojek purchased the business in April and have since met hundreds of loyal customers. "It's touching how much people love this store, and love to share their stories with us," said Tony Rojek. The photo on the right is from the May 23 ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured left to right are: Villa Park Trustee Albert Buihuis, Tony Rojek, Angie Rojek, Carter Rojek, Ethan Rojek, Villa Park Trustee Nick Cuzzone and Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. The store's weekend hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information about Pioneer Garden and Feed, visit the business's Web site at [www.pioneergardenandfeed.com](http://www.pioneergardenandfeed.com).

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## Willowbrook's Class of 2015 will graduate on Sunday

Willowbrook High School's Class of 2015 will celebrate its commencement at Sunday afternoon's ceremony, which begins at 1 p.m. in the school's main gymnasium. This year's graduating class at the Villa Park school includes more than 500 students.

The two members of the graduating class who will speak at the service are Joshua Beausoleil of Villa Park and Karl Lang of Elmhurst. Beausoleil earned the No. 1 academic rank in Willowbrook's class of 2015. Lang is the president of the class.

Both of the speakers gave brief descriptions of their speeches last week. Beausoleil's speech is entitled "Everything in Moderation."

"I was hoping to just talk about the scope of Willowbrook—the different spectrum of people," said Beausoleil, who added that he hopes his remarks will provide an encouraging

message. When asked how Willowbrook has prepared him for the next step in his life, Beausoleil responded, "It's given me a bunch of different experiences. I know all kinds of people from different walks of life. It's also given me knowledge to move forward to pursue a career."

Beausoleil, who is the son of Mark and Kirsten Beausoleil, attended Ardmore Elementary School and Jackson Middle School prior to his four years at Willowbrook. He will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he plans to study chemical engineering.

"I'm really just trying to portray the unity of our class throughout these four years," said Lang in describing the main message of his speech, which is entitled "We are 2015."

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### Ready to graduate...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE STUDENT SPEAKERS at Sunday's commencement exercises at Willowbrook High School are Karl Lang (left) and Joshua Beausoleil (right). Lang, who is an Elmhurst resident, is the president of the school's Class of 2015. Beausoleil, who lives in Villa Park, holds the No. 1 academic rank in Willowbrook's graduating class, which includes more than 500 students. The above photo shows Lang and Beausoleil in the school's main gymnasium, where Sunday's ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.



### Little Warriors celebrate graduation...

THE LITTLE WARRIORS preschool students recently celebrated their graduation with a ceremony attended by their parents, as well as students and staff members from Willowbrook High School. The preschool was taught by 45 Willowbrook students in the Preschool I and Preschool Internship courses. This year's Preschool interns are senior Rachel Vogt, senior Sarah Wood, senior Lindsey Perry, senior Cassandra Carmona, senior Emma Bjorklund, senior Megan Crawford, junior Jacqueline Jeronimo, senior Samantha Lizasuain, senior Megan Brown, senior Alexandra Downer, senior Julia Gilson and senior Amber Nork. The preschoolers they taught are pictured with their diplomas at the May 22 ceremony. The children sang and danced to the "Alphabet Twist" at the graduation, which was followed by a Dr. Seuss-themed reception prepared by The Brook Catering Co., which is made up of Willowbrook students enrolled in culinary classes at the school.

## Villa Park's 2015 pool season is here; early-bird rate ends Saturday

Villa Park's Jefferson Pool was recently filled and is now ready for the opening of the pool season. Jefferson Pool, which is located at 341 N. Harvard Ave., will be open on Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7. The pool opens daily starting Saturday, June 13. Jefferson Pool will be open through Aug. 18. Lufkin Pool, which is located at 1000 S. Ardmore Ave., will be open from June 6 through Sept. 7.

The early-bird resident rates for 2015 pool passes are available through Saturday, June 6. After June 6, the season rates will increase from \$51 to \$68 for residents ages 3-59, and from \$46 to \$61 for residents 60 and older.

For more information about pool passes and pool hours, visit the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department's Web site at [www.vprd.org](http://www.vprd.org), or call 630-834-8970.

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## Villa Park resident Sally Nijim earns perfect score on the ACT

Villa Park resident Sally Nijim, who just completed her junior year at Willowbrook High School, recently earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT—a standardized national college admissions exam for high school students. The ACT consists of tests in mathematics, English, reading and science.

According to information provided on the ACT Web site ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)), less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the test each year earn a score of 36. Among test-takers in the high school graduating class of 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.85 million students who took the test earned a composite score of 36. The average composite score for test-takers in the high school class of 2014 was reportedly 21.

Nijim took the test at Willowbrook in mid-April. Several days later, she went online to learn her score.

"I was checking by myself," Nijim said in describing how she learned her score. "I was really surprised. It was kind of a shock."

Nijim later received a congratulatory letter from ACT administrators.

In addition to taking the four main portions of the test, Nijim took the optional essay portion of the ACT. She prepared for the exam by taking several practice tests at Willowbrook.

"The teachers and faculty at Willowbrook are so incredible," said Nijim. "They teach more than what's in the textbooks. They teach critical thinking skills, and they teach you about every aspect of life. I wouldn't be here without them."

Nijim is in the early stages of considering where she will attend college. She has been



### Perfect score...

VILLA PARK RESIDENT Sally Nijim (above) recently earned a score of 36 on the ACT—a standardized college admissions exam that includes tests in math, English, reading and science. Nijim took the ACT at Willowbrook in April and learned of her score several days later, contacted by some schools and plans to concentrate her search in the coming months.

"I'm going to do some searching this summer," she said of her plans for college. "I'm really interested in studying science. Science and math are my favorite subjects. I love them both."

## Questions? Comments?

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### Graduation...

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"I feel like our class has faced a lot of adversities that other classes don't," stated Lang, who noted that two members of Willowbrook's Class of 2015 have passed away during the last four years.

Lang, who attended North Elementary School and Jefferson Middle School before he went to Willowbrook, said that it is impossible to choose one memory or experience that stands out from his years in high school.

"I wish I could pick a specific one," said Lang, who is the son of Karl and Antonette

Lang. "There are so many memorable things that have happened to me over these last four years at Willowbrook."

Lang stated an additional message that he will try to stress in his speech.

"Be yourself—don't let other people dictate what you're going to do with your life," he said. "We [the members of Willowbrook's Class of 2015] come from a lot of different backgrounds. It doesn't really matter who you are. As long as you put the work in, you can really succeed."

Lang will attend Loyola University Chicago, where he will study biology with plans to become an anesthesiologist.



### A rainy finish for the Warriors...

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR PITCHER Chris Roycroft (above) throws a pitch during Saturday's IHSA Class 4A baseball playoff game against South Elgin. The Warriors faced the Storm in the championship game of the Wheaton North Regional. South Elgin defeated Willowbrook 4-0 in a contest played during the rain. Roycroft allowed three hits and one earned run in seven innings. The Warriors finished the season with an overall record of 26-10. The 26 victories set a program record for most wins in a season.

## Village of Villa Park launches new utility bill format for residents

In an effort to provide customers with better information about their charges for village utility services, the Village of Villa Park has developed a new billing format to attempt to make bills easier to read and understand.

According to a news release issued by the village last week, the new bills, along with a detailed explanation of how to read them, would be mailed to customers beginning Friday, May 29.

"Most importantly, customers should note that they will only receive one monthly

bill," the release stated. "No late bills or shutoff notices will be mailed."

Customers also have the option of receiving an electronic bill, which they can arrange by signing up through the village's Web site at [www.invillapark.com](http://www.invillapark.com). While customers can sign up to receive an electronic bill through the village Web site, they are not required to pay their bill through that Web site.

Customers with questions about their bill or the new billing format can call the utility billing department at 630-834-8500.

## 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 3,000 remain.

To order trees, Villa Park ComEd customers can go online and visit [arborday.org/comedtrees](http://arborday.org/comedtrees) 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.

The free 2-foot to 4-foot trees will be shipped directly to customers' homes ready to plant this spring, all at no charge.



### Prom night...

Photos by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL students celebrated their prom on Friday evening at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Before departing for the prom, several promgoers visited Lombard's Liliac Park. The above photos (pictured left to right) show (top row) seniors Bret Golz and Taylor Jones and seniors Keawe Winstead and Silvana Bertolli; (bottom row) junior Elizabeth Medina and senior Anthony Acitelli and seniors Maggie Brown and Kevin Rezek.

# Sports

## LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

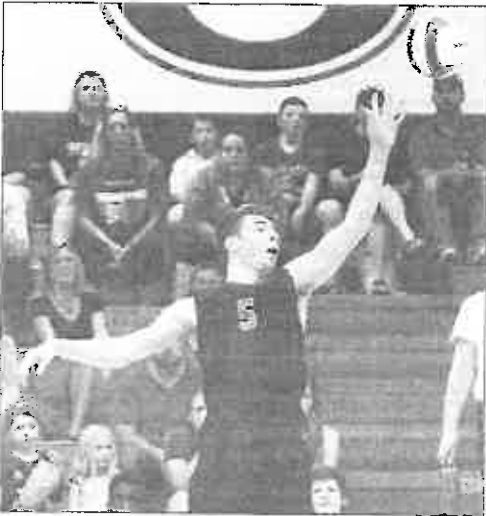
### Three playoff wins send Rams to a sectional final

Glenbard East's boys volleyball team posted three straight post-season matches last week to earn a berth in this week's sectional championship battle against Glenbard West.

The winner of the match between the Rams and Hilltoppers in the Oswego East Sectional title match will advance to the state quarterfinals, which begin this Friday at Hoffman Estates High School.

Glenbard West, which will enter the sectional final with a 36-2 record, is the No. 1 seed in the sectional. Glenbard East (33-5) is the No. 2 seed. The two teams met in the championship contest of the Rams' 16-team Springfest tournament on April 11. The Hilltoppers beat Glenbard East 25-14, 25-17.

Playing on their home court, the Rams opened the IHSA playoffs with



#### Flying high...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST JUNIOR Tyler Greene (above) sends the ball over the net during last week's IHSA regional championship match against Downers Grove North. The Rams defeated the Trojans 25-14, 25-21 in Lombard to win the regional title. Glenbard East scored another playoff victory two days later, beating Benet Academy in a semifinal match at the Oswego East Sectional. The winner of this week's sectional final between Glenbard East and Glenbard West will earn a spot in the state quarterfinals, which begin this Friday in Hoffman Estates.



#### Shutout effort...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK JUNIOR Cam Zunkel (above) fires a pitch during last week's IHSA Class 4A playoff baseball game against Hoffman Estates at the Wheaton North Regional. Zunkel threw a complete-game shutout to lead the Warriors to a 1-0 victory and a berth in Saturday's regional championship game against South Elgin. Zunkel allowed only one hit and one walk over seven innings. He struck out six batters. The Warriors scored the game's only run in the bottom of the fifth inning on a double by senior Dom McDonnell and a single by sophomore Kyle Ferguson. Willowbrook's season ended with Saturday's 4-0 loss to the Storm in rainy conditions. The Warriors completed the 2015 season with an overall record of 26-10. Senior pitcher Chris Roycroft gave up three hits and one earned run over seven innings. The Warriors managed just one hit against South Elgin, which scored one run in the top of the first inning and added three more runs in the sixth inning. "Our pitching was phenomenal," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner of the playoff performances from Zunkel and Roycroft. "They [the Storm] made some plays, and we didn't. This is the greatest bunch of guys. We set a school record for wins [in a season] with 26. I can't tell you what a special group of boys they are. They've worked so hard."



#### Rams win a regional title...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE GLENBARD EAST BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM (above) poses with its regional championship plaque after defeating Downers Grove North in an IHSA regional final on May 27 in Lombard. Downers Grove North handed the Rams two of their five regular-season losses. "I was concerned coming in to the match," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier. "The boys came out and played well. It was a very nice, well-rounded match. The Rams' season continued with Friday's victory over Benet Academy at the Oswego East Sectional.

a 25-20, 25-23 victory over Metea Valley on May 26. One day later, the Rams faced Downers Grove North in the championship match of the Glenbard East Regional. Downers Grove North handed the Rams two of their five losses during the regular season, but the Trojans couldn't keep up with Glenbard East in the playoff contest. The Rams beat Downers Grove North 25-14, 25-21 to win the regional final.

The Rams waged a three-game battle against Benet Academy in Friday's sectional semifinal at Oswego East. Glenbard East edged the Redwings 28-26, 22-25, 25-22.

Playing in front of an audience of spirited fans from both teams, the

Rams pulled out a win in the opening game after squandering a lead. Benet took control of the second game, but the Rams rallied to tighten the score before Benet evened the match.

"It was back and forth the entire first game, and we came out on top," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier after Friday's win. "We made a nice comeback toward the end of the second game. We needed to get the momentum. It could have been 25-15, but we battled back and earned about seven points. That gave us some momentum. The boys finished strong in that third game."

Glenbard East clung to a slim lead during much of the third game. Their 15-12 lead midway through the

decisive game grew to 20-15, then 23-17. The Redwings won the next three points to trim The Rams' lead to 23-20. Glenbard East won the next point to set up a match point, but Benet kept the battle alive by winning the subsequent two points. The Rams closed out the match when senior Matt Morales tipped the ball into the open court for the winning point.

Junior Tyler Greene connected for a team-leading 10 kills against Benet. Greene also contributed 12 digs. Senior Nick Symonds had nine kills and 11 digs. Senior Adam Eboli provided six kills and five blocks. Senior Andrew Hurlburt provided 24 assists and 12 digs. Senior Ben Symonds made a team-high 21 digs.

### Broncos win regional championship

The Montini baseball team won the IHSA Class 3A Chicago St. Patrick Regional title with Saturday's 3-1 win over St. Patrick in the regional final at the University of Illinois-Chicago's Curtis Granderson Stadium. Senior pitcher Sean Frontzak turned in a dominant performance for the Broncos, giving up two hits and no

earned runs over seven innings. He struck out seven batters while allowing three walks.

Montini, which improved its overall season record to 17-19, scored one run apiece in the third, fifth and seventh innings. Senior Jake Pestel had two hits and drove in one run. Sophomores Alex Luka and Brandon Shulgals each drove in

one run for the Broncos, who will face Nazareth Academy in today's sectional semifinal at Nazareth's field in La Grange Park.

Pestel had three hits, including a home run, in Thursday's playoff opener—an 8-1 win over Chicago's Rauner College Prep School. Luka, who also contributed three hits, pitched five shutout innings.



#### Broncos roll to a regional championship...

THE MONTINI SOFTBALL TEAM (above) poses with its championship plaque after winning the title at the IHSA Class 3A Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) Regional with Friday's 12-1, five-inning victory over Wheaton Academy. The win over the Warriors gave the Broncos an overall record of 28-5 and set a new program record for victories in a season. "That was a goal for the girls at the beginning of the year—to have the most wins in school history," said Montini coach Mike Bukovsky. "Their bigger goal is post-season success. They've still got a lot to prove in that area." Montini, which has now won three straight regional titles, advanced to this week's sectional, which will take place on its own field in Lombard. Two wins at the sectional (over Kaneland and the winner of the semifinal between Glenbard South and St. Francis) would propel the Broncos into a June 8 supersectional game at Bandits Stadium in Rosemont. The supersectional champion advances to the state semifinals in Peoria. Senior pitcher Lauren Trojnar earned her 20th victory of the season on Friday against Wheaton Academy. Trojnar, who moved her record to 20-3, gave up three hits and recorded three strikeouts in five innings. Four Broncos—senior Ashley Lanfine and juniors Bell Alexander, Amy Bukovsky and Alyssa Sciafani—had at least two hits apiece.



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## At Willowbrook's first-ever Cardboard Regatta

Willowbrook seniors Jessica Cookingham (left) and Brooke Bimber race to the finish during the school's inaugural Cardboard Regatta on May 21. Students built boats out of cardboard and tape and raced 50 yards from one end of a pool to the other to demonstrate their knowledge of physics. Story and another photo inside this issue.

## New owners take over Pioneer Garden and Feed

### Oldest business in DuPage looks forward to many more years

VILLA PARK — It's a new beginning for the oldest store in Villa Park — and in DuPage County.

At a ribbon cutting last weekend, the

community came out to support Angie and Tony Rojek the new owners of Pioneer Garden and Feed.

"We are beyond thrilled to be a part of the history of this one-of-a-kind destination in the heart of Villa Park," said Angie.

She and Tony purchased the store in April, and have met hundreds of loyal

customers since then.

"It's touching how much people love this store, and love to share their stories with us," said Tony.

The Rojek family is moved by the outpouring of community support they have received. Bill Karges, staff botanist, is a fixture at Pioneer, and remains as the "plant guru" for all of your gar-

dening needs. Customers love to come in and ask him about insects, diseases, and just chat about their birds and gardens. The Rojeks and their two sons look forward to getting to know each and every one of the customers that walk through the door. For more information, visit [pioneergardenandfeed.com](http://pioneergardenandfeed.com).

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## Willowbrook celebrates graduation of 'Little Warriors' preschool class

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## Cullerton fights to save funding for local communities

SPRINGFIELD — Last week, State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) voted to protect the municipalities in the 23rd Senate District from deep cuts in state funding.

Governor Rauner proposed a devastating 50 percent reduction to county and city governments' funding. Cullerton helped defeat this proposal.

"Our local units of government rely on this funding," he said. "They are expected to provide services ranging from police and fire to keep our neighborhoods safe to fixing the pothole down the street. I understand as the former Villa Park mayor that cuts to funding either means mass layoffs

of police and fire or drastic hikes in property taxes in our communities."

Governor Rauner's cuts to local government funds would result in a \$26 million drop in funding to municipalities in the 23rd Senate District.

"I don't understand how Governor Rauner expects our municipalities to serve our communities without the necessary resources to provide services and keep property bills down," said Cullerton.

The Senate voted to save this funding to ensure municipalities are able to effectively provide services to our communities as well as preventing property taxes from rising.

Here are a few examples to illustrate the loss in funding:

Local Government FY14	Total Received from State Funds	Under Governor's FY16 proposal
Glendale	\$3,261,095.77	\$1,630,547.89
Heights	\$3,928,414.65	\$1,964,207.33
Bartlett	\$3,785,704.52	\$1,892,852.26
Carol Stream	\$2,099,006.45	\$1,049,503.23
Bloomington	\$241,855.24	\$120,927.62

## OBITUARIES

### Ana D. Smith

Ana D. Smith, nee De La Espriella, passed away on May 21, 2015. Beloved wife of the late George C. Smith. Loving mother of three, George (Pam), Ed (Unme) and Cathie. Proud grandmother of Amanda. Ana was born and raised in Colon, Republic of Panama. She is preceded in death by her parents Eduardo and Catalina De La Espriella. Loving sister of Henry, Ana Helena, Mariana and the late Eduardo; loving aunt of many. Ana moved from Panama to Villa Park after marrying her late husband in 1956. Though Villa Park became her home she visited her family in Panama often and was very proud to be Panamanian. She is remembered for her kindness, and for being a great daughter, sister, wife, mom and friend. She will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held Wednesday May 27, 2015, at St. Alexander Church in Villa Park. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. In lieu

of flowers family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org/illinois](http://alz.org/illinois). Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit [steuerlefh.com](http://steuerlefh.com) for more information.

### Louise M. Baxa, 83

Louise M. Baxa, nee Morine, of Lombard, formerly of Villa Park, passed away on May 23, 2015, at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Raymond J. Loving mother of Mike, Tom, Daniel (Linda), Patricia Baxa, Judy Kupka, Janet Gschwend and Richard (Alicia) Baxa. Dearest grandmother of 16 and great grandmother of 10. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at St. Alexander Church, Villa Park. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to CNS Home Health and Hospice appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit [steuerlefh.com](http://steuerlefh.com) for more information.

## ComEd, Arbor Day Foundation offers free trees to Villa Park customers

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## Willowbrook APs participate in inaugural Cardboard Regatta

VILLA PARK — On May 21, about 100 students in Willowbrook's Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level Physics 1 and Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level Physics 2 classes participated in the school's inaugural Cardboard Regatta at the Addison Park District Family Aquatic Center.

Students built boats out of cardboard and tape and raced 50 yards from one end of a pool to the other. The goal was for participants to apply physics knowledge from Newton's Laws, center of gravity and fluid dynamics.

From the AP Physics 1 class, the team of junior Shalyn Cherniavskyj, senior Brooke Bimber and senior Jessica Cookingham had the fastest boat. From the AP Physics 2 class, the team of seniors Matthew D'Alessandro, Gideon Karasek, Jacob Seymore and Muhammad Shahzad had the fastest boat. The most durable boat was built and raced by juniors Amos Cabudol, Brandon Calabrese, Alex Smith and Tj Geritano.



Willowbrook juniors Joseph Ernst and Jordan Marczewski participate in the school's inaugural Cardboard Regatta on May 21. courtesy photo by Addison Trail Junior Mia Pillar



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## Local student named Valedictorian at Montini Catholic

Pictured is Albert Holler of Villa Park, who was recently one of two persons named Valedictorian at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard for 2015. Holler shared in the honor of presenting a farewell statement at the high school's graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 17.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Ongoing events...

#### • VFW Friday Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday evening, the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, holds its Fish Fry. Menu includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

#### • Widows or Widowers meeting

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs meets on the third Thursday of each month and offers a variety of social activities. The meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or [www.cfsites.org](http://www.cfsites.org).

#### • Electronic items disposal

From 9 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of every month, the Village of Villa Park has coordinated with Roy Strom, the village's waste hauler, to offer E-Waste "the right way" — a convenient, cost free drop-off electronic disposal solution. The

drop-off site has been relocated to the Village Hall parking lot, located at 20 S. Ardmore Ave. Info: (630) 592-6052.

#### • Indoor Walking Group

Stop by the Iowa Community Center gymnasium for your daily walk. Indoor walking is available from 7-9 a.m. Monday-Friday. Free drop-in program, no registration required.

#### • Villa Park Men's Garden Club meetings

On the fourth Tuesday of every month, the Men's Garden Club of Villa Park has monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Rec Center, 320 E. Wildwood.

#### • Your Place for Seniors

Area seniors are invited to "Your Place" at the Community Rec Building, 320 E. Wildwood, to play Pinochle, bridge, canasta, a board game or whatever game is being played. Hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and, Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. (NOTE: "Your Place" does not meet on

the second Thursday of the month.) Info: (630) 834-8525.

#### • VPRD's Reader's Theater Group

Join the Readers' Theatre Group each Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Rec Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Free; no registration needed. Info: Jenny Casale at (630) 834-8525.

#### • Senior Concerns Commission

The Senior Concerns Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Village Hall, 20 S. Ardmore Ave. Free and open to the public. Seniors and those interested in issues related to seniors are invited. Info: call 630-592-6052.

#### • VFW Bingo

The Villa Park VFW hosts Bingo every Tuesday from 5:30-10 p.m.

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# Willowbrook announces graduation speakers



Pictured are Willowbrook seniors Karl Lang (left) and Joshua Beausoleil, who will serve as the speakers for the school's 56th annual commencement ceremony on June 7. courtesy photo

VILLA PARK — On June 7, Willowbrook seniors Karl Lang and Joshua Beausoleil will take the stage to address the audience and their classmates during the school's 56th annual commencement ceremony.

Lang will speak as President of the class of 2015, and Beausoleil was chosen to speak based on his academic standing, as he is ranked in the top 5 percent of the class of 2015.

Beausoleil's speech is entitled "Everything in Moderation" and will focus on the opportunities Willowbrook provides to its students. He said he plans to discuss the various experiences members of the class of 2015 were able to enjoy and how those events have made them well-rounded and ready for the future. He added what makes the class of 2015 unique is the level of success it has achieved in a variety of areas.

"Willowbrook has given me the opportunity to learn and pick up knowledge, but it also has taught me empathy and expanded my perspective, which has prepared me for life after high school," he said. "Being a Warrior means striving to be the best you can be and helping others."

Beausoleil plans to attend University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and major in chemical engineering.

Entitled "We are 2015," Lang's speech will portray the unity of the class. Lang said he and his classmates have been through a lot together, and it has made them a close-knit family.

"The message I hope my classmates get from my speech is to be yourself — don't let other people dictate your future," he said. "It doesn't matter who you are or what obstacles you face — you can succeed if you put in the work."

Lang plans to attend Loyola University Chicago and major in biology.

## House measure would curb financial abuse at colleges, universities

### HB3593 reforms severance agreements, contracts, extensions, more

SPRINGFIELD — At a time Illinois college students are paying more than double the national average to attend a public four-year university, some administrators are receiving lavish country club memberships and inflated housing and travel allowances on top of their quarter of a million dollar salaries.

The Illinois legislature advanced House Bill 3593 to reform the misuse and abuse of taxpayer dollars at public universities and colleges in Illinois.

Last week, a report was released exposing the perks and extravagant salaries received by public universities and community college administrators with state funds. Abuses such as country club and wildlife reservation memberships were exposed in the report.

"The report released last week displays a blatant disregard for the value of taxpayer dollars," said State Sen. Tom Cullerton. "This legislation will move us in the right direction as we continue to investigate and correct the misuse of funds."

HB 3593 amends the Public

Community College Act with a series of reforms in reaction to recent events at the College of DuPage's severance package given to its outgoing President Robert Brueder.

This legislation includes three major reforms:

- all new severance agreements for outgoing community college employees are limited to one year and benefits.
- public notice is required for any new or amended contracts entered into with employees.
- legislation no longer allows boards to enter into contracts with automatic renewals or extensions. All contracts must have start and end dates that cannot exceed four years. Under this legislation, contract extensions and renewals would be granted during open board meetings.

"At a time we are asking families and students to pay inflated tuition costs and fees, administrators are traveling on the taxpayers' dime," said Cullerton. "These reforms will move us one step closer in ensuring government funds are spent responsibly and effectively. Our students shouldn't sacrifice their education or financial health to ensure our administrators receive golden parachutes for disappointing performances."

HB 3593 passed the Senate's Committee on Higher Education.

## Historic Preservation Commission presents awards

VILLA PARK — National Historic Preservation Month was celebrated in May in Villa Park and across the country. At the June 8th Village Board Meeting, four Historic Plaques were issued by the Historical Preservation Commission, chaired by Carol Marcus. This year's theme was Past Forward! The awards are scheduled to be presented at the June 8th Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Honorees include:

Larry Calvert and James Bergmann received a Historic Preservation Award for their custom built c.1930 Bungalow style brick home that is named the Strahl House after its first owner, who was a movie projectionist. It is located on the 300 block of So. Michigan Ave. and boasts lovely art glass windows and an arched entry.

Matt Vriesema received a Historic Preservation Award for his two story brick c.1927 Dutch Tudor style house that is named the Barrowcliff House, after its first owner who was a civil engineer. It is located on the 300 block of So. Summit Ave. and was featured on a local house walk. It has a Porte cohere with carriage doors, a steeply pitched roof, and was professionally landscaped.

Stephen and Heidi Trimper received a Historic Landmark Award for their c.1915 custom built Arts and Craft-style house that is named the Wilkenloh House, after its first owner who was a sign maker. Robert Manard was the Oak Park architect who designed this

home that has lovely woodwork and built-ins. It is located on the 200 block of So. Villa Ave.

Lisa Majerchin received a Sears House Award for her quaint and charming frame c.1921 Bungalow cottage-style house that is an early Rodessa model. There is a lovely perennial garden in the front yard and mature evergreens. It is located on the 200 block of So. Villa Ave.

These present owners and caretakers are commended for their preservation and maintenance of these important structures that links the past with the future of Villa Park. These buildings are significant to the history and development of the Village and contribute to its character and heritage. The Historical Museum features these four homes in a window display.

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# ATHS honors students, faculty at annual ceremony

## Special farewell to Cibulka, who is moving to a District 88 position

**ADDISON** — On May 22, Addison Trail celebrated the end of the 2014-15 school year with its annual recognition assembly.

During the assembly, students were honored for their accomplishments in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCLCA); Business Professionals of America (BPA); DECA; Science Olympiad; SkillsUSA; Illinois High School Theatre Festival Tech Olympics; Math Team; the Close Up program; Youth in Government; Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA); Torch (Addison Trail's student newspaper); perfect attendance; the Go Pink or Go Home campaign; athletics and more. The class of 2015 has received more than \$3.5 million in scholarships, and the recipients of those scholarships were recognized during the assembly.

The District 88 Foundation also presented mini-grants to staff members. That financial support is being implemented for staff to develop instructional opportunities such as culinary activities, technology, literacy and internet-based programs. The foundation is proud to give more than \$4,800 to Addison Trail this year. The recipients are:

Amy Murphy, Jennifer Kowalski and Lija Marzec: All Eyes on Cooking

Andrea Stawierski: Greenhouse irrigation

Kirsten Olson: Math supplement online support

Sheila Wojcik: Math supplement online support

Theresa Wilson: Math supplement online support

Keith Santini: Auto 3 Students EPA 609 Certification

Theresa Marzullo: Medical Careers Vital Signs and Assessment

Rose Janusz: Books Without Borders

Staff members also were highlighted. Math Department Chair Jason Bugajsky was named as this year's Outstanding Achievement recipient, and Principal Adam Cibulka was thanked for his years of service to Addison Trail. Cibulka will move to the position of District 88 Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment starting July 1. He has been Principal since July 2012 and served as an Assistant Principal from 2008 to 2012. Cibulka joined District 88 in 2004 and taught economics, honors economics and political science. In 2007, he became the social studies department chair. He also has served as a teacher mentor, sponsored the Youth in Government club and coached a variety of sports, including football and basketball. He will be succeeded by Addison Trail Assistant Principal Mike Bolden.

At the end of the assembly, members of the girls and boys gymnastics teams gave a performance to entertain the crowd, and Bolden provided a closing speech to thank the students and staff for a great school year.



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## Students meet as College Bound Buddies

On Thursday, May 28, these AHS students traveled to Army Trail where they helped their buddies create pennants as part of the College Bound Buddies programs. Here, an Addison Trail senior, who is apparently bound for Northwestern University helps decorate pennants with two kindergarten students. Full story and more photos inside this issue.



all are courtesy photos

On May 22, Addison Trail celebrated the end of the 2014-15 school year with its annual recognition assembly.

(Above right): Addison Trail Assistant Principal Mike Bolden (left) thanks Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (waving) for his years of service to the school and presents him with mementos. Cibulka will move to the position of District 88 Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment starting July 1, and Bolden will assume the role of Addison Trail Principal.

(Above left): District 88 Foundation and Board of Education member Lisa Lullo (third from left) presents a check to Addison Trail staff members on behalf of the foundation. That financial support is being implemented through mini-grants for staff to develop instructional opportunities such as culinary activities, technology, literacy and internet-based programs. The foundation gave more than \$4,800 to Addison Trail this year.



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sacrifice their education or financial health to ensure our administrators receive golden parachutes for disappointing performances."

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# SPORTS

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## Addison Trail boys volleyball team opens sectional with win

**Blazers again surpass 30-win barrier; Dickmann moves into second place on state all-time kills list**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team continued its strong season with a 25-18, 25-17 win over York in semifinal action of the Chicago St. Patrick sectional.

The Blazers played Chicago St. Pat-

rick earlier this week for the sectional title. If Addison Trail won that match it will play in the state quarterfinals Friday at Hoffman Estates High School. The Blazers were trying to advance to their first state finals in program history.

In the win against York, Alex Dickmann had 12 kills and two blocks. Zack Vaca had four kills and one ace. Jack Vrchota had three kills and two blocks, while Kannon Nelms had two kills and two blocks. Joey Nasti added 19 assists and two kills.

The win moved Addison Trail to 32-6 overall.

Earlier, the Blazers advanced to the

sectional after winning their own Addison Trail regional title. Addison Trail downed Leyden 25-13, 25-22 in the championship match.

Dickmann had 11 kills and one ace and moved into second place on the IHSA all-time list for career kills with 1,378. Vrchota added five kills and one block. Vaca had four kills, six digs and two aces. Jonny Valentini added two kills and 10 digs. Nasti had 23 assists and four digs.

Addison Trail reached the regional title match after a 25-9, 25-15 win over Chicago Foreman.

Nasti had 12 assists. David Zielinski

had four assists. Jacob Grygo had two assists and one ace. Michael Chiaramonte had one kill and one block. Jonathan Gonzalez had three kills. Vaca had three kills and two aces. Vrchota added three kills.

Addison Trail closed out the regular season with a 25-21, 17-25, 26-24 non-conference win against a strong Glenbard East team.

Dickmann had 22 kills and three blocks. Nelms had five kills. Vrchota had four kills and six blocks. Vaca had four kills, five digs and two assists. Nasti added 33 assists.

## Addison Trail's Bradley competes at state track meet

**Willowbrook's Dannenberg throws six-inning no-hitter**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail senior Jaavion Bradley recently competed in the Class 3A state boys track and field meet in Charleston.

Bradley had a leap of 6-0 in the preliminaries of the high jump and finished tied for seventh in his heat and did not advance to the finals.

### Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team advanced to the championship game of the Class 4A Wheaton North regional where it lost 4-0 to South Elgin.

Willowbrook was the No. 2 seed in the sectional. South Elgin was the No. 7 seed.

Against South Elgin, Willowbrook was limited to one hit. Cameron Zunkel had a double.

Chris Roycroft took the loss. He went seven innings and allowed only three hits and one earned run. He struck out two and walked three. South Elgin scored a run in the first inning and three in the sixth inning.

Willowbrook advanced to the regional title game after a 1-0 victory over Hoffman Estates.

Zunkel pitched a gem on the mound to earn the win. He threw a one-hit shutout and faced only three batters over the minimum. Zunkel allowed the one hit and struck out six while walking only one. He threw 65 of 100 pitches for strikes.

Kyle Ferguson had a double and an RBI. Dom McDonnell had a double. Kyle Martyniuk, Luke Schuemer and Trey Jones each had a hit. Willowbrook had five hits and scored its lone run in the fifth inning.

Willowbrook finished the season 26-10.

### Addison Trail baseball

The Addison Trail baseball team dropped an 11-1 decision to Lake Park in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A Addison Trail regional in Roselle.

### Willowbrook softball

The Willowbrook softball team opened play in the Class 4A Schaumburg regional with a 3-2 win over Lake Park in eight innings. The semifinal win propelled the Warriors to the regional title game earlier this week against Schaumburg.

If Willowbrook won that game, it played in the Class 4A Rolling Meadows sectional semifinals on Tuesday. A win there will send Willowbrook to the sectional title game Saturday at 11 a.m. at Rolling Meadows High School.

In earlier action, the Warriors scored a 12-0 non-conference win over Glenbard East in a game that saw Willowbrook pitcher Zoe Dannenberg throw a six-inning no-hitter.

Dannenberg struck out four and walked two en route to the win.

Willowbrook had 12 hits in the game. Alyssa Rensinger went 4-for-5 with four runs scored, two doubles and three RBI. Sam Schmidt was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, a double and three RBI. Jordan Marczewski went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Cheyenne Brunig had a double and an RBI. Dannenberg walked four times and had an RBI, while Erin Sporer had a hit and an RBI. Willowbrook took advantage of 11 walks in the game.

### Addison Trail softball

The Addison Trail softball team opened play in the Class 4A Conant regional with a 5-4 victory over Rolling Meadows in the quarterfinals.

The Blazers then dropped an 8-0 game to St. Charles East in the regional semifinals.

## IC Catholic Prep softball team wins Class 2A sectional title

**Knights played earlier this week for chance to go to state**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep softball team recently took its season to even greater heights.

The Knights no-hit Regina Dominican en route to a 12-0 win and the Class 2A Lisle sectional championship at Benedictine University. The win gave IC its first sectional title since 2003 and put it within a win of qualifying for the state finals.

IC played Kankakee Bishop McNamara earlier this week in a Class 2A supersectional at Bandits Stadium in Rosemont. If IC won that game it will play in the Class 2A state semifinals Friday in East Peoria.

The win moved IC to 27-5.

IC standout pitcher Jessica Conenna threw a five-inning no-hitter against Regina. She struck out nine and improved to 17-3 on the season.

IC scored runs in every inning and put up nine runs over the first three innings. The Knights jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning. Conenna (2-for-2, RBI) and Josie

Lytton (2-for-3, RBI) drew one-out walks followed by singles from Anjella Farmer (1-for-2) and Melissa Gonzalez (1-for-2). Lytton led off the second inning with a solo home run.

The Knights had nine hits in the game. Vanessa Godinez and Taylor Salvi each went 1-for-2. Gabby Curran had a double and an RBI. Molly Fahey and Kaitlyn Falduto each had an RBI.

IC advanced to the Lisle sectional final after an 11-3 win over Westmont that avenged a loss in the sectionals last season.

IC led 2-0 after the first inning, but Westmont came back to take a 3-2 lead in the top of the third inning.

However, the Knights responded immediately in the bottom of the third inning. Farmer led off with a walk and two batters later Lindsey Montoya and Falduto (2-for-4) each singled. Godinez then followed with a two-run single to put IC up for good at 4-3.

The Knights added three runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth. IC ended up with 13 hits.

Lytton and Conenna each went 2-for-3. Salvi was 2-for-4.

Conenna picked up the win. She allowed three hits and one earned run in seven innings, while striking out eight.

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# Willowbrook boys volleyball team enjoys successful campaign

**Warriors win 21 matches; 8 seniors named academic all-conference**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team went 1-1 during the recent IHSA state playoffs.

The Warriors opened postseason action with a 25-27, 25-13, 25-19 win over Oswego East in the regional quarterfinals. Willowbrook then dropped a 25-20, 25-22 match to No. 4 seed Naperville Central.

Willowbrook finished the year 21-16 overall and placed third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 4-2 record. Willowbrook's conference losses were to Downers Grove South (25-19, 26-24) and Addison Trail (in three sets).

Ryan Wakely led the Warriors this season with 235 kills and had a 37.04 kill percentage. Ian Walsh had 148 kills and a 47.88 kill percentage.

Walsh led the team in blocks with 129. Tommy King was tops in service aces with 35, while Anthony Acitelli was tops in digs with 224. King led the team with 644 assists.

Wakely and King earned all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division honors, while all eight seniors on the team earned spots on the WSC academic all-conference team. That group includes Acitelli, Mike Ernst, King, Avery Kirchner, Liam

**"Our eight graduating seniors had a combined cumulative grade-point average of 4.09 on a 4.0 scale. This is one thing I am most proud of them for."**

— Coach Ryan Bazon

Atkins, Henry Wallace, Wakely and Kristian Johansen.

"Our eight graduating seniors had a combined cumulative grade-point average of 4.09 on a 4.0 scale," Willowbrook coach Ryan Bazon pointed out. "This is the one thing I am most proud of them for."

Bazon was impressed with

how his players competed against a tough Naperville Central team.

"Our kids left everything on the floor against a very talented and athletic squad," said Bazon. "We played them tight throughout the match and at one point late in Game 2 had the lead at 21-20. Our energy

was fantastic and we were able to take them out of their game during much of the match. A few miscues late in each game and a dominating performance by their outside hitter was too much for us to handle. I could not have asked for more to end the season."

Bazon was thrilled with the progress the entire program made this season. "I thought the season was very successful on all levels," he said. "Our program ended with 78 wins and the future of Willowbrook volleyball looks bright. We had a 20-plus-win season for the fifth time out of the last six years and I added some high-level competition to our schedule. Next year will be a bit of a rebuilding year and we will have to get some young guys to fill some big shoes of our graduating seniors. I will miss our seniors greatly."



by Jeffrey T. Boland  
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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# Fenton baseball team loses in regional semifinals

**Bison boys volleyball team wins regional game**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton baseball team saw its season come to a close after a 7-1 loss to Woodstock Marian Central Catholic in the semifinals of the Class 3A Fenton regional at Redmond Park in Bensenville.

Marian broke a scoreless tie with five runs in the third inning and added single runs in the fourth and sixth innings. The Hurricanes finished with six hits.

Fenton was limited to two hits. Fenton scored its lone run in the fifth inning.

Brady Pugliese went 1-for-3 with a run scored and a triple for the Bison. David Alden went 1-for-3, while Griffin Idelman had an RBI via a sacrifice fly.

Matt Lucas pitched three innings and took the loss.

Fenton finished the season with a 12-16 record.

Fenton softball

The Fenton softball team dropped an 8-4 decision to Wheaton Academy in the semifinals of the Class 3A IMSA regional in Aurora.

Fenton boys volleyball

The Fenton boys volleyball team went 1-1 in the IHSA state tournament. The Bison opened play in the Chicago

DePaul College Prep regional by scoring a 25-16, 25-18 win over Chicago Jones in the quarterfinals. Fenton lost to Chi-

cago St. Patrick 25-20, 25-12 in the regional semifinals.

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.



courtesy photo

## Typhoons U11 soccer: Champions

The U11 Typhoons FC Soccer Team was crowned champions of the Hawks Cup Soccer Tournament recently held at the Oakbrook Polo Grounds. The team went undefeated in the tournament's U11 Black Division, beating Celtics FC in the championship game. The team also won the Illinois YSSL Division 1 Fall Championship with a 9-1 record, defeating the Chicago Fire Academy Team 5-2 to clinch the division title. Front row (left to right) Owen Popovosky, Bart Zachwieja, Rodriguez Tinfang, Eric Brahman, Brendan Haran, and Neil McGovern. Middle row: Troy Walker, Aiden McGovern, Landon Redfern, Nolan Korzeniowski, Ian Morales, and Shane Balchtal. Back row: Coaches Gus Morales, Kevin McGovern, and Mike McGovern. Not pictured: Kevin Gilatis, Ethan Lemkuil, and Tieran Casey.



## 'Two Trails' meet for College-Bound Buddy program

**ADDISON** — Addison Trail High School and Army Trail Elementary School kindergartners met for the third time this year as part of the schools' "College-Bound Buddy" program. This program brings high school students together with kindergarten students in order to expose the 5- and 6-year-olds to the idea that attending college is an obtainable goal.

On Thursday, May 28, the ATHS students travelled to Army Trail where they helped their buddies create pennants. Army Trail Principal Deb Martello encouraged the kindergarten students to decorate the pennants with stickers and markers, including information about themselves and their buddies, especially the name of the college that their high school buddies plan to attend.



courtesy photo

### AT seniors receive Honorable Mention from Daily Herald

Addison Trail seniors Eric Gilliam and Margarita "Maggie" Sumbulla, pictured here, have been named as 2014-15 Daily Herald Academic Team Honorable Mentions for DuPage County. Gilliam and Sumbulla were nominated by Addison Trail, and a panel of judges reviewed the applications for the Academic Team throughout the Daily Herald readership area. The students were featured in a special edition of the Daily Herald's Neighbor section of the May 21 edition.

### Meet Addison Trail's class of 2015 graduation speaker

**ADDISON** — As the members of the Addison Trail class of 2015 make their way across the stage during the school's 49th annual commencement ceremony on June 7, senior Eric Gilliam will leave them with a powerful message.

Gilliam entered the school's annual graduation-speech competition and was selected as this year's winner by a panel of judges. His speech, entitled "Invictus," will focus on the theme of resilience.

"My goal is to remind my classmates that when life gets tough, look up, get up and don't ever give up," he said.

He said Addison Trail students have a tenacity that is at the center of the school's Blazer Pride, and he'll always remember the lessons he has learned through his four years as a Blazer.

"Addison Trail has challenged me in everything I've done and taught me there's no shame in asking for help or collaborating with others to improve," he said.

Gilliam added the legacy of

his class is the level of success they have achieved in various areas, including academics, athletics and extracurricular activities.

"We're the best," he said with a smile.

Gilliam plans to attend Stanford University and major in economics.



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Pictured is Addison Trail senior Eric Gilliam, who will serve as the speaker for the school's 49th annual commencement ceremony on June 7.



These two Army Trail kindergartners look to their Addison Trail College Bound Buddy for help making pennants. The program is designed to allow the youngsters to see that college is an obtainable goal.



photos provided

Judging by the smiles on their faces, these two are getting along well as they make pennants as part of the College Bound Buddies program. The Addison Trail seniors in the program urge kindergartners to think of college as a realistic goal.

## Seniors take over ATHS for a day

**ADDISON** — When walking through the halls of Addison Trail on May 22, you saw the school being led by students, as more than 60 seniors "took over" for about 30 teachers, administrators, clerical staff, the guidance office and the deans office during Addison Trail Lettermen Club's fourth annual Senior Takeover Day.

Lettermen Club co-sponsors Hannah Sutton and Becky Cibulka implemented the event as a way to create a fun tradition at Addison Trail. Cibulka said any senior was eligible to participate, as long as he or she was in good academic standing and his or her teacher signed the permission slip forms.

Senior Cody Welsh took over as the leader of the school by filling in for Principal Adam Cibulka. The seniors coordinated meetings, sent out e-mails, helped teach classes and more.



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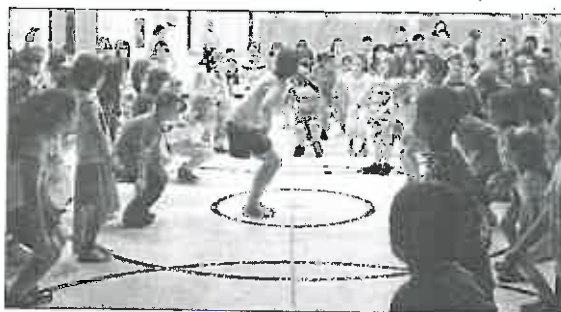
Above: Addison Trail senior Cody Welsh (center) "takes over" for Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (right) on May 22 during Lettermen Club's fourth annual Senior Takeover Day. During the recognition assembly that day, Welsh helped Cibulka present Math Department Chair Jason Bugajsky (left) with a gift in honor of Bugajsky being named as this year's Outstanding Achievement recipient for Addison Trail.

Left: Addison Trail English Department Chair Amy Ferraro (center) gets some help from Addison Trail seniors (from left) Julia Dziabis, Jinu Mathew, Joseph Nasti and Gabriella Morrone during Addison Trail Lettermen Club's fourth annual Senior Takeover Day on May 22.



## Author visits Lake Park School Shares lessons in Harlem jazz, dancing the Charleston

ADDISON — Author Margot Toppen visited Lake Park School on Thursday, May 28 to share her book, *Jitterbugs*. The book is set in the time of the Harlem jazz movement and tells the story of two very different bugs who form a successful dance partnership. Toppen taught the students a few moves to use as she did an interactive reading of the story. After reading and answering questions about writing from the students, she taught them some Charleston dance steps. Students and teachers all joined in and enjoyed dancing along to the lively music.



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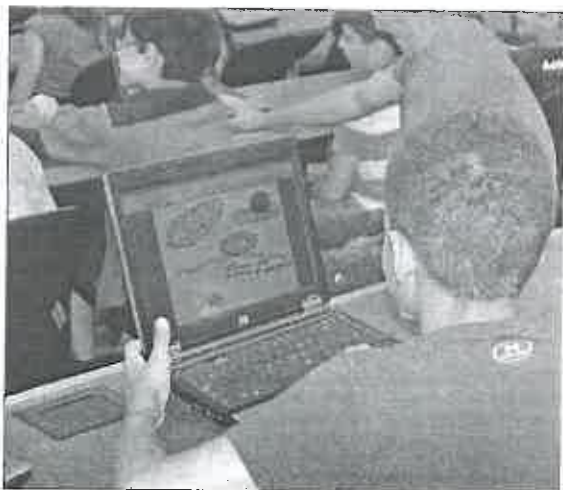


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Author Yana Patel (left), illustrator Dimitra Spyrtos (right) and narrator Alexis after the presentation of their story, *Scary Possessed*.

## ATHS and Stone School hold Blazer Reading Rainbow

ADDISON — Addison Trail High School and Stone Elementary School 5th graders participated in the third annual Blazer Reading Rainbow project on May 28. As part of the project, the fifth graders wrote and illustrated stories. Students from Addison Trail's music production classes created audio and sound effects for the stories and theater students narrated them. On Thursday, each of Stone School's three 5th grade classes visited Addison Trail where they had the opportunity to follow along on computers and hear their stories brought to life.



A student reads along with a story on a laptop as the dramatic version of the story is being presented.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 7 Genealogical forum

The Genealogical Forum of Elmhurst welcomes Jeff Bockman with a talk on "genealogical research tips—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](mailto: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](http://addisoncenterforthearts.com).

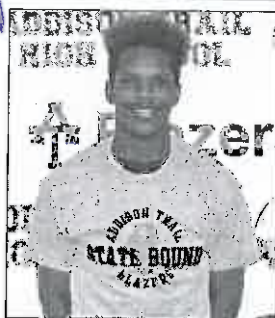
#### • Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or [www.cfsites.org](http://www.cfsites.org).

#### • Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



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## AT hosts State send-off for track standout

Pictured is Addison Trail senior Jaavion Bradley, who competed in the Illinois High School Association Boys Track and Field State Meet from May 28 to 30. Before Bradley left, Addison Trail hosted a State sendoff celebration for him. Bradley will compete in the high jump.



# Dukes tap into experience ahead of sectional final

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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ELMHURST – Six players on York's softball team this spring were a part of the 2013 squad that went to state and they want to go back.

The Dukes are headed for a sectional final against Oak Park-River Forest at 11 a.m. June 6, meaning a return trip to East Peoria is two wins away.

"I think to know what you're playing for and to know how awesome going to state is and how good it feels, it just pushes you that much harder to keep winning to experience that again," junior Abby Solem said. "It was just this awesome weekend [at state] and I would love to go back. I think that energy that all the returners have is pushing everyone to keep it up."

Solem and fellow junior Gabby Magnifico were a part of that state team along with seniors Isabella Jaeger, Sarah Milkowski, Brooke Bandy and Audrey Kosman.

Jaeger said having that experience helps keep them calm in pressure moments in big games.

"I think we're more comfortable now," Jaeger said. "We're actually not even that nervous. This is the exciting time of the year. This is the best part of the year."

To get to the sectional final, York

## York's playoff results

### YORK 6, NILES WEST 1 (JUNE 1)

■ Brooke Bandy: 7 IP, R, 8 K, 3 BB, 5 H  
■ Lauren Lahey: 2 for 2, 3B, 2 RBIs  
■ Sarah Maciejewski: 2 for 3, 2B, 3B, RBI, 2 R  
■ Abby Solem: 2 for 3, RBI, R

### YORK 2, TRINITY 1 (JUNE 2)

■ Bandy: 7 IP, R, 9 K, BB, 7 H  
■ Amanda Karnatz: 2 for 2, BB  
■ Maciejewski: 1 for 2, 2B, RBI

beat Niles West 6-1 in a regional final June 1, which was the Dukes' fourth straight regional title. The next day York, the top sectional seed, beat Trinity 2-1. Bandy pitched complete games in both wins and had a combined 17 strikeouts.

Up next is an OPRF team that edged the Dukes for the West Suburban Silver title. York split with the Huskies during the regular season, winning 7-3 on May 4 and losing 11-0 on May 20.

The teams are the top two seeds in the Niles West sectional.

"They beat us for conference so we have that," Solem said. "We really just want to go and prove to everybody that we can beat them because we can. We're just excited to kick some butt."

# IC Catholic Prep softball takes pride in stellar season

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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ROSEMONT – There was the talent, the experience and the opportunity to get to state.

However, IC Catholic softball came up just short in its quest for its first state finals bid. The Knights lost 5-3 against Bishop McNamara in a super-sectional June 1 at Chicago Bandits Stadium.

The Irish took the lead with two runs in the first inning and the Knights responded with one in the bottom half on an Anjella Farmer RBI single. That 2-1 score held until the Knights conceded three runs in the top of the seventh. Jessica Conenna had a two-RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to spark an IC rally in the final frame, but the Irish survived.

"We had a shot into that last inning," IC coach Frank Reaber said. "We got the base hit to score two by Jess and we had a shot. We had a runner on and our four hitter that could put it out of the ballpark at any time in Farmer. I'll take it. They're a very good team with a lot of power, but I think we were right there with them. I think it was an evenly matched game."

The teary eyes that follow a playoff loss didn't mar a memorable season for the Knights. IC finished with a 27-6 record and won the first sectional title since the 2003 season.

Seniors Conenna, Gabby Curran, Lindsey Montoya and Jackie Pochop leave a big legacy behind after all the recent success for the team. IC won back-to-back regional titles and this spring matched the program's single-season win mark.

"They won [a sectional] in 02-03, but back then the supers were 16 teams so it was a different thing," Reaber said. "We went further than



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IC Catholic Prep's Jessica Conenna delivers a pitch May 27 in a sectional semifinal game against Westmont. The Knights won their first sectional since 2003 but fell just short of their first state berth.

any ICCP team did, but we wanted to go downstate. I thought this team was good enough to do that. We just fell a little short, but I'm proud of them."

Conenna, who pitched in the super and went 1 for 3 with a walk at the plate, is headed to pitch at Northern Illinois next year. Curran, IC's shortstop and leadoff hitter, broke the school's stolen base record will play at Dominican University. Conenna, Curran and Montoya were four-year varsity players and won 94 games in four seasons.

"I'm going to miss those three kids immensely, and Jackie Pochop came back this year to be one of my pinch runners and did a great job," Reaber said. "I'll miss all four."

# AT boys volleyball books state berth

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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For the first time ever, the Addison Trail boys volleyball team is headed to state.

The Blazers knocked off St. Patrick 26-24, 25-17 in a sectional final June 2. The win came on the home court of the Shamrocks, a team that defeated AT during the regular season, albeit without setter Joey Nasti.

Since a relatively slow start, the Blazers have rattled off 19 wins in their past 20 matches. AT had to deal with Nasti being out for the first part of the season and middle hitter Kannon Nelms missing some time as in the middle part of the schedule. Having a more steady, consistent lineup has led to AT's success.

"I think it's just the continuity of having every back since then," AT coach Chad Grant said. "Every match since we've had our starting lineup together."

AT (33-6) takes on Hinsdale Central

(25-12) in the 6 p.m. state quarterfinal June 5 at Hoffman Estates. Two of the premier players in the state will be on opposite sides of the net in AT senior outside hitter Alex Dickmann, who had 16 kills in the sectional final, and Central setter Kiam Peterson.

"Their setter is a phenomenal player so we really have to be disciplined defensively and in blocking because he's going to be a challenge for us," Grant said. "We're not going to be complacent there. We want to win some matches."

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL York

The Dukes fell 25-18, 25-17 against Addison Trail in a sectional semifinal May 29 to finish the season with a 25-10 record.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD Addison Trail

Jaavion Bradley cleared 6 feet at the Class 3A state meet to tie for 20th place.



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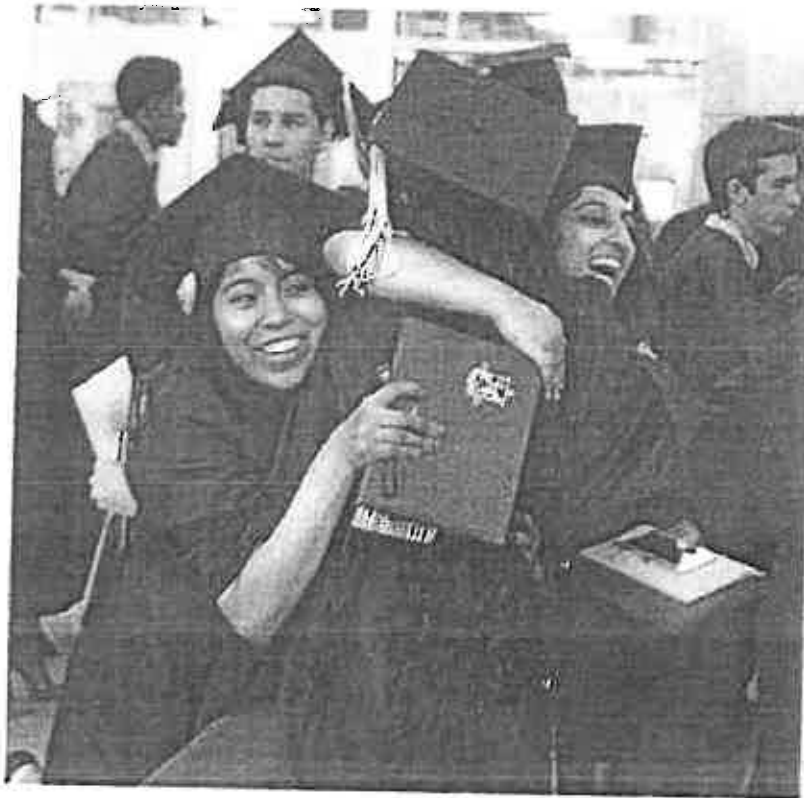
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# Images: Addison Trail High School graduation



**Juila Martinez (left) and Karaman Hammoudeh (right) hug Crystal Diaz after Addison Trail High School's graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 7, 2015, at the school, in Addison.**

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Addison Trail High School held its graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 7 at the school in Addison.

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## Images: Willowbrook High School graduation



Luis De Anda gets help with his tie from Kimberly Hernandez, Giselle Carter and Rachidah Kessouagni before the start of the Willowbrook High School graduation Sunday, June 7 at the school in Villa Park.

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