

Graduation day...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S Class of 2015 assembled for Sunday afternoon's graduation ceremony in the school's main gymnasium. The school's Class of 2015 includes over 500 students. The photo on the right shows the graduates at the beginning of the service, which lasted about 1 hour and 20 minutes. This year's graduates did not toss their caps into the air at the end of the ceremony.

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Graduation day for Willowbrook High School's Class of 2015

The members of Willowbrook High School's Class of 2015 celebrated their commencement ceremony on Sunday afternoon in the school's main gymnasium. There are more than 500 graduates in Willowbrook's senior class.

The school orchestra played "Pomp and Circumstance" as the Class of 2015 entered the gymnasium. The senior choir then performed two songs—"America, The Beautiful" and a song composed by senior choir member Allison Mahai.

The two members of the class who spoke during the ceremony were Joshua Beausoleil

and Karl Lang. Beausoleil held the No. 1 academic rank in the school's graduating class. Lang is the senior class president. Both speakers noted the two members of the class who passed away while they were students at Willowbrook—Darnell Holt and Emilio Perez.

Principal Dan Krause then delivered brief remarks complimenting the class on its achievements, which included earning about \$5.5 million in scholarship offers. District 83 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain gave the speech accepting the class for the awarding of diplomas. The students then crossed the stage to accept their diplomas.



Once a Warrior, always a Warrior...

THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING CLASS at Willowbrook High School includes (above left photo, left to right) Isabella Devens and Isabella Martinez, who are pictured before Sunday's graduation ceremony. The above right photo shows Joshua Beausoleil, who earned the top academic rank in the class, speaking during the ceremony. The photos below show (left) Tyler Rusnak crossing the stage after receiving his diploma and (right photo, left to right) Abby Pakettis and Erin Sulla after the ceremony.



Ready to graduate...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S Class of 2015 assembled in the school auditorium before Sunday afternoon's commencement exercises in the main gymnasium. The above photo shows four members of the graduating class shortly before the beginning of the ceremony. Pictured in the front row is Sarah Wood. Pictured left to right in the back row are Karl Lang, Cameron Murer and Thomas Jalszynski. Wood, Murer and Jalszynski are Villa Park residents. Lang, who lives in Elmhurst is the senior class president.

Lauren Kiefer 5K run/walk takes place June 20 at Willowbrook

The ninth annual Lauren M. Kiefer 5K Family Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, June 20. The 5-kilometer (about 3.1-mile) run/walk will begin at 9 a.m. at Willowbrook High School, located at 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

Race-day registration and check-in will begin at 7 a.m. Mail-in registrations must be received by June 15, but walk-up registration (\$25 cash) will be accepted on race day. Registration is free for children 12 and under who are accompanied by a paying adult. A child waiver form must be completed.

A pre-race packet pickup will take place

from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19 at Fleet Feet, which is located at 124 Schiller St., Elmhurst.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Lauren Kiefer Memorial Foundation, which provides funds to local families and non-profit groups. The foundation also funds a scholarship for Willowbrook High School seniors. The event honors the memory of Lauren Kiefer, a 2000 graduate of Willowbrook. The grand prize in the post-race raffle is a 5-day stay in Myrtle Beach. For more information, or to sign up for the event online, visit the foundation's Web site at www.rememberlauren.com.

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Jeanie Nicholson honored as one of Villa Park's Seniors of the Year

Longtime Villa Park resident Jeanie Nicholson attended last month's senior fair sponsored by the Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission to take advantage of some of the event's programs and services, including a blood pressure check offered by members of the Villa Park Fire Department. Nicholson had no idea she would be honored at the senior fair.

"I was going to go there first thing in the morning," said Nicholson of the senior fair, which took place May 7 at the Community Recreation Building at 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Alesia Bailey, who is the executive director of the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and Nicholson's neighbor, told her to come around noon. Bailey mentioned that a special guest would attend the fair at that time.

"I thought some political figure would be there, maybe [Gov. Bruce] Rauner," said Nicholson, who soon learned that she herself was being honored by the commission as one of Villa Park's Seniors of the Year.

"I could have passed out," joked Nicholson when she learned she was receiving the award along with Peter Kurasz.

Nicholson and Kurasz were both nominated for the honor by fellow residents. Nicholson said she was touched by the letters that nominated her. The letters, which Bailey later had laminated, came from friends and neighbors, including children who noted Nicholson's many acts of kindness.

"The letters from the kids were just beautiful," Nicholson said of the kind words, some of which reminded her of moments she had forgotten about. "I feel so loved."

Nicholson and her husband Roland, who have lived in Villa Park for decades, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next year. They have five children—four daughters and one son—all of whom graduated from Willowbrook High School. They also have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Nicholson spent about 30 years as a special education aide at Willowbrook before retiring in 2002. She serves as a captain in the Villa Park Police Department's neighborhood watch program, and is a member of the Villa Park Community Pride Commission.



Senior of the Year...

Photo by Chris Fox

JEANIE NICHOLSON (above) was honored as one of Villa Park's Seniors of the Year at last month's senior fair that was hosted by the Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission. Nicholson and Peter Kurasz both received the award at the May 7 event at the Community Recreation Building at 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Nicholson attended the senior fair to take advantage of some of the services offered at the event. She had no idea she would be receiving an award. Nicholson and Kurasz were nominated for the honor by fellow residents. The above photo, taken last week outside of Nicholson's home, shows her holding some of the letters nominating her for the award.



Top of the class...

Photos by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S Class of 2015 held its graduation ceremony on Sunday afternoon. All six of the graduates pictured above earned an academic rank in the top 5 percent of the class, which included over 500 students. The graduates (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Jessica Cookingham and Thomas King; (middle row) Avery Kirchner and Cassandra Joyce and (bottom row) Shukan Shah and Kristian Johansen.



Beginnings and endings...

SCHOOL DISTRICT 45's Jackson and Jefferson middle schools recent held their promotional exercises for their eighth-grade students who will move on to high school later this year. The exercises were held on separate evenings in the auditorium of Willowbrook High School. District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano and members of the District 45 Board of Education attended both ceremonies, which honored a total of over 400 students. Jefferson Principal Raul Gaston recognized longtime Jefferson faculty member Kathryn Ivey at that school's exercises. Ivey is leaving after 33 years as a physical education teacher at the school. She also served as a coach of Jefferson's girls basketball, track and field, cross country and cheerleading teams. When Ivey began her career, the school was known as Jefferson Junior High School, and her mother, Lorraine Ivey, was the school's dean of students. The above photo shows Ivey pinning a ribbon onto Jefferson graduate Esteban Saenz at the school's ceremony at Willowbrook.

Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Rams' season ends with loss to Glenbard West

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team was clearly one of the state's best volleyball teams during the 2015 season. The Rams, unfortunately, ran into the state's best team in a sectional championship match.

Glenbard East's season ended with a 25-18, 25-18 loss to eventual state champion Glenbard West in the sectional final at Oswego East High School on June 2. The win over the Rams propelled the Hilltoppers into the state quarterfinals, which began Friday at Hoffman Estates High School. Glenbard West earned the IHSA state title with three convincing victories in Hoffman Estates, including a 25-15, 25-13 win over Vernon Hills in Saturday's first-place match. The Hilltoppers did not lose a single game in their seven post-season matches. Glenbard West, which was the No. 1 seed at the sectional, completed its championship season with an overall record of 40-2.

Glenbard East, which was the second-seeded team at the sectional, finished the year with a 33-6 record.

Two of the Rams' losses came against Glenbard West, while two more were regular-season setbacks against Downers Grove North. Glenbard East gained some revenge against the Trojans by defeating them in an IHSA regional final on May 27 in Lombard. The Rams then beat Benet Academy in a three-game battle in a sectional semifinal match at Oswego East on May 29.

Senior Adam Eboli provided a team-leading 10 kills for the Rams in the sectional final. Senior Nick Symonds and junior Tyler Greene added seven and six kills, respectively. Senior Andrew Hurlburt contributed 22 assists, while senior Ben Symonds had 13 digs.

"It was a great match," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier of the sectional final against the Hilltoppers. "The boys played hard. We just didn't have enough. Glenbard West played great and did not make very many errors."

The Rams won championships at two regular-season tournaments (at

Buffalo Grove and Willowbrook) this year. They also claimed the second-place plaque at their own Springfield event, where they lost to Glenbard West in the championship match. Glenbard East also posted an unblemished 6-0 Upstate Eight Conference record to win the title. This was the program's first season in the Upstate Eight Conference after spending its first 16 seasons in the DuPage Valley Conference.

"The season as a whole was one of our best, despite falling short of making it to state," added Maier. "I am very proud of the boys for the hard work, dedication and effort they gave all season."

Glenbard East's 2015 post-season resembled the 2012 playoff run, which also ended with a sectional-final loss to the eventual state champion. Three years ago, Wheaton Warrenville South beat the Rams in a sectional final on route to winning a state title and posting a 41-0 record. The 2012 Rams finished the season with a 32-7 record.



Memorable season... File photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR NICK SYMONDS (above) of the Glenbard East volleyball team had seven kills and 10 digs in the Rams' final match of the season—a 25-18, 25-18 loss to Glenbard West in the sectional championship match at Oswego East High School on June 2. Glenbard East completed its season with an overall record of 33-6. The Hilltoppers, who earned a spot in the state quarterfinals in Hoffman Estates with their win over the Rams, coasted to the state title with three straight victories. Glenbard West defeated Vernon Hills 25-15, 25-13 in Saturday's state championship match. The above photo shows Symonds during the Rams' May 29 victory over Benet Academy in a sectional semifinal match at Oswego East.



Powerful finish...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Sam Schmidt (above) is shown during her final plate appearance as a member of the Warriors softball program. Schmidt stepped into the batter's box in the top of the seventh inning of the IHSA Class 4A regional championship game against Schaumburg on June 1 and hit a two-run homer to cut the Saxons' lead to 8-4. Schaumburg recorded the final out moments later to post an 8-4 victory and earn its 29th straight win of the season. Schaumburg, which finished its season with an overall record of 31-2, won one more post-season game before losing in a sectional championship contest on Saturday.

Schmidt finished her four-year Willowbrook varsity career with a school-record 44 home runs, including 14 homers this season. She will play softball at Northern Illinois University.

"I was just trying to make contact and keep the inning alive," said Schmidt of her final at-bat as a Warrior. Schmidt was one of several seniors on this year's team, which completed the season with an overall record of 24-11. "I think we had a great year," said Schmidt. "We've made a pretty big impact in the last four years. Schmidt, Alyssa Ressler and Erin Sporer spent four seasons on the varsity squad. Cheyenne Brunig and Delaney Pelsor were three-year varsity players.

Schaumburg scored all eight of its runs against the Warriors during the third inning. "We gave them some extra outs," said Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos of the inning. "We played clean ball before and after that. It just spiraled out of control in that third inning. Overall it was a really good year. We wish we would have been able to win a regional title."

Lombard Waves individual winners June 6

The Lombard Waves swim team opened its 2015 season with Saturday's 317-308 victory over the Itasca Dolphins at Paradise Bay Water Park. The Waves' individual champions were:

8-and-under girls

Leah Grivetti 25-YARD FREESTYLE 20.20

8-and-under boys

Ryan Frano 50-YARD FREESTYLE 56.18
Hank Schendel 25-YARD BUTTERFLY 27.64

9-10 girls

Sarah Grivetti 100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 1:26.49
..... 50-YARD FREESTYLE 34.54

9-10 boys

Christopher Bajda 100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 1:22.26
..... 50-YARD BUTTERFLY 37.68
..... 50-YARD BREASTSTROKE 45.69
Luke Schwieters 100-YARD FREESTYLE 1:24.54

11-12 girls

Grace Dynako 50-YARD BUTTERFLY 35.95
..... 50-YARD BACKSTROKE 40.93

11-12 boys

Kyle Haake 100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 1:17.69
..... 100-YARD FREESTYLE 1:04.75
..... 50-YARD BUTTERFLY 35.29
Matthew Gollins 50-YARD FREESTYLE 33.73

13-14 girls

Grace Schwieters 100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 1:08.55
..... 50-YARD BACKSTROKE 32.43
..... 50-YARD BREASTSTROKE 37.54
Alyson Griffith 50-YARD FREESTYLE 32.45
Elissa Haake 50-YARD BUTTERFLY 30.81

13-14 boys

Matthew Bajda 50-YARD FREESTYLE 27.00
..... 50-YARD BACKSTROKE 34.38
Daniel Bajda 100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY 1:12.00
..... 50-YARD BREASTSTROKE 34.47
Evan Kale 100-YARD FREESTYLE 1:05.95
..... 50-YARD BUTTERFLY 34.64

15-18 girls

Ashley Wennhund 50-YARD BACKSTROKE 33.55

15-18 boys

Jacob Thomas 50-YARD BACKSTROKES 31.29

The Waves will travel to Villa Park for tonight's meet against the Mariners at Jefferson Pool. Lombard's will continue with Saturday's home meet against Addison.

Kaneland's bats sink the Broncos

The Montini softball team's season ended with an 11-5 loss to Kaneland in an IHSA Class 3A sectional semifinal game on the Broncos' home field in Lombard on June 2. The Knights bashed 14 hits, including three home runs, against Montini. Kaneland hit a pair of solo homers in the first inning. The Knights scored four runs in the third inning to build a 6-0 lead and added a three-run homer in the top of the seventh inning to build an 11-3 lead.

Freshman Nikki Cuchran and junior Emily Lezcano both hit solo home runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for the Broncos, who completed their season with a 28-6 record.

Kaneland won the title at the Montini Sectional with Saturday's 12-0 victory over St. Francis. The Knights improved to 24-8 with Monday's 4-0 supersectional win over Nazareth Academy. That victory sent Kaneland to the Class 3A semifinals, which begin this Friday in Peoria.

"Give them [the Knights] a lot of credit," said Montini coach Mike Bukovsky after the Broncos' season-ending loss. "They hit the ball up and down. We got beat by a very good team today. I tip my cap to them."

While disappointed with the loss, Bukovsky noted that the 2015 Broncos set a program record for victories in a season with their 28 wins. The team's departing seniors include pitcher Lauren Trojnar—a four-year varsity player who finished this season with a 20-4 record—and Anastacia Mesina, who made a pair of tremendous catches in right field to prevent Kaneland's offense from scoring more runs in the sectional final.

"I'm very proud of them," said Bukovsky of the Broncos. "They accomplished a lot. I told them that one game doesn't define a season. We set a school record for wins and we beat some very solid programs. We're going to try to get better every year."

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Bill requiring civics education in high school heads to Governor's desk

SPRINGFIELD — On May 30, House Bill 4025, a bill mandating civic education in Illinois as a high school requirement has passed through the General Assembly and now heads to the Governor. Illinois is currently one of only 10 states in the nation that does not require civic education.

At a time when bipartisan divisions run deep in the General Assembly, the civic education bill sponsored by Representative Conroy (D-Villa Park) in the House and Senator Cullerton (D-Villa Park) in the Senate, passed with strong bipartisan support. In addition, the Citizen Advocacy Center played a role in successfully generating public awareness about the issue.

"Our state needs well-prepared students who have the ability to tackle tough issues impacting their communities and Illinois," said Maryam Judar, executive director of the Citizen Advocacy Center. "A semester of civics will provide students with the knowledge of how government works and how to impact government decision-making on issues they care about."

The legislation is supported by funding through a public-private partnership led by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation to provide high-quality, school-based civic learning opportunities for all students in Illinois. More than \$3 million has been pledged over the next three years to provide history teachers with professional development in civic education.



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11 Willowbrook students earn Eagle Scout status

Pictured are ten of the 10 Willowbrook students who have earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America. They are (back row, from left): senior Henry Wallace, senior Matthew Blondin, senior Michael Roby II, senior Matthew D'Alessandro, senior Joseph Draus, senior Christopher Senese; (front row, from left) senior Tyler Olson, senior Andrew Kanelos, senior Austin Stoner and junior Christopher Roder. Not pictured is senior Kevin Green. Those who earn that rank earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership, which includes organizing, planning and completing an extensive service project in the community.

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Willowbrook hosts sendoff for Special Olympics athletes

On June 3, Willowbrook hosted a state sendoff celebration for six student-athletes who competed in the Special Olympics Summer Games. They are (not as pictured): freshman Isabella Iasillo, who will participate in the 100-meter run and 200-meter run; senior Ashley Ashetzie, in the 50-meter run; senior Laura Mayen in 100-meter run and the 200-meter run; freshman Shane Worden in the 100-meter run; and junior Quintin Dent-Howell in the long jump and shot put. Senior Sean Worden also will compete with his Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) Soccer Team. The games will take place from June 12 to 14 at Illinois State University.

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VIDEO GAMING UPDATE

**Villa Park nets
\$21,600;
Addison, \$14,000;
Bensenville, \$2,250**

VILLA PARK — According to the President's letter issued by John R. Quigley, president and CEO of the Elm-

hurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, April's report from the State of Illinois Gaming Board shows that the Village of Villa Park netted \$21.6K from its 15 licensed houses and Fitz's Irish Bulldog in Villa Park, owned and operated by the same family that runs Fitz's Pub and Fitz's Spare Keys in Elmhurst, made 35% of its March NTI of \$31.9K.

The Village of Addison earned \$14K from 13 locations with terminals, the Village of Oakbrook Terrace got \$10.8K from seven locations and the Village of Bensenville got \$2.25K from four locations. Most communities participate in the State of Illinois' Video Gaming Act.

There is a 30% tax on the Net Terminal Income (Funds In minus Funds Out), with 25% going directly to the state's General Fund and 5% given to a municipality. The video gaming house and their state-licensed vendor each get 35% of the NTI.

WBHS salutes outstanding seniors, staff at assembly

VILLA PARK — On May 29, Willowbrook celebrated the end of the 2014-15 school year with its annual Senior Recognition Assembly.

During the assembly, seniors were honored for their achievements in a variety of areas. Awards and recognitions included athletic accomplishments, scholarships, department awards for Outstanding Seniors, Human Relations Awards, National Merit Scholars, PS&E Scholars, District 88's Best, Illinois State Scholars, President's Award for Educational Achievement and more.

Senior Brian King, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 5 years old, received the Warrior Award, which honors someone in the Willowbrook community who has shown great strength and determination. To see a video about King, visit youtube.com/watch?v=4rvfYg4n2HM

The 2014-15 staff retirees were highlighted as well. They are Deborah DeGeorge, Tom Domin, Karen Feyereisen, Rachel Frese, Annette Whitaker and Richard Rentner, who also is this year's Outstanding Achievement Award recipient.

The District 88 Foundation also presented mini-grants to staff members. That financial support is being imple-

mented for staff to develop instructional opportunities such as music activities, technology and literacy and internet-based programs. The foundation proudly donated nearly \$4,000 this year.

The recipients are:

Amy Peppi: Accelerating Foundational Math

Jan Bobek and Karyn Wolcott: Turn the Beat Around

Jan Bobek: Name that Tone

Barb Willson, Kathy Lipowski and Colleen Smith: Kindle for the Classroom for ELLs

Barb Willson, Jamie Gourley, Kathy Lipowski and Colleen Smith: Kindle for the Classroom 2

Jamie Gourley and Tiffany Lamberty: Inquiry-based Reading Instruction

Joshua Zwart: A Raspberry Pi-based Photo Booth

Rose Janusz: Books Without Borders

Erik Engel: MENTORS Lunch Groups

Erik Engel: iPad, iMovie, iRead and iWrite

To see the program from the assembly with the names of the honorees, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2282.

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Foundation donates almost \$4,000 for specialty programs

District 88 Foundation President and Board of Education Secretary Sharon Kucik presents a check for almost \$4,000 to Willowbrook staff members on behalf of the foundation. Pictured are (from left) Board of Education member Timothy Gillen, Board of Education member Thomas Edmier, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. The Foundation supports instruction programs like music activities, technology and literacy and Internet-based programs.



The Villa Park Rotary Club presents its scholarship.

Willowbrook junior earns perfect score on ACT

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook junior Sally Nijim has earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT.

On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a score of 36, according to actstudent.org. Among test-takers in 2014, only 1407 of nearly 1.85 million students earned a composite score of 36.

The practice exams at Willowbrook helped prepare her for the ACT, she said, and Sally worked hard to be successful. But she never imagined she would reach the highest score possible.

"I'm excited to give back to Willowbrook and the community through this achievement," she said. "This accomplishment showcases the academic rigor of Willowbrook."

Sally is a member of the WB Math Team, Science Olympiad, Scholastic Bowl, Model United Nations, the Principal's Leadership Team and a variety of academic honor societies. She plans to major in biology and chemistry and pursue a career as a scientist or a professor. She thanked the high school's staff members for their support and guidance.

"The faculty and teachers here are incredible," she said. "They teach more than books — they go above and beyond to help you."

Sally's advice for younger students who are looking to achieve their goals was all about perseverance.

"In the face of obstacles, it's important to keep trying. You can accomplish anything you want, if you set your mind to it."



Outstanding seniors recognized

Willowbrook students are honored during the school's annual Senior Recognition Assembly on May 29. (Above): The Villa Park Lions Club presents its scholarship. Below: The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park presents its scholarship.



The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce presents its scholarship.



photo courtesy of HR Imaging

All hail Willowbrook royalty

Pictured are Jenna Miller and Don Marcello who were crowned King and Queen of the Willowbrook 2015 prom. On May 29, about 500 WBHS students danced the night away during the prom held at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The theme of this year's prom was "The Great Gatsby."



courtesy photos

Winners of Warrior Pride Essay

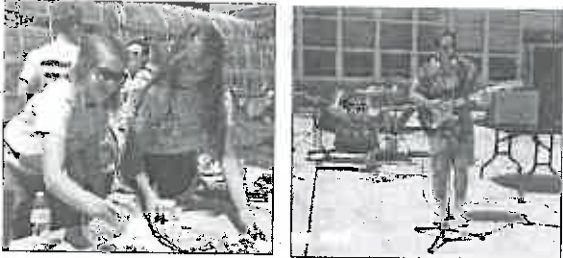
Pictured are the winners of this year's Warrior Pride Essay Contest. Junior Sana Khatoon (left) won the contest, senior Joseph Draus came in 2nd place and junior Emily Isaacson came in 3rd place. Each year, the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club offers students an opportunity to express what Warrior Pride means to them through an essay contest. The entries are voted on by the Athletic Booster Club. Khatoon, who took first place, received \$100. In second place, Draus in second place received \$50; and Isaacson, who finished third, received \$25.

Willowbrook PBIS team hosts annual end-of-year barbecue

VILLA PARK — On June 2, the Willowbrook Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team hosted its annual end-of-year barbecue to celebrate improved behaviors at WB. On June 2, the Willowbrook Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team hosted its annual end-of-year barbecue.

The PBIS program was implemented in fall 2007 to teach students expected behaviors, rules and what it means to be a Willowbrook Warrior. The goal of the program is to develop a positive school climate through creating common language and standards. The barbecue is a time to celebrate improved behaviors at Willowbrook. The PBIS program has helped lead to a decrease in the areas of defiance, disrespectful behavior and tardiness.

Staff and students volunteered during the event, and administrators took to the grill and cooked up a tasty lunch for all participants.



(Above left): WBHS seniors Allison Mahal (left) and Samantha Schmidt make funnel cakes. (Above right): WBHS senior Don Marcello performs as a member of the band "The Pedestrians."



(Above left): WBHS students make cotton candy during the event. They are (back row, from left) junior Joseph Ernst, junior Jacob DeSalvo, senior James Funteas Jr., junior Noah Nagle, (front row, from left) senior Kelsey Linnig, junior Kiley Kelly and senior Lauren Mast. (Above right): WBHS Dean Julio Del Real grills hotdogs for barbecue participants.

18th annual Tri-Town Golf Classic on June 26

VILLA PARK—The 18th annual Tri-Town Golf Classic, hosted by the Tri-Town YMCA, Lombard, will be held Friday, June 26, at Sugar Creek Golf Course, 500 E. Van Buren, Villa Park.

Proceeds from this event, whose platinum sponsor is Crea, support youth development programs where kids grow, learn, and play all year long.

There will be a 2:30 p.m. shotgun start, followed by dinner and a raffle starting at 6 p.m. and a silent auction at 7.

Online registration is now open by going to: tritownymca.org. For more information on the Golf Outing and registration, as well as information on business and corporate sponsorships, call 630-629-9622.

This year's Golf Classic features a hole-in-one contest for \$25,000 in cash (sponsored by Inland Bank), a putting contest, a chance to golf against golfers from Glenbard East High School, contests for the longest drive, straightest drive and closest to the pin, a best-ball foursome, raffles, a silent auction for prizes that will include sports tickets, overnight stays and golf packages, and more.

The price per person for golf is \$80, which includes nine holes of golf, a golf cart, dinner, on-course contests and prizes, a traveling trophy for the best foursome, and the Steve Wilk Jr. Trophy for female golfer. Dinner only is \$25; raffle tickets are one for \$5, three for \$10 or seven for \$20.

VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 11 • Birthday Bunch & Lunch

From 12 noon-2:30 p.m., area seniors are invited to the Birthday Bunch and Lunch at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Includes buffet lunch, Bingo with prizes (everyone leaves with at least one prize) and sweet treats. Celebrate everyone with a June birthday when the group sings Happy Birthday. RSVP to 630-834-8525. Fee: \$5 for residents and non-residents. This event is co-sponsored by G.M. Smith and Son Realtors, Villa Park.

Saturday, June 13

• Galos Caves/Jolly Inn Restaurant trip

The Villa Park Parks & Rec Dept. is hosting a Fun on the Run van trip in VPRD's 15-passenger van, departing at 10 a.m. from the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave., returning about 3

p.m. The visit lasts 45 minutes; participants must bring white socks and wear comfortable clothing. Afterwards, enjoy a Polish buffet at the famous Jolly Inn Restaurant. The transportation-only fee is \$16 resident/\$19 non-resident. The general fee is \$10 for seniors over 65; \$15 for adults. Lunch and the Galos Cave's visit is paid on your own. To register, call 630-834-8525.

Friday, June 26 • 18th annual Tri-Town Golf Classic

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Free outdoor concert supports outreach to people with disabilities

Lost and Found to perform at Trinity Lutheran for Harvest Festival

VILLAPARK — The gazebo along the Prairie Path at Park and Ardmore in Villa Park will be rocking on Saturday, September 5 beginning at 6 p.m., as the typically quiet neighborhood reverberates with the sound of "speedwood." It may be the last opportunity for area residents to hear the subgenre of music created by the band Lost and Found.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Villa Park presents the band in the final Chicagoland performance, with the Lost and Found Farewell Tour. Free will donations will go to support ministry, including Voice of Care, an organization that equips the church to serve peo-

ple with disabilities and their caregivers.

Artists Michael Bridges and George Baum have been traveling the world together since high school playing a unique guitar-piano mix that's been dubbed "acoustic thrash," "heavy mental," and "organic." The duo owes their widespread following to concerts that are interactive, audience-driven, spontaneous, and improvisational. As one reviewer noted, "What other band plays a slinky during their stage show?"

The free 6 p.m. outdoor concert is the highlight of Trinity's Harvest Festival, which incorporates a selection of food trucks, cupcakes, and fun activities. The 4:30 p.m. church service which kicks off the festivities takes place in the sanctuary of Trinity's

church building, at 300 South Ardmore Avenue, which sits right across Park just north of the gazebo. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

"We're excited about this event," said Mike Ticaric, who serves on the Trinity committee coordinating the event. "We're always looking for ways that Trinity can serve the community and nearby families. Adding Lost and Found to our Harvest Festival this year is not only a great way to introduce ourselves to people who may not know us yet, but we're going to make sure everyone is having a great time while we're doing it."

More information is available by calling 630-834-3440. Youth and ministry leaders are invited to inquire about group food packages.

golfer. Dinner only is \$25. Online registration available at tritownymca.org. Info: 630-629-9622.

Tuesday, June 30

Communication and Alzheimer's seminar

Terra Vista of Oakbrook Terrace is hosting a free informative seminar titled, "Communication & Alzheimer's," which will take place at 2 p.m. at the Terra Vista Information Office, 100 E. Roosevelt Road, Suite 35, Villa Park, next to the Outback Steakhouse. Open to the public. Please RSVP by calling 630-534-0886 or visit terravista.org. Light refreshments served.

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

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Dickmann also has received the 2014-15 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Second-Team Boys High School Senior All-America Award.

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Two girls earn Chicago Fire All-State honors

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Awaiting a Blackhawks championship

Hi folks! By the time you read this article, the Blackhawks will be on their way to win the Stanley Cup. How could a team from Florida win in a sport that needs ice?



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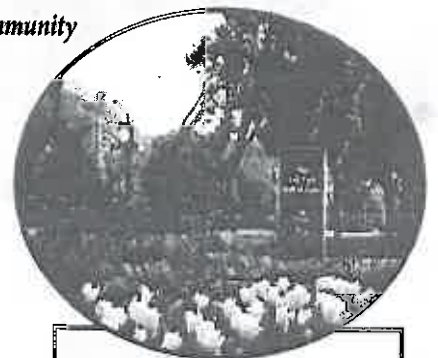
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Pictured are Addison Trail seniors who will continue their sport at the collegiate level. They were recognized during Addison Trail's annual Senior Athletic Banquet on June 1. They are (from left) Christian Grabowski, Jonah Moran, Zachary Vaca, Jonathan Valentini, Taylor White, Joseph Conforti, Alex Dickmann, Michael Huynh, Michael Rybarczyk, Jaime Valdez, Anthony Metallo, Rachel Baumgartner, Alexandra DiSilvio and Taylor Fischer. Not pictured are Jaavion Bradley and Darius Conrad Jr.

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Rachel Baumgartner: Aurora University, basketball
Jaavion Bradley: Iowa Western, football
Joseph Conforti: Elmhurst College, baseball
Alex Dickmann: Indiana University - Purdue University

Fort Wayne, volleyball
Taylor Fischer: Central Michigan University, cheerleading
Christian Grabowski: Elmhurst College, baseball
Michael Huynh: Harper College, wrestling
Anthony Metallo: University

of Wisconsin-Platteville, football and wrestling
Jonah Moran: College of DuPage, soccer
Michael Rybarczyk: University of Minnesota Duluth, football

Zachary Vaca: Carthage College, golf
Jaime Valdez: Lincoln College, wrestling and baseball
Jonathan Valentini: Benedictine University, volleyball
Taylor White: Aquinas College, basketball
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Darius Conrad Jr.: Youngstown State University, football.

Addison Trail also honored four students with its annual awards.

Eric Gilliam was named Athletic Booster Club Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

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(This scholarship is presented to the male athlete and the female athlete with the highest grade point average from the senior class. Recipients also must be a two-sport athlete.)

Jaavion Bradley earned the award for Male Athlete of the Year.

Kim Schonder received the honor of Female Athlete of the Year.

(Addison Trail head coaches nominate and select one male athlete and one female athlete from the senior class to receive this award.)

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Video gaming update

Villa Park nets \$21,600; Addison, \$14,000; Bensenville, \$2,250

VILLA PARK — According to the President's letter issued by John R. Quigley, president and CEO of the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, April's report from the State of Illinois Gaming Board shows that the Village of Villa Park netted \$21.6K from its 15 licensed houses and Fitz's Irish Bulldog in Villa Park, owned and operated by the same family that runs Fitz's Pub and Fitz's Spare Keys in Elmhurst, made 35% of its March NTI of \$31.9K.

The Village of Addison earned \$14K from 13 locations with terminals, the Village of Oakbrook Terrace got \$10.8K from seven locations and the Village of Bensenville got \$2.25K from four locations. Most communities participate in the State of Illinois' Video Gaming Act. There is a 30% tax on the Net Terminal Income (Funds In minus Funds Out), with 25% going directly to the state's General Fund and 5% given to a municipality. The video gaming house and their state-licensed vendor each get 35% of the NTI.

Dems welcome speaker on ALEC

ADDISON — On Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m., the Addison Township Democratic Organization will gather at Addison Village Hall for its monthly meeting, featuring North Central College Professor Steve Macek, who will speak on American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Learn about ALEC's assault on our democratic values, putting corporate needs ahead of public interest. For more information, send an e-mail to: juditheaston@sbcglobal.net.



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AT hosts sendoff for Special Olympics athletes

On June 4, Addison Trail hosted a State sendoff celebration for six student-athletes pictured here, who will compete in the Special Olympics Summer Games. They are (not as pictured): freshman George Pappas-Papaioannou who will participate in the 100-meter run and 4x100-meter relay; senior Aleks Iskali in the 50-meter run; junior Austin Vitello in the 4x100-meter relay, senior Johnny Rodriguez, also 4x100-meter relay; senior Michael Andejas in the 4x100-meter relay and the 800-meter run; and, sophomore Angelica Stewart who is in the 200-meter run. The games will take place from June 12 to 14 at Illinois State University.

Community leaders sought for early childhood program

Special kick-off breakfast scheduled for June 24

ADDISON — The Addison Early Childhood Collaborative (AECC) is inviting Addison leaders, professionals and community members to attend their Annual Community Breakfast on Wednesday, June 24, at the Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza. A hot catered breakfast will be served. Check-in and breakfast begin at 8 a.m., followed by the program from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The program will include information about the important work being done to ensure academic success for young learners in our community. It will profess the highlights and successes that have allowed the AECC to secure a second year of funding support from the DuPage Foundation and the potential impact AECC can have in Addison.

The featured speaker will be Carolina Song, chair of the Oak Park Collaboration for Early Childhood. She will discuss how an integrated system of community support can change the lives of young children and their families and build brighter futures.

The Addison Early Childhood Collaborative is a group of more than 30 committed Addison-based and county-wide community partners who work collaboratively to meet the needs of Addison families with young children.

For more information or to make a reservation for the breakfast, contact Lenny Rivota at 630-392-9353 or RivotaM@metrofamily.org by Thursday, June 18.



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Lake Park third graders visit Village Hall, Historical Museum

On Wednesday June 3, third grade students from Lake Park School became the latest class from District 4 to enjoy a walking field trip to the Addison Historical District and Addison Village Hall. It was a beautiful day for the event, which included visits to the Addison Historical Museum, the Coach House, and the Century House to learn about Addison's past. Then the students visited Addison Village Hall, where they were met by Mayor Rich Veenstra, Director of Finance Rosanne Benson, and Director of Community Development John Berley. The children were able to learn about the present day governing and business of the village during the field trip, which supplements the 3rd grade social studies curriculum that teaches them about local government.



Third graders from Lake Park School raise their hands to join in the discussion led by Rosanne Benson, finance director for the Village of Addison. It was part of the school's field trip to Addison Village Hall and the Addison Historical Museum, which took place on the beautiful spring day of June 3.



Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra spoke to a room filled with third graders from Lake Park School during its field trip to Village Hall and the Historical Museum on Wednesday, June 3. Later, the mayor posed in the rotunda with the students.



The third grade students at Lake Park School gathered with Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (back row, center) for a group shot in the Rotunda of Addison Village Hall. The children also visited the Historical Museum, the Coach House and the Century House on June 3, which was a beautiful spring day for a walk.



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Addison Trail senior earns Eagle Scout status

Pictured is Addison Trail senior Jackson Ustas, who has earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America. District 88 recently sat down with Ustas to ask him about his experience with Boy Scouts, his Eagle Scout project and what he plans to do in the future. To see his responses, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?id=2280.

Army Trail students 'Chalk, Talk and Walk' for literacy

ADDISON — On Tuesday, June 2, Army Trail students participated in the school's 6th annual "Chalk, Talk, Walk" literacy-promoting event where every student in the school created a chalk mural representing a favorite book.

In the afternoon, after all the drawing was completed, students had the opportunity to walk around the school, admiring the artwork, and writing down the titles of books that they would like to read over the summer.

This year, a \$500 grant from the Addison School District 4 Educational Foundation helped purchase chalk that was used by the 500 student artists.



This young student of Army Trail School chose El Hombrecito de Mazapan (The Gingerbread Man) as his favorite book, which inspired his mural at the Chalk Walk Talk event for literacy.



At last week's Chalk, Walk and Talk event at Army Trail School, this student puts the final touches on her chalk mural. It was a beautiful day to be outdoors.



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For the first time ever, the team competed in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Boys Volleyball State Tournament, which took place on June 5 and 6 at Hoffman Estates High School. The team qualified after winning its first-ever Sectional Championship on June 2.

Members of the Boys Volleyball Team are sophomore Arlind Rojba, freshman David Zielinski, senior Zachary Vaca, senior Jonathan Valentini, junior Nicholas Stamatosopoulos, senior Alex Dickmann, senior Kevin Andrews, freshman Jacob Grygo, senior Joseph Nasti, freshman Michael Chiaramonte, junior Jonathan Gonzalez, senior Jack Vrchota, junior Kannon Nelms, sophomore Colton Noel and sophomore Alejandro Murillo.



Dickmann also has received the 2014-15 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Second-Team Boys High School Senior All-America Award.

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Pictured are members of the Addison Trail Boys Volleyball Team, along with their coaches. For the first time ever, the team competed in the Illinois High School Association Boys Volleyball State Tournament, which took place on June 5 and 6. Addison Trail hosted a State sendoff celebration for the team on June 4.



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Two girls earn Chicago Fire All-State honors

Pictured at left is Willowbrook senior Jessica Budig, who has been named to the Chicago Fire Soccer Club's All-State All-Academic First Team. Pictured at right is senior Natalie Wolski, who has been selected as an All-State All-Academic Special Mention member.

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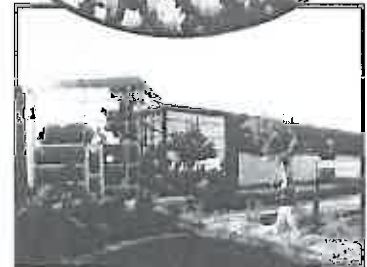
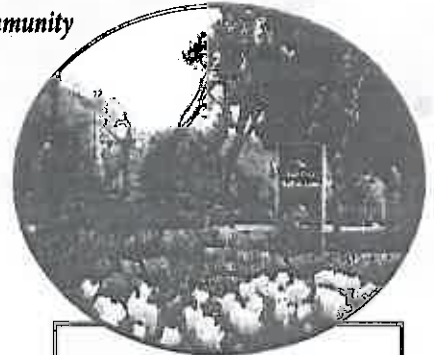
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AT recognizes its four top athletes

Pictured below are the Addison Trail seniors who were named as award winners during the school's annual Senior Athletic Banquet on June 1.



Eric Gilliam, Athletic Booster Club Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.



Joanna Villalobos, Athletic Booster Club Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.



Jaavion Bradley, Male Athlete of the Year.



Kim Schonder, Female Athlete of the Year.

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Pictured are Addison Trail seniors who will continue their sport at the collegiate level. They were recognized during Addison Trail's annual Senior Athletic Banquet on June 1. They are (from left) Christian Grabowski, Jonah Moran, Zachary Vaca, Jonathan Valentini, Taylor White, Joseph Conforti, Alex Dickmann, Michael Huynh, Michael Rybarczyk, Jaime Valdez, Anthony Metallo, Rachel Baumgartner, Alexandra DiSilvio and Taylor Fischer. Not pictured are Jaavion Bradley and Darius Conrad Jr.

Addison Trail hosts annual Senior Athletic Banquet

ADDISON — On June 1, Addison Trail hosted its annual Senior Athletic Banquet at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. During the event, seniors who will continue their sport at the collegiate level were recognized. Those students are:

Rachel Baumgartner: Aurora University, basketball
Jaavion Bradley: Iowa Western, football
Joseph Conforti: Elmhurst College, baseball
Alex Dickmann: Indiana University - Purdue University

Fort Wayne, volleyball
Taylor Fischer: Central Michigan University, cheerleading
Christian Grabowski: Elmhurst College, baseball
Michael Huynh: Harper College, wrestling
Anthony Metallo: University

of Wisconsin-Platteville, football and wrestling
Jonah Moran: College of DuPage, soccer
Michael Rybarczyk: University of Minnesota Duluth, football
Zachary Vaca: Carthage College, golf
Jaime Valdez: Lincoln College, wrestling and baseball
Jonathan Valentini: Benedictine University, volleyball
Taylor White: Aquinas College, basketball
Alexandra DiSilvio: Elmhurst College, cheerleading
Darius Conrad Jr.: Youngstown State University, football.

Addison Trail also honored four students with its annual awards.

Eric Gilliam was named Athletic Booster Club Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Joanna Villalobos received Athletic Booster Club Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.

(This scholarship is presented to the male athlete and the female athlete with the highest grade point average from the senior class. Recipients also must be a two-sport athlete.)

Jaavion Bradley earned the award for Male Athlete of the Year.

Kim Schonder received the honor of Female Athlete of the Year.

(Addison Trail head coaches nominate and select one male athlete and one female athlete from the senior class to receive this award.)

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ON THE COVER

Addison Trail High School students Esequiel Rojas (from left), Alain Ocana, Kenia Chamorro, Jacqueline Nevarez and Jasmin Delgado are all smiles after receiving their diplomas.



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Jaylene Mejia (white shirt, from left), who will be a junior at Addison Trail in the fall, Jasmin Lopez and Mayra Sarabia share a hug June 7 after Addison Trail High School's 49th annual commencement ceremony.

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AT celebrates graduation



ABOVE: Senior members of the Addison Trail boys volleyball team are recognized during the commencement ceremony. The team qualified for the state tournament after winning its first sectional championship and finished in third place at the state tournament.

RIGHT: Jerold Macaya sings a solo during a performance of "No Such Thing" by Addison Trail's Shades of Blue.



Meet SLM's all-area girls soccer team

The girls soccer season is officially done after two state championship

games June 6 put an end to the campaign. Now is the perfect time to

honor the best players with Suburban Life Media's all-area team.



Jessica Bianchi

■ **SCHOOL:** York
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** Speed kills and Bianchi had plenty of it, but the forward also had good goal-scoring instincts. She used that deadly combination to be named all-state by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association.



Jessica Budig

■ **SCHOOL:** Willowbrook
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** The senior forward led the Warriors' attack this season en route to an honorable mention all-sectional selection by the IHSSCA. Budig was also an all-conference player in the West Suburban Gold this year for Willowbrook.



Sierra Dana

■ **SCHOOL:** Glenbard East
■ **YEAR:** Junior
■ **IMPACT:** The Rams had 12 shutouts this season and Dana was the main reason why. The junior goalkeeper provided a steady presence as a second-year starter and is good athlete in between the posts.



Hannah Hartnett

■ **SCHOOL:** IC Catholic
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** Hartnett was a four-year varsity player for the Knights and was also a stand-out volleyball player in the fall. This spring she had 18 goals and 11 assists, both team-highs, to lead the Knights to a third straight sectional final.



Alyssa Kovatchis

■ **SCHOOL:** York
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** The All-Area MVP was one of the best playmakers in the area. The four-year varsity player's ability to make a key pass or beat a defender in a one-on-one situation created a lot of big plays for the Dukes.



Erin Maloney

■ **SCHOOL:** IC Catholic
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** The all-conference defender started on the Knights' girls basketball team that went to state, but she may have played a bigger role on the soccer field. Coach Tod Privett called her the strongest center back in the conference.



Brittany Paganucci

■ **SCHOOL:** Glenbard East
■ **YEAR:** Junior
■ **IMPACT:** In her third year on varsity, Paganucci continued to pile on the stats. She scored 20 goals and had 12 assists in just 16 games to bring her career totals to 46 goals and 34 assists. She was an IHSSCA all-sectional pick for the second year in a row and served as a team captain.



Toni Paterno

■ **SCHOOL:** Timothy Christian
■ **YEAR:** Junior
■ **IMPACT:** The Trojans' leading scorer was a Metro Suburban all-conference performer and helped lead the team to its first regional title since 2009. Paterno, a forward, was one of two juniors to be all-conference for Timothy Christian this spring.



Holly Ward

■ **SCHOOL:** Glenbard East
■ **YEAR:** Junior
■ **IMPACT:** Ward emerged as a key attacking player for the Rams this spring. She scored six goals and had 13 assists while being named first team all-conference in the Upstate Eight and honorable mention all-sectional by the IHSSCA.



Emily Whitcomb

■ **SCHOOL:** York
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** Whitcomb is headed to Belmont to continue her career in college. This year she split time between defense and midfield while the Dukes battled injuries. She was an Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association all-sectional selection.



Natalie Wolski

■ **SCHOOL:** Willowbrook
■ **YEAR:** Senior
■ **IMPACT:** Wolski was a key midfielder for the Warriors, earning IHSSCA all-sectional honors along the way. As one of just three seniors on the team, Wolski's ability and experience was crucial for Willowbrook.



Honorable mention

■ **ADDISON TRAIL:** Susana Ochoa
■ **GLENBARD EAST:** Corie Ewoldt and Dana Plotke
■ **IC CATHOLIC:** Dominique Lotz
■ **MONTINI:** Jordan Brusciannelli and Valerie Sanchez
■ **TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN:** Ana DeMey, Sierra Paterno and Juliana Stremmer
■ **WILLOWBROOK:** Samantha Wozniak
■ **YORK:** Carys Hund, Annalisa Lappo and Madison Navarro

AT volleyball 'one of the best teams in the state'



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Addison Trail's Alex Dickmann spikes the ball June 5 in a state quarterfinal match against Hinsdale Central. Dickmann was an offensive force and helped lead the Blazers to their first state trophy in volleyball.

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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HOFFMAN ESTATES – Only two boys volleyball teams get to end the season on a win, and Addison Trail got to be one of them.

The Blazers didn't get to end on the win they were hoping for, but the team still set some program records. AT topped Sandburg 25-18, 25-23 in the state third-place match June 6 at Hoffman Estates High School.

It was already the team's first appearance at state, but they add a state trophy, the school's first since boys gymnastics took third in 2003, and set a new school record for wins in a season with 35.

"Our coach said before the game that only two teams end the season on a winning streak," senior middle blocker Jack Vrchota said. "We wanted to make that one of our main priorities. We wanted everyone to know that we are one of the best teams in the state."

AT opened with a 25-22, 25-15 win against Hinsdale Central in a quarterfinal June 5. Alex Dickmann had 13 kills.

Eventual state champion Glenbard West knocked off the Blazers 25-16, 25-16 in a

"This is something we dreamed of accomplishing since we came into high school. It's making school history over and over again."

Johnny Valentini
Addison Trail senior

semifinal the next morning. Dickmann had 18 kills in the two matches June 6 and finished with 31 for the week-end to bring his season total to 483. He finished his stellar four-year career with 1,439 kills, just 18 behind the documented state record held by Oak Park-River Forest's Sean O'Malley from 2002-05.

"He is unbelievable and he forced everyone to elevate his game," AT coach Chad Grant said of Dickmann. "He helped take this program to another level, all of the seniors did."

Fellow seniors Vrchota, Zack Vaca, Johnny Valentini and Joey Nasti also started. Kevin Andrews, who rounds out the senior class, had 257 assists and started while Nasti, the team's setter, was out injured.

"This is something we dreamed of accomplishing since we came into high school," Valentini said. "It's making school history over and over again."

Even Dickmann, who has played in big matches for his club team, Sports Performance, at national tournaments and will play at Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne in college, said the stage of the state tournament got his nerves going.

"Last year for club my team was playing for a medal [at a national tournament] and even that did not feel anything like this," Dickmann said after the quarterfinal win. "I actually felt tense in this game, which was the first time for a very long time."

For Grant, a former AT player, to guide the team to its highest level was an especially gratifying accomplishment.

"We had tons of alumni out there, kids I played with, coached," Grant said. "There's no better place we can be. We played all the possible matches we could. We're playing on the last day of the season, all 42 matches. I'm really proud of this team."

Staff writer Scott Schmid contributed to this report.

York softball goes down swinging to end 'amazing season'

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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SKOKIE – York's softball team came up short in its sectional final loss against Oak Park-River Forest, but the Dukes almost literally went out with a bang.

The Huskies won 9-6 at Niles West on June 6, but the Dukes rallied for the final four runs of the game, all off home runs. Kyra Kroll hit a three-run blast in the bottom of the seventh inning and Sarah Milkowski singled to follow, but the comeback effort halted there.

"We can't hang our heads," Milkowski said. "We put up a couple runs at the end and that's just the mentality that we have, the heart we have. It's just been an amazing season. It ended short, but I think we're all just so happy that we



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York's Sarah Milkowski applies the tag to Lyons Township's Kim Tegtmeyer on May 13 in a regular season home game. Milkowski was a senior who was part of unprecedented program success for the Dukes.

at least went out on a high note that last inning."

York took a 2-1 lead after an inning when Milkowski hit a sacrifice fly to score Amanda Karnatz and the next batter, Abby Solem, hit a home run.

However, the Huskies jumped on York pitcher Brooke Bandy with five runs in the second, one more in the third and two in the fifth.

Trailing 9-2, York came up with a solo home run from Sar-

ah Maciejewski in the sixth and Jaeger's three-run home in the seventh.

York finished the season 27-7.

"This has been, I think for many of these kids and myself, one of the greatest seasons I think we've ever been apart of," York coach Jenna Bode said. "Just the personalities on the team, everybody just got along. It's been great. I think the way they stick together is incredible so I'm proud of them for that."

The loss marked the end for a group of seniors that saw a lot of success in York's Kelly green. Milkowski, Maciejewski, Bandy, Audrey Kosman and Isabella Jaeger were key seniors during one of the most successful stretches in the program's history. York has won four straight regionals and

Milkowski, Bandy, Kosman and Jaeger went to state with the team in 2013.

"York softball was always kind of the who cares, but we made a name for ourselves," Milkowski said. "Every single person who's ever played York softball from freshmen, to JV, to varsity, everyone has that heart and that family connection. We all just love playing with each other. That's what I'm going to miss most, just playing with these girls. I love them to death."

Milkowski, Solem, Bandy, Karnatz, Jaeger and Gabby Magnifico earned West Suburban Silver all-conference honors for York this spring.

Juniors Solem, Karnatz and Magnifico will lead the way for the Dukes next season along with Kroll, who had a standout season as a freshman.

Boys volleyball: Chicago Tribune 2014-15 All-State team

By Logan Malloy
Chicago Tribune

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First Team (in alphabetical order)

Paulie Bischoff, Glenbard West, jr., 6-foot-4, S

The top junior prospect in Illinois paced the state champions with 827 assists, 77 blocks and 79 kills.

Jack Burton, Naperville Central, sr., 6-4, OH

The Grand Canyon recruit posted 453 kills, 74 aces and 35 blocks.

Dante Chakravorti, New Trier, sr., 6-3, S

The UC Irvine recruit recorded 736 assists, 136 digs and 126 kills.

Paul Chmura, Sandburg, sr., 6-1, OH

The Benedictine recruit tallied 372 kills, 186 digs and 92 blocks.



Alex Dickmann, Addison Trail, sr., 6-4, Opp.

The IPFW recruit chalked up 483 kills, 60 blocks and 47 aces.

Sanil Thomas, Andrew, sr., 6-0, S/OH

The Ohio State recruit totaled 316 assists, 283 kills and 178 digs.

Michael Wexter, Lincoln-Way West, sr., 6-5, S/OH

The Pepperdine recruit had 468 assists, 251 kills and 72 aces.

Second Team

Kyler Kotsakis, Glenbard West, jr., 6-5, Opp., 241 kills, 144 digs and 45 blocks

Zack Meyer, Wheaton South, jr., 6-5, OH, 368 kills, 139 digs and 28 aces

Blake Reardon, Joliet Catholic, jr. 6-4, OH, 490 kills, 32 aces and 30 blocks

Andrew Salmon, Waubonsie Valley, sr., 5-10, L, 429 digs and 2.72 serve receive rating

Mark Schuessler, Benet, sr., 6-6, OH, 457 kills, 131 digs and 43 aces

Dalton Solbrig, Lakes, sr., 6-6, OH, 343 kills, 185 digs and 45 aces

Will Tischler, Downers Grove South, sr., 6-7, OH, 338 kills, 170 digs and 46 aces

Third Team/Honorable Mention

Rob Chatterton, Glenbrook North, sr., 6-6, MH, 315 kills, 126 digs and 31 aces

Dylan DeBoer, Vernon Hills, sr., 6-3, OH, 300 kills, 197 digs, 50 aces

Jake Hanes, Sandburg, jr., 6-10, OH, 309 kills, 81 blocks and 36 aces

Jakub Mazurek, Loyola, sr., 6-7, MH, 337 kills, 79 blocks and 37 aces

Bart Migus, Hersey, sr., 6-5, OH, 350 kills, 246 digs and 70 blocks.

Noah Ricchetti, Barrington, sr., 6-3, S, 738 assists, 141 digs and 42 blocks

Parker Swartz, Glenbard West, sr., 6-5, MH, 182 kills, 96 blocks and 48 aces

Key: setter (S), outside hitter (OH), middle hitter (MH), opposite (Opp.) and libero (L).

Malloy is a freelance writer.

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Addison Trail's Alex Dickmann reaches high for the kill shot against Sandburg in the state final on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

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