

## Off and running...

THE NINTH ANNUAL Lauren M. Kieler 5K Family Run/Walk took place Saturday morning outside of Willowbrook High School. The event is named after Lauren Kieler, a 2000 Willowbrook graduate. All proceeds from the race benefit the Lauren M. Kieler Memorial Foundation, which supports a variety of charitable causes, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Parents of Murdered Children, Easter Seals and the York Center Food Pantry. The foundation also provides support to local families in need and gives annual scholarships to senior students at Willowbrook. The photo on the right, taken during the race's opening moments, shows the runners in the lead pack, including (left to right) Tim Hyde (No. 734), Isaac Trostle (No. 718), Pat Niyork (735), David Chernov (619) and Marco Martinez (669, far right). Hyde, Trostle and Niyork are Willowbrook graduates who ran for the Warriors' boys cross country and track teams. Chernov and Martinez are current members of the Willowbrook track and cross country who will graduate in 2016. Niyork, who graduated from Willowbrook in 2012, won Saturday's 5-kilometer race. He's now won the race five times. Trostle and Hyde were third and fourth, respectively. Martinez finished fifth, while Chernov placed sixth.

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## Summerfest 2015 brings pro wrestling to Villa Park

The Village of Villa Park Summerfest Commission held Summerfest 2015 on Friday evening and all day on Saturday at Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. Both streets were closed to traffic in the Ardmore Business District for the special event. The village commission has presented Summerfest for 10 consecutive years.

The festival featured several children's attractions on Saturday, including free face painting, a balloon artist, a magic show and a traveling reptile show. The euro-bungy ride

and fun slide on Ardmore Avenue provided two other activities for children. There were live music performances on Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday. The second day of the festival also included an arts and crafts fair.

The Villa Park Masonic Lodge once again sponsored North American Pro Wrestling action at this year's Summerfest. There were three shows on Saturday afternoon in a ring set up on Ardmore Avenue just south of Park Boulevard.



### Drawing a crowd...

Photos by Chris Fox

ONE OF THE ATTRACTIONS of Villa Park's Summerfest 2015 event was the North American Pro Wrestling action on Saturday afternoon. The Villa Park Masonic Lodge sponsored the wrestling, which included three shows. The above photo from Saturday's first show shows Jack Carpenter (left) tangling with Nate Quest outside of the ring. Each wrestler mounted offensive surges during the match. Carpenter, who was billed as "The Working Class Hero," pinned Quest to earn a victory. The lower right photo shows Quest interacting with some of the ringside fans at the beginning of the match. The upper right photo shows tag-team action in a match between the duo of Bandolero Star and Vengador and the tandem of Skayde Jr. and Chilliricky.



## Bids for several 2015 Villa Park road projects to be opened this week

The Village of Villa Park issued a recent news release stating that bids for multiple street resurfacing and improvement projects will be opened this week. According to the release, bids for the the Twin Lakes street improvements and the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program would be opened on June 23. Construction on the projects is expected to begin in late July or early August and be completed by the end of the year.

The Twin Lakes street improvements include: Armitage Avenue between Harvard and Ardmore avenues; Belden Avenue from the west end to Ardmore; Sidney Avenue from west of Yale Avenue to east of Yale; Yale between Wildfire Drive and Armitage; Princeton Avenue from south of Belden to Armitage; and Ardmore from South of Belden to Armitage.

The 2015 Street Resurfacing Program includes: Biermann Avenue between Terrace Street and Sunset Drive; Second Avenue between Terrace and Stone Road; Third Avenue between Terrace and Stone; Ridge Road between Biermann and Addison Road; Terrace between Yale and Ardmore avenues; Division Street between Harvard and Ardmore avenues; Cornell Avenue between St. Charles Road and the Union Pacific-West Railroad tracks; Illinois Avenue between Division and the Union Pacific-West tracks; Home Alley between Harvard and Ardmore; and Yale Avenue between St. Charles and Home.

Each individual project was bid separately, with the lowest responsible bidder landing each job.

Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskelis noted during Monday's Villa Park Village Board meeting that the Twin Lakes street improvements and the projects in the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program involve asphalt work. Juskelis said the bids for the

village's concrete-related 2015 projects will be opened next week.

Earlier this year, the village released a packet outlining all 26 planned road projects for 2015. The two most expensive projects are the reconstruction of Michigan Avenue from Park Boulevard to Madison Street and reconstruction of Park Boulevard from Villa Avenue eastward to a dead end just west of Route 83. The project on Michigan will cost about \$3 million, while the reconstruction of Park will cost approximately \$1.5 million.

The funding source for 18 of this year's 26 projects will be general obligation bonds. Those bonds became available after Villa Park voters approved a referendum in the election of Nov. 4, 2014, to borrow up to \$23 million to pay for road repairs. Voters approved the referendum by a margin of about 71 to 29 percent, with 4,572 votes in favor of the proposal and 1,857 votes in opposition.

The village issued just under \$10 million in bonds at the end of 2014. Another issuance of just under \$10 million took place at the beginning of 2015. The village will have 20 years to pay back the borrowed funds.

Juskelis said at Monday's meeting that about six miles of village streets will be repaired this year. He said the project on Michigan involves a water main. The village is seeking a loan from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the water main work and wouldn't receive the loan before September. Juskelis said the village hopes to complete the underground work on Michigan this year and reconstruct the pavement in the spring of 2016.

According to Juskelis, the Park Boulevard project could be ready to bid as soon as next month. He said the village still needs to identify funding sources for storm sewer work on that street.

## Villa Park Men's Garden Club holds annual garden walk July 19

The Men's Garden Club of Villa Park will hold its annual garden walk—a free event that's open to the public—on Sunday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's walk will feature tours of eight gardens—four in Villa Park as well as one each in four nearby communities—Lombard, Elmhurst, Bensenville and Oak Brook. The garden of the Oak Brook home has an Asian theme. Members of the Japanese consulate in Chicago will visit the home on the day of the walk along with a geisha in full attire.

While the garden walk is free, donations are will be accepted and appreciated.

Garden walk maps will be online at the club's Web site, [www.homegardening.org](http://www.homegardening.org). Additionally, maps featuring the eight homes on the walk will be available at the Villa Park businesses that are sponsoring the walk. Those businesses include Cherokee Embroidery at 100 S. Villa Ave., Kuppie's Bakery at 42 S. Villa Ave., Mike's Meat Market at 32 S. Villa Ave., Pioneer Garden and Feed at 118 S. Villa and Simon's Restaurant at 2 W. Roosevelt Road.

## Two arrested on drug charges

On June 19, at approximately 8 p.m. Villa Park police officers executed a search warrant at a townhome, located at 1005 W North Ave., to search for illegal narcotics. Officers found substances containing heroin, baggies and scales from the residence and arrested two suspects.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, officers stated the investigation back in May after receiving complaints of drug sales coming from the townhome. The Detective said investigators began surveillance of the residence and noticed people coming and going

"We caught somebody ourselves leaving there [allegedly] with heroin," McCann said, adding that this arrest led to further investigation and the arrest of two Villa Park residents on drug charges.

Yvette B. King, 48, was charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. As of press time, King was being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond at the DuPage County Jail in Wheaton.

Anthony L. Hicks, 46, was charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond at the DuPage County Jail.



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## Villa Park Historical Society to host ice cream social on July 3

The Villa Park Historical Society will host an ice cream social on Friday, July 3, at the Villa Park Historical Museum, located at 220 S. Villa Ave., just south of the Lincoln Prairie Park. The social will begin at 7 p.m.

The evening will feature live music, as well as a balloon artist. The historical society invites visitors to attend the social to see some of the many exhibits on display at the museum. The attractions include a special authentic dollhouse with a garden and gazebo, as well as displays depicting

man's hats of the 1920s and ladies' dresses and kitchen items from the 1930s.

The museum recently received remnants from a Villa Park house that was demolished last year. That house, which was located on the north side of St. Charles Road near Second Avenue, was approximately 150 years old. Some of the remnants will be on display for viewing at the social.

For more information about the July 3 social at the historical museum, call 630-941-0223.



## A special scholarship...

Photo by Al Stasch

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS of the Lauren M. Kiefer Memorial Scholarship were recognized at Saturday's ninth annual Lauren M. Kiefer 5K Family Run/Walk outside of Willowbrook High School. The scholarships, named after 2000 Willowbrook graduate Lauren Kiefer, are presented annually to selected senior students at the school. This year's recipients are 2015 Willowbrook graduates Brooke Birmer, Jessica Cookingham, Sarah Dvorak and Don Marcello. The above photo shows (left to right) Marcello, Birmer and Cookingham at Saturday's event. Jan Kiefer, Lauren's mother and Willowbrook's athletic secretary, was nearby to recognize the students, who were presented the scholarships at Willowbrook's senior athletic banquet on May 27. Nearly 200 people took part in Saturday's 5-kilometer run/walk. Pat Niyork, a 2012 Willowbrook graduate and past recipient of the Kiefer Memorial Scholarship, won the race for the fifth time.

## Questions? Comments?

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## Woodridge man charged in financial exploitation of elderly

On Dec. 14, 2014, Villa Park police received a complaint of financial exploitation of an elderly victim by family members of a 79-year-old male who resides in Villa Park.

The complaint alleged that during the month of December 2014, the 79-year-old man came in contact with a David Briggs, who reportedly claimed to own a remodeling company, Intrella Industries.

Briggs allegedly agreed to complete remodeling projects at the victim's residence, which were never completed. The family became aware of the situation when they were contacted by the victim's bank and notified of numerous suspicious payments being made to Briggs by their family member.

Villa Park police interviewed Briggs and completed criminal subpoenas for his bank accounts. Investigators learned during the course of the investigation that Briggs spent the money and no remodeling was ever completed. The total loss to the victim was approximately \$117,000.

Briggs, 29, of Woodridge has been arrested and charged with felony theft by deception (over \$100,000) and felony theft by deception (victim over 60). As of press time, Briggs was being held at the DuPage



DAVID BRIGGS

County Jail in Wheaton in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

Other members of the public who have had similar dealings with Briggs are asked to contact Villa Park Police Detective Dennis Campos 630-592-6162.

# School funding just one small step for state budget

by Mark Fitton

Illinois News Network

Gov. Bruce Rauner last Wednesday signed into law a bill that will let state money flow to schools so they can open their doors on time.

The measure, House Bill 3763, authorizes spending for general state aid, early childhood education, bilingual education and the teachers retirement system.

It also increases kindergarten through 12th-grade educational spending by \$244 million and early childhood education funding by \$25 million.

The increases are less than the increases of \$312 million and \$32 million than the governor sought, but Rauner said it was time to act.

"I would have done more for our schoolchildren, but I am taking action today to ensure our teachers are paid and our schools are open and funded," the governor said in news release.

The decision was widely hailed as good news, but likely not the end of a larger budget and philosophical standoff in Springfield.

David Yepson, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said he

thinks the governor's signature on the bill is a sign that the Springfield gridlock is at least easing.

This could be "a sign that some of the logjams of the Statehouse are starting to break up. I don't think (the governor) would have moved on this or would be doing this if there weren't some understanding on some of the other things," he said.

Education funding "is a big item," Yepson said. "If nothing else, this gets things started."

"Yes, time is running short," he said, "but this at least might give the folks in the Statehouse a psychological boost. Things take time to come together and gel. In that sense, this helps."

With fiscal year 2016 about to begin today, July 1, and no budget in place, a partial government shutdown is widely anticipated.

State Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Rockford, called the governor's move "great news for at least the school districts."

While opening the doors on time is a huge priority, school districts also need to plan for the entire school year, including meeting staffing needs. Now, he said, administrators and school boards can get on with their work.

But Syverson said he doubts the stalemate between Democrats who control the Legislature and Rauner-led Republicans is about to break.

"You would hope so, but I don't

think so," Syverson said. "I think this was one that all parties roughly agreed on the level of funding."

Overall, Democrats and Republicans remain from \$3 billion to \$4 billion apart, he noted.

"Without systemic reforms in the jobs climate, I think we've still got problems fixing the rest of this budget," he said.

Rikeesha Phelon, spokeswoman for Senate President John Cullerton, D-Chicago, said the news is "a good sign. It shows that the he (Rauner) can lean into governing and prioritize the issues that matter to families across the state."

Rep. Mike Smiddy, D-Hillsdale, said he was happy to hear the education funding bill had been signed.

"As I've said all along, I think we need more compromise and less of the back and forth that's been going on the last few weeks," Smiddy said.

"I hope he continues to sign the appropriations bills," Smiddy added. "Honestly, I'd like to see him sign the human services appropriations bill. There are people with tremendous needs who need our help."

Sen. Matt Murphy of Palatine, deputy GOP leader, said he thought the governor both honored his commitment to education and removed the school year from the fray, but there's still a battle on for the direction of Illinois.

"Overall it's a win for school kids and their parents, and I applaud the governor," Murphy said.

But, he said, "It's no secret—it's an unbalanced and unconstitutional budget and the governor has said from the beginning that's a non-starter."

The remainder of the spending plan sent to the governor should fall to the veto pen, Murphy said.

Rauner has taken on legislative Democrats, who hold supermajorities in both chambers of the General Assembly, accusing them of wanting to do little other than feed the status quo with more tax dollars.

Longtime House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, maintains the governor is "working in the extreme," and only everyone working together in moderation will resolve what he calls

the state's No. 1 issue—the budget deficit.

The governor and Republicans don't agree that's the core issue.

Democrats have sent Rauner a spending plan of more than \$36 billion, about \$3 billion above Democrats own revenue estimates and \$4 billion light, according to Republicans.

Rauner and Republican legislative leaders say they won't agree to new revenues without structural reform, such as a property tax freeze and changes to Illinois' workers' compensation system.

Republicans argue the only way Illinois can get out of its economic tailspin is to clean up and downsize government and to get aggressive in the competition for jobs.

## Agronomy Day at U of I to focus on crop sciences

Mark your calendars for an opportunity to discover the latest findings in crop sciences during the 59th annual Agronomy Day at the University of Illinois on Aug. 20.

"From the school's beginnings, agronomic research has always been conducted on or near the University of Illinois," said Bob Dunker, agronomist and superintendent of the Crop Sciences Research and Education Center and chairperson for Agronomy Day. "The first Agronomy Day held in 1957 had the same objective as the one you will attend this year—to communicate research results that benefit our constituents."

Agronomy Day begins at 7 a.m. Field tours depart from the St. Mary's location, making stops at research plots and repeating every half hour until noon. Lunch is available for a nominal charge. The exhibition tent will feature exhibits by ACES programs, commercial vendors, research posters and student clubs.

More information and registration can be found at <http://agronomy.day.cropsci.illinois.edu/>

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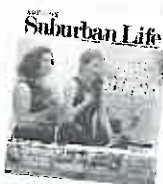
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Contestants Maria Bouzarelos Kopta (from left) and Tracy Ibeling react as Ibeling is named Miss Addison 2015 on June 24 at Addison Village Hall.



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Seven contestants compete for the 2015 Miss Addison title June 24 in the Addison Village Hall atrium.

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## Village crowns new Miss Addison

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ADDISON - The village of Addison has its newest Miss Addison. Elmhurst College student Tracy Ibeling.

Ibeling, a 2014 graduate of Addison Trail High School, was crowned Miss Addison at the annual pageant June 24 at Addison Village Hall.

The first runner-up was Nia Westerkamp, and the second runner-up was Estefania Diaz.

Other contestants included Aleyah Hattab, Julia Jamka, Maria Bouzarelos Kopta and Garren Schneider.



Aleyah Hattab models an evening gown as seven contestants compete to be Miss Addison on June 24 at Addison Village Hall.



Nia Westerkamp, first runner-up in the 2015 Miss Addison competition, answers a question at the pageant June 24 in Addison.



Second runner-up Estefania Diaz answers a question for the three judges at the 2015 Miss Addison competition June 24 at Addison Village Hall.



Garren Schneider, one of seven contestants competing for the 2015 Miss Addison title, models a cocktail dress June 24 at Addison Village Hall.

# State meet showings highlight spring for AT, IC, TC

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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A busy spring sports season brought plenty of highlights for Addison Trail, IC Catholic and Timothy Christian. Here are some of the most memorable moments for each school, presented in no particular order.

## AT volleyball program wins first state trophy in school history

Entering the season the Addison Trail boys volleyball team had high expectations. The Blazers had the talent to compete with the best in the state, but it took a while for the team to hit top gear. In a stretch that started April 30, AT won 20 of 21 matches reaching all the way to the state semifinal. Once there, the Blazers ran into the Glenbard West buzz saw, but rebounded to take third place in the program's first appearance at state.

Senior Alex Dickmann had arguably the best season in the state with 483 kills. Seniors Jonathan Valentini, Joey Nasti, Zack Vaca and Jack Vrchota were also a big part of the team's success.

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

## IC softball squad makes record-setting run, finishes 27-6

With talented seniors Jessica Conenna and Gabby Curran leading the way, IC Catholic softball had a memorable season. The Knights won a sectional for just the second time in school history and advanced deeper in the playoffs than any other IC softball squad.

With Conenna in the circle, the Knights gave up just three runs in four playoff victories en route to the sectional title, scoring in double digits in



**ABOVE:** IC Catholic Prep's Jessica Conenna delivers a pitch May 27 in a sectional semifinal game against Westmont. A dominant playoff run led the Knights to their first sectional since 2003.

**LEFT:** Addison Trail's R.J. Infusino performs on still rings May 16 during the state meet at Hinsdale Central. He was one of seven state qualifiers for the Blazers, was an event finalist on rings and finished sixth in the state.

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three of those games. When the Knights took on Bishop McNamara in the supersectional in Rosemont, IC lost 5-3, but still finished with a 27-6 record.

**Quotable:** "We went further than 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," coach Frank Reaber said.

**Rowell, Margason pick up medals at state track meet**  
Jordan Rowell has only

been in high school for two years, but already the IC Catholic standout has proven to be an elite athlete. This spring he added three state track medals to his growing list of accomplishments. The standout running back and varsity basketball player took second in the 400-meter dash, third in the 100 and sixth in the 200 in the Class 1A meet to medal in all three events. Rowell earned three medals as a freshman, including one in a relay.

Representing the other private school in Elmhurst, Timothy Christian junior Andy Margason took sixth in the 110-meter hurdles to also win a medal at state.

**Quotable:** "I'm on the top of the world. But at the same time, coming in second and third, it shows how much more I have to push myself to be first," Rowell said.

**Quotable:** "It was a great atmosphere and a great way to end the season. Hurdles are a lot of fun, they are what I love to do and that's who I am," Margason said.

## AT's Infusino earns final berth in rings for gymnastics program

Addison Trail sent seven gymnasts to the boys state meet. R.J. Infusino headlined the Blazers' showing by qualifying for the event finals on the rings. His score of 8.8 earned him a tie for sixth place.

Alex Kominowski, Alfredo Torres, Daniel Baeza, Anthony Gamino, Marcus Rias and Ruben Sanchez also represented AT by qualifying for state in individual events as well.

## IC girls soccer team wins third straight regional title

For the third year in a row IC Catholic girls soccer took home a regional title. The Knights fell in a sectional final, but still had a strong season behind the play of seniors Erin Maloney, Hannah Hartnett and Dominique Lotz.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Elmhurst Emeralds 12U makes 3 tourney finals

**ELMHURST** - The Elmhurst Emeralds 12U softball team had a successful month of May. First came the Roselle Rockers

Fast Start Tournament May 1 to 3, where the Emeralds went 6-0 to win the championship.

The team followed that up with another 6-0 showing and championship at the Barrington

Classic Tournament May 15 to 17.

At the Park Ridge Ice Cream Classic May 22 to 24, the Emeralds advanced to the title game and finished second. The

Emeralds lost just one tournament game in all of May.

Members of the team are: Olivia Blood, Abby Carrasco, Julia Espinosa, Julia Flaishaker, Lauren Gentile, Megan Heiss,

Elise Leopold, Natalie Milano, Emma Savage, Kristina Scavelli and Katie Wurster. The team is coached by Tommy Blood and Tony Leopold.

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# Meet SLM's all-area baseball team

The high school baseball season is officially in the books as all the state trophies have been awarded. With

the season in the rearview mirror, it's the perfect time to celebrate the accomplishments of some of the top

players from local schools with the 2015 Suburban Life Media all-area baseball team.



**Kyle Coughlin**

- **SCHOOL:** York
- **YEAR:** Senior
- **IMPACT:** Coughlin was a West Suburban Silver all-conference middle infielder for the second year in a row. The senior hit .361 while batting leadoff and had 13 extra-base hits, 27 RBIs and 29 runs scored. He also had a 2.30 ERA in 45 2/3 innings on the mound.



**Sam Craggs**

- **SCHOOL:** York
- **YEAR:** Senior
- **IMPACT:** Craggs hit .348 to be among the Dukes' four all-conference players in the West Suburban Silver. The senior outfielder racked up 21 RBIs and 22 runs scored this spring.



**Sean Frontzak**

- **SCHOOL:** Montini
- **YEAR:** Senior
- **IMPACT:** For the second year in a row, Frontzak was Montini's ace pitcher. He had a 2.95 ERA and even more impressive had 57 strikeouts against just eight walks in 42 2/3 innings.



**Carter Johnson**

- **SCHOOL:** Timothy Christian
- **YEAR:** Junior
- **IMPACT:** Johnson was a standout two-way player for the Trojans. He led the team with a .443 batting average and had 13 extra-base hits and 25 RBIs. In addition, Johnson had a 3.52 ERA on the mound with 60 strikeouts in 49 2/3 innings.



**Trey Jones**

- **SCHOOL:** Willowbrook
- **YEAR:** Senior
- **IMPACT:** Jones assumed the leadership role for the Warriors this spring and was one of the team's most productive hitters. The West Suburban Gold all-conference first baseman hit .385 with a .471 on-base percentage and 33 RBIs.



**Matt Pizur**

- **SCHOOL:** Willowbrook
- **YEAR:** Junior
- **IMPACT:** The two-way player was all-conference in the West Suburban Gold. Offensively he hit .333 with 16 RBIs. On the mound the right-hander had a 2.73 ERA and a 5-2 record.



**Chris Roycroft**

- **SCHOOL:** Willowbrook
- **YEAR:** Senior
- **IMPACT:** After playing a key role for the basketball team in the winter, Roycroft was even bigger for Willowbrook's baseball team this spring. The 6-foot-8 right-handed pitcher had a 7-1 record and a 1.61 ERA with 59 strikeouts.



**Mike Rybarczyk**

- **SCHOOL:** Addison Trail
- **YEAR:** Senior
- **IMPACT:** After quarterbacking the football team to a memorable season, Rybarczyk returned to baseball and was the Blazers' top hitter. He led AT in hits (20), doubles (five), runs scored (20), walks (13), batting average (.350), on-base percentage (.442) and slugging (.463).



**Michael Sebby**

- **SCHOOL:** Glenbard East
- **YEAR:** Junior
- **IMPACT:** Sebby's big junior season allowed him to commit to Illinois State after the season ended. In addition to hitting in the No. 3 hole in the Glenbard East lineup, Sebby had a 1.74 ERA with 55 strikeouts in 48 1/3 innings.



**Nick Villasenor**

- **SCHOOL:** Addison Trail
- **YEAR:** Sophomore
- **IMPACT:** The pitcher had a breakout season with one of the best seasons in the area for a sophomore. He had a 1.57 ERA with 60 strikeouts against just 14 walks in 48 innings to earn WSG all-conference honors.



**Cam Zunkel**

- **SCHOOL:** Willowbrook
- **YEAR:** Junior
- **IMPACT:** The all-area MVP had a big season on the mound and at shortstop for the Warriors. He hit .340 with a .437 on-base percentage, 19 RBIs and 28 runs scored. On the mound he had a 9-2 record with 52 strikeouts and a 1.78 ERA.



**Honorable mention**

- **ADDISON TRAIL:** Eric Gilliam
- **GLENBARD EAST:** Joey Moore and Ryan Schefske
- **IC CATHOLIC:** Austin Reed
- **MONTINI:** Alex Luka and Jake Pestel
- **TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN:** Jimmy Allen
- **WILLOWBROOK:** Matt Garbacz and Luke Schuemer
- **YORK:** Matt Sabatini and Phil Schlitter