



Crowd turns out for 5K in memory of Lauren Kiefer

photos courtesy of Al Stasch

Participants enjoy the Ninth Annual LM5K Family Run/Walk, which took place on June 20 at Willowbrook. The event takes place annually to remember Willowbrook alumna Lauren Kiefer, who was taken far too soon on Dec. 25, 2006. The race supports the Lauren Kiefer Memorial Foundation Inc., which provides funds for local families and nonprofit groups, as well as scholarships for Willowbrook seniors.

Willowbrook celebrates 9th Annual LM5K Family Run/Walk

VILLA PARK — On June 20, District 88 students, parents/guardians, staff members and community members put on their running shoes and joined the 9th Annual LM5K Family Run/Walk at Willowbrook. The event takes place annually to remember Willowbrook alumna Lauren Kiefer, who was taken far too soon on Dec. 25, 2006, when she was murdered.

About 250 runners participated in the event, and nearly 200 volunteers helped with the race. The race supports the Lauren Kiefer Memorial Foundation Inc., which raised about \$20,000 this year.

The foundation provides funds for local families and nonprofit groups, including York Center Food Pantry and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The foundation also provides scholarships for Willowbrook seniors.

This year's scholarship recipients are Brooke Bimber, Jessica Cookingham, Sarah Dvorak and Don Marcello. For more information, or to make a donation to the foundation, go rememberlaur.com or send an e-mail to Jan Kiefer at jkiefer@dupage88.net.



Brace yourself for bad commercials, Volume II:

My inaugural venture into critiquing bad commercials occurred early last year after the 2013 holidays in which I stated the obvious: That the Happy Honda Days ads featuring Michael Bolton's annoying crooning undoubtedly caused Honda's bottom line to plummet.

Well, more than a year has passed, yet commercials continue to reach new levels of silliness.

If a genie were to appear and grant me three wishes, one of those wishes would be for media and marketing types who've generated the following commercials to consider a new career path.

American Family Insurance—This year, Amfam has been on a "go after your dreams" kick, with the slogan, "Your dream is out there ... go get it; we'll protect it," being promoted earlier in the year.

For a couple of months—apparently in an effort to give local singers or bands their dream of being on the radio—Amfam would waste a good portion of a



given commercial playing a cut from a particular unknown singer or band.

Perhaps these particular commercials weren't so bad after all. Amfam has now been tout-ing everyday people who have achieved feats by themselves, such as building their dream home or sailing solo.

Lately, it's been some recluse bragging about how he drove through each of the 48 contiguous states. This is an accomplishment worthy of air time? Give me three or four months and a dependable vehicle, and I guarantee I can pass through each of

the Lower 48 by my lonesome, too.

John Cicco's Menswear—Aside for Bulls game broadcasts, I don't tune into WMVP 1000 much. Yet when I do, every so often my eardrums are held hostage to what may very well be the most irritating commercial—radio or TV—that's been broadcasted in recent years.

John Cicco's Menswear is in Merrillville, Ind., and its spot features two women—singing to the tune of the old folk song "Bingo"—C-I-C-C-O, C-I-C-C-O, C-I-C-C-O, John Cicco's is our name-o!"

One online critic of this commercial put it best, calling the Cicco's Menswear spot, "Lame-o, indeed."

Kars4Kids—Great organization, great cause, but their commercial jingle is the equivalent of listening to one of those sappy 1970s love songs on an FM oldies station while driving that you can't get it out of your head the rest of the day. I'm convinced the adult man singing the Kars4Kids

jingle is Tom Bodett from those irksome Motel 6 commercials.

Rosetta Stone—I became fluent in Pig Latin when I was kid; thus, I consider myself bilingual, and don't pay much attention when Rosetta Stone commercials urge me to learn a new language.

In recent months though, Rosetta Stone has attempted to appeal to one's core values (seems more like a guilt trip to me) in an effort to drum up sales of its language learning sets.

"Do you want a new TV or a new pair of shoes, or do you want to learn a language that will last a lifetime? After all, it's all about priorities." Indeed, it is all about priorities. I'd like to put that Samsung HD flat screen TV I've seen on the display shelf at Walmart on layaway, and I do need to purchase a new pair of shoes.

Scott for Scott's Turf Builder—Every spring, Scott's Turf Builder trots out some red-headed fellow with a beard (this spot also can be seen on TV) who, with a Scottish accent—I'm convinced it's fake—introduces himself by

saying, "This is Scott for Scotts."

He then goes into a spiel about the benefits of Scott's Turf Builder and urges those who routinely tend to their lawns to either "feed your lawn ... feed it," "Seed your lawn ... seed it" and I swear I heard him say "Feed your lawn and seed it" or was that "Weed your lawn and seed it?"

Overall, the commercial is annoying. Here's hoping that Wendy's ("This is Wendy for Wendy's") or Dick's Sporting Goods ("This is Dick for Dick's Sporting Goods") don't follow suit.

White Sox radio play-by-play announcer Ed Farmer's Windy City Limousine commercial—Ed, you stand a better chance of convincing me that the bottom-feeding Chicago White Sox will leap-frog over four teams after the All-Star break and win the A.L. Central at season's end than you do trying to convince me that you wanted to be a Windy City limo driver growing up.

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Addison Trail boys basketball team wraps up busy summer

Blazers pack in 35 games in less than a monthBy Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team ended its summer season at just the right time.

"We kind of crawled to the finish line," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons. "We played a ton of games that last week and we had some guys out with nagging injuries. At the beginning of summer we were pulling from 18 to 20 guys and it was eight to nine at the end. We played OK the last week. The positive is guys got good playing time. We finished up at

the right time. The guys can rest and heal up."

Addison Trail closed out the summer schedule by hosting a pair of events. The weekend before, the Blazers went 3-3 at the Willowbrook shootout.

"All of them were close games at Willowbrook," said Lyons. "The two events at our place we got to see some new quality teams that had really good years last year and are traditionally really good programs. We saw DeKalb, which was a 20-win team last year and we also played Batavia. Those are two schools we hadn't seen all summer and those are two hard-nosed teams that get after it defensively. That was good for our guys. If we had seen those teams earlier in

the summer it might have been a different story."

Addison Trail played 35 games in a span from June 10 to July 1. "We got all those games in less than a month," said Lyons. "That seems to be how the summers go now. Everybody wants to be done by the Fourth of July, plus you have schools getting out later and later now. For us it worked out great. We have a nice setup with the events that we host. We have a waiting list to get into our events."

Lyons said the 35-game schedule allowed ample opportunity to see players in action. "It's what the summer is for, getting guys a chance to play," he said. "It's a new look and you have new faces and you get an

idea of what guys are capable of doing. Some of it is confirmed during the summer season and some other things you have to go back to the drawing board. You get to see who can handle the information overload of varsity basketball."

Zach Novak was one of several players who had strong summers for the Blazers. "Zach had a great summer overall," said Lyons. "He took a big step forward with shooting the ball and staying confident. He's 6-4 or 6-5 and can shoot and post up a little bit. We were in a lot of games late and he was at times our primary scoring option on the floor. He rose to the occasion."

Lyons also lauded the efforts

of seniors Ryan Zygowicz, Nick Conrad and Eric Grygo.

"The seniors coming back did well," said Lyons. "We had some of them out the last week with minor injuries, but they were there every day. I was impressed with what we did."

Junior Michael Williams also made progress. "I like the way he plays," said Lyons. "He had a really good summer. He competed every day and he has the attitude you want out of a player. He brings it down low with put-backs and rebounding. It was nice to see him take a step forward. The priority is to get the kids the opportunity to play in the summer. We got a sneak peek at where we are at for next year."

Fenton girls basketball team makes strides during summer

Veteran coach Anderson thrilled with squad's progressionBy Mike Miazga
Correspondent

It was a productive summer for the Fenton girls basketball team.

To say the least, veteran Bison coach Tim Anderson was impressed with what he saw from his group during the month of June.

"I am very pleased," he said. "We are definitely working our way up. The core kids we have all are getting better and that's what I was looking for this summer. I was looking for improvement and that's what I sold them

on. We saw improvements."

Anderson noted Fenton has five key players returning in the form of Jessica Bango, Ellie Wassmann, Krysta Wilson, Courtney Susmarski and Jamie Menard. Bango is in her fourth season on the varsity. Wassmann and Wilson are juniors in their third varsity seasons. Susmarski is a senior and a three-year varsity veteran, while Menard was

brought up to the varsity about a quarter of the way through last season.

"That core group of five girls, all of them have taken giant steps forward," said Anderson.

Anderson also is excited about the newcomers to the varsity. "We have a lot of really nice kids coming up from the junior varsity team and we have a strong group of freshmen," he said. "I think we are going to take a big step in the right direction. I'm looking forward to seeing how they do."

Anderson said he is not one to overcomplicate the summer season. "I keep it real simple in the summer," he said. "I call it basketball osmosis. The things we identified as being very important last season, this is a review of sorts of those results. The kids over the spring were off doing other things. It's a matter of how things sank in. They come back and they are at a level higher. I don't have an explanation for it. And the kids who are working their way up they have bought into what we are doing here. I hope to see all of this from them in November. I feel real good about what I saw this summer."

An emphasis was placed on individual skills improvement and fundamentals. "Most of what we did is focus on fundamental three-on-three basketball," said Anderson. "We worked on individual improvement. We focused on individual


skills. I'm anxious to see how it all plays out. We were with them for four weeks and the change was very noticeable."

Anderson said Fenton will be prepared for its second season in the tough Metro Suburban Conference West Division.

"It's still a really tough conference," said Anderson. "Our conference schedule will be extremely challenging. Some of the height in the conference graduated. One issue we faced last year was we (saw) some incredibly tall players and we weren't very tall. Some of the talent has graduated but it still is going to be a competitive conference. Last year was an eye-opening experience. We know we have this challenge and there has been acceptance. We'll see what happens. We're excited."

Anderson said another positive from the summer was the commitment level from his group.

"Kids are very busy," he said. "We got going right after school (let) out and I promised them we would be done by the first of July. They have other sports and work and being kids. We had four weeks of camp in June and I was very happy with the commitment. Sometimes it's tough seeing improvements day-to-day. I tell the girls it's a marathon and not a sprint. From Day 1 to the last day the improvement these girls showed was so obvious and their belief system played a big part in that."



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14U: Berens 4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Age is based on the player's age as of May 1, 2016.

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Players must fill out the registration form available at eybaseball.org and either bring it to the tryout or email it to info@eybaseball.org prior to the try-out.

Questions? Contact info@eybaseball.org

Willowbrook boys basketball team finishes summer season

Warriors play more than 55 games using two units

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys basketball team maximized its summer season by duplicating itself.

Coach Chris Perkins continued his tradition of splitting his summer group into two units. The result was a combined 55 games between the two teams during the brief summer session.

"We had the guys split up the whole time and got in 55 games," he said.

Willowbrook played in events at Riverside-Brookfield, Addison Trail, West Aurora, East Aurora, Stagg and DePaul University. The Warriors also hosted their annual summer

shootout.

"We were all over the place," said Perkins. "We probably had close to 20 guys. We split things up every summer. We bring up some younger guys and we have our older guys. It works out well."

Perkins said one key takeaway from the summer was the team's progress shooting the ball.

"We were able to shoot the ball really well," he said. "The guys were able to shoot the ball at a high percentage rate, especially the 3-point ball."

However, Perkins would like to see the team continue to evolve on the defensive end.

"We need some more work defensively," he said. "I didn't like the way we fought through screens or how we were getting to the help line. We need to work on those areas."

Perkins said the teams benefited from a challenging summer schedule.

"It was tough," he said. "We try to make it as tough as possible. It makes it even tougher by splitting the guys up."

Overall, Perkins saw plenty of positives to take into the fall. "We have some kids who can make some plays," he said. "It was more of a collective group effort this summer. Everybody up and down made contributions. We lost a lot of seniors so we have kind of a younger group right now. We'll take a wait and see approach. We were able to see a lot of guys play. I'm looking forward to them picking up right where they left off in the summer. We'll incorporate our younger guys and we'll keep buckling down defensively, especially knowing how tough our con-

ference is. We know defense is something we need to get better at."

Perkins also had no qualms

with the effort his group put in this summer. "It's a hard-working group," he said. "I have zero complaints in that area."



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A Family Vacation

The Griffith's houseboat vacation turns into adventure

By Priscilla Griffith
Guest Writer

About 1973 our family decided to spend our vacation houseboating on Rainy Lake which straddles the Minnesota-Canadian border. Seven of us -- George and I, three daughters, one son and one son-in-law -- left Elmhurst for the long drive to International Falls. It was there that we rented the houseboat and stocked up on food and supplies for five days on the water.

The houseboat was very nice and the weather was beautiful as we set off on our adventure. We had one bedroom with bunk beds and one big room with foldout couches with a galley kitchen and bath in between.

We were out only a short while when the first problem arose.

"WHERE ARE WE?"

Yes we had a map and, I presume, a compass, but every small island looked so much like all the others.

So the men and eventually the rest of us "discussed" at length whether this island or that island was the one we were looking at on the map. I don't know how this was settled but we must have lucked out since we never did get completely lost. We were told that we were not allowed to fish in Canada since we didn't have a Canadian license, but it was a bigger problem since we often had no idea whether we were in Canada or the U.S. waters!

Another, but less serious, concern was whether we had enough pop for the entire trip. It was very hot and people were going

through a lot of it, so I decided it had to be rationed, which was not a very popular decision.

The one big room on the houseboat served as our living room, dining room and bedroom. As a result, we ate at one time, slept at one time and relaxed and read at one time. We adjusted and found it could be done. Some fished, some swam, some sunbathed and some of us read and enjoyed the beauty of the lake and surrounding scenery. We sometimes tied up on shore and explored one of the islands.

One daughter found a little oil stove which she brought back home. She cleaned it up and it now holds flowers on her front porch. We also found wild blueberries and I made pancakes with them.

As the last day approached and we were heading back to the rental place, I found that I had done a good job of buying the right amount of food, but not pop -- I had bought too much! There was way too much to haul home. So after having rationed the pop the first few days, the orders now were "KEEP DRINKING!" No one has forgotten this or forgiven me.

I think I can say a good time was had by all. At least, we were still speaking to each other when we got home.

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
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DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON ILLINOIS
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Occupants; Saul Fajardo
Defendants.

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Judge Robert G. Gibson

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Willowbrook senior, AT alums named finalists in 'Got Talent' competition

VILLA PARK/ADDISON — Willowbrook student and two Addison Trail alumni were recently named as Top 20 finalists in the fourth annual Suburban Chicago's Got Talent competition.

They are Meghan Foley, who will be a senior at Willowbrook this fall, and Matt Buenger and

Joe Christopoulos, who graduated from Addison Trail in 2009. The three were selected as finalists from a group of 70 who participated in closed auditions.

The first public performance of the summerlong contest took place on July 5 at Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg.

Participants are judged on their performances, and the Top 15 (not yet announced) will compete in the next round on July 19.

"It's such an amazing experience," Meghan said. "It's so cool to see all the people and get feedback from the judges." For her first outing, Meghan

played guitar and sang a song she wrote, entitled "Broke Not Broken." She said she has been singing since she was about 3 years old and loves being on stage.

"I could run a mile after I perform," Meghan said with a smile. "There's no other feeling like it. I love when the audience members are engaged in the words of my songs and feel what I'm feeling."

While this isn't her first competition (she has participated in several open mic contests), Meghan is excited at the possibility of winning the grand prize, known as a "STARter Kit." It's a promotional package to help further the career of a budding artist that includes publicity photographs, the chance to perform at Arcadia Theater in St. Charles as an opening act for a headliner and more.

Also up for grabs is the Fan Favorite prize. The contestant with the most cumulative votes after three rounds of online voting following the Top 20, Top 15 and Top 10 rounds will win the Fan Favorite prize of a Funjet vacation for two. Winners of

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• POLICE

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block of E. Wildwood at around 7:21 a.m. Police said an unknown suspect broke windows on the inside and outside of a local business. Pry marks also were found on the locked conference room door; however, entry was not gained.

• A 17-year-old male juvenile and 16-year-old male juvenile, both from Villa Park, were arrested at a local food store at around 7:09 p.m. The 17-year-old was charged with retail theft, and the 16-year-old was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of tobacco.

June 28

A 35-year-old Villa Park man was arrested in the 900 block of W. North Ave. at around 10:05 p.m. and charged with aggravated domestic battery, three counts of domestic battery and domestic battery in the presence of a child.

June 1

Theft was reported in the 500 block of N. Princeton. Between 3 and 3:30 p.m., police said unknown suspects stole a leaf blower from a landscaper's truck while it was parked and unoccupied.

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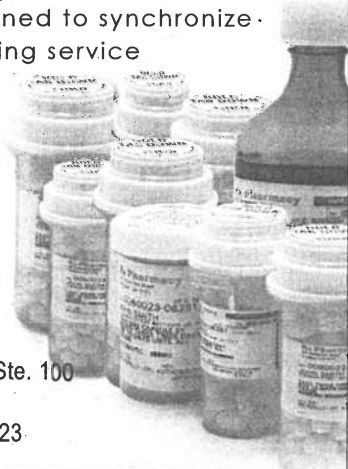
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VILLA PARK — The Christian Church of Villa Park is hosting Love Your Neighbor Day on Saturday, September 26. The church has operated its Disciples Food Pantry for more than 20 years and is extending its service to the community by hosting this day of local service.

The church is now seeking applicants who are unable to keep up with repairs or work around their homes because of financial or physical limitations and who could benefit from a group of people volunteering at their home for a day. Work to be done may include minor home repairs, painting, clean-up, and weatherproofing. Applicants must be located in Villa Park or the surrounding area.

Applications and more information can be obtained on the church website at ccvponline.net by sending an e-mail to loveyourneighbor15@yahoo.com; or by calling 630-833-7262. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31, 2015.

Individuals interested in volunteering for Love Your Neighbor Day can also obtain volunteer sign-up sheets on the website.



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Younger set recalls memory of Lauren Kiefer

Willowbrook student Amanda Barrie (left) interacts with a group of young participants during the 9th Annual LM5K Family Run/Walk, which took place on June 20 at Willowbrook. Full story and more photos elsewhere inside this issue.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19

Annual Garden Walk

The annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Men's Garden Club of Villa Park will be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. This year's event features eight gardens located in Villa Park and surrounding communities. Admission: free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated. To find a map of the gardens, visit homegardening.org. More detailed maps and brochures will be available to pick up at each location.

Tuesday, July 21

Rock-a-bye your baby at the Library

Bring your baby to the Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., to shake, shimmy and groove with short stories and lots of rhythm starting at 9:30 a.m. This program, sponsored by the library's Youth Services Department, is for children ages 6-16 months, accompanied by an adult. It is offered as a part of the Villa Park Public Library's Summer Reading Program, *Read to the Rhythm*. The Summer Reading Program is an incentive program to encourage reading through the summer months. Register in advance as space is limited. Info: visit the library's web site at vppl.info or call 630-834-1176.

Wednesday, July 22

Friends of the Library at Kiwanis Concert Series

From 7-8 p.m., the Friends

of the Villa Park Public Library will be at the Kiwanis Club Concert Series at the Gazebo on the Prairie Path between Ardmore Avenue and Park Blvd. Children with an adult can make a fun craft at the kids craft table. Info: vppl.info or 630-834-1164.

Thursday, July 23

Multi-chamber luncheon

The Villa Park and Addison Chambers of Commerce and Industry, along with the Carol Stream and Bartlett chambers, will be hosting a multi-chamber luncheon meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. at American Tap, 701 W. Lake St. Guest speaker Joel Eggerding of Coach Your Money will discuss, "How your personal credit score impacts your small business." Cost is \$25 per person for members, \$30 per person for non-members. Reservations are required by Monday, July 13. Register by email at: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net or call 630-543-4300.

Wednesday, July 29

Affordable health screenings

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Ongoing events...

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

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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.

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.

Dist. 88's Eye on Education

Back to School Fair planned to help prepare students for a new school year

VILLA PARK/ADDISON — There are many aspects to consider when helping a child get ready to head back

to school such as new clothes, new books and annual health checkups.

While the process can be


overwhelming, the Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet is ready to help with a Back to School Fair for low-income families.

The event, meant for students up to 18 years old, will take place on Wednesday,

August 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Odeum Sports & Expo Center in Villa Park. Services include free school supplies for students in grades K-12; free kids haircuts; free food; free medical, dental and vision services; employment and

financial information; legal counseling, and more. There also will be face painting, games and raffle prizes.

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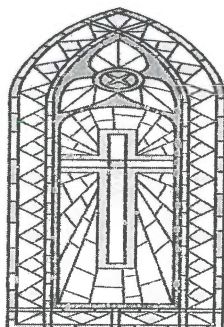
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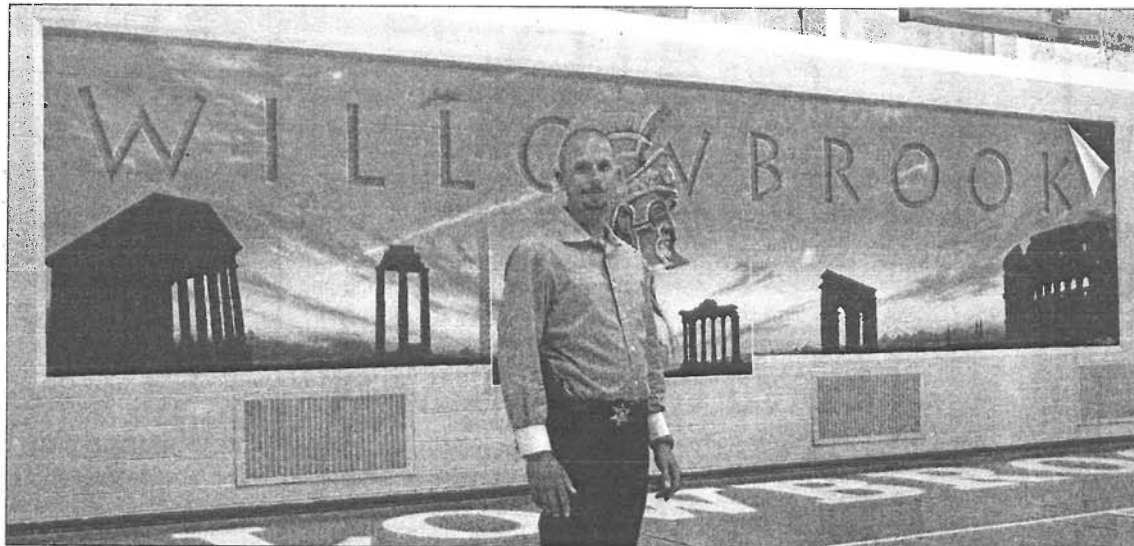
Willowbrook welcomes Officer Hruby to School Resource duties

VILLA PARK — For Villa Park Police Department's K9 Officer Bryan Hruby, working in law enforcement is a family business. His grandfather, father and brother are all in that field and Hruby has been with the Villa Park Police Department for nearly 14 years.

He's now bringing his expertise to Willowbrook as the new School Resource Officer. Hruby succeeds Sonia Soto, who served in that position since 2013. Hruby began his new role on May 26.

"I'm excited to serve as a role model for the students who need one and to show them and everyone else police work can be positive," he said. "I want to help the kids own up to and correct their mistakes and show them how they can grow and move on from those missteps."

Hruby said he remembers the positive influence his high school Resource Officer had on his life, and he wants to be that person for Willowbrook. He's familiar with Willowbrook through working at athletic events and other activities, as well as coordinating school



Pictured is Villa Park Police Department K9 Officer Bryan Hruby, who is Willowbrook's new School Resource Officer. Hruby said he recalls the positive influence his own high school Resource Officer had on his life, and hopes to have that same effect on Willowbrook students.

canine searches.

"I'm looking forward to having more social interaction with the students and staff and developing a bond with them," he said. "I know there will be daily challenges, but my goal is to

make sure everything is safe, while still having a good time with the kids, staff and community members."

Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause said the school is thrilled to partner with Hruby.

"Our No. 1 priority is the safety and security of our students and staff, and the School Resource Officer position is one more way for us to ensure the well-being of everyone in our building," Krause said. "We

look forward to working with Hruby and continuing a tremendous partnership with the Villa Park Police Department."

To contact Hruby, call 630-782-2833 or e-mail bhruby@dupage88.net.

What I learned on my summer vacation

Our semi-spontaneous Vermont vacation in June provoked a true spontaneous road trip to the Smoky Mountains this past 4th of July weekend. My Prince Charming and I packed up some snacks, hiking shoes, the old-school paper atlas, and headed south.

We have a hankering for mountains. We wanted to see if it matters what mountains. PC had been to the Smokies in years past and I had too but didn't recall much. The area is as pretty as they say and Gatlinburg is as touristy as they say too.

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park is absolutely worth the trip. Millions of people go there every year for a reason. We sang Ronnie Milsap as Smoky Mountain rain accompanied us on and off as we played. The heavy



mist, the occasional downpour, and the gray clouds didn't obscure the beauty of the namesake park.

The North Carolina side is just as magnificent. We did a whirlwind tour of small towns that we would never have visited from simply looking at the map but were told by various peeps to see (Franklin, Highlands, Cashiers, and Murphy, in case you were wondering.)

With limited time this trip, we ventured on back to Chattanooga. Surprisingly, it was

my favorite.

What I've learned so far this summer: I love mountains. I want them available. I like to see them, I do not need to live on one. Mountain driving, not my strong suit. Guard rails, when they appear, are comforting. Yellow lines dividing a two-lane road are not a given and I like roads that are wide enough to sport such a yellow line.

I've learned the motion sickness bracelets with the acupressure points are my best friend on the narrow, twisty-turny steep dropoff roads. I've learned that no matter how tightly I hang on to the handle inside the car, it will do nothing to save me if we go careening off the side of the mountain so I learned to relax my grip. And take a deep breath. If it's my time, it's my time; and falling off

a mountain with my Prince would be a good way to go.

I've learned that I am not a dare-devil. Well, I already knew that. My Prince climbs up rocks like an 8-year-old boy. I go a little bit, but not as high or as far or to the edge. I've learned that one of my favorite things is taking pictures of him taking pictures. He has a good eye and gets great shots.

I've learned that an afternoon ice cream cone is always a delight. I've learned it's good to pack bug spray and rain ponchos. I've learned I love staying in places besides hotels.

I've learned that I want proximity to mountains and that I love small cities. In Vermont, we loved hip Burlington and in Tennessee, we loved Chattanooga. I like clean, artsy, and walk-

able with plenty to do but not overwhelming huge.

I've learned that I want to hike and kayak, and have a lovely bistro nearby with a glass of wine. I need a town big enough for a movie theater, performing arts, several restaurants, a waterfront, and a good vibe.

I've learned that books on tape can keep me awake while driving through the night.

I've learned that road tripping with my man is something we will do for as long as we can and we will never run out of places to explore and enjoy.

(Kelly Epperson Simmons wants your suggestions for places to visit. Write PO Box 2324, Loves Park, IL 61131 or info@kellyepperson.com. Read Kelly's blog at www.kellyepperson.com)

• FINALISTS

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the contest will be announced during the Taste of Arlington Heights on Aug. 8.

Addison Trail alums Matt Buenger and Joe Christopoulos comprise "Aviation and the War," an alternative/indie band they formed in 2012, although Matt and Joe have played together since high school. Matt said they're excited to be participating in their first community competition. For their first performance, they played one of their own songs entitled "Child's Play." For more information about Aviation and the War, aviationandthewar.com



AT alumni perform as 'Aviation and the War'

Addison Trail alumni Matt Buenger (right) and Joe Christopoulos perform during the first round of the Suburban Chicago's Got Talent competition on July 5 in Schaumburg. The duo comprise the alternative/indie band Aviation and the War.



courtesy photos

Willowbrook represented at 'Got Talent' contest

Willowbrook student Meghan Foley performs during the first round of the Suburban Chicago's Got Talent competition on July 5 in Schaumburg.

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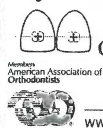


by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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We already know that breastfeeding confers a number of health benefits to both mother and child. From the orthodontist's perspective, breastfeeding may also help avert the child's later need for orthodontic treatment. This preventive effect is the result of breast-feeding babies using different muscle movements of the mouth, cheeks, tongue, and jaws than babies who are bottle-fed. A breastfeeding baby makes a "squeezing" motion as his or her tongue compresses the breast nipple against the roof of the mouth. Bottle feeding requires more of a "piston-like" motion on the artificial nipple. Because breastfeeding encourages proper muscle movements and patterns that help properly develop the palate, the potential for a narrow palate to form with a consequent "crossbite" is lessened.

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ON THE COVER

Retired Addison Public Works Director Mitch Patterson (center) is recognized June 25 at Rock 'n Wheels before his last day of work June 26.

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'More than a job' Longest-serving Addison employee retires after more than 40 years

By AIMEE BARROWS
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ADDISON – It's not the daily grind, but the personal relationships that Mitch Patterson, former Addison public works director, will miss the most. Patterson, the longest-serving employee at the village of Addison, officially retired after his last day of work June 26.

"My co-workers are family to me," Patterson said. "Some of them are as close as my brothers and sisters. We've watched each other grow up; we've watched our kids grow up. The hardest part isn't walking away from the pavement or buildings, it's the people."

The village of Addison always has been important to Patterson. He grew up in Addison, graduated from Addison Trail High School in 1971 and immediately went to work for the village as a wastewater operator.

"This was much more than a job to me," he said. "Addison is my home. There are generations of people I know and grew up with. I took real pride and pains when things weren't right. I took things personally."

Patterson worked as an operator, then a foreman, before he was promoted to superintendent of environmental service in 1984. He held that title until 2011, when he was appointed public works director.

"It was the hardest job I ever loved,"

he said of being director of public works. "I was responsible for every aspect of infrastructure in Addison. But I always felt like I was part of a team and no better and no worse than any other employee."

Some of the highlights of his tenure as director include implementing the first village-wide snow plan, which Patterson said is available to residents on the village's website. He oversaw the reconstruction of Route 53 and replaced six sanitary lift stations that were more than 40 years old.

"Some of those things were on a bucket list that I wanted to do," he said. "They are all things that will help residents for years to come, especially during storms."

Even though Patterson, 61, had what he called a great experience working for the village, he said it was time for him to retire.

"It was my life for more than 40 years, but there are other things to do," he said. "I don't want to be defined by my job. I took my turn, now it's somebody else's turn. I wanted to be healthy when I retired, and I'm hoping for a lot of healthy and fun years in retirement."

Patterson and his wife, Linda, who have five children and 14 grandchildren, own a 100-acre farm in downstate Illinois. They also have four retrievers and are very active in several retriever clubs. He said he and his wife plan to do more with their dog clubs.

"It's my hobby, and I love it," he

said. "We get to meet people from all over the U.S. and other countries. It's just fun. We're going to raise our dogs on our farm and do a lot of traveling."

Patterson said he's very proud of what he accomplished during his tenure and feels he did a lot of good work for Addison residents, as well as for the environment.

"I started working there right after the U.S. Congress passed the Clean Water Act, and I've seen the water quality get better," he explained.

Village Manager Joe Block said Patterson was involved with many flood improvements over the last 30 years and knew "every aspect" of public works.

"He's an example of an old-school employee who started at the bottom of the organization and made his way to the top," Block said. "He was dedicated to the community and will be missed."

Mayor Rich Veenstra described Patterson as a model public citizen.

"He always talked about the village being a family and he'd do anything for family. He left a legacy that we all aspire to emulate," Veenstra said.

Despite taking his vast knowledge and expertise with him, Patterson knows the village is in good hands with new Public Works Director Rick Federighi.

"He worked directly under me. He's a great guy and will do a great job. The management team that's there now... they're going to do just fine," he said. "But I feel like I left the job a little better than when I started."

Third member of alleged drug trafficking ring involving Addison man sentenced to 20 years

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A third member of an alleged drug trafficking ring has been sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, according to a news release from the DuPage County State's Attorney's office.

Jose Hernandez, 28, of the zero to 100 block of Lynch Street, Elgin, was found guilty of possession and delivery of heroin as part of a multi-agency investigation in summer 2014, the release stated.

He and his father, Luis Hernandez, 48, of the 200 block of Comstock Drive, Elgin; Orlando Pacheco-Ramos, 29, of the 400 block of Stevens Drive, Addison; and Andres Hernandez, 25, of the zero to 100 block of Lynch Street, Elgin, all were charged with one count

of unlawful manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, according to the release.

A traffic stop on Pacheco-Ramos' vehicle following an alleged drug transaction in Addison uncovered 7 kilograms of heroin with a street value of about \$1.4 million, the release stated. A large quantity of U.S. currency also was allegedly recovered from Pacheco-Ramos' residence.

Jose Hernandez must serve 75 percent of his sentence before being eli-

gible for parole, according to the release.

Luis and Andres Hernandez both entered pleas of guilty in February and May, respectively, and each were sentenced to six years in prison, the release stated.

Pacheco-Ramos is scheduled to appear in court July 17.

"The amount of heroin taken off the streets in this case is enormous," DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said in the release. "I applaud all those involved for their efforts, which potentially saved the lives of DuPage County residents. Heroin dealing is a multi-million dollar business, and to be successful in our fight against this extremely dangerous drug, we must address both the supply and demand."

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Blazers baseball gets glimpse of next wave

Summer provides preview of Addison Trail program

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ADDISON – Many high school coaches encourage kids to be multi-sport athletes, but summer is the time when that becomes a tough task.

Athletes are forced to go from program to program, sometimes in the same day, to keep up with the teams they are playing for.

In baseball the problem is exacerbated by having players play on travel teams on the weekends and in some cases the pitchers are not able to pitch for their high school team at all.

Addison Trail baseball coach Michael Kennedy saw this as a strain

on getting players to come out this summer, but also as an opportunity to see other players in action. While the Blazers have a good amount of returning talent expected back for the spring, it wasn't always available.

"A lot of our top pitchers weren't pitching for us because they were pitching for their summer teams," Kennedy said. "It was an opportunity for us to see some other guys step up. They had some growing pains, but by the end of the summer we started to see some signs."

When the players absent this summer come back and combine with the kids Kennedy saw play, the coach thinks the team has the pieces in place to improve upon last year's 9-9 showing in West Suburban Gold play.

"It was tough because a lot of our

guys are multi-sport guys so we shared a lot with basketball, with football, so to get the whole team together was a challenge," the coach said. "When we get together and we're healthy we're going to be poised to grow and improve on last year."

Returners Angelo Feola and Nick Fugarino led the charge for the Blazers in addition to some younger players. Sophomores Simon Marinelli, Trevor Fulmer and Dom Vitello played well and appear primed to push for varsity playing time in the spring. Marinelli was an injury replacement at catcher and impressed with his time behind the plate.

"We had to have some young guys and there was a learning curve there," Kennedy said. "Hopefully they caught up this summer so springtime they're ready to go."

Elmhurst Explosion baseball caps season with tourney title

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ELMHURST – A successful regular season got even better in the playoffs for the Elmhurst Explosion 10U baseball team.

The Explosion topped the Wheaton Briarcliffe Blazers 5-2 to win the title in the National League playoffs of the West Suburban Baseball League. The team went 4-0 in the single-elimination playoffs to earn the title.

Elmhurst finished second in the Green Division of the WSBL National League, but won 14 of its final 15 games, including the last 10, to enter the playoffs on a hot streak.

Explosion players this season were Jack Braun, Jack Burns, Jack Carroll, Kevin Cushing, Sean Fitzgerald, Adam Hardek, Jack Harrison, Aidan Hill, Trey Manchester, Jason Meyers, Joey Pagni and PJ Wisniewski. The team was coached by Kevin Fitzgerald, John Carroll and Jim Pagni.



Photo provided by Patti Pagni

The Elmhurst Explosion 10U team caps a successful season with a playoff title in the West Suburban Baseball League. Players pictured are (front row, from left): Jack Braun, Jack Harrison, Kevin Cushing, Jack Carroll, PJ Wisniewski, Jason Meyers, (second row) Sean Fitzgerald, Aidan Hill, Trey Manchester, Joey Pagni, Jack Burns and Adam Hardek. Coaches in the back row are Kevin Fitzgerald, John Carroll and Jim Pagni.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Glenbard East's Kolie Allen wins USTA Midwest doubles title

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In the championship match in Indianapolis, Allen and Kowalski cruised to a 6-1, 6-3 win against Ahmeir Kyle and Haleigh Porter.

The tournament featured more than 1,000 of the top junior players in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Secret U.S. Classic gymnastics meet coming to Sears Centre

The Secret U.S. Classic, the final qualifying event for women's gymnastics for the P&G Gymnastics Championships, is returning to the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates for the third straight year on July 25.

Some of the country's finest gymnasts will tune up and try to qualify for the P&G Gymnastics Championships, the national championship meet for USA Gymnastics.

Competition at the Secret U.S. Classic is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. for junior competitors and 6:30 p.m. for senior competitors.

Tickets are on sale and start at \$49. Call 1-888-Sears-Tix to order tickets.

Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps coming to area

Providing safe, non-contact instruction for kids ages 6 to 14, the Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps are coming to the area starting July 20.

Park View Elementary School in Glen Ellyn and Geneva Middle School in Geneva will host camps from July 20 to 24.

Commissioners Park in Naperville will host a camp from July 27 to 30.

With help from Chicago Bears alumni players Rashied Davis, Jason McKie, Jim Morrissey, Mickey Pruitt and Kris Haines, USA Football-certified coaches teach players how to run, throw, catch, defend and compete the Chicago Bears way.

The cost is \$239 for the week, and there are two camp options at each location.

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Addison Trail alum Metallo looking forward to double duty challenge

**Football, wrestling
standout headed to
UW-Platteville**

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Anthony Metallo is ready to double his fun at the collegiate level.

Metallo, a recent Addison Trail graduate, will continue his studies and athletic career at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville.

On the athletics side, Metallo will compete in both football and wrestling at the school.

"They came to school and talked to my coach and got my contact info and contacted me a couple weeks later," Metallo said of his introduction to Platteville. "They said to come visit and I went there and really liked the campus. All the coaches were nice. It felt like a good spot

for me."

Metallo said there's plenty to like about Platteville. "It's smaller," he said. "I don't like a bigger campus size. There, everybody knows everybody and it's a nice town."

Metallo said he was recruited for football as a defensive back. "Right now either safety or cornerback," he said. "I'm very excited. When I got moved up to varsity at Addison Trail I just played defense. I like defense better."

The wrestling end of things came about while Metallo was visiting at Platteville.

"When I went up there on a visit a coach knew about me," he said. "I had a friend who wrestled at Lakeland College for the coach who is now the head coach at Platteville. I talked to him and he wanted me to wrestle as well. The Platteville coaches had to work it out. You don't

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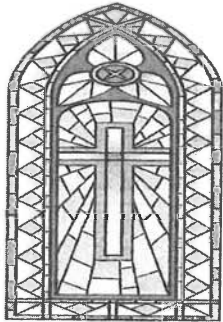
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Willowbrook alumna earns awards at Miss Illinois 2015 Scholarship Pageant

VILLA PARK — The Miss Illinois 2015 Scholarship Pageant consisted of the standard five competition areas — private interview, talent, lifestyle and fitness, onstage question and evening gown. But for Willowbrook alumna Adrienne Boni (class of 2009), it was so much more — it was an experience of a lifetime.

Adrienne participated in the event from June 7 to 14 at Marion Cultural and Civic Center in Marion. While she didn't make the Top 11, she said she walked away from the pageant with something even greater.

"I made memories I'll never forget with 30 other titleholders, whom I'm beyond proud to call my sisters," she said. "I'm incredibly humbled and honored to have shared this experience with these exemplary women."

For as long as Adrienne can remember, she has enjoyed trying new things and challenging herself. So while watching the Miss America Competition a few years ago, she was curious how the process worked to become a contestant. She began competing in local pageants her senior year of college and won a pageant in January 2015, which qualified her for Miss Illinois.

"There's a bit of a stereotype when it comes to pageants — that

the girls are fake and catty and the competition is nothing more than a superficial beauty contest," she said. "But that's not true at all. Pageants help support the education of the participants, and you get to do appearances, parades and promote a topic you're passionate about through your platform."

Adrienne's platform is "The Healing Power of Music Therapy," which focuses on the benefits of music therapy and the importance of funding that service. That topic is near and dear to her heart, as she received a degree in music therapy and cello performance from Illinois State University and works as a board certified music therapist at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care.

This past spring, she hosted a fundraiser in Lombard to benefit St. John's Children's Hospital and raised more than \$1,000. The hospital's music therapy program is funded by Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, the national platform of the Miss America Organization. In addition, Adrienne's platform helped her earn the Kevin McAleese Special Judges Award during the Miss Illinois pageant for leaving a lasting impression on the judges. She won the Non-Final-

ist Talent Award as well for her cello performance of "Tarantella" by William Henry Squire. She has played the cello since fourth grade, and she also sings and plays guitar.

"Music became an important part of my life at a young age," she said. "I always knew I wanted to use that passion to help others."

Boni also received her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for participating in a six-month program that involved a two-day trip to Shawnee National Forest. To achieve that award, participants simultaneously engage activities of their choosing in community service, special skills, physical fitness and adventurous journey.

Adrienne said her years at Willowbrook helped prepare her for success in pageants and all aspects of life. She added participating on the Willowbrook Speech Team enabled her to blossom and come out of her shell and provided her with the tools to become an engaging public speaker.

"I can't describe how grateful I am for the support of everyone in my life as I've navigated this challenging journey," she said. "I'm thrilled to have had this opportunity."



photo provided
Pictured is Adrienne Boni, an alumna of the class of 2009 at Willowbrook High School, participating in the Miss Illinois 2015 Scholarship Pageant, which took place on June 13 in Marion.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 23

Multi-chamber luncheon

The Villa Park and Addison Chambers of Commerce and Industry, along with the Carol Stream and Bartlett chambers, will be hosting a multi-chamber luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. at American Tap, 701 W. Lake St. Guest speaker Joel Eggerding of Coach Your Money will discuss, "How your personal credit score impacts your small business." Cost is \$25 per person for members, \$30 per person for non-members. Reservations are required by Monday, July 13. Register by email at: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net or call 630-543-4300.

Saturday, July 25

Nature-inspired art program

Create nature-inspired artwork using a variety of techniques at "Take Part in Art" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's May-slake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St. in Oak Brook. Visitors of all ages can try blind contour drawing and other exercises; design nature-inspired collages; work with other participants to create a piece for display; use toothbrushes, paint and leaves to create fun splatter-paint art; or bring their cameras on a photo hike. Admission: Free. Info: call 630-206-9566

Wednesday, July 29

Affordable health screenings

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Parks and Recreation's Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave., Life Line Screening will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. Five screenings available, which scan for potential problems related to blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries in the legs, atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat; and, a bone density screening for men and women. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteo-

porosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with their member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register and receive a \$10 discount off any package of \$129 or more, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

• Friends of the Library at Kiwanis Concert Series

From 7-8 p.m., the Friends of the Villa Park Public Library will be at the Kiwanis Club Concert Series at the Gazebo on the Prairie Path between Ardmore Avenue and Park Blvd. Children with an adult can make a fun craft at the kids craft table. Info: vppl.info or 630-834-1164.

Ongoing events...

• Bark for Books part of Summer Reading Program

From 6:30-7:30 p.m. on July 21 and Aug. 4 and 18, Roscoe, Rosie and Honeybun, trained and certified by Therapy Dogs International, will be at the Villa Park Library to be gentle listeners for young readers in first grade or older. Choose a book to read to your furry companion and earn bookmarks, a certificate and summer reading minutes. Space is limited, reserve your time slot. Info: vppl.info or 630-834-1176.

• 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 starting at 6:30 p.m. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

• Electronics disposal for recycling

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 others. The Pinochle group meets between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Other groups are invited to meet at the Center between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays (except the second and third Thursday of each month) to play bridge, board games or whatever you choose. Info: (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.

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.

Willowbrook athletes named to all-conference teams

58 Warrior student-athletes cited for academic excellence

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook student-athletes were honored for their accomplishments this spring both on the field and in the classroom.

The Willowbrook girls badminton team won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title. Earning all-academic honors were Brooke Bimber, Dalia Cruz, Haley Patel, Sydney Planz and Leana Pavese.

All-conference selections include Bimber, Planz, Ally Kelly, Grace Chantos, Nessa Banushi, Alex Klapecki, Patel, Husna Syeda, Pavese, Meghan Foley and Taylor Ratkovich.

Bimber and Planz qualified for the state badminton meet.

In boys tennis, Matt Buhr, Joe Draus, Matt D'Alessandro, Tony Pauletti, Raffay Siddiq, Abdulaziz Ahmed and Mohammed Hameed earned all-academic awards. Buhr, Draus, Leo Mares, Khateeb Raza, D'Alessandro, Pauletti and Siddiq were all-conference picks.

For boys volleyball, Tom King, Ryan Wakely, Anthony Acitelli Lian Atkins, Mike Ernst, Kristian Johnson, Avery Kirchner and Henry Wallace were all-academic selections. King and Wakely

earned all-conference honors.

Willowbrook's boys gymnastics team took fourth in the state and won sectional and conference titles.

Bailey Heppner and Adam Sousa earned all-academic honors. Sousa, Keawe Winstead and Bret Golz were named to the all-conference team, while Sousa, Winstead and Golz earned all-state recognition.

In baseball, Mike Petruzzi, John Haloran, Trey Jones, Cam Ligoeki, Cam Murer, Dom McDonnell, Luke Schuemmer and Chris Roycroft were all-academic honorees.

Roycroft, Cam Zunkel, Jones, Schuemmer and Matt Pizur earned all-conference honors.

For softball, Sam Schmidt, Alyssa Ressler, Delaney Pelsor, Isabella Devens, Cheyenne Brunig, Elisa King, Megan Ciapponi, Courtney Ruchala and Francesca Santelli were all-academic award winners.

Schmidt, Ressler, Erin Sporer, Pelsor and Zoe Dannenberg were all-conference selections. Schmidt and Ressler earned all-state accolades.

In girls soccer, Jessica Budig and Natalie Wolski were all-academic selections. Budig, Wolski and Samantha Wozniak earned all-conference accolades. Budig and Wolski also were academic all-state selections.

For boys track, Christian Batiz, Nick Eufrazio, Frank Francione, Jimmy Fun-

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usually get to play two sports, but they were cool with it and that's another reason I chose to go there. I'm going to get to play the two sports I love."

Metallo noted his athletic career at Addison Trail helped prepare him for the rigors that lie ahead as a two-sport college athlete.

"Doing two sports in college is a real big deal," he said. "I'm

prepared for it. I'll be fine with it. I've been going back to back each year at Addison Trail with football and wrestling and no real break between. That definitely helped get me prepared."

Metallo said he plans on studying physical therapy at Platteville. "Ultimately I want to work with athletes when I have all my degrees," he said.

Metallo, who reports to Plat-

teville Aug. 15, said he's fortunate to have the opportunity at college

"Going to Platteville means a lot," he said. "I've been asked the same question a lot about what I'm going to do when I get to college. I'm happy that I get to do both sports that I love. I could never choose between them."

Metallo helped Addison

Trail's football team win the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title last fall and advance to the second round of the playoffs. As a wrestler, Metallo won 110 career match-

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teas, Andrew Kanelos, Tyler Olson, Chris Senese and Austin Stoner were all-academic honorees. Donnie Hawkins, Fun-teas, Eufasio and Olson earned all-conference awards.

In girls track, Stefani Enescue, Stephanie Wohnrade, Gloria Johnson, Zakisha Hudson, Elizabeth Pegler, Alexandra Downer, Molly Frobel, Alexandra Pawlak and Sumeiya Mchabchib were all-academic award winners.

Enescue, Wohnrade, Johnson, Shantel Powell, Kyla Denwood, Shannon Jones, Melissa Johnston, Diana Marin and Diana Mendoza were named to the all-conference team for the Warriors.

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es at Addison Trail, earned four all-conference awards and qualified for the state tournament as a senior.

Free events coming to Graue Woods


On Sunday, July 26 at 2 p.m., "Louisa May Alcott" will appear at the Graue Mill and Museum, located at 3800 York Road in Oak Brook. It will be the first of several historical re-enactment events scheduled in the upcoming months.

This event features actress Leslie Goddard in the role of the 19th Century author of Little Women and other writings. Free and open to the public.

Underground Railroad was not a railroad

Some people may not realize that Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad was not actually a railroad at all. There were no tracks, no cars, no conductors, no stops, no express routes. It was the name given to the efforts of many people who helped black people back in the days of slavery to find a route to safety and freedom.

To learn more, come to Graue Woods to experience Journey on the Underground Railroad on July 31 and August 1 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. This program carries a fee of \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and reservations are required. To obtain a reservation, call 630-655-2090.




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