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WBHS's Krause one of four finalists for Golden Apple Leadership Award

Students, School
Board applaud
selection of
outstanding principal



DAN KRAUSE

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A big score at the Egg Hunt



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Lily and Keilan Knackstedt show off their baskets after the
Egg Hunt held on the grounds of the Iowas Community Cen-
ter on Saturday, March 26, when the Villa Park Recreation
Department held Lunch with the Bunny.

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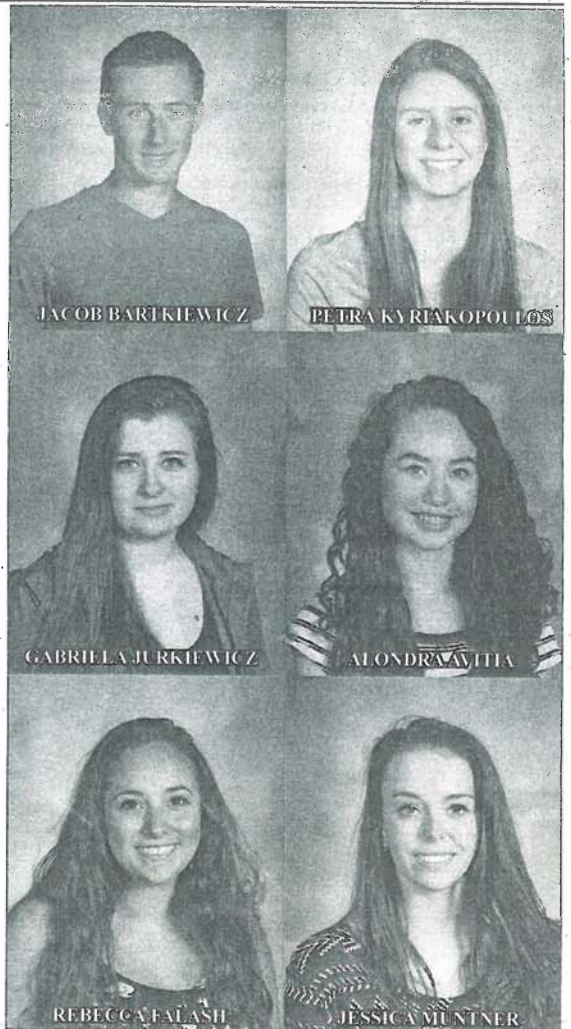
ATHS sends six to DECA Int'l. Career Conference

ADDISON — Six Addison Trail students have qualified to compete in the DECA International Career Development Conference.

Those students are:

- Seniors Jacob Bartkiewicz and Petra Kyriakopoulos, who placed 1st at the State competition in Business Services Operations Research;
- Seniors Gabriela Jurkiewicz and Alondra Avitia, who took 3rd at State in Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan; and,
- Seniors Rebecca Falash and Jessica Muntner, who also placed 3rd at the State contest in Entrepreneurship Promotion Project (placed 3rd at the State competition)

The conference will take place from April 23 to 26 in Nashville, Tenn. DECA is a competitive club that prepares future leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, hospitality and business management. For more information visit deca.org.



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tive leadership

3. Commitment to student achievement

4. Expertise in curriculum, instruction and assessment

"I have known Krause for more than 15 years, and his dedication and commitment to continuously improving the educational experience for all students is second to none," said District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. "Krause brings a level of energy to the table and is always focused on what's best for students. Our schools have received several national honors, and Krause's vision, experience and leadership are a crucial aspect in earning those recognitions."

A Celebration of Excellence in honor of the four finalists (and 30 finalists for the Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching) is scheduled to take place on April 2.

More about WBHS

Principal Dan Krause...

Krause has served as principal of Willowbrook since 2007 and

began his career in the education field in 1995 as a math teacher at Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights. He then taught math and was the director of math and science at Niles North High School in Skokie and was the director of math and applied technology at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park. He came to District 88 in 2002 as an Assistant Principal at Addison Trail and then moved to Willowbrook as an Assistant Principal in 2005.

When he entered college, Krause planned to major in chemical engineering. But it didn't take long for him to discover his true passion was helping people fulfill their goals, and he quickly changed his major. He received his undergraduate degree in math from Loyola University Chicago and then continued on to earn his master's degree in educational leadership from Northeastern Illinois University and a certificate of advanced study in educational leadership from Lewis Univer-

sity. He's currently completing his doctoral work at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

"I love the excitement of seeing people accomplish something they did not believe they could – and then realizing they were capable of it all along," Krause said. "This is the best job there is – there's nothing better than working with kids and helping them succeed. Now as an administrator, I love working with a team to come up with new ideas and being creative to improve the learning environment for students."

Student affirms Krause's dedication, energy, motivating style

And Willowbrook senior Kevin Miller said Krause does just that.

"Mr. Krause is a perfect example of what makes students want to come to school," Miller said. "His energy, presence and smile alone motivate you to want to do better. He truly cares about each student as an individual and takes the time to get to know each of us and seeks our input regarding how Willowbrook can continue to improve."

Miller added Krause has high standards for students and the school, and he's always involved to help make sure those standards are met.

"He makes you feel welcome and at home as soon as you walk into Willowbrook," Miller said. "He emphasizes Willowbrook is one big family, and he truly makes that a reality."

Throughout his career, Krause has helped create a math course focused on solving real-world problems; developed small learning communities (where students are paired with specific teachers to enhance their high school experience); implemented Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS); provided support to staff members to align to the new Common Core State Standards; and worked on the District 88 Building The Future project, which was a referendum proposal to modernize the infrastructure and learning environment of Willowbrook and its sister school, Addison Trail.

Outside of Willowbrook, Krause is a member and former president of Kiwanis Club of Villa Park and interacts with many local groups and organizations. He also can often be seen at community events and enjoying watching his son's school events.

District 88 School Board commends Krause

Krause is described by many



It's evident why students like Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause when he offers his big smile and support to the various programs and activities around the school, shown here. Krause was just named one of only four finalists for the Golden Apple Leadership Award.

as a zealous leader, whose energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude are contagious. District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain said it's that passion that makes Krause worthy of this Golden Apple recognition.

"Willowbrook has achieved high levels of success in all areas

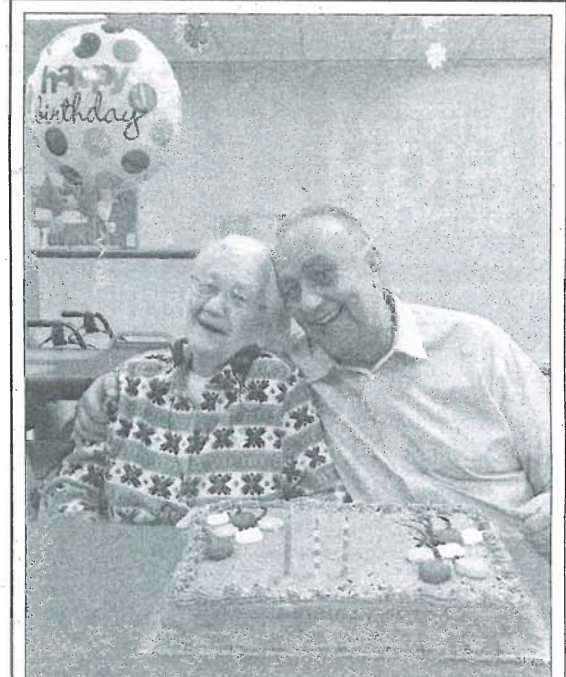
— academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities – and creating that positive culture of success starts at the top with strong leadership," Cain said. "As a Board, we know our students are in great hands under Krause, and he will continue the tradition of excellence that is the legacy of Willowbrook and District 88."



Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause shares a fist bump with a student on the first day of the 2014-15 school year. Krause is one of four finalists to receive the Golden Apple Leadership Award.



As he always does, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause rides the bus with the students on the first day of school. On the first day of the 2015-16 year, he takes a "selfie" with his fellow student bus-riders.



courtesy photo

A birthday girl celebrates 93rd year

On Monday March 21, Villa Park resident Arla Calyn, pictured here along with York Township Supervisor John W. Valle, celebrated her 93rd birthday at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center. Valle surprised Arla with a birthday cake which she shared after everyone sang "Happy Birthday." "Arla is one of our regulars here at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center and we wanted to show her how much we care and love her," Valle said.

Willowbrook senior takes first in EMT competition

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Joseph Egan won first place in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) competition at the 2016 HOSA - Future Health Professionals State Conference, which took place from March 9 to 11 in Decatur.

Egan competed with Hinsdale Central High School senior Matthew Slonoff, and they are enrolled in the EMT program at Technology Center of DuPage. As the EMT champions, they are now eligible to compete in the HOSA International Leadership Conference, which will

take place from June 22 to 25 in Nashville, Tenn.

Following a comprehensive written exam, Egan and Slonoff were given a scenario to address, which was a badly injured motorcycle rider. The two were judged on their ability to respond appropriately, stabilize the scene, remove the helmet, identify life threats, then prioritize and treat the patient. They also were judged on how effectively they communicated with each other and other team members.

For more information, visit hosa.org.



courtesy photo

Willowbrook senior Joseph Egan (left) and Hinsdale Central senior Matthew Slonoff smile after winning 1st place in the Emergency Medical Technician competition at the 2016 HOSA - Future Health Professionals State Conference. That event took place from March 9 to 11 in Decatur.

Library Board seeks public input at upcoming open house

VILLA PARK — On Monday, April 18, the Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is hosting two Open Houses, one from 1-3 p.m.; then another from 7-9 p.m. The Library Board, staff, and architects will be on hand to share information about the library facility analysis, space, and service needs at the library.

The facility analysis identified major system repairs which must be completed over the next five years. In order to address these needs, as well as the need for additional space

for facilities and parking, the Library Board contracted with Williams Architects of Itasca, to evaluate options for improving or replacing building systems, improving library space, and enhancing services to patrons.

Any building project will require a referendum to provide the funding needed, therefore public input is crucial to be part of the decision-making process.

For information about the Open Houses or about the proposed renovation and/or expansion project, contact Sandra Hill at 834-1164, Ext. 111.

VPRD coming events...

Family Fun event includes Life-Sized Operation game

VILLA PARK — Head to the Iowa Community Center Saturday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Villa Park Recreation's Spring Into Family Fun event for a morning of fun, jumping and climbing through inflatable jump houses, playing Life Sized Operation and enjoying live entertainment. Food will be available for purchase from Michael Anthony's. With pre-registration, the fee is \$10 per family of four, \$2 each additional family member. The fee is \$15 per family of four (\$5 add'l.) on the day of the event.

Mom & Son Night at Sugar Creek

Parks and Recreation is holding a Mom and Son Night at Sugar Creek Golf Course, on April 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cowabunga! Young men and their special date are invited to a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle night of music, games and entertainment by Coach Josh. Couples will enjoy a pizza and pasta buffet from Michael Anthony's. A keepsake photo is included. The fee is \$39 per couple/\$15 each additional son. Corsages and boutonnieres are available for purchase at reg-

istration. Please pre-register at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. Sugar Creek Golf Course is located at 500 E. Van Buren.

Spring softball leagues invited to register

Villa Park Recreation is accepting spring softball league registrations for the following leagues: Men's 16" plays Friday nights starting April 15; Co-Rec 14" plays Wednesday nights starting May 18; Men's Under 30 16" plays Thursday nights starting May 19 and a Women's 12" plays Monday nights starting May 23. All leagues play at Lions Field, 320 E. Wildwood. For league fees and information, visit vprd.org.

Swim Team registration takes place April 9 and 13

Parks and Recreation is holding Priority Registration for the Mariners Swim Team on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Wednesday, April 13 from 6-8 p.m. Representatives from the Mariners will be on hand both days to answer questions.

The Mariners swim competitively in the DuPage Swim

and Dive Conference, a group of west suburban swim teams including Wood Dale, Addison and Lombard.

"The Mariners are looking forward to another swim season," Mariners head coach Jen Burns said. "The coaching staff is looking forward to getting our swimmers back in the pool."

The season includes eleven meets, five on Wednesday evenings and five on Saturday mornings, with a season ending conference meet. Practices are each weekday morning at Jefferson Pool and swimmers are expected to attend each practice. It is recommended that beginning swimmers have previous swim lesson experience prior to the start of the season. Swimmers must successfully swim one length of the pool using a legal stroke in order to participate. Younger swimmers, ages 5-8, can participate as a Mini Mariner and compete in the five home meets.

Priority registration fees are \$109 per child; \$99 additional children and \$75 for Mini Mariners. The fee is an additional \$10 during Open Registration, which begins April 14.

OBITUARY

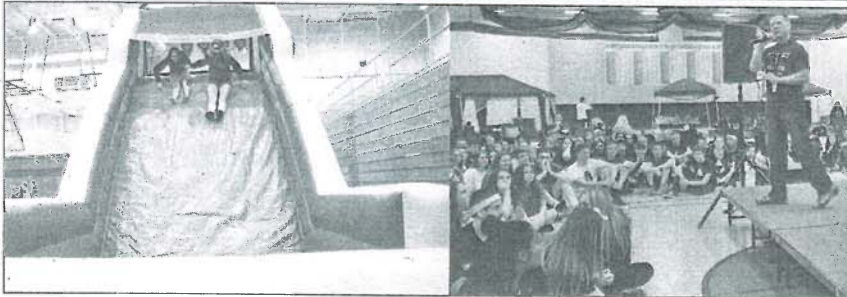
Catherine "Kay" Wolf, 86

Catherine "Kay" Wolf, nee Neary, age 86, formerly of Villa Park, IL. Beloved wife of the late Marvin Wolf. Loving mother of Marvin Jr. (Beverly), Eileen (Phillip) Sanders, Michael (Kathleen), Elizabeth (Mike Barry) Kotwas, Patrick (Kathleen) and Cathleen Nevara; Loving grandmother of Terry (Cheryl), Jamie, Ben, Matt, Ashley (Nic), Dan, Kyle, Tom and Jenna; three great grandchildren Maddie, Henry and Calvin; and her sisters-in-law Tillie Neary and Elfriede Shane. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Catherine Neary, her sisters Genevieve and Eileen, her brothers Thomas, Edward and Charles, and her grandson Nicholas Kotwas.

Kay was born in Chicago. After the death of her parents, she lived with her older sister Eileen. They moved to the west suburbs, where Kay attended high school and later went to work at Illinois Bell

Telephone Company. She and Marvin married, living first in Glen Ellyn then moving to northwest Villa Park in 1959. Kay continued to work at Illinois Bell while raising her six children and being active in Schafer School PTA for many years. Kay retired from Illinois Bell in 1988, and later Marvin and Kay moved to Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., where they managed a mobile home park. Kay moved back to Illinois in 2014 and had been living at the Brookdale senior living community in Lisle.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. Interment will be at a future date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Ill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society - Breast Cancer or the Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2801. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.




District 88 Relay for Life raises nearly \$59,000

Courtesy photos
On March 12, more than 500 District 88 students, staff and community members filled the Willowbrook field house for District 88's All Youth Relay For Life. The event raised nearly \$59,000 for the American Cancer Society. Pictured are (top left): Cancer survivors walk the first lap at the Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth, including Willowbrook senior Hannah Marshall! (left) and sophomore Jake Friguletto (third from right). (top right): Pictured is the Pirates of the Cure-ibbean team. (middle left): Students enjoy a moon jump at the event. (middle right): WB Principal Dan Krause greets the crowd and remembers Patty Kraegel, Willowbrook and District 88 special education teacher and IEP coordinator, who passed away from cancer on Feb. 14. (bottom left): Students participate in a Zumba session led by Rachel Pesola. (bottom right): Participants dance the night away.



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Willowbrook raises money for the American Cancer Society

"Go Pink" event raises \$700; Facial Hair February nets \$1,300

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook also has hosted other events throughout the school year to raise money for the American Cancer Society, including "Go Pink" events for breast cancer awareness, Facial Hair February and the Brook Olympics.

Throughout the month of October, Willowbrook hosted a variety of events in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, including a "Go Pink or Go Home" volleyball game at Addison Trail, where they sold "pink" T-shirts and other "pink" items as well as decorated the halls and the football stadium in pink. Through those efforts, the high school raised about \$700.

Neil Wahlgren wins Facial Hair February

This year, 18 male faculty and staff members participated in Facial Hair February, where they gave up shaving for the month of February to raise money. Participants collected donations from friends, family members, students and colleagues. A bracket was used for students to determine the winner of Facial Hair February. This year's winner is math teacher Neil Wahlgren. Facial Hair February raised about \$1,300.

Seniors place first in Brook Olympics competition

WBHS raises funds for ACS

(right): Pictured are male faculty and staff members who participated in Facial Hair February. They gave up shaving for the month of February to raise money for the American Cancer Society and raised about \$1,300. (below): Willowbrook math teacher Neil Wahlgren is named winner of Facial Hair February during the Brook Olympics assembly on March 11.



The Brook Olympics, a series of events created to bring tradition, pride and a sense of class spirit to Willowbrook. It culminates with an assembly, where classes go head-to-head in competitions to earn points. Earning the most points were the seniors, this year's winning class, followed by juniors in 2nd, sophomores in 3rd and freshmen in 4th. The Brook Olympics

raised about \$1,800.

During the assembly, actor Quinton Aaron (who played Michael Oher in "The Blind Side") stopped by to share information about his Foundation. To watch a video of his visit, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=193.

Actor Quinton Aaron visits, talks about Foundation

During the Brook Olympics assembly on March 11, actor Quinton Aaron (who played Michael Oher in "The Blind Side") stopped by to share information about The Quinton Aaron Foundation. (top and bottom left): Aaron visits with Willowbrook students, who showed their support. (bottom right): Aaron is pictured with WB Principal Dan Krause (left) and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton.

WBHS holds annual Brook Olympics

On March 11, Willowbrook hosted its annual Brook Olympics assembly, which is the culminating event of a weeklong series of events and challenges created to help initiate tradition and a sense of class spirit and pride. This year, the Brook Olympics raised \$1,800 for the American Cancer Society. (top left): The sophomore class competes in the tug-of-war challenge. (top right): The senior class competes in the lip-synch event. (bottom left): WBHS Principal Dan Krause pumps up the crowd. (bottom right): Students show their school spirit while performing during the assembly.

Courtesy photos



SPORTS

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Willowbrook's Zabran wins WSC Gold girls shot-put title

Addison Trail places fifth at WSC Gold girls indoor meet

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls' track team took fifth at the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet held at Addison Trail.

The Blazers were fifth with 37 points. Willowbrook took seventh with 21 points. Downers Grove South won the conference title with 189.5 points.

At the frosh-soph level, Willowbrook was third with 77 points. Addison Trail was fifth with 38 points. Downers South won the title with 183 points.

Josie Zabran won the conference shot put title for Willowbrook at 34-10. Teammate Shantel Powell was second at 34-7 1/2.

Willowbrook's Miani Blackwell won the frosh-soph shot put title at 32-9. Teammate Cecilia Lizasuain was third at 28 7 1/2. Addison Trail's Maddie O'Connell was sixth at 24-11, while teammate Theodora Koulouvaris was ninth at 23-10 1/2.

In the 55 dash, Addison Trail's Lau-

ren Kroll was second at 7.46, while Klea Gjonaj was fifth with a time of 7.76.

At the frosh-soph level, Willowbrook's Isabella Pennebaker was seventh with a time of 8.28 in the 55.

Kroll took second in the 200 with a time of 26.77, while Gjonaj was seventh at 28.77. Willowbrook's Olivia Pennebaker was 11th at 31.07.

Willowbrook's Ashleigh Gushiken was fifth in the 200 at the frosh-soph level with a time of 29.43. Addison Trail's Mercedes Lopez was eighth at 30.28.

Suhei Valbuena took fourth in the 300 for Addison Trail with a time of 44.64. Lynette Banuelos was eighth with a time of 46.03. Olivia Pennebaker was 10th for Willowbrook with a time of 48.38.

In the frosh-soph 300, Alexandra Nava was third at 47.04. Willowbrook's Isabella Pennebaker was fifth at 47.30 and teammate Phoebe Cepelcha was sixth at 48.16.

Willowbrook's Jessica Taylor was 10th in the 400 with a time of 1:16.47.

At the frosh-soph level, Willowbrook's Evelyn Yao was third in the 400 with a time of 1:08.02 and Cepelcha

was fourth at 1:09.61.

Shannon Jones took seventh for Willowbrook in the 800 with a time of 2:39.45. Grace Guthrie was ninth at 2:40.49. In the frosh-soph race, Willowbrook's Catherine Pegler was second in the 800 at 2:38.20. Victoria Palma was fourth at 2:43.65.

Willowbrook's Melissa Johnston was eighth in the 1,600 with a time of 5:56.55. Palma was third in the 1,600 at the frosh-soph level with a time of 5:57.14.

Willowbrook's Alannah Ferris was eighth in the 3,200. At the frosh-soph level, Willowbrook's Briana Jones was fifth and Addison Trail's Andrea Flores was seventh.

In the 55 hurdles, Addison Trail's Briceyda Vivero was seventh with a time of 10.73. At the frosh-soph level, Damaries Garcia was third at 10.62 for Willowbrook, while Addison Trail's Mercedes Lopez was fourth at 10.73.

Addison Trail was second in the 4-by-160 relay with a time of 1:26.76. Willowbrook was seventh at 1:39.39. Addison Trail was fourth at the frosh-soph level at 1:36.37, while Willowbrook was fifth at 1:41.12.

The Blazers were fourth in the 1,600

relay at 4:30.80. Willowbrook was sixth.

Willowbrook won the 1,600 frosh-soph relay at 4:37.04, while Addison Trail was sixth at 4:58.23.

Willowbrook was fifth in the 3,200 relay at 11:32.80. Addison Trail was sixth.

Willowbrook placed second in the 3,200 relay at 11:22.66. Addison Trail was fifth at 11:56.12.

Addison Trail's Maria Madey was third in the frosh-soph high jump at 4-6. Teammate Jessica Garcia was sixth at 4-0.

Addison Trail's Briceyda Vivero was eighth in the long jump at 14-0 1/2. Luz Dominguez was ninth at 13-11 1/2.

Madey was sixth in the frosh-soph long jump at 13-2 1/2 for Addison Trail. Willowbrook's Gushiken was seventh at 12-5 1/2 and teammate Alyssa Lavery was ninth at 11-8.

Banuelos was fifth in the triple jump for Addison Trail with a mark of 32-01/2. Vivero was eighth at 29-8 1/2.

Madey was second in the triple jump at the frosh-soph level at 29-3 1/2. Teammate Natasha Olivera was fourth at 27-6 1/4. Willowbrook's Teresa Zaldivar was seventh at 27-0 and teammate Miriam Youhanoun was ninth at 22-2.

DISTRICT 88-FENTON SPORTS REPORT

Willowbrook baseball team defeats

Naperville North; Addison Trail girls track team sets relay record

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

ADDISON — The Willowbrook baseball team recently defeated Naperville North 5-0 in non-conference play.

Willowbrook scored two runs in the fourth inning and three in the seventh.

TJ Geritano went 2-for-4 with two doubles, a run and an RBI. Cam Zunkel was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Matt Pizur went 3-for-3 with a run scored. Kyle Martyniuk went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Kyle Ferguson was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He went 6 2/3 innings and struck out eight while allowing only three hits.

In earlier action, the Warriors dropped an 11-5 non-conference game to Glenbard South.

Glenbard South jumped out to a 3-1 lead after the first inning and used a seven-run third inning to take a 10-3 lead.

Willowbrook had 10 hits in the game. Zunkel went 3-for-3 with a double, a run scored and two RBI. Geritano was 1-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base. Pizur went 1-for-4 with a run scored. DeSalvo was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Also having single hits were Danny Olson, Ferguson, MJ Ranieri and Jon Kelso. Kelso had a double and scored a run, while Ranieri stole a base. Mark Molitor added an RBI.

Matt Garbacz took the loss for the Warriors.

Addison Trail girls track

The Addison Trail girls track team recently broke the program record in the 400 relay at the West Suburban Conference

Gold Division indoor meet.

The team of Lynette Banuelos, Lauren Kroll, Klea Gjonaj and Suhei Valbuena broke the record by almost four seconds.

"That team is trying to get themselves set up for another run for state in both the 400 and 800 relays outdoors," said Addison Trail coach Dave Pytko.

Kroll took second in the 55 dash and 200 run, while Klea was fifth in the 200.

"Klea is doing a great job of rebounding from a tough sophomore season in addition to being a leader with Lauren and Lynette," said Pytko.

Pytko also has high hopes for the team's distance runners. "In addition to our talented varsity runners, we have a very young, but very under-rated group of distance girls," he said. "Over the next few years they will grow into a group that can compete with teams in the conference. They are so new at running that they have to learn how to control all the mental aspects of run-

ning a race."

Fenton badminton

The Fenton girls badminton team returns the likes of seniors Heena Amin, Angelica Trojan, Hanna Roucka and Kendra Vargas, along with juniors Kelly Kuman, Sheeza Anwar, Rimsha Naseer and Amanda Perry.

"We hope to continue to develop our technique in badminton, get in better shape both physically and mentally and be competitive in our matches," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Willowbrook boys track

The Willowbrook boys track team recently placed seventh at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division indoor meet.

The Warriors are coming off a 2015 season where they took second in the WSC Gold outdoor meet.

Back for the Warriors are seniors Marco Martinez (distance), Josan Murphy (sprints),

Noah Nagle (jumps) and juniors Casey King (distance) and Eddie Tribue (sprints).

"This is a solid team that works hard every day to improve," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman. "We were not happy with our seventh-place indoor finish and are looking forward to moving up outdoors. Our performances were the best of the indoor season, so it was not due to lack of work, effort, attitude or competitiveness. We just need more of all of it at the next conference meet. Our guys are in good mental shape and are ready to work toward our outdoor and season goals. Our goal always is to send athletes to the state meet. With our current marks, we will need to keep pushing in order to make it. Come May, anything can happen."

Artman said Martinez, Murphy, Nagle, King and Tribue are poised for strong seasons. "They should do some good things for us on a daily, meet and conference level," he said.

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DEFENDANTS

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Addison Trail senior signs to cheer for Robert Morris University Illinois

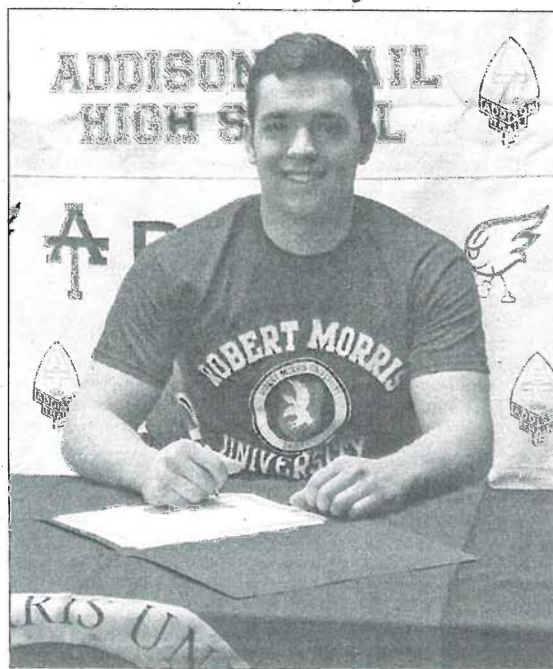
ADDISON — On March 15,
Addison Trail senior Giuseppe
Rubino signed to join the Cheer
Team at Robert Morris Univer-
sity Illinois in Chicago.

Although he has only par-
ticipated in cheerleading for
three years, so he's thrilled to
continue with the sport at the
collegiate level.

"What I love about cheer-
leading is you can always
challenge yourself," he said.
"There's always something
new to try and learn, and another
level you can push yourself to
reach."

Giuseppe said he joined
cheerleading after being
encouraged by his brother,
Michael. Giuseppe was named
as Captain of the Addison Trail
Cheerleading Team this year
and helped the group reach new
levels of success. The Coed
Varsity Team finished in the
top five at all invites, winning
four of the six invites. Dur-
ing the Illinois Cheerleading
Coaches Association (ICCA)
Championships, the team won
1st place, earning the title of
ICCA Coed Champions. Team
members also competed in the
Coed Stunt Group division for
the first time and earned 1st
place in that division as well.

Giuseppe plans to major in



courtesy photo
Pictured is Addison Trail senior Giuseppe Rubino, who has
signed to join the Cheer Team at Robert Morris University
Illinois in Chicago.

criminal justice and pursue a
career in law enforcement. He
also would like to continue

with cheerleading after college
as a coach at Elmwood Park
High School.

Addison Trail softball team hard at work

Blazers feature
mix of veteran and
young talent

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

ADDISON — The Addi-
son Trail softball team has
impressed coach Mark Olson
thus far.

"It's a great group of girls and
they have a great work ethic,"
he said. "They are very coach-
able and that's the best part of
the spring so far. We're a young
team, so we're going to have
to get better as we go. We're
definitely not senior-dominated
like we were last year or as
experienced as we were two
years ago. These girls want to
get better and that bodes well
for the future."

The Blazers, who won 12
games last year and went 4-8
in West Suburban Conference
Gold Division action, return
seniors Alyssa McMahon (1B)

and Nicolette Napoli (OF)
along with junior Jessica Bach
(3B).

Key newcomers include
junior Marie Baumgartner (IF),
sophomore Nikki Scorza (IF)
and freshman Sophia Hawkins
(OF).

Addison Trail opened the
season with a loss to Montini.
"We lost 10-0, but we did a
great job picking up the ball
in the infield and making the
routine plays," said Olson. "We
have some inexperience in the
outfield and that's where we
need to get better. We might
have some growing pains
defensively in the beginning."

Olson is thrilled to have Bach
back at third and Baumgart-
ner at shortstop. "I have a lot
of confidence in our infield,"
said Olson. "Jessica and Marie
take care of the right side and
Alyssa McMahon can pick up
anything at first base."

Napoli, McMahon and

Baumgartner also will con-
tribute as pitchers. "We don't
have a dominant pitcher," said
Olson. "We'll have to make
adjustments defensively and
make sure we have people in
the right spots. We'll pitch by
committee. Nicolette pitched a
handful of innings last year and
Alyssa can pitch and Marie will
pitch a little. We have another
freshman Allie Polhad who
will pitch on the JV and will
eventually be our pitcher of the
future. She'll get her feet wet a
little at the JV level."

Addison Trail was scheduled
to face Riverside-Brookfield
and Lake Park earlier this week.

"We might take our lumps
early on and have some grow-
ing pains, but their work ethic
has been great," said Olson.
"That work ethic and their
coachability is going to pay
dividends later on. At the
beginning here, we're going to
have to be patient."

Changes coming...

THE VILLA PARK VILLAGE BOARD voted unanimously during its March 28 meeting to approve a resolution to reach an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding a planned improvement project on Roosevelt Road. According to information provided by the village, IDOT plans to construct improvements on Roosevelt Road from Summit Avenue to Route 83. The improvements include a westbound right turn lane at Villa Avenue, a raised median on portions of Roosevelt, some new sidewalks and a new traffic signal at Roosevelt and Villa. The total cost of the proposed improvements is about \$2.4 million. Villa Park's proposed share of the project is about \$68,000. Federal funding will reportedly cover about 72 percent of the total cost of the proposed projects. Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskelis stated the improvements are scheduled to take place this year. The photo on the right shows a southward view from Villa Avenue to Roosevelt Road.

Photo by Chris Fox



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Budget discussions provide details on capital projects

by Chris Fox

The Villa Park Village Board will likely vote next week to approve the village's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The village's 2016-17 fiscal year begins on May 1.

The board meeting of March 14 included a discussion of the village's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Board members voted unanimously during the next regular meeting—held March 28—to approve a first reading of an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The board is expected to vote to adopt the ordinance during

the April 11 meeting.

The discussion during the March 14 board meeting focused on the corporate fund, which is the village's main operating fund. The proposed budget projects the corporate fund to have total revenues of just over \$22 million during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Expenditures are projected at just under \$22 million.

According to information provided by the village, the corporate fund is projected to have about \$8.8 million on hand when the current fiscal year ends on April 30, 2016. The fund is projected to have a balance of around \$8.9

million at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year. That figure translates into a fund balance of about 147 days, or enough money to operate the village for that period of time. The village has a target of keeping a corporate fund balance of at least 90 days.

The board's budget workshop meeting of March 21 featured a presentation from Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskelis, who provided information about other village funds, including the street improvement fund, the water supply fund, the wastewater fund and various capital projects funds.

Information provided by the village projects total revenues for the 2016-17 fiscal year to be nearly \$50.2 million. Total expenditures are projected to be about \$55.7 million. That figure includes street improvement expenses of nearly \$8 million. The \$8 million figure includes projects paid for with funds related to the referendum of November 2014. Villa Park voters approved a proposal during the Nov. 4, 2014, election to borrow up to \$23 million to pay for road repairs. The current fiscal year marked the first

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VPJWC is accepting applications for 2016 scholarships through April 15

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club (VPJWC) is sponsoring a scholarship program to benefit two female high school seniors who reside in Villa Park. The scholarships promote and reward students' involvement in a variety of community service activities.

The VPJWC is awarding two scholarships this year—one for \$1,500 and one for \$500. The winners will be chosen based on their applications and recommendations received. These scholarships are not awarded based on financial need.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be a current female resident of Villa Park. The recipient's Social Security number must be provided to accept the award. Additionally, eligible applicants must be a senior in high school with a minimum grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) and have participated in at least one community service activity for a minimum of two years (including the current semester). Applicants must also provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members.

Applications must be received by April 15. For more information, or to apply online or download an application, visit <http://vpjwc.org/scholarship/>.

Villa Park Chamber of Commerce offers scholarships; deadline to apply is April 18

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce encourages high school seniors who are residents of Villa Park to apply for the chamber's 2015-16 academic year scholarship award program. The deadline to submit an application form for the scholarship is April 18.

In addition to being a senior and a Villa Park resident, eligible students must be ranked in the top 50 percent of their class. Students must also be accepted to an accredited two-year, four-year or vocational school.

The application requires students to submit a written essay that answers the following question: "What factors entered into your choice of college and field of education?"

A committee from the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will select the scholarship award recipients.

For more information, or to download a scholarship application form, visit the chamber's Web site at villaparkchamber.org.



Special performance...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S cast and crew of 47 students participated in last week's IHSA Drama and Group Interpretation state final in Springfield. Willowbrook, which presented an abbreviated version of "Dancing at Lughnasa," competed in the drama category and placed sixth out of 12 teams. The above photo shows three cast members during the March 24 presentation in Willowbrook's auditorium. Pictured left to right are sophomore Julia Cicero, freshman Claire Mitchell and sophomore Kathleen Cicero, who portrayed three of five sisters in the play. Senior Mariana Martens and sophomore Genevieve Corkery played the other two sisters. Willowbrook's three other cast members were senior Eric Rundgren, junior Anthony Clamplit and sophomore John DeAngelo.

Village projects

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year in which the village used funds from that referendum to pay for road repairs. Street improvement fund expenditures are projected at more than \$7.3 million for the current fiscal year that ends April 30, 2016. The street improvement funds expenses were about \$2.7 million during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The \$23 million in referendum funds will be spent over a period of up to seven years. The village plans to repay the money over a 20-year period.

Juskelis noted during his March 21 presentation that the street improvement fund includes both referendum and non-referendum funds. The fund's principal non-referendum source of revenue is 0.5-percent sales tax that generates about \$1.5 million annually.

In giving an overview of street-related spending during the 2015-16 fiscal year—the first fiscal year in which funds related to the 2014 referendum were available—Juskelis said that total fund expenses were about \$7.36 million. That figure included about \$3.3 million in spending of referendum funds, as well as a federal grant of about \$900,000 toward the Ardmore Streetscape project.

Overall, about 18.5 miles of Villa Park streets were repaired during the 2015-16 fiscal year, said Juskelis. There are about 75 miles of streets in the village.

Juskelis's presentation stated that the \$8 million in planned street improvements during the upcoming fiscal year include about \$4.95 million in funds related to the November 2014 referendum. The 2016-17 fiscal year will feature street repairs to about 5.84 miles of Villa Park roadways. The street improvement fund's budget also includes \$375,000 toward street maintenance.

Some of the major improvement projects scheduled for the 2016-17 fiscal year include work on Park Boulevard (from Villa Avenue to the village's east end, near Route 83). Juskelis said that project, which began about a month ago, will carry over into the next fiscal year. Other projects for the 2016-17 fiscal year include work on Michigan Avenue from Park to Madison Street and Princeton Avenue from Ridge Road to Terrace Street.

Juskelis noted that this year's planned projects include design work for projects scheduled to take place during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

The public works director also stated during his March 21 comments that bids on the Highridge Road project (from Ardmore Avenue extending west toward the village border with Lombard) had just been opened. He described the Highridge Road improvement as a state-let, federally funded project. Juskelis said that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will award the contract for the project, which should begin this summer.

Juskelis stated the village learned about one month earlier that Nicor Gas is embarking on a large project to replace gas mains in several communities, including Villa Park. Village

officials had two subsequent meetings with Nicor representatives. Juskelis said the village has an ordinance that states that when a street is resurfaced, that street cannot be worked on for three years. Additionally, a street that has been reconstructed cannot be worked on for seven years.

Juskelis said some Villa Park streets that have been earmarked for resurfacing or reconstruction are on Nicor's list for gas main replacement work. He said he expects village staff to have future meetings with Nicor officials.

Speaking about the village's water supply fund, Juskelis noted that the fund began the 2015-16 fiscal year with a balance of about \$1.9 million, and will end the year with a balance of about \$1.1 million. The fund's balance is projected to be about \$700,000 at the close of the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Juskelis said the declining balance in the water fund might lead the village to defer some proposed capital improvements. He also noted that the village entered into deals with Stanley Consultants to provide a water rate study analysis and a water audit. The village board approved the agreement for a water audit during the March 28 meeting. The audit will reportedly help the village determine a decline in billable volume of water. Juskelis said the village used to bill 90 percent of what it pumped. He said that figure has declined to 83 or 84 percent.

In providing an overview of the Villa Park's capital improvement projects for the next five years—through the 2020-21 fiscal year—Juskelis said the village is planning a total of nearly \$87 million in projects. About \$20 million of that total are road projects that will be paid for with funds related to the referendum of November 2014. The plans for the coming five years call for work on about 19 miles of Villa Park streets. Juskelis said a significant portion of that road work over the next five years is full reconstruction.

The nearly \$87 million in planned projects over the next five years includes several million dollars worth of unfunded projects, said Juskelis. He noted the \$87 million total includes about \$20 million in sewer separation work and about \$14.6 million in flood control projects.

Juskelis said the funds from the 2014 referendum are limited to street improvements and cannot be used for underground projects such as sewer improvements. He said the village needs to find a separate source of funding for underground projects. If a funding source is established, Juskelis said the village can use that source to borrow money and repay the loans for the unfunded capital projects. He stated the village could seek to borrow money through revenue bonds or loans from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Juskelis said that borrowing money is the only way to get a substantial amount of capital projects completed in the next five years.

The public works director stated the village could go forward with road projects without doing related underground work. The village could also defer the road work.

Villa Park Library invites public feedback at April 18 open house

The Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking public input and feedback on various building option considerations. The library board will host an open house on Monday, April 18. The open house will take place from 1-3 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. The library is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave.

Library board members and library staff will join architects to share information about the space and service needs at the library.

A facility analysis of the library building was completed during the past year as part of the library's 2014 strategic plan. The analysis identified major repairs which should be completed over the next five years. In order to

address these needs, as well as the need for additional space for facilities and parking, the library board contracted with Williams Architects of Itasca. Williams Architects is assisting the board in evaluating options for improving or replacing building systems, improving library space and enhancing services to patrons.

Any building project will require a voter-approved referendum to provide the needed funding.

For information about the open house or the proposed renovation and/or expansion project, contact Villa Park Library Director Sandra Hill at 630-834-1164, ext. 111.

Police investigate last week's armed robbery in Villa Park

by Bonnie MacKay

An unknown male subject, armed with a knife, allegedly stole a number of telephones and watches from a Villa Park telephone store last week.

The incident, which was reported at about 10:44 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, occurred at the AT&T store, located at 60 E. North Ave.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Bill Lyons, the lone male subject entered the store reportedly with wire cutters, which he used to remove the items.

One employee was working at the time of the robbery, according to Lyons, who added that no customers were in the store and no one was hurt during the incident.

A witness was able to provide police with a description of the vehicle, which was spotted by Elmhurst police, the sergeant said.

The vehicle fled Elmhurst police, and a pursuit ensued, which was then terminated, Lyons related.

The vehicle, a silver Jeep Patriot, was later spotted in Melrose Park and continued on until it crashed in Maywood, Lyons said.

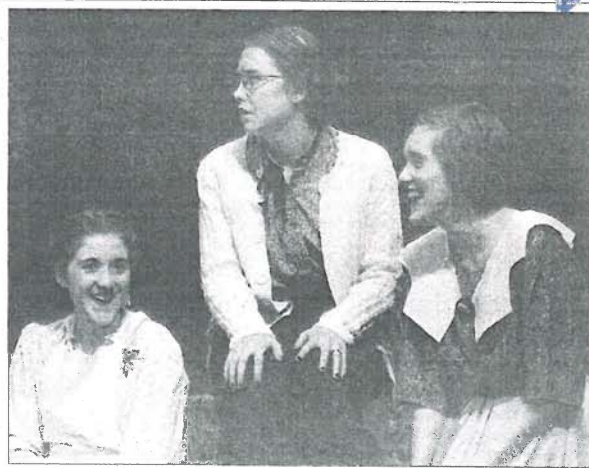
The driver fled on foot, and as of Monday evening, was not in custody. After fleeing the crash scene, Lyons said a K-9 responded to the scene to conduct a track with negative results.

The subject was described as a black male, who was masked. He has a thin build and is between 5 feet, 9 inches and 6 feet tall. He was wearing a dark, hooded sweatshirt. The robbery remains under investigation.

Anyone with information on the subject or the incident is asked to contact Villa Park police at 630-834-7447.

Questions? Comments?

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Sixth place at the state final!... Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S cast and crew of 47 students competed in the IHSA Drama and Group Interpretation state final, which took place Friday and Saturday at the University of Illinois Springfield's Sangamon Auditorium. Willowbrook was one of 12 teams to qualify for the state final in the drama category. The school's cast and crew placed sixth at the state final. Willowbrook presented an abbreviated version of "Dancing at Lughnasa" at the competition. The casts and crews who took part in the drama portion of the state final had a total of 60 minutes to deliver their presentations. That hour-long period included a 40-minute stage performance and a total of 20 minutes of setup and takedown of the set. A panel of judges evaluates each performance. The Willowbrook company earned the berth in the state meet with its second-place showing in the IHSA sectional event at Burbank's Reavis High School on March 19. The top two teams from each of the state's six sectionals qualified for the drama portion of the state meet. The Reavis cast and crew placed first at the sectional with its presentation of "Electra." Reavis went on to win the state championship in the drama competition. The above photo from the Willowbrook company's March 23 presentation of "Dancing at Lughnasa" in the school auditorium shows (left to right) cast members Julia Cicero, Mariana Martens and Genevieve Corkery. They portrayed three of the five Mundy sisters in the play, which features the narrator's memories from the summer of 1936. Kathleen Cicero and Claire Mitchell played the two other sisters. Corkery was named to the All-State cast. Willowbrook received the technical performance award for the medium-sized school division.

High honor...

DAN KRAUSE (right), the principal of Willowbrook High School, is pictured at Saturday's celebration in honor of the finalists for the Golden Apple Awards. The celebration took place at the Hilton Rosemont Chicago O'Hare. Krause is one of four finalists for the 2016 Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award. The award honors the exemplary performance of a pre-K through 12th-grade principal or head of a school from throughout Chicagoland and the surrounding suburbs. Krause joined Willowbrook as an assistant principal in 2005. He has been the Villa Park school's principal since 2007. The winner of this year's Stanley C. Golder Award will receive a cash prize of \$10,000 to be used for his or her professional development and a school project of the recipient's choosing. In addition to honoring the four finalists for the Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award, Saturday's celebration recognized the 30 finalists for the Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Ten of the 30 finalists will receive the award. The Golden Apple Awards ceremony will be broadcast on WTTW-Channel 11 on May 20. WTTW presented the inaugural ceremony in 1986.



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Pictured are Kindergarten and first grade students of Wesley School singing at last year's District 4 Breakfast for Seniors. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Wesley School, 1111 W. Westwood Trail in Addison. Bus transportation will be provided from Community Park, 130 E. Oak Street, leaving at 9:15 a.m., and returning from Wesley School around 11 a.m. Full story inside.

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By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent

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Created in 2001, the Illinois Farm Bureau Adopt-A-Legislator Program helps build long-

term relationships between urban state legislators and farmers throughout the state, with a goal of connecting urban legislators and farm bureau members.

"[Cullerton] has been really easy to talk to and get to know," Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board President

Jay Niemann said. "Around us, he's been just like one of the guys. He puts his family first and the great state of Illinois right behind his family. He cares about not only his district but the entire state of Illinois."

Switching roles: Farm Bureau comes to Addison

To switch roles so as to bet-

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Cullerton welcomes Montgomery Farm Bureau

State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) (center, wearing cap) is surrounded by members of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, who came to tour DuPage County last week, starting in Cullerton's Villa Park District Office, pictured here. Afterwards, the group visited Addison Trail High

School's vocational programs as well as local industry SWD, Inc. A reception followed with Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra and County Board member Don Puchalski of Addison, as well as other VIPs.

District 4 Foundation's Family Fun Fair opens Friday

ADDISON — On Friday, April 8, from 5-9 p.m., the Addison School District 4 Educational Foundation will host its 11th annual Family Fun Fair at Indian Trail Junior High School.

A \$1 per-person entrance fee

allows unlimited game play and musical entertainment, provided by the ASD4 school PTAs, the Addison Teachers Association (ATA), and the Addison Park District. Musical entertainment will be provided by Lake Park School students at 6 p.m. and the Indian Trail Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. DJ music

will be available throughout the evening. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

At 7 p.m., members of the ASD4 Educational Foundation Board will be presenting mini-grant award checks totaling more than \$21,000 to 48 teachers and teacher teams, who applied for grants to fund classroom or

school projects that fall outside of District 4's regular operating budget.

The mini-grants provide new learning opportunities in every area of study from math to P.E. to literacy.

For more information, call 630-458-2429 or visit asd4.org/foundation.

ACPTA seeks items for fundraiser

Residents urged to donate unwanted items

ADDISON — The Addison Council PTA (ACPTA) is sponsoring a fundraiser which is truly a win-win proposition! They're inviting community members to do some spring cleaning, setting aside clothing, shoes, accessories, books and small household items that are no longer needed, but are in good condition. These items will be collected at Indian Trail Junior High School, 222 W. Kennedy Drive on Saturday, April 2 from 9am - 1pm. Funds raised will be used to support student scholarships and art programs.

• ECONOMY

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ter understand suburban life, the Montgomery County Farm Bureau traveled to DuPage County last week to visit Cullerton's district office and tour Addison Trail High School's vocational programs. The group also went to Addison's local family-owned manufacturer, SWD Inc., ending their visit with a reception with special guests Addison Mayor

Rick Veenstra, County Board members Don Puchalski of Addison, Sam Tornatore from Roselle and John Curran of Downers Grove.

Gov. Bruce Rauner's recent budget proposals zeros out agriculture education, which Cullerton believes is the wrong direction for the state.

"Studies released show that the average age of Illinois'

farmers is 56 years old," Cullerton said. "We need to educate our young people to keep agribusiness going."

Last year, the Illinois Future Farmers of America (FFA) estimated more than over \$11.8 million was generated by agriculture education students through entrepreneurial efforts, job placement or agri-science research.

District 4 to host Spring Breakfast for seniors

ADDISON — Addison School District 4 invites area seniors to enjoy a free Spring Breakfast on Wednesday, April 13 at Wesley School, 1111 W. Westwood Trail in Addison.

The annual event includes breakfast followed by musical entertainment provided by Wesley School students and the

Indian Trail Junior High School Jazz Ensemble. Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Because of limited parking available at the school, District 4 also invites its guests to enjoy a ride to Wesley School on a school bus. Bus transportation will be provided from

Community Park, 130 E. Oak Street, leaving Community at 9:15 a.m., and returning from Wesley School around 11 a.m.

For more information or to reserve a spot at the breakfast, please call Diane at 630-458-2429 or email djunokas@asd4.org.



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Pictured are third grade students from Wesley School performing at last year's District 4 Breakfast for Seniors. This year's event will take place Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Wesley School. Bus transportation is available from Community Park, 130 E. Oak Street, leaving at 9:15 a.m.



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AT students visit to Elmhurst College, Dominican University

On March 17, Addison Trail students enjoyed visits to Dominican University (left) and Elmhurst College, as part of the school's college visits. Students were given a tour of both campuses, as well as a presentation about the

admissions process and financial aid opportunities. The tour guide at Elmhurst College was Addison Trail alumnus Carlos Cantu (class of 2015), who is majoring in music education.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, April 8

• Family Bingo Night, Movie in the Gym

There will be a Family Bingo Night at the Addison Park District's Centennial Rec Center Gym (1776 W. Centennial Place) from 5:30-7 p.m. Play Bingo with your family for a chance to win prizes that were donated by local businesses. Fee: \$5 for residents, \$6 for nonresidents. After Bingo, bring a blanket or a lawn chair for the family and enjoy watching "The Peanuts Movie" on the big screen at the Red Center Gym. The movie is free; concession will be available to purchase. Info: addisonparks.org or call 630-233-7275.

• Family Fun Fair at

Indian Trail Junior High

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• Open house for new children's center

From 5-7 p.m., Metropolitan Family Services and Addison School District 4 are hosting an open house to intro-

duce the community to the new Addison Children's Center located at 121 E. Fullerton Ave. in Addison. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 14

• Women's Club of Addison fundraiser

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Women's Club of Addison will hold its annual fundraiser at Empress Banquets on Lake St. The cash bar opens at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. Guests will also enjoy Movie Bingo as well as free prize drawings. Reservations are due Monday, March 21. Info: contact Maureen at 630-628-9336 for ticket prices and other information.

• Art Guild offers sepia portrait class

At 7:30 p.m. in room 1301 of Addison Village Hall, the Addison Art Guild is offering a hands-on class on sepia and creme portraiture, taught by guest artist Margaret Bucholz. Bring a photo of a loved one (human or animal) and take home a rendition that looks like an old-fashioned sepia photo. Supplies provided; if possible, bring your own colored pencils in white, black, sepia and cream; tracing paper, mid-tonal paper or mid-toned mat board. Info: 630-458-4500.

Saturday, April 16

• Indoor Garage Sale

An indoor garage sale, sponsored by the Addison Park District, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Centennial Rec Center Gym (1776 W. Centennial Place). Whether you're searching for children's toys, jewelry, lamps, books or CDs, you will find bargains galore at this fast-growing, treasure-filled sale. Concessions will be available for purchase during the sale. Sellers must pre-register for 1 or 2 eight-foot tables. Someone must be present at the table the entire time. Vendors are

not allowed. Table fees: one spot, \$14 (bring your own table); two spaces, \$27 (bring your own table); electricity \$5 per table; one space with table, \$17; two tables: \$32. Info: addisonparks.org or call 630-233-7275.

• Ongoing events

• ACA hosts artworks of Margaret Bucholz

Now through April 23, the Addison Center for the Arts is featuring Margaret Bucholz's exhibit "Flowing Colors" at its gallery located inside Addison Trail High School on the north side (enter Door #4). Artist's reception to be held Friday, Apr. 1 from 7-9 p.m. Free and open to the public, gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday. Private showings are available by appointment. Info: 630-458-4500.

• Video game programming

Dive into the world of programming to make your own interactive art, stories, games, and animations using Scratch, a programming language created just for kids by MIT. This is for kids ages 8-12 and will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays April 13-27 in conjunction with the Addison Park District at the Roselle Park District, 555 W. Bryn Mawr. The fee is \$72 for residents, \$95 for non-residents.

• Robot Engineers

Students will work in teams, learning about pulleys, gears, levers and more as they build and program their robotic creations using the LEGO WeDo Robotic System. This is for kids ages 7-12 and will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, May 4-18 in conjunction with the Addison Park District at the Bloomingdale Park District's Johnson Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave. The fee is \$60 for residents, \$79 for non-residents. Info: go online to addisonparks.org or call 630-233-7275.

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

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of

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

• Active Adults Senior Club

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

• TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We're still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Our meetings are held on Friday mornings at Grace Lutheran Church 950 S. York Road, Bensenville. Weigh in 9:30 a.m., and meet from 10-11 a.m. Info: email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net

• Theater arts program coming in July

The Addison Children's Theater and the Addison Center for the Arts will hold its annual theater arts program for children ages 8-14 from July 18-Aug. 5. Includes development of acting and singing techniques as well as improvisational exercises, rehearsal techniques and stage craft. Final performances of the play, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" are scheduled to take place on Aug. 5 & 6 at 3 p.m. Info: 630-458-4500 or see the Addison Park District summer brochure.

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.

SPORTS

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Willowbrook boys volleyball team opens season with win

Warriors coming off 22-win season in 2015

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team got its season off to a strong start with a recent 25-15, 25-19 non-conference win over Elgin Larkin.

Pete Alessandri had two kills, while Lucas Betts had one kill, eight assists and three

digs. Joe Ernst had five kills and two blocks. Calvin Linnig had once ace and five assists. Calvin Kilas had two assists. Joe Ragucci had three kills. Max Sarovich had one ace, two assists and one dig. Andy Shereckengost had three kills. Ivan Tashev had two kills and three aces, while Brendan Waldorf had three kills. Ian Walsh finished with one kill, two blocks and two aces.

Willowbrook also dropped a 25-17, 25-18 non-conference decision to Glenbard East.

Alessandri had three kills,

while Betts had three kills, two blocks and seven assists. Linnig had six assists. Jake Maksymec had one kill, one ace, three assists and five digs. Ragucci had one kill and one block. Tashev had three kills and one dig. Waldorf had three kills, one ace and one dig, while Walsh had four kills and two blocks.

Willowbrook is coming off a 2015 season where it went 22-15 and took third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 4-2 mark.

Addison Trail boys volleyball team defeats Hoffman Estates

Blazers coming off third-place state finish

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team evened its record a 1-1 thanks to a 25-23, 26-24 recent non-conference win over Hoffman Estates.

Jacob Grygo had 11 assists, six kills and three blocks. Colton Noel added six kills, while Kannon Nelms had five kills, three blocks and three aces. Eric Lynch finished with four kills. Michael Pudlo had three kills and two blocks, while David Zielinski had 14 assists and one kill. Arlind Rojba had nine digs.

Coach Chad Grant's team features a number of players from last year's squad that went 35-7, took second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 5-1 record and went on to finish third in the state. The Blazers defeated St. Patrick and Hinsdale Central in the state tournament before losing to eventual state-champion Glenbard West. The Blazers came back to defeat Sandburg for third place.

Nelms, a senior middle blocker, had 107 kills and 55 blocks. Rojba, a junior libero, finished with 230 digs and 27 aces last year, while Noel, a junior outside hitter, had 16 kills and 12 blocks on the varsity.

Key newcomers to the team include juniors Eric Lynch (outside hitter) and Alex Murillo (middle blocker), along with sophomores Grygo (setter), Zielinski (setter), Pudlo (middle blocker), Christopher Garcia (defensive specialist) and Bryan Florian (defensive specialist).

Size, length and overall athleticism will help the Blazers this season. "We have a

bunch of good jumpers who hit the ball hard," said Grant. "We will spread the ball around to all our hitters and have a number of strong options."

Serve-receive continues to be a focus in the practice gym. "Our serve-receive and defense are works in progress," said Grant. "Arlind is a great libero, but outside of him, our back-row spots will be filled with sophomores and first-time back-row players."

Grygo and Zielinski are both left-handed, sophomore setters. "Both will get time," said Grant. "Jacob is tall, long and confident. He plays well around the net, is a strong blocker already and gives us another option as an attacker. David is incredibly smart, quick and instinctive. He will contribute as an attacker by the end of the year as well."

Grant also likes sophomore Pudlo's quickness in the middle. "Michael has shown really good instincts in our first two matches," said Grant. "He jumps well and has a tough serve."

The coach also is looking for big things from Noel. "Colton got spot playing time as a sophomore, but will be a big contributor this year," he said. "We will be counting on him for offense and to potentially be our best blocker. He is a very physical kid that plays well above the net."

Grant likes the potential he sees in this year's group. "They possess a lot of physical traits that can't be coached," he said. "They understand the expectations of the program and want to be successful. We are young right now, but we will be good given some time. The regular season is all about development for us. I'm not concerned about wins and losses. It's all about the process. We want to get better every day. We expect to be very competitive by late May."

Back for the Warriors are Seniors Ivan Tashev (6-0, outside hitter), Ian Walsh (6-6, middle blocker) and Lucas Betts (6-1, setter). A key newcomer to the team is junior libero Jack Maksymec (5-9).

Walsh had 148 kills, hit .479 and had 129 blocks last year, while Tashev had 31 kills, hit .407 and passed at a 2.30 clip on a 3.0 scale.

"One of the strengths of the team is we are returning a number of players who have varsity experience from last year," said coach Ryan Bazon. "These players have continued to grow physically and athletically and we look to build on our season from last year."

Passing will be a key for the Warriors this spring. "I feel like our offensive game can be very effective if our passing is on," said Bazon. "We have very strong and smart hitters at all positions. One of our goals is to continue working to become more efficient hitters with less errors."

Defense at the net also is a strong suit. "I feel like the guys are very strong at the net, especially in the middle," said Bazon. "We hope to put a lot of pressure on opposing hit-

ters with our block. We need to continue to work hard in practice on our serve-receive/passing/free-ball offense."

Betts, a senior, and Linnig, a junior, take over the setting responsibilities from graduated all-conference performer Tommy King. "Lucas and Calvin have stepped into this role," said Bazon. "Lucas has a great desire to learn and lead the team this season. I look forward to watching both players progress this season."

Walsh also will be a big factor for Bazon's squad this season. "He is big, strong and has a very high volleyball IQ," said Bazon. "Ian is very coachable and is a great kid."

Bazon has been pleased with what he's seen in the practice gym thus far. "The thing I like the most about our team is our continued desire to improve on the court," he said.

"Our players do not want to settle for mediocrity and that comes from the leadership of our seniors. Every year we strive to win more than we lose. The goal always is to put a competitive team out on the court, which can hopefully lead to success in our conference."

Fenton boys volleyball team ready to take next step

Sanchez, Gutierrez lead the way for Bison

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Fenton boys volleyball coach Heather Petersen said her team has something that can't be coached.

And she feels that bodes well for the 2016 season.

"The team has great chemistry and they all are very motivated to improve," she said. "They look forward to playing great competition to step up to the competition's level. They all are very scrappy and make some great things happen by never giving up on the ball."

Fenton's top returners this year include junior outside hitter Javy Sanchez and junior

middle blocker David Gutierrez.

Key newcomers include juniors Michael Wiszowaty (setter, middle blocker) and Ethan Guerra (outside hitter) and sophomore Andrew Hill (setter).

"We have some great threats all around and have the opportunity to move the ball around," said Petersen.

On the defensive front, Fenton is making huge strides with its passing. "The passing has improved so much in the little time we have had this season so far," said Petersen. "The boys believe passing is the foundation of the game and can't compete with teams if we don't set up our offense."

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Willowbrook hosts State send-off celebration for Winter Guard

Pictured are members of the Willowbrook Winter Guard, who competed in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championship on April 2. They are (back row, from left): Michaela Phelps, Emily Luna, Kathleen McSweeney, Laura Fitzmaurice; (middle row, from left): Katherine Ricchetti, Alexandria Gulotta, Rachel Wiedman, Kala Terselic, Melissa Lopez, Cesia Garcia; (front row, from left): Laura Roby, Deandra Miller, Amanda Miller and April Aquino. On March 23, Willowbrook hosted a State send-off celebration as the team left to compete in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championship on April 2 in La Porte, Ind. The team competed in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit, a local circuit of Winter Guard International, where the group received two first-place awards within their class. The team also took second place at the Regional competition on March 20 at Carl Sandburg High School.

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Pictured are members of the cast and crew of Willowbrook's spring contest play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel, at a State send-off celebration on March 24. The group took part in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Drama & Group Interpretation Competition on April 1 and 2.

Willowbrook drama competes at state

VILLA PARK — On March 24, Willowbrook hosted a State sendoff celebration for the cast and crew of the school's spring contest play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel.

The group was scheduled to participate in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Drama & Group Interpretation Competition, on April 1 and 2 at University of Illinois Springfield.

The 46 WB students in the play competed against six other schools in the Sectional competition on March 19 to qualify for State. Willowbrook finished in 2nd place.

Several students also received awards:

Seniors Galen Bergsten and Hannah Watkins received All-Sectional Student Sound Director honors.

Sophomore Marissa Fairbank and senior Anthony Interrante received All-Sectional Student Lighting Director honors.

Senior Mariana Martens and sophomores Julia Cicero, Kathleen Cicero and Genevieve Corkery received All-Sectional Cast honors.

"Dancing at Lughnasa" tells the story of five unmarried sisters, one with a young son,

eking out their lives in a small village in Ireland in 1936. It is the time of the festival of Lughnasa, which celebrates the pagan god of the harvest with drunken revelry and dancing. Their spare existence is interrupted by brief, colorful bursts of music from the radio, their only link to the romance and hope of the world at large. When the sisters finally dance to a wild, pagan Irish tune, they embody the core of the human spirit that cannot be vanquished by time or loss, or fully expressed in language.

The students also performed the play on March 24 at Willowbrook.



Willowbrook students perform a scene from the school's spring contest play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel. Pictured are (from left) sophomore Kathleen Cicero, senior Mariana Martens, sophomore Julia Cicero, freshman Claire Mitchell and sophomore Genevieve Corkery. The play qualified for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Drama and Group Interpretation Competition, scheduled on April 1 and 2. The students also performed the play on March 24 at Willowbrook.

• CAPSULES

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recently begun experiencing unaccounted for water losses from its system. The cost of the audit is not-to-exceed \$28,000.

1) A Resolution approving an agreement between Villa Park and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for improvements to IL Rte. 38 (Roosevelt Rd.) between Summit Ave. and Route 83. Proposed improvements include a westbound right turn lane at Villa Ave., a raised median on portions of Roosevelt Road, new sidewalks and a traffic signal at Villa Ave. Total cost of the improvements are estimated at \$2,446,050, with the Village's share at \$68,316.

• The Board of Trustees also voted unanimously to approve the first reading of an Ordinance adopting the Village's annual budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2016.

• Village Trustee Reports: Trustee Nick Cuzzone noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission has an opening. Bob Wagner noted that the Environmental Concerns Commission has three openings for volunteers. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should contact Village Hall. Trustee Wagner also reminded residents that the Villa Park Adopt a Tree Program is a good way to memorialize a loved one. There are applications available for anyone interested in donating \$200 towards a tree to replace those lost to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

Conroy legislation targets fraudulent pension payments

SPRINGFIELD — To save taxpayer dollars and reduce fraud in the state's pension systems, state Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, recently filed legislation that would require state pension funds and retirement systems to adopt a system to routinely identify deceased recipients and stop pension payments to those individuals.

"To get our state's finances in order, we have a responsibility to the taxpayers to reduce wasteful government spending," she said. "This bill will codify existing practice to ensure that every pension fund and retirement system in the state is proactively removing deceased individuals from their systems each and every month. The state is facing unprecedented financial challenges, and we must consider every possible way to cut waste and make government more efficient."

Conroy filed House Bill 6030 in response to a study that discovered that over \$2 million in pension benefits had been paid to deceased

recipients from 2010 to 2014. Conroy's legislation will require state pension funds and retirement systems to adopt a method to identify anyone who has passed away every month and stop payments from being given to the deceased. Retirement funds may choose their own method of identifying recently deceased annuitants, including contracting through third-party companies or utilizing existing data from the Social Security Administration or Illinois Department of Public Health.

"After someone passes away, we should make it a priority to cut off payments immediately," Conroy said. "Not only would this legislation save money, but it would also help families who are unaware of the steps that they have to take when a loved one passes away. The state must be held accountable to reduce spending, and this legislation is a simple, common-sense way to save millions of dollars."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 9 • Study Skills 101 at the Library

The Huntington Learning Center will be at the Villa Park Public Library at 1 p.m. to present Study Skills 101. This practical 45-minute workshop offers parents of elementary and middle school students the tools to tackle common homework problems. The presentation will be followed by a 15-minute question and answer session. Registration is required. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Monday, April 11 • Special Storytime at Cornerstone Books

From 9:30-10 a.m., the Villa Park Library's Storytime will be held at Cornerstone Books (22 S. Villa Ave.) once a month to tell stories and bring enthusiasm for reading to a new setting. Snacks provided by Mike's Market. Info: call 630-834-1176.

• VPRD's Family Fun event

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Villa Park Recreation will host Spring Into Family Fun at the Iowa Community Center. Enjoy inflatable jump houses, play Life Size Operation and other live entertainment. Food will be available for purchase from Michael Anthony's. Pre-registration fee: \$10 per family of four (\$2 additional family members); day of the event: \$15 per family of four (\$5 addl. family members.)

• Tattoos 101 at the Library

Tattoo scholar, Anna Felicity Friedman, will be at the Villa Park Public Library at 7 p.m. for a visual and audience-interactive talk about tattoo history, culture, and design. Come view examples of current cutting-edge artistic work and learn important health and safety issues in tattooing, especially for teens. Info: visit the website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Tuesday, April 12

• Coloring classes for all ages

From 3:30-5 p.m., tweens and teens in grades 5 and up are invited to join the Just Add Color Club at the Villa Park Library. Drop-in, no registration required. Info: 630-834-1176

Wednesday, April 13

• Friends of the Library to meet, taste cheese

All are welcome to attend a general meeting of the Friends of the Villa Park Library at 6:30 p.m. Afterwards, stick around for a raw milk cheese tasting class led by Meredith Meder, an ACS Certified Cheese Professional. Tasting fee: \$7 per person. Registration is required. Info: visit the website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Saturday, April 16

• State Rep. Conroy's annual community shred fest

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., State Rep. Deb Conroy will host her

4th annual community shred fest in the parking lot of her constituent services office at 28 S. Villa Ave. Local residents and businesses may bring up to two boxes of documents such as old tax forms, outdated medical records, pay stubs, credit card applications, or old bills for shredding. Conroy is also collecting old cell phones to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers to benefit military personnel serving overseas. Info: 630-415-3520 or by email to RepDebConroy@gmail.com.

• Career workshops at the Library

From 9:30-11:30 a.m., looking for a new career but don't know where to start? Attend a Saturday morning Career Re-Launcher Workshop (The CREW™) at the Villa Park Library, led by Tom Somora, an employment services representative with IDES (Illinois Department of Employment Services). Registration is required for each session. Info: 630-834-1164 or vppl.info.

• VPRD Spring Into Family Fun event

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., head to the Iowa Community Center for Spring Into Family Fun, a morning of jumping and climbing through inflatable houses, playing Life-Size Operation® and enjoying live entertainment. Food available for purchase from Michael Anthony's. With pre-registration, the fee is \$10 per family of four, \$2 each additional family member. The fee is \$15 per family of four (\$5 add'l.) on the day of the event.

Monday, April 18 • Library Board seeks public input at open house events

The Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is hosting two Open House events, one from 1-3 p.m., and another from 7-9 p.m. The Library Board, staff, and architects will be on hand to share information about the library facility analysis, space, and service needs at the library. Info: Sandra Hill at 834-1164, Ext. 111

Sunday, April 24

• "What's Up, Zak?" presentation at Faith Evangelical UMC

At 6:30 p.m., the Children's Choirs of Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church, 111 W. North Ave., Elmhurst, will present "What's Up, Zak?" Children from the church and community, preschool through eighth grade, will be involved in the presentation. The church is located on the corner of North Avenue and York Road. Info: call (630) 941-0212 or faithelm@gmail.com.

Friday, April 29 • VPRD hosts Mom and Son Night

From 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Parks

and Recreation is holding its Mom and Son Night at Sugar Creek Golf Course, 500 E. Van Buren. With a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle theme, couples will enjoy a night of music, games and entertainment by Coach Josh, along with a pizza and pasta buffet from Michael Anthony's. A keepsake photo is included. Fee: \$39 per couple/\$15 each additional son. Corsages and boutonnieres are available for purchase at registration. Pre-register at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa.

Ongoing events

Story Time series continues at the Library

New storytime sessions in the Youth Services Department of the Villa Park Library start in April and are as follows:

- Babies and Books (9-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays)
- Toddler Time (10-10:30 a.m. Mondays or Thursdays)
- Family Storytime (10-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays)
- Story Circle for Preschoolers (9:30-10 a.m. Wednesdays)
- Ready for Reading (1:15-2 p.m. Thursdays)

These storytime sessions will introduce the world of language and books to children. They include singing, stories, rhymes, and a variety of preschool S.T.E.A.M.-based and S.T.E.M.-based activities. Most story times require registration and have recommended age ranges. Info: 630-834-1164 or vppl.info

• Dog obedience classes

Sign up now for K-9 Good Manners dog obedience classes offered by Villa Park Recreation. Registration is ongoing; register your pet when you think training is needed. Your pup will participate in seven classes regardless of when you enroll. The fee for these K-9 classes is \$95. Classes are held Wednesday evenings at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Info: call 630-834-8525.

• Homework help available at library

Need some extra help with homework? Students in grades K-12 can attend Drop-In Homework Help at the Villa Park Public Library on Tuesdays through April 26. Volunteers from College of DuPage will be available from 6-8 Tuesday nights to provide help on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: vppl.info or call 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 available for purchase includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

Willowbrook Guidance Department hosts College and Career Awareness Week



courtesy photos

From March 21 to 24, the Willowbrook Guidance Department hosted a College and Career Awareness Week. As part of that event, the school hosted a Military Fair on March 21. (top left): Junior Antonio Gonzalez works on the pull-up bar during the fair, under the guidance of Pvt. 1st Class Fanny Herrera with the U.S. Army Reserve. (top right): Senior Jacklyn Peterson builds up her strength during the event. (bottom left): U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Rosario Cristao speaks with (from left) junior Arham Khaliq, junior Tim Gomez and senior Austin Witkowski. (bottom right): AMT2 Steve Mann with the U.S. Coast Guard speaks with junior Jack Skilton.



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Spotlight on schools



BEV HORNE/bhorne@dailyherald.com
 DuPage High School District 88 educators say Willowbrook High School Principal Daniel Krause brings energy and enthusiasm to the students and staff at the Villa Park school. Krause is a finalist for a Golden Apple leadership award.

Gamers, fantasy rule at CODCON

BY ELISABETH MISTRETTA
Daily Herald Correspondent

This weekend you don't have to travel across realms — or even very far from home — to enter the magical worlds of warlocks, sorcerers and Druids.

At College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, gaming fans and novices alike can visit the mystical lands that are the basis of role playing staples like Dungeons & Dragons or Dominion during the 21st annual CODCON.

The event is the gaming convention for the College of DuPage Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club and this year's theme, "Down the Rabbit Hole," plays on the "Alice in Wonderland" idea of being lost in another dimension.

"This started more than two decades ago, not only as a fundraiser for the club, raising money for events like going to sci-fi movies, the Renaissance Faire or Laser Quest, but because, at that time, there weren't these types of affordable gaming events in our area. So our officers thought it would be a fun thing to try," said COD English professor James Allen, who sponsors the club.

The first CODCON was a one-day event that attracted a handful of people. Today, it has grown to draw more

Living by the code

How Willowbrook principal defines what it means to be a Warrior

By ANN PICCININNI
Daily Herald correspondent

For his efforts to create a positive learning environment for his students and a positive workplace for his faculty and staff, Willowbrook High School Principal Daniel Krause has been named one of four finalists for the 2016 Golden Apple Stanley C. Golden Leadership Award.

Golden Apple nominee

"I am incredibly humbled. This is a great recognition for the school," Krause said. "The real work happens because of the amazing staff and community. It takes that for anything to be successful."

The school's Warrior Code was introduced at Willowbrook when Krause became principal in 2007 and helps reinforce a set of cultural values — be respectful, be responsible, be engaged — that set the tone for improved student achievement.

"It began nine years ago," he said. "It helped to bring a common understanding, a common vocabulary. It helped to redefine what it means to be a Warrior."

It's just one of the initiatives Krause has championed at the Villa Park school that makes him a finalist for



BEV HORNE/bhorne@dailyherald.com
Since taking the helm of Willowbrook High School in 2007, Principal Daniel Krause — talking with senior Bridget Garner — has worked to create a positive learning environment for students.

the statewide educational leadership award.

"We obviously work hand-in-hand with the elementary school districts to make sure there's a smooth transition to us," Krause said. "We also have 23

transferable to College of DuPage, he said.

"We continuously keep a focus on their life after high school. We want to be sure they'll be successful," he said.

The winner of the Leadership Award will be announced later this spring when Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching also will be announced. The award winner will receive \$10,000 for professional development and a school project.

Ten Illinois teachers will be chosen for the teaching awards from a field of 30 finalists. Each winner will receive \$5,000, a tuition-free quarter to study at Northwestern University and membership in the Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators.

Krause's finalist status in the Golden

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days and features dozens of games, cosplay (including costume and makeup tutorials for those who want to learn how to emulate their favorite superheroes), a treasure hunt, art exhibits and more.

Art exhibits will include handmade jewelry from crafters Bree Strom and Alastair Lunleen; Owl Post Greetings, which feature handmade greeting cards and bookmarks inspired by sci-fi and fantasy like Harry Potter, J.R.R. Tolkien, Dr. Who and others; and poster prints, small prints, stickers, small clay sculptures, watercolor commissions and more by artist Lizzy

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What's new

What: 21st annual CODCON gaming convention: "Down the Rabbit Hole"

When: 6 to 11 p.m. today; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 9; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10

Where: College of DuPage Student Resource Center, Room 2000, on campus, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

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na role-playing games. "It's a great way for the old and new members in our club to connect, and it's an inexpensive and fun way for anyone interested in gaming.

noon or a weekend," Aulen said. "Even if you're just a little curious." The CODCON gaming slots are from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 8; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 6 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10. Times may vary, however, and visitors should visit the event schedule at codcon.com for full details.

Krause: He lives by Warrior Code

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Apple award program has engendered pride on the part of his colleagues.

"It's exciting. It's just a reflection of what goes on," said DuPage High School District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton. "Anytime a leader is recognized, it speaks to what goes on at a number of levels."

Helton said he first met Krause when both educators worked in another district. Krause was serving as a math division chairman. Helton later hired Krause as assistant principal at Addison Trail High School. Krause subsequently became assistant principal at Willowbrook High School before becoming principal.

"He's a high-energy guy who really cares about the kids. He's done some amazing things," Helton said. "He believes in best practices."

Helton said students and faculty respond to Krause's personal attention to detail.

"He's there for all the kids. If you walk the halls, he knows the kids. He knows them by name. He knows their parents," Helton said.

Brian Chelmecki is in his second year as math department chairman at Willowbrook.

"He was one of the big things that attracted me to working at Willowbrook High School," Chelmecki said. "He really impressed me."

Chelmecki said the Warrior Code has been an effective motivational tool for students.

"They're excited to be Warriors," he said. "It gives them

more drive and excitement about being at school."

Chelmecki said Krause's management style also is a plus for faculty and staff.

"From a day-to-day perspective, he believes in shared leadership," he said. "He trusts us on the leadership team."

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Jonathan Rudy, a native of Batavia, is a laureate of several performance competitions and won First Prize and the Audience Prize at the American Guild of Organists 2014 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance.

WB drama named state champs in technical performance

Sophomore named to All-State Cast

VILLA PARK — The cast and crew of Willowbrook's spring contest play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel, recently participated in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Drama & Group Interpretation Competition.

That event took place on April 1 and 2 at University of Illinois Springfield, and Willowbrook received several awards.

State Champions in Technical Performance - Mid-size Set Sophomore Genevieve Corkery was named to the All-State Cast.

The production placed 6th overall.

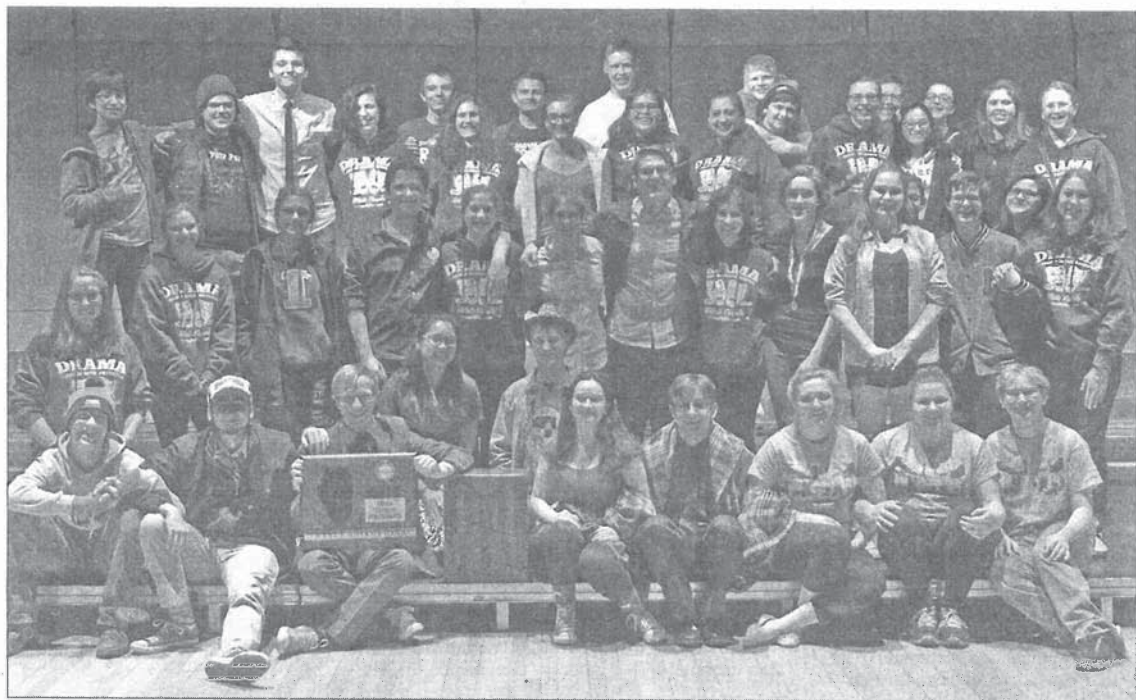
"Dancing at Lughnasa" tells the story of five unmarried sis-

ters, one with a young son, eking out their lives in a small village in Ireland in 1936. It is the time of the festival of Lughnasa, which celebrates the pagan god of the harvest with drunken revelry and dancing. Their spare existence is interrupted by brief, colorful

bursts of music from the radio, their only link to the romance and hope of the world at large. When the sisters finally dance to a wild, pagan Irish tune, they embody the core of the human spirit that cannot be vanquished by time or loss, or fully expressed in language.



Pictured is Willowbrook sophomore Genevieve Corkery. She's wearing the medal she earned for being named to the All-State Cast for her performance in Willowbrook's spring contest play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel, during the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Drama & Group Interpretation Competition. That event took place on April 1 and 2 at University of Illinois Springfield.



The cast and crew of Willowbrook's spring contest play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel, pose with the 1st-place trophy they won in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Drama & Group Interpretation Competition (they are State Champions in Technical Performance - Mid-size Set). That event took place on April 1 and 2 at University of Illinois Springfield. photos provided

Livin' La Vida Local

(Like a rich uncle's will, this column should be read aloud in front of people hoping for more.)

So right now I'm busy thumb-rolling the glue globs off the back of the plastic cards informing me that I can take an extra 10% off at a store I never go to.

It's like that for us city dwellers. Living in the urban jungle that we call downtown Elmhurst means sometimes you get the bear, and sometimes the bear gets even. Either way, you're left licking your wounds and having claw soup for dinner.

Speaking of dinner, that's one of the great things about living downtown: when you're hungry, and even

Sally
Sotos
Columnist



when you're not, you're never more than a fork-throw away from a place to eat.

And unlike grabbing a bite in your own kitchen, a restaurant meal usually doesn't end with a food fight.

Usually.

Plus, eating out means your own place doesn't get the cooking smells. Of course, you can't do anything about your neighbor who insists on fermenting cabbage in her

spare time. That odor creeps up on you like a stalker out on bail.

But there's no sense arguing with that neighbor about her kimchi. She'll just make more, and now she'll be angry. I don't know about you, but I need an angry neighbor like Quasimodo needed a backpack.

So you put your temper on Airplane Mode, you set your exhaust fan all the way up to 11, and you go out hunting for food.

At dawn, the street looks like it had been left out all night. You can stroll to your favorite coffee shop and order a bottomless cup to go. Or if your appetite's more serious, there are plenty of places where you can sit down and

stuff yourself silly, like a bank that's too big to fail.

After breakfast, you can get your exercise pushing yourself away from the table, or you can head out to one of the downtown's numerous fitness centers. Sure, some folks think exercising is as useless as a tailor in a nudist colony, but others see it differently.

At any rate, after you've scoped out a few alleys and tried to figure out what happened to last night, it's time for lunch.

Now here's where you can get a little confused, like a bird that flies into your picture window. Some downtown restaurants are open for breakfast and lunch, but not dinner; some are open

for lunch and dinner, but not breakfast; some are closed from November to March; and the most exclusive ones are never open.

That's a lot of info. You think it's easy to pick up? That's what Bill Buckner thought.

Well, eventually you eat your way through downtown and stagger home, where you are nose-slapped with Essence of Boiled Cabbage from next door, and the whole cycle begins again.

Ah well, what can you do? Practice tying your shoes, play darts in the dark, try to get some shut-eye, and remember: living in downtown Elmhurst means never having to say you're hungry.

SPORTS

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Headlock Wrestling's Matthews wins state title

Addison Trail boys volleyball team victorious

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Seven wrestlers from the Headlock Wrestling Academy, which is the kids feeder program for Addison Trail High School, recently competed in the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation novice and senior state championships.

The Novice Division is for 10-12-year-old wrestlers, while the Senior Division is for 12-14-year-old wrestlers.

Wrestlers qualified through both regional and sectional tournaments to advance to state.

At the state meet, Jake Matthews won the state title in the 108-pound Novice Division. Nick Skamra took fifth place in the 177-pound Senior Division, while John Asiruas took eighth place in the 74-pound Senior Division.

Other state qualifiers included Caden Votruba in the 115-pound Novice Division, Gavin Ranquist in the 79-pound Senior Division, Jonathan Chadez in the 84-pound Senior Division and Xavier Sierra in the 156-pound Senior Division.

The team is coached by Headlock Wrestling Academy owner Sam Geraci.

The Independent will have more on this in next week's paper.

Addison Trail boys volleyball The Addison Trail boys volleyball team recorded a recent 25-22, 10-25, 25-23 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Hinsdale South.

Mikay Strycharz had 15 kills and two aces. Jacob Grygo had 15 assists and six kills. Colton Noel had five kills. David Zielinski added nine digs and 14 assists, while Arlind Rojba had 18 digs. The win moved Addison Trail to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in WSC Gold play.

Strong pitching aiding Willowbrook baseball team in early going

Warriors tackle tough early-season schedule

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Right out of the gates, the Willowbrook baseball team has encountered numerous quality opponents.

The Warriors were 2-4 through their first six non-conference games. Willowbrook defeated Naperville North and Maine West and lost to Glenbard South, Glenbard East, Batavia and Oak Park-River Forest.

"Oak Park is the best team I've seen in my time coaching," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "We were up on them 5-4 in the sixth inning. They are a really good team that is very well-coached. Batavia is ranked No. 10 (by one suburban daily newspaper) and we were up on them 1-0 in the sixth inning."

Willowbrook lost 3-1 to Batavia and also dropped a 3-2 game to Glenbard

East.

"Last year we won nine one-run games," said Wisner. "This year a little luck is falling on the other side."

Still, Wisner is seeing plenty of things he likes in the early going.

"We are able to manufacture runs," he said. "We're swinging the bats well. Oak Park had a kid throwing that had given up one hit all year. We had seven or eight hits against him. We were putting together really good at-bats. Our thing is we haven't been able to hold on in these low-scoring games."

Wisner enjoys playing tough teams at the start of the season.

"The way we look at it, playing this many top teams right away toughens us up and gets us ready for the conference season and the postseason," he said. "We have faced some top-line pitching. It's only going to help us down the road."

Willowbrook also has benefitted from strong pitching. "Pitching was going to be a strong point for us," he said. "We've had some real good

pitching so far. Our thing is we're not getting that timely hit. We're getting seven, eight and nine hits a game, but instead of scoring three runs in an inning, we're scoring one. It happens. We'll get those timely hits. We hit the ball and have great at-bats and go deep into counts. The hits are going to fall because we are getting good swings."

On the mound, Cam Zunkel has been a standout, as has Matt Pizur.

"Cam has looked great on the mound and in the field," said Wisner. "He's a returning all-conference player. Matt Pizur has pitched well for us and has hit very well."

TJ Geritano also has played well thus far. "TJ has had a strong two weeks for us," said Wisner.

Willowbrook is scheduled to host Hinsdale Central today and will face Morton on the road Saturday in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division doubleheader. The following weekend the Warriors start an important league series with preseason conference favorite Hinsdale South.

Stoklosa, Pikul and Riley leading Fenton softball offensive charge

Bison competed in Tennessee over spring break

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Numerous Fenton softball players were off to hot starts at the plate through the team's first nine games.

Alex Stoklosa was leading the team with a .429 batting average. Diana Pikul was hitting .409, while Rose Riley was batting .389.

"Alex has stood out so far this season," said Fenton coach Dave Mello. "It's great to see her leading the team in both average and on-base percentage. She has done most of her damage with two strikes."

Riley was leading the team with nine RBI, while Ellie Wassmann, Jenna Geraci and Pikul each had five RBI.

"Our best attribute at the plate so far this season is that each and every batter is battling regardless of the score," said Mello. "We've had some of our best at-

bats late in the game."

Freshman Payton Pugliese leads the team's pitching staff in ERA.

"Our pitchers are focusing on throwing strikes early in the count and getting ahead of hitters," said Mello. "We are falling behind in the count too often and that is leading to way too many walks."

Riley has been a standout as well in the field. "Rose has made two diving catches as well as a couple other really nice plays," said Mello. "She is very quick to get the ball back into the infield when it is hit to her. We are still making too many errors, but have really shown a lot of promise in practice. The girls have been making some nice defensive plays."

Over spring break, Fenton competed in the Southern Warrior Classic in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Fenton played Independence (Tenn.), White House Heritage (Tenn.), Stewart's Creel (Tenn.) and Lancaster (Ohio). Timothy also dropped a recent 10-0 decision to Chicago Resurrection.

"We have played some good teams in Illinois and then ran into some very good teams in Tennessee," said Mello. "The trip to Tennessee was a lot of fun because it gave everyone the chance to experience out-of-state competition and then enjoy time together off the field. We were able to conclude the trip with a nice team night of dinner and sight-seeing in Nashville."

Mello noted after the team returned from the trip, it endured a stretch of five games being cancelled by weather in a six-game span.

Mello added the cancellations have brought about a two-week practice period. "We only had two weeks of practice at the beginning of the season before our first game so this will be like a new start to the season," he said. "I am excited to see how we do when Mother Nature allows us to play again."

Fenton had games scheduled this week with Illiana Christian, St. Edward, Fenwick, IC Catholic Prep (today in Elmhurst) and Addison Trail (at home Friday).

All-conference performer Raza back for Willowbrook boys tennis

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys tennis team has some strong experience to lean on this season.

The Blazers return No. 1 singles player Alex Franco. The senior earned all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division honors after placing second in the league at No. 1 singles.

Also back are juniors Nico Favuzzi (No. 2 singles) and Josh Sapnu (No. 1 doubles). Favuzzi and Sapnu played No. 1 doubles together last year.

Addison Trail placed fifth in the WSC Gold last year and opened up the 2016 season with a 6-1 non-conference loss to Timothy Christian.

"This year we are hoping to improve our conference place from fifth to fourth or third," said Addison Trail coach Justin Hegner. "We have been working hard at not just being good tennis players physically, but mentally as well. We have worked at making smart shots instead of just hitting the ball hard. In doubles we are working on position just as much as working on our shots. So far the players have been responding well to this."

Despite the loss to Timothy, Hegner had positive takeaways. "In our first match we had some close matches that we ended up

"This is the best incoming freshman class I've had in seven years at Willowbrook."

—Ed DeLaCruz, Willowbrook coach

losing, but we fought hard to the end and that's the mentality I want them to have—fighting until the last shot whether we win or lose."

Willowbrook boys tennis

The Willowbrook boys tennis team is coming off a 2015 season where it went 9-7 in dual matches and took third in the WSC Gold Division.

The Warriors lost nine of 11 starters from a year ago (all seniors).

"This year we are reloading on talent," said Willowbrook coach Ed DeLaCruz.

Willowbrook split its first two dual matches. The Warriors defeated Riverside-Brookfield 6-1 and lost to Glenbard East 6-1.

"The weather has been an issue to start the season as many matches have needed to be made up," said DeLaCruz.

DeLaCruz does return two key starters in seniors Khateeb Raza (No. 1 singles) and Mike Sommers (No. 2 singles). Raza

was an all-WSC Gold Division selection last year.

DeLaCruz is excited about the program's freshman class. "This is the best incoming freshman class I've had in seven years at Willowbrook," he said.

Freshman Drake DelValle (No. 2 doubles) and Mark Lobdell (No. 3 doubles) are varsity starters. Sophomores Abdullah Kaludi (No. 3 singles) and Raiq Siddiq (No. 2 doubles) also are contributors. "They are two very good sophomores," said DeLaCruz.

The coach does not label this season as a rebuilding one. "I don't want to say this is a rebuilding year because we will be very competitive in match play throughout the season," he said. "The future does look bright to take the program to another level. Singles will be a key to our success this year because in doubles we have some younger players trying to get experience under their belt."

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DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ANGELA R. LORUSSO A/K/A ANGELA LORUSSO, A/K/A ANGELA CIMMARRUSTI, A/K/A ANGELA R. FIORE, A/K/A ANGELA FIORE; HIGHVIEW PARK TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

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64 SOUTH RUGA COURT
ADDISON, IL 60101

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU,

Angela R. Lorusso a/k/a Angela Lorusso, a/k/a Angela Cimmarrusti, a/k/a Angela R. Fiore, a/k/a Angela Fiore

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 16 IN HIGHVIEW PARK TOWNHOMES PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, IN HIGHVIEW'S RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF THE EAST 237.0 FEET OF BLOCK 12 (AS MEASURED ON THE NORTH LINE) IN HIGHVIEW SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 7, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 27, 1985 AS DOCUMENT R85-14014, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 64 South Ruga Court, Addison, IL 60101

and which said Mortgage was made by, Angela R. Lorusso a/k/a Angela Lorusso, a/k/a Angela Cimmarrusti, a/k/a Angela R. Fiore, a/k/a Angela Fiore

Mortgagee(s), to Chicago Funding, Inc. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DuPage County, Illinois, as Document No. R2004-144867; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County,

Chris Kachiroubas
DuPage Judicial Center 505 N. County Farm Rd.

Wheaton, IL 60187
on or before MAY 9, 2016, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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File No. 250642-17866
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY -
WHEATON, ILLINOIS
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC
PLAINTIFF
VS.

RICHARD G. WINDBIEL A/K/A RICHARD WINDBIEL; VICTORIA WINDBIEL A/K/A VICTORIA L. WINDBIEL A/K/A VICTORIA VERBA; THE BANK

OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT, STATE OF ILLINOIS;
DEFENDANTS

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1695 WOODLAND AVENUE
ADDISON, IL 60101

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

****THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE****
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on February 23, 2016, DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF IN DU PAGE County, Illinois, will on May 24, 2016, in 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DU PAGE, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 24 IN 1ST ADDITION TO GREEN RIDGE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 21, 1966 AS DOCUMENT NO. R66-5887, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 03-19-301-008 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1695 WOODLAND AVENUE ADDISON, IL 60101 Description of Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY HOME, NOT FOR SALE, UTIL ON The Judgment amount was \$223,882.04. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://wservice.atty-pierce.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA1400277. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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Willowbrook softball team off to strong start

Conforti wins first three pitching decisions

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook softball team was off to a 3-1 start through its first four games of the season.

The Warriors lost a non-conference game to Plainfield Central and then swept a doubleheader from West Chicago. Willowbrook also recorded a non-conference win over Riverside-Brookfield.

Pitcher Sabrina Conforti was 3-0 through the first four games and had 12 strikeouts in 21

innings of work.

"Sabrina is forcing hitters to get the ball in play and is getting outs," said Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos.

Willowbrook also is making things happen at the plate. "We're putting the ball in play and are forcing teams to play defense," said Karos. "We have continued to get stronger at the plate with each game."

Defense is something the Warriors are hard at work improving upon. "We are young so we are making a couple errors per game right now," said Karos. "We are going to have to get better defensively, but we have seen improvement in this area with each game."

Sophomore Katie Smith was leading the team in batting

average through the first four games.

"Katie is improving defensively each game and is leading the team in batting average," said Karos.

Senior Kaylin Schuda was cited for strong leadership. "Kaylin is hitting the ball hard, but more importantly is showing her leadership."

Junior Veronica Swan had a game-winning single in one of the West Chicago games. "We've had several instances of clutch hitting from Veronica," said Karos.

At the plate, Smith was 6-for-11 with four RBI through the team's first four games. Brianna Richardson was 6-for-15 with two doubles and six runs scored. Schuda was 6-for-14

with five runs scored and four RBI.

Alexa Henderson was 5-for-11, while Swan, Emily King (1 home run) and Megan Talan each had three hits. Meghan Koterba had one home run and four RBI.

Willowbrook is scheduled to travel to Wheeling Thursday for a non-conference game. The Warriors host Morton in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division game Friday and host Reavis in a non-conference doubleheader Saturday.

"I've been really happy with the amount of improvement we've had in such a short period of time," said Karos. "We are young, but we continue to play with more confidence each game."

IC Catholic Prep girls soccer team making progress

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep girls soccer team has relied on a mix of experience and youth to achieve successes in the early part of the season.

The Knights started the season with a 2-1-1 mark, scoring wins over T-F United (3-0) and Regina (3-1). IC Catholic Prep dropped a 3-0 decision to Lincoln-Way East and went to a 2-2 stalemate with Argo.

Through the first four games, Grace Fuller and freshman Olivia Hurt each had scored two goals, while Tessa Langan was the team leader in assists with three.

"So far I've really liked our possession in most of the games," said IC Catholic Prep interim coach Tom Schergen, who also is the school's athletic director.

"In most of the games we've controlled possession. One of the issues we've had is finishing. We were 0-0 with five minutes left against Lincoln-Way East and we ran out of gas and couldn't finish. We have some youth up top and they are working on consistently finishing. We're putting it together. We think we can compete with just about anybody."

Scherger noted the Knights have 18 underclassmen on the roster and only four seniors. "We are young," he said. "But there is definitely promising talent here. Our junior class is very strong and we have a pretty strong freshman class. We start two freshmen and a third comes off the bench. Our goal as always is to compete during the season and get ourselves

ready for the Class 1A state playoffs at the end of the year."

The Knights are receiving key contributions from a host of players including the likes of Langan, a junior midfielder, and sophomore forward-midfielder Grace Fuller, along with junior defender Tess Reardon, a three-sport athlete at the school.

"Grace got hurt halfway through last year," said Schergen. "She was having a very good freshman year and then had a stress fracture. She's come back very strong this year. Tess Reardon is a three-sport athlete who is a very smart player."

Also back after being slowed by injury is junior defender Kaitlin Grady, who Schergen noted combines with Reardon to create a formidable central defensive pairing.

Hurt and sophomore Sophie Zanoni are youngsters contributing up top. Hurt is the sister of IC Catholic Prep golf stand-out Maddie Hurt.

"Olivia is a good club player and has come in here hitting the ground running for us," said Schergen.

Sophomore Rochelle Spizzirri is the Knight's goalkeeper. "She played two games in goal last year," said Schergen. "She's relatively inexperienced, but her first game of the year she earned a shutout for us. Rochelle has made some big saves for us and every game she gets more comfortable and more accustomed to the position."

Scherger also lauded the contributions of senior midfielders Emma Hendricks and Maeva Gillette. "Both of them have stepped up for us," said Schergen. "Emma is a super-utility

player. She's played almost every position on the field. She plays all-around depending on the situation."

Scherger likes the fact he can rely on so many players up and down his roster. "That's what I'm very happy with," he said. "Sometimes you might have to try and hide a weak spot on the field. We feel with our 11 starting players out there, we have a strong lineup and compete with teams."

Scherger also has been happy with how quickly the team has meshed, given players such as Fuller and Grady were not with the team for full stretches last season.

"One of my worries was

how fast we would gel," he said. "With Grace and Kaitlyn coming back and the freshmen playing a big part, I've been extremely impressed with how fast the girls have started to put things together."

Scherger has stepped into the head coaching position in place of Tod Privett, who is taking the year off to watch his son and daughter play their spring seasons of boys volleyball and girls soccer respectively at York. Schergen has extensive high-school soccer coaching experience from his time at Bremen, Mt. Carmel and Marist. He enjoyed head-coaching stints at Bremen and Mt. Carmel.

The Don of A New Day in Sports

David beats Goliath again

I hope some of you got to see the NCAA basketball championship game between Villanova and North Carolina. With no time remaining on the clock, on a perfect pass from MVP Ryan Arcidiacono, Kris Jenkins made a 3-point shot to win the game for Villanova 77-74. Villanova is a small private school in Philadelphia and North Carolina is a large state school.



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