

District 88 holds Relay For Life

Students raise more than \$40,000 for the American Cancer Society

Willowbrook and Addison Trail recently showed giving back is a cornerstone of District 88 pride.

On March 14, the 11th annual Relay For Life of District 88 Youth event took place at Willowbrook, and more than 350 students and community members attended the relay. This year's event raised \$43,463 for the American Cancer Society. In total, this event has collected more than \$700,000 during the last 11 years.

Participants enjoyed a variety of activities and games, and there also was a luminaria to honor more than

100 individuals who are fighting cancer or who have lost their battle with cancer. T

The relay began by celebrating more than 12 survivors, as they walked the first lap around the track.

The top three teams with fundraising are:

1. Raise for a Cur3: \$11,642
2. It's Po2zible: \$10,182
3. BLAZERS 2022: \$6,182

Tad Tchop, a student in the District 88 Transition Program, continues to raise funds for the event. This year, he raised \$3,553.80.



Above: These volunteers set up a display table for the 11th annual Relay For Life of District 88 Youth event which took place recently at Willowbrook. The District 88 event has collected more than \$700,000 over the last 11 years.

Left: Volunteers set up a table with supplies to prepare for District 88's Relay for Life held recently at Willowbrook High School. More than 350 students took part in the 11th annual event.



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Relay means purple

These gentlemen – one with purple hair, the other in a purple boa – take a lap around the track at Willowbrook, where the 11th annual Relay For Life of District 88 Youth event took place recently. The effort raised \$43,463 for the American Cancer Society.

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Village, Addison school districts host 'Realtor Day'

Barbanente: 'Success is a result of our partnerships'

Last week, the Village of Addison joined School Districts 88 and 4 to host about 90 local real estate agents to Addison Trail for a Realtor Day luncheon.

The purpose was to provide the realtors with materials and details about the community and school districts to ensure they have the most up-to-date and accurate information to share with their clients.

During the luncheon, participants enjoyed food prepared by the school's culinary students, musical entertainment provided by the school's orchestra musicians and a tour of the high school. There were

handouts, videos and presentations and hosted question-and-answer sessions.

"At District 88, we know our success is a result of our partnerships," said Dr. Jean Barbanente, superintendent of School District 88. "From a knowledgeable and supportive Board of Education; to involved and engaged parents, community members and students; to a committed and passionate teaching staff - it is the relationships we have that allow us to achieve our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement."

'Addison Uncorked' fundraiser supports variety of local groups

The Addison Historical Society, the Addison Center for the Arts and the Women's Club of Addison will be hosting "Addison Uncorked," a wine and craft beer tasting fundraiser on Tuesday, June 28 from 6-9 p.m. on the grounds of the Addison Historical Museum.

Underneath the stars in the museum's courtyard, guests will be able to sample a wide variety of fine wines and craft beer selections while listening to the popular classics as performed by Chicago guitarist Hector Fernandez. Vintage wines and craft beers will be provided by August Hill Winery, Sal's Beverage World, Church St. Brewing Company and Bailey's Place. Light refreshments provided by Mario's Deli will also be served.

About the organizations

The Addison Historical Society collects, preserves and exhibits documents and artifacts relating to local history. The Addison Center of the Arts presents visual and per-

forming arts. The Women's Club of Addison supports local charitable causes, works to enhance the local community and contribute to the personal growth of its members. Each organization sponsors an annual college scholarship for graduating high school seniors.

Advance tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the museum website at addisonadvantage.org/visitors/history_2/addison_uncorked_2022.php. Event tickets at will also be available at the door for \$25 each. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

The Addison Historical Museum is located at 135 W. Army Trail Boulevard south of Village Hall. Free event parking will be available in the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church parking lot off of May St. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the Village Hall Rotunda.

For more information, contact the Addison Historical Museum at 630-628-1433.



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Chicago guitarist Hector Fernandez will perform Tuesday, June 28 at Addison Uncorked to be held on the grounds of the Addison Historical Museum. Funds raised will support the Addison Historical Society, the Addison Center for the Arts and the Women's Club of Addison. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For more information, call the Addison Historical Museum at 630-628-1433.



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District 88 superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente gives a presentation to more than 30 realtors gathered on Tuesday, May 17 at Addison Trail High School for "Realtor Day" to hear the latest news from the Village of Addison, Addison School District 4 and DuPage High School District 88. Other speakers included District 4 Superintendent John Langton and Mayor Richard Veenstra, who debuted a marketing video for new residents highlighting Addison's many advantages. Barbanente and Langton discussed the impact of assessments and successes of schools on the local real estate market.

DuPage County ranks healthiest in Illinois

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) has announced that once again DuPage County has been ranked the healthiest county in Illinois, according to the 2022 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps.

The county rankings, produced annually by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, are an easy-to-use snapshot that compares counties within states, demonstrating that where you live influences how well and how long you live.

"I think it's particularly meaningful, that as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, DuPage County remains the healthiest county in Illinois," said DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin. "That means, together with our DuPage County Health Department, our

healthcare system partners and other providers, we lived up to our commitment to put our residents and their health first as we navigated this crisis. Our dedication continues. Now we'll focus on what we've learned, to design and deliver community initiatives that contribute to better health for everyone."

The rankings use more than 30 measures to help communities understand how healthy their residents are today (health outcomes) and what will impact their health in the future (health factors), which are used to measure the current overall health of each county in all 50 states.

While DuPage County has ranked in the top five in both categories for several years, this year the county was ranked No. 1 in both Health Factors and Health Outcomes among the 102 counties in Illinois.

•Funds (Continued from front page)

County Board of Health and HOPE Taskforce co-chair. "We have a culture of collaboration philosophy in DuPage and our new projects will broaden the impact of Taskforce efforts."

The HOPE Taskforce has reserved a portion of the allocated resources from the County Board to fund a second round of grant opportunities in the fall.

Other recipients of the HOPE Taskforce funds were:

- 516 Light Foundation - Sober Home Hope in North Aurora, which received \$10,000 to support individuals from relapsing after completing a treatment program by providing funds for a sober living home; and,

- Gateway Foundation in Downers Grove, which received \$20,330 to help expand treatment options by introducing Low Energy Neuro-feedback System (LENS) therapy to those seeking treatment for substance use or mental health issues.

Addison Trail seniors visit Elmhurst University

On May 17, Addison Trail seniors who are enrolled in District 88's new English 12 Collegiate Credit course visited Elmhurst University for their final field trip of the school year.

That class provides pupils with an opportunity to receive credit for Elmhurst University's English 105. The course is taught by District 88 teachers, in conjunction with Elmhurst University professors. Participants improve their vocabulary and writing skills and analyze literature in various forms, including novels, films, plays, essays, short stories and poetry.

The course focuses on improving writing for a variety of purposes and audiences, as well as encouraging students to develop their own writing style and voice. Students are recommended for this course by their junior-year English teacher and are approved by the English Department Head through an application process. This year, 27 District 88 pupils took the class.

During their visit to Elmhurst University, the Addison Trail students enjoyed lunch and presented their final paper to Elmhurst University faculty. The paper focused on the definition of community and how community impacts people's lives.



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These students took their final field trip of the school year at Elmhurst University. The students are enrolled in District 88's new English 12 Collegiate Credit course, taught by District 88 teachers in conjunction with Elmhurst University professors. The students not only improve their vocabulary and writing skills but analyze various forms of literature such as novels, films, plays and poetry.



A group of Addison Trail seniors pause for a group selfie while on the campus of Elmhurst University where they were able to receive credit for Elmhurst University's English 105, as members of District 88's new English 12 Collegiate Credit course. The students visited the campus as their final field trip of the school year.



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Village celebrates Public Works Department

Sunday, May 15 marked the start of the 62nd Annual National Public Works Week across the country. At a recent Village Board Meeting, Mayor Rich Veenstra presented Public Works Director Rick Federighi with a Proclamation recognizing the work done by the Public Works department that enhance health, safety, comfort and quality of life. "Public Works is all around you ... and all around our community! From patching streets, to replacing lights and ensuring storm and wastewater are handled appropriately, crews can be seen throughout the community."



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D88 shines at Lake Park Invite

On Saturday, May 14, Addison Trail and Willowbrook students participated in the Special Olympics Track Lancer Invite at Lake Park High School. The four students pictured here joined together and earned 2nd place in the 4x100-meter relay. They are (top row, from left): WB junior Andrew Brown, WB sophomore Gabriel Santoyo Jr. and WB senior Angeles Reza and AT junior Nathan Jacinto (front).

•GOP (Continued from page 7)

Darren Bailey as his opponent this November, and Darren Bailey is happily accepting Pritzker's assistance," Irvin spokeswoman Eleni Demertzis said in a statement. "Darren Bailey's candidacy is so weak he needs JB Pritzker to do his dirty work."

That statement came in an announcement from the Irvin camp that it was launching a new attack ad against Bailey, pegging him as "Pritzker's favorite tax-raising Republican."

The "tax-raising" attack is aimed at Bailey's time on the board of the North Clay School District from 1996 to 2012, when he frequently voted to raise tax levies, resulting in an 81 percent property tax increase in the district during his time on the school board.

Bailey has said he appreciates the DGA ads because they show both sides of the political establishment are underestimating him. And he's contended that Irvin is the Democratic plant.

"Democrats shouldn't be involved and spending money in our primary," his campaign said in a statement. "Richard Irvin is a career Democrat and puppet of the political elites, and he is meddling in our Republican primary, trying to fool voters with nothing but lies from his basement."

"Darren Bailey is the true conservative in this race who fought Pritzker over his lockdowns and mandates while Irvin was hugging and praising him."

The poll was released two days after Irvin was in Aurora for his first news conference since March. While he called it to publicize a state audit that showed the Illinois Department of Public Health failed to respond quickly to a deadly COVID-19 outbreak at a state-run vet-

erans home in the fall of 2020, Irvin largely used the time to drill down on number of issues Irvin has been avoiding.

He mostly dodged questions, tell reporters "let me finish" or "can I finish more than 20 times as he restated campaign talking points and attacks rather than answering. A *Chicago Tribune* headline blared: "GOP candidate for governor Richard Irvin holds a news conference but dances around questions on abortion and Trump."

Among the questions he dodged were those that sought to clarify his votes the 2016 and 2020 Democratic primary and whether he would support Trump in a 2024 election.

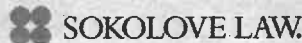
"That's exactly what JB Pritzker wants to be talking about," Irvin said. Except Irvin's camp has accused Eley and Sullivan of being "never-Trumps" and attacked Bailey for his own v in a 2008 Democratic primary.

We'll see if the Irvin camp via this week's news conference as an indicator that more practice with the me is needed, or if he reverts further into campaign insulated by the Griffin mor.

Pritzker, meanwhile, was pressed the DGA ads at a recent news conference stating he's not afraid of any Republican candidates, and any attacks against should be seen elevating "all of the good that Democrats have done in the state and that I as governor have done in state."

"Darren Bailey has been attacking policies since day one," Pritzker said. "Certainly if he becomes the Republican nominee, he's gonna be a tough competitor. I'm simply trying to tell everybody who Darren Bailey really is."

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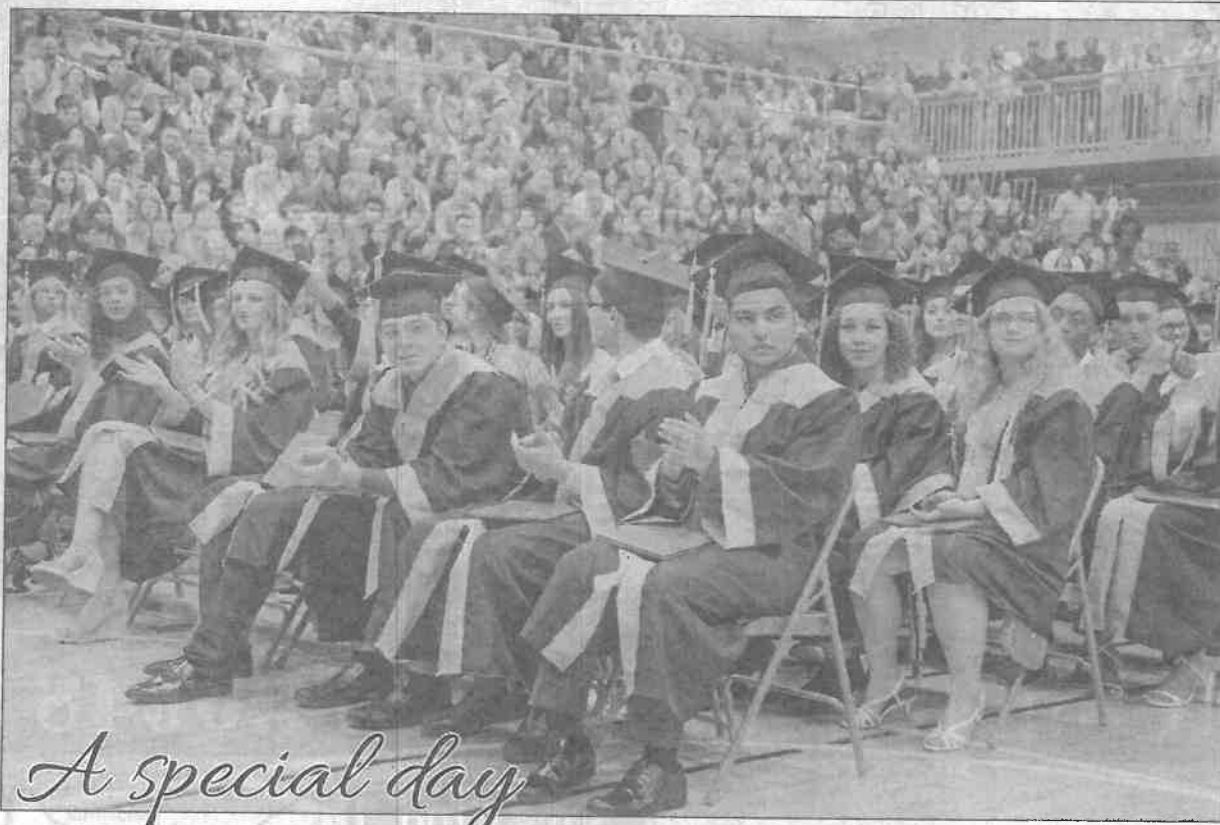
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A special day

Willowbrook High School's Class of 2022 celebrated its commencement on Sunday afternoon in the school's main gymnasium. This year's graduating class at the Villa Park school includes about 500 students. See inside for more photos from the ceremony.

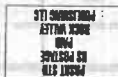
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Once a Warrior, always a Warrior

Regina Brisbols (above right) was one of three members of Willowbrook's Class of 2022 to speak during Sunday's commencement service. She is pictured during her speech, which was titled "3,571 Days." That title refers to the period of time—nearly 10 years—that marked Brisbols's age when her father passed away. Brisbols, a Villa Park resident, earned the top academic rank in the school's graduating class. She joined class co-presidents Penelope DelValle and Eric Veal Jr. to speak during the ceremony. Two additional photos show two more members of the school's senior class—Megan Beausoleil (above left) and Maxwell Hirsch (left)—crossing the stage and shaking hands with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause. Beausoleil and Hirsch are both wearing gold tassels, which signify their achievement of earning academic ranks within the top five percent of the school's Class of 2022.

Police department to hold SALT meeting on June 8

The Villa Park Police Department will hold its quarterly Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) community meeting on Wednesday, June 8.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. A reception, which will begin at 10:30 a.m., will include coffee, pastries and do-

nuts. The police department invites SALT members and guests to attend the upcoming reception and meeting.

Officer Sonia Bregman will speak about crime prevention, neighborhood watch programs and community emergency response team (CERT) training during the meeting.

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Commission will sponsor a luncheon for all SALT members and guests immediately after the meeting.

The Villa Park Police Department reminds village residents that when an incident or request requires the immediate emergency response of a police unit, dial 9-1-1 immediately to avoid any unnecessary delays.

VFW Post will conduct its Memorial Day ceremony on May 30

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801 will hold its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30. The service will begin at 11 a.m. at Cortesi Veterans Memorial

Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will take place indoors at the VFW post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road.

June Concert Series gets under way June 2

Villa Park Recreation has announced a new June Concert Series offering Thursday evening outdoor concerts this summer at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave.

The free concerts are a new addition to the recreation department's summer activities schedule, which still includes the August Concert Series.

Concerts will be held at 6:30 p.m.; concessions open at 6 p.m. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and appetite out for these family entertainment nights.

The series kicks off June 2 with the return of Petty Cash, a Johnny Cash/Tom Petty cover band that was popular with concert-goers last summer.

Other acts in the lineup are:

- June 9, Heisenberg Uncertainty Players (HUP), a 17-piece music ensemble with jazz big band instrumentation;
- June 16, Planet Groove, a 7-piece band featuring a 3-piece horn section. A fun fact is that three of the band members are Willowbrook High School graduates;
- June 23 will feature Zydeco Voodoo, which plays of mix of traditional New Orleans music and popular rock and blues songs;
- June 30 completes the series with the Wayouts performing classic rock and oldies.

For information on the bands performing visit www.invillapark.com or call 630-834-8970.

College news

• Charles Flak of Villa Park was named to the dean's list with high honors for the fall semester of the 2021-22 school year at Aurora University. Flak had a 4.0 GPA for the fall semester.

• Matthew Caron of Villa Park (College of Engineering), a junior, recently was ranked among the top 2 percent of students in their college at Iowa State University.

• Cindy Soria (nursing), a Willowbrook High School graduate, was named to the Mount Mary University (Milwaukee) dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

• Elizabeth Murray and Vaughan Murray of Villa Park have been named to the 2022 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Graduates

• Heather Gruber (School of Architecture and Urban Planning,

Bachelor of Science) of Villa Park is among the 3,181 prospective candidates for degree who attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises May 22 in Milwaukee. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with over 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Obituary

EDWARD D. SPEROTTO, 73

Edward D. Sperotto, a life-long resident of Lombard, and a great lover of nature and animals, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2022, at the age of 73. He is survived by his only brother, Steven Sperotto, of Webster Groves, MO; and three cousins: Rose Houston, of Terre Haute, IN; Marilyn Guinn, of Clinton, IN; and Pen Garrett, of Charlotte, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph J. and Margaret C. Sperotto.

Warriors complete season with a loss to Lyons Township

Lions beat Willowbrook in a regional final; Warriors close the season with a 14-7 record

The Willowbrook girls soccer team's 2022 season ended with Friday's 3-0 loss to Lyons Township in an IHSA Class 3A regional final in Western Springs.

The Warriors finished their season with an overall record of 14-7.

Playing on Lyons Township's home field, the Warriors opened the post-season with an 8-1 win over Reavis in a regional semifinal on May 18.

Junior Kennedy Vannoy scored four goals for the Warriors in last week's post-season victory over Reavis. Senior Brooke Vandergrift, junior Haley Preuss, senior Erin Fitzgerald and sophomore Emma Anderlik contributed one goal each.

Vandergrift piled up three assists in Willowbrook's win over Reavis. Vannoy, senior Izzy Manning, senior Rachael Klamecki, freshman Emily Barth and sophomore Grace Solits provided one assist each.

Facing the Lions on their own field in Friday's regional final, the Warriors weren't able to put the ball into the net. Lyons Township, which scored all three of its goals in the first half, advanced to this week's Glenbard West Sectional following its win over the Warriors. Lyons Township is the sectional's No. 1 seed. Willowbrook was the sectional's No. 8 seed.



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Five senior members of Willowbrook High School's 2022 girls soccer team are pictured with assistant coach Pete Montgomery after Sunday's commencement ceremony. Above, from the left are: Montgomery, Mackenzie Parente, Brooke Vandergrift, Erin Fitzgerald, Rachael Klamecki and Ali Vittorio. The Warriors completed their 2022 season with Friday's 3-0 loss to Lyons Township in an IHSA Class 3A regional final on the Lions' home field in Western Springs. Willowbrook, which scored 70 goals in its 21 matches, finished its season with an overall record of 14-7. The Warriors went 4-2 in West Suburban Gold Conference play.



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Conference champions

Willowbrook's baseball team completed its championship season in West Suburban Gold Conference play by sweeping last week's three-game conference series against Proviso East. The Warriors posted three straight decisive victories over the Pirates to finish the conference season with a record of 15-3. Willowbrook, which claimed sole possession of the 2022 WSGC title, opened last week's series with a 14-0, four-inning win at Proviso East on May 16. One day later, the Warriors beat the Pirates 16-1 in a four-inning contest in Villa Park. The Warriors finished their conference season with a 19-0, four-inning win over the Pirates in Villa Park on May 19.

Shown in the series finale against Proviso East, clockwise from above, are: senior Jacob Kutella (No. 14) firing a pitch; junior Isaac Sobleszczyk rounding third base on his way to scoring a run; and junior Alex Chaitin (No. 5) heading home to score a run. Willowbrook finished its regular season with Friday's 9-6 non-conference win at Lincoln-Way West. The Warriors completed their regular season with an overall record of 25-4. Chaitin went 3-for-5 and drove in one run in the win over Lincoln-Way West. Kutella, Sobleszczyk, senior Max Valsvila and junior Joey Tumilty provided two hits each.

Willowbrook will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season with this week's game against Schaumburg at the Schaumburg Regional. If the Warriors defeat Schaumburg, they would face either Glenbard East or York in this Saturday's regional final.



Simmons runs to a state-meet berth

Willowbrook senior wins sectional title in 400-meter run

STAFF REPORT

Senior Alex Simmons of the Willowbrook boys track and field team earned a berth in the upcoming IHSA Class 3A state meet when he ran to a sectional title last week.

Simmons earned his victory in the 400-meter run at the Glenbard North Sectional, which took place on May 19. Simmons completed the race in a first-place time of 50.55 seconds. He established a new personal record in the 400-meter run with his winning performance at the sectional.

The top two finishers in each sectional event, along with those who met qualifying standards, earned state-meet berths. The state meet takes place this week at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Simmons was the only Warrior to earn a state-meet berth at last week's Glenbard North Sectional. Some other Warriors, however, turned in top-five finishes at the sectional. Sophomore Joe Hanson ran to a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash, which he completed in 11.06 seconds. Hanson delivered a fourth-place effort in the 200-meter run, which he finished in 23.21 seconds.

Junior Kevin Diederich produced a fifth-place showing in the 3200-meter run, which he negotiated in 10 minutes, 11.52 seconds. Senior Cayden Loth ran to a third-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles. Loth

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A recent Speak Out call about bringing the country together by getting rid of the left and right has merit. The idea of rearranging the seats of the House and Senate in a checkerboard fashion would force Democrats and Republicans to act like Americans, instead of fighting critics. In the long run, they both might accomplish what we pay them for: Run the country for the benefit of the people.

Trumpdy Dumpty built a big wall; Trumpdy Dumpty votes took a big fall. All the con's liars, and all the con's judges, won't get Trumpdy elected again.

Yes, I'm calling because I live in an area where people don't take care of their property, and we have to look at it. Can people clean up their yards and the front of their houses? Because there are a lot of sloppy people around here. Thank you.

I used to watch Fox News Chicago, but I changed channels to hear the weather because Fox doesn't give you humidity or the dew point. I don't know why they're more interested in the pictures that are sent to them. Thank you.

The cartoon in the paper last week (May 19 Viewpoint page) hit the nail on the head regarding gas prices around here. Pritzker doubled the gas tax in 2019, and increased it again in 2020 and 2021 so Illinois has the third highest gas taxes in the nation.

Weder runs at IHSA girls state meet

Senior participates in 400-meter run

Senior Lily Weder completed her Willowbrook athletic career by taking part in last week's IHSA Class 3A girls state track and field meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Weder competed in the 400-meter run at the state meet. She posted a finishing time of 1 minute, 2 seconds in the preliminaries and did not advance to the finals.

• Simmons

finished the race in a personal-best time of 40.65 seconds.

Loth joined Simmons, Hanson and sophomore Luca Parato to post a fifth-place finish in the 4 x 100-meter relay. The four Warriors completed the race in 44.08 seconds.

Senior Max Manning earned a fifth-place finish in the shot put. His best throw at the sectional achieved a personal best by covering 47 feet,

Pritzker throws everyone a bone during an election year and suspends the inflation adjustment to the gasoline tax until December—or until just after the election. He must think we're all stupid. That's doing about as much good as Biden releasing one million barrels of oil per day from the strategic petroleum reserve for six months. In other words, nothing. I've been looking at prices at gas stations around here and the going rate is \$5 a gallon, with more than a few stations now charging \$5.15. They pay \$4.13 in Missouri, \$4.31 in Wisconsin and \$4.52 in Indiana. Let's keep voting for Pritzker and the Democrats this fall!

I'm a Democrat, and I'm energized to vote this fall. Yes, I'm really energized, but I won't be voting in person. I won't be mailing in my ballot. I'm so energized to vote that I'll be giving my ballot to a stranger, who will deposit it in a drop box, in the middle of the night, while wearing gloves. Yes, I'm extremely energized, and so are a lot of Democrats like me. Did I mention that the 2020 election was the "most secure election in history?" A lot of Democrats are so energized that they'll be voting even though they've been deceased for a while. They'll also have a stranger put their ballots into a drop box.

Do you think we will ever see the day when the media stops announcing each and every politician, celebrity or athlete that tests positive for

COVID-19? Me neither.

The so-called official inflation rate might be around 8 percent, but the price of gas, food and a lot of other things people routinely buy is up a lot more than 8 percent in the last year.

I see that Lori Lightfoot's "summer of joy" is continuing in Chicago. There were six killed and 18 wounded the first weekend of May, five killed and 33 wounded during the weekend of May 13th to 15th, and I heard this morning (referring to Friday, May 20) there were at least two people killed and seven wounded in a mass shooting near a McDonald's in the Gold Coast neighborhood. Hey, Mr. President, do you think you could find the time to visit Chicago and mourn with the grieving families of the victims here like you did in Buffalo?

Biden's been in office for nearly 16 months. The guy is supposedly in charge, but nothing is his fault. It's Putin's fault, it's Trump's fault, it's the pandemic's fault, it's corporations' fault, etc. Biden is pathetic.

According to the Illinois State Police, one of the rules is that "all drivers are prohibited from reading, sending or receiving text messages or communication, and from browsing the internet" while driving. I get most of that, but you mean I can get a ticket for "receiving" a text message or phone call, even if I don't look at it or respond; which I never do anyway? That seems kind of ridiculous. My phone is in on in case of an emergency, and even though I have hands-free through my car radio, I let calls go to voice mail and texts go unanswered until I either reach my destination or pull over in a parking lot.

The baby formula crisis, which

began in February, is overshadowing the gas crisis, which our state and national leaders vowed to alleviate. But when? On May 18 I passed a gas station and it had gone from \$4.89 to \$5.04 in less than 45 minutes. Now the average is over \$5. I paid \$4.89 on May 19 at a station in Wood Dale, and wondered, how can they keep the price down when others can't or won't? As for the formula crisis, the most helpless among us are in dire need and thank goodness moms all over are rallying together to help each other find formula to feed these precious babies. We need to demand of our elected officials, as loudly as we can, that these issues not just be addressed but acted on immediately. Walk the walk; don't just talk the talk like politicians typically do. Lives and livelihoods depend on it.

Biden likes to blame the MAGA crowd for our nation's problems. Is the MAGA crowd responsible for the high crime in Chicago and other American cities? I don't think so.

So ghost guns are going to be made illegal, and the owner must get a serial number put on the weapon. Seriously? People have owned legal weapons and still committed crimes with them, so does anyone think the same people who are in possession of these ghost guns care if they are illegal, that they are going to rush right out and get serial numbers? I think not.

A lot of people were tired of Trump, and willing to give Biden a chance. Biden's been in office for over one year, and he's been incompetent. Will more and more people who voted for Biden admit they made a terrible mistake?

What happened to the millions of dollars that were given to Black Lives Matter? Several major compa-

nies showered the Black Lives Matter organization with money in last couple of years. What good it done? Has it provided health educated children, cleaned up blighted areas or fed the poor?

Keep voting blue and we all our houses starving because we afford to buy gas or food.

If the COVID-19 vaccines are effective, and you've received or four shots, why do you care other people do? If the masks are effective at preventing COVID and you're wearing one, or even why do you care what other people do?

Here's a reminder that a lot of Democrats now talking about "information" are the same people pushed the Russia collusion! The Democrats also claimed the news about Hunter Biden's top was Russian disinformation wasn't.

Please read those mailers DuPage County clerk. You could signing up to permanently vot mail. Do not check the box and n it. Read carefully before you c any box.

According to most of our media, the Russia collusion hoax peddled by Team Clinton a serious news story that rec massive amounts of coverage. news about Hunter Biden's laj however, was deemed to be d formation and widely suppre: The news media was wrong on counts.

This week's truism. We have ways heard, "Don't talk about gion or politics." In reality, is t anything more important?

Warriors finish WSGC season with a flurry of wins

After losing their first three conference games, Warriors reel off nine straight victories to close WSGC campaign with a 9-3 record

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook softball team completed its West Suburban Gold Conference season with last week's wins over Hinsdale South and Proviso East. The Warriors, who opened their conference season with three straight losses, won their final nine WSGC season with a 9-3 record.

Willowbrook opened last week's action with a 9-2 conference home win over Hinsdale South on May 16. Two days later, the Warriors wrapped up their WSGC season with a 15-0 victory over Proviso East.

One day after beating Proviso East, the Warriors picked up a 13-0 non-conference win at Bremen. Willowbrook finished its regular season with Saturday's 10-0 win at Glenbard East in a contest that was shortened by rain.

The Warriors completed their regular season with an overall record of 18-7.

Willowbrook opens the IHSA Class 4A post-season with this week's game against Hinsdale Central at the Lyons Township Regional. A win over Hinsdale Central would propel

the Warriors into this Saturday's regional final, where they would likely face Lyons Township.

The Warriors scored five runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a 5-1 lead in last week's conference game against Hinsdale South. Senior Grace Hayes hit a two-run home run in the first inning to give Willowbrook a 3-1 lead. Sophomore Isabella Dugo hit a solo homer later in the inning to push the Warriors' lead to 5-1.

Senior Caitlyn Kulczynski pitched a complete game in earning a victory for the Warriors against the visiting Hornets. Kulczynski allowed three hits and one earned run over seven innings. She struck out 14 batters and didn't issue any walks.

At the plate, Kulczynski went 3-for-4 and drove in one run.

Freshman Hannah Kenny went 2-for-2 and scored a pair of runs for the Warriors.

Kulczynski secured another victory in last week's four-inning win over Proviso East. She struck out nine batters in four innings while allowing two hits and no walks.

Kulczynski went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in against the Pirates. She

also scored three runs. Hayes went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and sc two runs.

Sophomore Karman Rowe pitched a complete game for Willowbrook her team's 13-0, five-inning win Bremen on May 19. Rowe gave one hit and one walk. She recorded four strikeouts.

Sophomore Lindsey Rugg went 2-for-4 with four RBIs in the Warriors' win over Bremen. Ju Kayleigh Dennison went 2-for-1 with two RBIs and scored three runs. Hayes went 2-for-3 and drove in runs. Hayes and Dugo supplied hits each.

Freshman Sonia Ruchala went 2-for-2 and scored three runs in Saturday's victory over Glenbard I. Ruchala also drove in one run for Warriors, who scored seven runs the second inning.

Hayes went 2-for-2 and drove two runs. Rugg went 1-for-2 with RBIs.

Kulczynski handled the Warriors' pitching duties in Saturday's over Glenbard East. She allowed hit and didn't give up any walks. recorded five strikeouts.