

Warriors suffer narrow loss to the Lions in a regional final

Lyons Township's pitcher strikes out 17 in a 3-2 win; Warriors close their season with a 19-8 record

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook softball team's 2022 season ended with Saturday's 3-2 loss to Lyons Township in an IHSA Class 4A regional championship game on the Lions' home field in Western Springs.

The Warriors finished their season with an overall record of 19-8.

Willowbrook opened the post-season with a 10-0, five-inning victory over Hinsdale Central in a regional semifinal on May 24.

Senior pitcher Caitlyn Kulczynski

led the Warriors to their win over the Red Devils by allowing two hits and no walks in her complete-game effort. Kulczynski struck out nine Hinsdale Central batters.

The Warriors scored six runs in the third inning to take a 7-0 lead over Hinsdale Central. Willowbrook added two more runs in the fourth inning and ended the game with one run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Junior Kayleigh Dennison went 2-for-4 and drove in three runs for Willowbrook in last week's win over

the Red Devils. Freshman Sonia Ruchala went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and scored a pair of runs. Sophomore Isabella Dugo went 2-for-3 with one RBI. Sophomore Karman Rowe also went 2-for-3 and drove in one run.

Willowbrook scored one run in the top of the first inning of Saturday's regional final against Lyons Township. The Lions scored one run in the bottom of the first inning to tie the game at 1-1.

Lyons Township added another run in the second inning to take a 2-1 lead. The Lions delivered another run in the

fifth inning to push their lead to 3-1.

Willowbrook scored one run in the top of the seventh inning. Freshman Hannah Kenny hit a two-out single and advanced to second base on a passed ball. Kenny moved to third base and scored after two more passed balls.

The Warriors scored their first-inning run when Kulczynski reached base on an error, advanced to second base on a passed ball, and scored on a single by senior Grace Hayes.

Kulczynski pitched another complete game in Saturday's regional final. She allowed six hits and one earned run in six innings on the mound. She duplicated her performance from the regional semifinal by recording nine strikeouts and not giving up any walks.

Lyons Township's pitcher piled up 17 strikeouts in seven innings. The Warriors connected for three hits in the game. Hayes went 2-for-3, while Kenny went 1-for-3.

"It was overall a very good season," stated Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos after Saturday's loss to Lyons Township. "Our bats had been hot. Today we just didn't have it. Caitlyn threw a great game. Grace Hayes hit well. We had decent defense. We just didn't make them [the Lions] play enough defense."

Lyons Township advanced to the Marist Sectional. The Lions faced Downers Grove North in a sectional semifinal this week. The winner of that game will meet either Marist or Riverside-Brookfield in this Friday's sectional final.



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Willowbrook's softball team completed its 2022 season with Saturday's 3-2 loss to Lyons Township in an IHSA Class 4A regional final on the Lions' home field. The Warriors finished their season with a record of 19-8. Lyons Township advanced to this week's Marist Sectional. Willowbrook senior pitcher Caitlyn Kulczynski (No. 19) delivered complete-game performances in both of her team's post-season contests. Kulczynski gave up two hits in Willowbrook's post-season opener—a 10-0, five-inning win over Hinsdale Central on May 24. She allowed six hits and one earned run over six innings in Saturday's loss. Kulczynski struck out nine batters without allowing a walk against Hinsdale Central. She delivered a similar effort on Saturday by striking out nine Lyons Township batters without issuing any walks.

Warriors lose post-season opener

Winning season abruptly ends with a loss to Schaumburg; Warriors finish with a 25-5 record

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook baseball team's 2022 season ended with last week's 3-1 loss to Schaumburg in an IHSA Class 4A regional semifinal on the Saxons' home field.

The Warriors, who posted a 25-4 regular-season record, entered the playoffs as the No. 2 seed in the South Elgin Sectional. Schaumburg was the sectional's No. 16 seed.

The Warriors scored their only run of their post-season opener in the third inning. Schaumburg took the lead in the May 26 contest when it scored three runs in the fourth inning.

Junior Colin Slivka walked and eventually scored Willowbrook's lone run. Junior Joey Tumilty singled to drive in Slivka.

Senior Jacob Skinner pitched the first four innings of the regional semifinal for Willowbrook. He allowed three hits and two earned runs. Skinner struck out five batters and gave up one walk.

Sophomore Dayne Meyer pitched two scoreless innings for the Warriors.

Meyer gave up two hits and one walk while recording three strikeouts.

Senior Max Vaisvila pitched a

scoreless seventh inning for Willowbrook. He struck out two batters and didn't allow any hits.

Schaumburg's starting pitcher fired a complete game. He struck out 11 batters and held the Warriors to three hits.

Willowbrook finished the season with a 25-5 record. The Warriors won the West Suburban Gold Conference title with a 15-3 record.

Schaumburg advanced to Saturday's regional final against York. The Dukes beat the Saxons 11-5 to win the Schaumburg Regional title and advance to this week's South Elgin Sectional.



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Honored Warriors

Willowbrook High School recognized several students during its recent Senior Athletic Banquet, which was held at the school. The honorees included Bella Naumovsky (top left) and Emma Rattana (above)—the co-winners of the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club's Most Outstanding Female



Athlete Award. Naumovsky is a standout gymnast who competed at the IHSA state meet in 2020 and 2022. (The 2021 IHSA girls gymnastics state meet was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.) Rattana was the Willowbrook girls golf team's top player for four consecutive seasons. As a freshman, she qualified for the IHSA Class AA state meet. Rattana was also a member of the Warriors' badminton team. She recently joined senior Amella Gesicki to compete in doubles at the 2022 IHSA state badminton meet. Alex Simmons (above) received the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club's Most Outstanding Male Athlete award. Simmons was a key player on the Warriors' boys basketball team. He's also been a member of Willowbrook's boys cross-country and track and field teams. Simmons competed in the 400-meter run at last week's IHSA Class 3A boys state track and field meet. He earned his state-meet berth in that event with his first-place finish at the Glenbard North Sectional.



To the coward(s) in Villa Park who slashed my tire late Monday, May 23, or Tuesday, May 24, a police report has been filed, and my neighbors are checking their cameras and doorbells and you will pay. If it was politically motivated, get help before you hurt someone.

It is a shame many of these Republican politicians are in such lockstep with gun rights and the NRA that they can't support legislation such as banning assault weapons, red-flag laws and universal background checks. They need to be voted out of office wherever they are, but especially in Texas. You need to be 21 years old to buy cigarettes in Texas, but only 18 years old to buy a gun like this deranged killer did in Uvalde. I'm sorry. That's just wrong!

Sure enough, I knew the horrific shooting incident in the Texas school would bring about the anti-gun outrage. First off, this shooter was able to buy guns legally, so that is the system's fault. He apparently was not on anyone's immediate radar. I am totally in favor of gun laws but if they are not strictly enforced, they are not worth the paper they're written on. And as one mental health professional said, this case is not a mental health issue, despite the shooter having been bullied. She said, essentially, he was an angry individual, and he knew when he bought guns and bullets that they would kill people. My question is: How was he allowed into the building? Our local schools today have locked doors and we must state our business to be buzzed in. Did we

learn nothing since the 1980s, when Laurie Dann stormed a Winnetka school and started shooting, killing a boy? It's bad enough that kids have to be scared of tornadoes and fires (think preparedness drills), but now they have to worry about being shot.

Washington wants to control climate change and they can't even control the supply of baby formula.

So State Farm has backed off from its idea to distribute LGBTQ-themed children's books to teachers and libraries, which target kids as young as kindergarten age. First of all, how do we explain "gender fluidity" to 5-year-olds who are at the developmental stage of still being centered on themselves—and then are thrust into an environment (school) that is filled with other self-centered 5-year-olds? They have so much more to be focusing on, like learning to function in a group setting or reading/language development. Second of all, especially at this stage, it is a parent's or guardian's role to talk about gender as they see fit. That includes the kid with two dads or two moms, who should be able to decide how to approach the topic without interference. Then, how will we explain that "men can get pregnant, too"? Maybe we should ask New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; oh wait, she can't explain it either.

Does anyone else find it ironic that the DuPage County Clerk's Office claims they mailed documentation to collect tax revenue from cannabis sales, via first class mail, and is

now mailing applications to every voter to vote by mail? Mind you, the state office says there is no record on file; if her office did indeed do their job to properly file the paperwork and the post office lost it, how can we count on ballots to be delivered and counted? By the way, this snafu in the clerk's office cost DuPage County about \$4 million in cannabis tax revenue. She is up for re-election. Tell her no.

Thank you, President Biden, for recognizing my allegiance to my country by labeling me as ultra-MAGA. I wear my Make America Great Again hat all day and in public in support of America. People who don't love America should move elsewhere. Freedom is not free stuff. Ask a veteran.

Events like the shooting in Texas: Until this culture lives according to biblical Christian principles, the chaos will continue.

You can't blame all the illegals for coming to America for a piece of the

pie when you have Biden putting it out on the back porch.

Can any Democrat please explain how this buffoon in the White House is better than Trump? Our economy is in the toilet. We have shortages of baby food. We have shortages of a lot of things. Everything is so expensive right now, and it's just insane. How can anyone say that this guy is so much better than Trump because I can tell you right now my 401K would definitely agree that Trump was much better than Biden is. If anyone can answer this: How is this idiot in the White House, who is now threatening to get us into a war with China, any better than Trump was? Thank you.

Leave it to a leftist channel like MSNBC to drag out a fossil like Michael Moore so he can enlighten us on what he would do in the aftermath of the Texas shooting. His solution: repeal the Second Amendment. Tell you what, Michael. You get rid of your bodyguard, and I'll cut up my FOID card.

8th annual Love Your Neighbor Day taking applications

Homeowners can apply for assistance with yard work, exterior repair

The Christian Church of Villa Park will again be working with a number of churches in Villa Park and Lombard to host the eighth annual Love Your Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Applications are being accepted now from homeowners in the Villa Park/Lombard area who are having difficulty keeping up with work outside their homes because of financial, physical or other limitations and who could benefit from a group of people volunteering at their home for a day.

As a safety precaution, only yard

work and exterior repairs will be done this year. The work will be done by small groups of volunteers from churches and the community at no cost to the homeowners.

Last year 140 volunteers came together on the Love Your Neighbor Day to provide assistance to 28 homeowners in Lombard and Villa Park. The number of homeowner applicants that will be accepted will depend on the number of volunteers. Volunteer sign-up sheets are also available now. Church youth groups, families and friends can sign up to work together as a group.

Hey, a big shout-out to Dr. Wilson for the free \$25 coupon food at Pete's Market today. a guy; he's great. Too bad for these other guys running for can't do the same thing instead these endless commercials. I you Doctor Wilson. Willie W for mayor.

I was glad to hear Greg Abbot out the city of Chicago as pro stringent gun laws are not the tion to reduce gun violence. C go has bans on both assault v ons and high-capacity magaz yet what happens every week Five people die one weekend, I next and dozens are wounded. I during the Memorial Day wee alone, 10 people died and clo 50 were shot. Mr. Pritzker tw "shame on you" and told Abbe is lying about Chicago. Well, sl on you, Mr. Pritzker. It took the error of another state to final you worked up about the vio in Chicago after four years of (nothing.

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 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.

Heather Gruber (School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Mac of Science) of Villa Park is among 3,181 prospective candidates to gree who attended the Universi Wisconsin-Milwaukee commence exercises May 22 in Milwaukee. U is the second largest university i State of Wisconsin, with over 2 undergraduate and graduate stude

Simmons runs at IHSA state meet

Standout Warrior runs to a 20th-place finish in preliminaries of the 400-meter run

Willowbrook senior Alex Simmons finished his career as a Warrior by competing at last week's IHSA Class 3A boys' state track and field meet. Simmons participated in the 400-meter run at the state meet, which took place at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Simmons completed the one-lap race around the track in 51.79 seconds during a preliminary heat at the state meet. He placed 20th among the competitors in that event and did not earn a berth in the final. The top 10 finishers advanced to the 400-meter final.

Simmons was a member of the Warriors' basketball, cross-country and track and field teams. He was recently named the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club's Most Outstanding Male Athlete at the school's Senior Athletic Banquet.

Former legal secretary gets five years for stealing from law firm, posing as attorney

On Tuesday, May 24, DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin announced that a former legal secretary for a DuPage County law firm had been sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for stealing nearly \$100,000 from the firm. Aracelia Dominguez, 42, of the 4500 block of W. Lawrence, Chicago, appeared at her sentencing hearing late last week where Judge Margaret O'Connell handed down the sentence.

On Oct. 1, 2020, Dominguez entered a guilty plea to one count of

Theft by Deception, a Class 2 Felony.

The sentence stems from allegations that beginning in February 2013, Dominguez, at times presenting herself as an attorney, met with potential clients of her employer without her employer's knowledge and accepted payments, primarily in cash, for immigration legal work that she was not authorized to perform. In addition to the cash payments, Dominguez forged multiple checks she received from clients, endorsed the checks to herself and deposited the checks into her personal bank accounts. Domin-

guez was fired from the firm in cember 2016 at which time the f owner noticed discrepancies in firm's finances and contacted the dison Police Department.

On Oct. 3, 2017, following a vestigation in the matter, an \$8f arrest warrant was issued for Dc guez. In February 2018, Domin was taken into custody in Cook C ty. On February 20, 2018, afte bond was reduced to \$40,000 10% to apply, Dominguez poste necessary \$4,000, and was relt from custody.

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ing the Ukrainian military. But we were there at the beginning," Enyart said. "The Illinois National Guard's support to Ukraine began in the last century when we sent a platoon-size element to Ukraine in 1999. That was our beginning with Ukraine."

Enyart explained that the State Partnership Program with Ukraine's neighboring country Poland began in 1993 and at times, supported Ukraine and assisted the California National Guard with their SPP with Ukraine.

"With our training and assistance, Poland and Ukraine in the late 1990s formed the Polish Ukrainian Peace Force Battalion," he continued. "Those same units saw service in Kosovo with soldiers from the Illinois National Guard's 106th Aviation Regiment in 2008-2009."

Enyart said the Ukrainian soldiers and officers were becoming well-acquainted with the Illinois National Guard by that time.

"When I visited the Illinois Na-

tional Guard Soldiers in November 2008 in Kosovo, it was the Polish and Ukrainian soldiers who took me on patrol in a 12-inch snowstorm," he said.

"Even before the 2008 deployment, the Illinois National Guard sent battalion size units to NATO Peace Shield exercises in Yavoriv, Ukraine in 2000 and 2001 -- Yes, Yavoriv, the same city which was hit recently by Russian cruise missiles."

Enyart stressed the training assistance did not end in 2001.

"In 2005, we sent an element to act as observers and controllers for NATO war games that took place at the then-new Ukrainian War College," he said. "It was a challenge in the early days."

He told the audience the soldiers from Headquarters Company, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which deployed to Ukraine in 2020, continued to build on the foundation the ILNG has laid for the past 23 years.

"The Pentagon thought Putin's

grand land grab would succeed in very short order and most believed Ukrainian's military would collapse under an armored assault," he said. "But Ukrainians have shown what well-trained and well-led soldiers can do in defending their homeland from an autocratic aggressor."

Enyart said the training, mentorship and fellowship the Illinois National Guard has provided the Ukrainian military has played a critical role in the successful defense of their homeland.



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District 88 library media centers open all summer at WB and AT.

Attention, Addison Trail and Willowbrook students.

Did you know the Library Media Centers at both schools will be open during the summer? All Blazers and Warriors (including incoming freshmen) are welcome to visit the libraries from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. Students can check out books, enjoy craft projects or ask for research assistance.

For more information, contact Library Media Center Director Rose Janusz at 630-628-2611 or rjanusz@dupage88.net, or visit the one of the following websites: for the Addison Trail Library Media Center, visit dupage88.libguides.com/HomeATHS; for the Willowbrook Library Media Center, visit dupage88.libguides.com/HomeWBHS.

Democrat U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois was given a plaque commemorating her military service in Iraq at a bipartisan congressional delegation visit to Iraq in April of 2019. With her is Republican U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson of Georgia who presented the plaque while Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-Georgia) (left) and Sen. Angus King (I-Maine), Duckworth was recently named Legislator of the Year by the Illinois National Guard Association.

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois was deployed to Iraq as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot in 2004. Duckworth's Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in Iraq by a rocket-propelled grenade on Nov. 12, 2004, resulting in the amputation of Duckworth's legs. Duckworth was recently named Legislator of the Year by the Illinois National Guard Association.

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Outreach House making a move

All services will be in one location; Outreach House serves Villa Park and other surrounding communities

By Jane Charmelo

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The Outreach House in Lombard, after becoming one organization together with the adjacent Lombard-Villa Park Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet at First United Methodist Church, is getting a new home, in order to offer all services in one location.

Currently housed behind First Church of Lombard, United Church of Christ, with the food pantry and clothes closet at the Methodist church on Main Street, Outreach House is moving to the site of the former Lombard Pharmacy, 805 S. Main St., according to food pantry coordinator Hester Bury, who also serves on the Outreach House Board.

She related that back in July 2020, "The food pantry and Outreach House were seeing increased num-

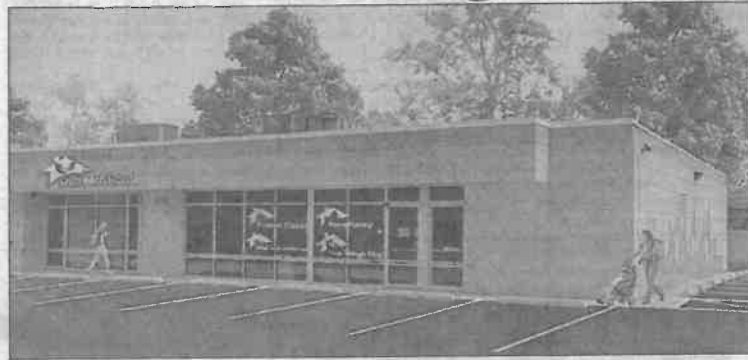


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The Outreach House, with its infant needs program, walk-in emergency assistance, food pantry and clothes closet now under one organization, is anticipating the move to its new home, 805 S. Main St., site of the former Lombard Pharmacy, where clients can access services all in one location.

bers [of clients] because of COVID ... a lot of people were coming to both locations."

The Outreach House and food pantry boards began talking about the idea of forming one organization, then moving to a one-stop location, because "People were having to come to two different places," she added.

In August 2021, the entities joined forces with the name remaining Outreach House, and it was decided that it would be practical to find a consolidated location (each has been paying rent to their respective churches).

From the beginning, it was "always the intent to find a new loca-

tion," Bury continued, so clients could "come to one location for all the services we could provide," which include the clothes closet (Christine Marousek, coordinator), food pantry, First Things First Infant Needs Outreach and walk-in assistance for emergency financial needs.

She said while the board looked at several locations, once it was learned the former pharmacy would be available to rent, "We really just concentrated on that," Bury said.

At 4,500 square feet, she continued, a local architect is helping reconfigure the space to best suit the

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Summerfest 2022 set for Saturday, June 18

One-day event offers fun for the entire family

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will hold Summerfest 2022 on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The event will be held in the Ardmore Business District, at Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard, adjacent to the Illinois Prairie Path.

Children's entertainment and attractions will be available from noon to 5 p.m. A \$10 wristband is required for the giant inflatables. A strolling magician and a face painter will be on hand.

Summerfest is a one-day event that serves as a kick-off to summer. The gathering features live music, food, a beer garden, local vendors and more.

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and the Villa Park Lions Club are sponsoring the beer garden.

Cornerstone Used Books celebrating 20th anniversary on Sunday

Cornerstone Used Books, located at 22 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park, will be hosting a free 20th anniversary party from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, to thank the community for its support over the years.

"It's been a joy to be a part of this community," said Cornerstone Used Books owner Kathy Carwell. "We know people have choices where they shop and are thankful for our

customers' faithful support over the last 20 years. I have loved finding homes for so many books. Whether it's the perfect gift for a young reader or someone who visits our store weekly, the right book makes everything better. We want to celebrate this community and say thank you."

Carwell said there will be something for everyone at the party:

For children: Every child will receive a free book, and there will also be face painting, balloon animals, and crafts.

For adults: Live music, vinyl record sale, craft sale, and book sidewalk sale.

Food: The first 100 guests will receive a free Kuppie's donut. The Spoon Burger Food truck, and Tickle my Tamale, will also have food for purchase.

All of the proceeds from the book sale will benefit Salvation Army's send a child to camp program.

Since 2002, Cornerstone Used Books has been providing Villa Park and surrounding communities affordable used books. With over 85,000 books in stock and 5,000 vinyl records, Cornerstone Used Books is committed to helping readers young and old find their next great read.

For more information, call Cornerstone Used Books at 630-832-1020.



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Design contest winner

Hope Reckamp, who just finished her junior year at Willowbrook High School, was named the winner of the recent contest to design the program cover for this year's District 88 Staff Recognition Dinner. All District 88 students were invited to participate in the competition, in which they were able to use any medium to create the program cover for the district's annual dinner to honor staff members. This year's dinner, which took place on May 6, recognized district employees for their years of service and upcoming retirements. Reckamp, who is a Villa Park resident, was selected as the winner out of 13 entries. She was presented with a \$100 gift card at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on May 9. This year's staff recognition dinner honored 92 members of the District 88 family for giving more than 1,500 years of combined service to the district. District 88 also thanked 17 staff members who retired at the end of the 2021-22 school year after providing nearly 430 years of combined service to the district.

Villa Park announces new village manager

The Village of Villa Park has announced the appointment of Matthew C. Harline as its new village manager.

Harline started his tenure on Wednesday.

Harline brings a wealth of knowledge and over 32 years of experience in local government management, development, and public administration—most recently as the interim city manager for the City of Dover, Delaware.

He has also served as city administrator for the City of Holts Summit and the City of Centralia, which are both located in Missouri.

He earned his Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri and a bachelor's degree in Biology from Washington University (Mo.).

"I am very excited about the opportunity to serve the citizens of Villa Park," Harline said. "I am excited about working in a village that has been nationally recognized as one of the best places to live and raise a family."

"I am also thrilled to work with the skilled professional staff, and buy a house in Villa Park with my wife, Heather, and make Villa Park our home."

The village manager is the chief administrative officer of the village and is responsible for the professional management of all departments and operations of the village. The village manager's office is responsible for ensuring the efficient delivery of all municipal services as defined by the Villa Park board in the village's Strategic Plan.



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Scholarship winners

Several student-athletes from Willowbrook High School's Class of 2022 were honored at the school's recent Senior Athletic Banquet. The Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club presented the banquet at the school on May 18. One of the banquet's special awards is the Lauren Kiefer Memorial Scholarship, which honors the memory of 2000 Willowbrook graduate Lauren Kiefer. The Lauren Kiefer Memorial Foundation awarded scholarships to two members of Willowbrook's Class of 2022—Dominic Faillo and Elizabeth Bruschuk—this year. Above left: Faillo (center) and Bruschuk (right) are pictured with Lauren's mother—Jan Kiefer (left). Bruschuk was a standout member of the Willowbrook girls volleyball team, which won the West Suburban Conference championship and claimed

IHSA Class 4A regional and sectional titles during the 2021 fall season. Faillo was a setter for Willowbrook's boys volleyball team who served as a team captain during the 2022 spring season. Another photo shows Mike Rodriguez—the vice president of the Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer Program—who presented two scholarships at the recent banquet. Those scholarships were established to honor the Degnan and Taylor families for their years of commitment to both the Villa Park Warriors and Willowbrook athletics. Daniel Dowling received this year's Degnan Family Scholarship, while Madison Orłowski received this year's Taylor Family Scholarship. Pictured (above right) left to right are Rodriguez, Orłowski and Dowling.



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The Class of 2022

The members of Willowbrook High School's Class of 2022 celebrated their commencement on Sunday, May 22, in the school's main gymnasium. One photo (above) from shortly before the ceremony shows (left to right) Anaelle Cavazos, Hannia Leal, Brigitte Guzman and Melanie Diaz. Another photo (below) shows (left to right) Magdalyn Zita, Alexander Kuban, Annabelle Romero and Kalista Becker.



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Pool season begins

Jefferson Pool opened for the 2022 season on Saturday, June 4. Relatively cool weather kept attendance light on the first day of the Villa Park pool's season. The village residents who attended the pool on Saturday included Maya Rosas (age 10), who is shown (above right) while finishing a trip down the slide. Also pictured are two of the pool's lifeguards—Harper Conboy (standing) and Jason Hasler (seated). In addition to being lifeguards, Conboy and Hasler are members of the Villa Park Mariners swim team. The Mariners, who compete in the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference, begin their season this week.