

# Mariners sail to 3-0 with two decisive wins

Villa Park closes out its successful week with a home victory over Hanover Park

**STAFF REPORT**

The Villa Park Mariners improved their 2022 DuPage Swim and Dive Conference record to 3-0 with a pair of victories last week. The Mariners defeated the Glendale Heights Dolphins 389-204 in a June 15 meet in Glendale Heights. Three days later, the Mariners earned a 397-166 win over the Hanover Park Sailfish at Jefferson Pool.

Naomi Aldana won three individual races for the Mariners during Saturday's meet against Hanover Park. Competing in the 13-14 girls division, she claimed her victories in the 100-meter individual medley (which she finished in 1 minute, 25.49 seconds), the 50-meter butterfly (34.99 seconds) and the 50-meter breaststroke (44.06).

Villa Park's Bennett Vea also delivered three individual wins on Saturday. He swam to first-place finishes in the 11-12 boys level, winning the 100-meter individual medley (1:41.08), the 50-meter butterfly (45.07) and the 50-meter breaststroke (53.67).

The Mariners' two-time individual champions in Saturday's meet included: Ruth Aldana (8-and-under girls), who won the 25-meter freestyle (22.03) and the 25-meter backstroke (31.09); Lydia Aldana (9-10 girls), who won the 100-meter individual medley (2:02.48) and the 50-meter breaststroke (1:01.03); Elin Stempel (9-10 girls), who won the 100-meter freestyle (1:38.73) and the 50-meter backstroke (51.13); and Annabelle Thompson (15-18 girls), who won the 50-meter freestyle (34.30) and the 50-meter backstroke (40.64).

Ryan Mueller provided two victories in the 9-10 boys division, winning the 50-meter butterfly (1:10.95) and the 50-meter breaststroke (1:05.04). Nolan Raczowski (11-12 boys) supplied wins in the 50-meter freestyle (44.04) and the 100-meter freestyle (1:42.78). Alexander Dean (15-18 boys) swam to wins in the 50-meter freestyle (27.89) and the 100-meter freestyle (1:02.77).

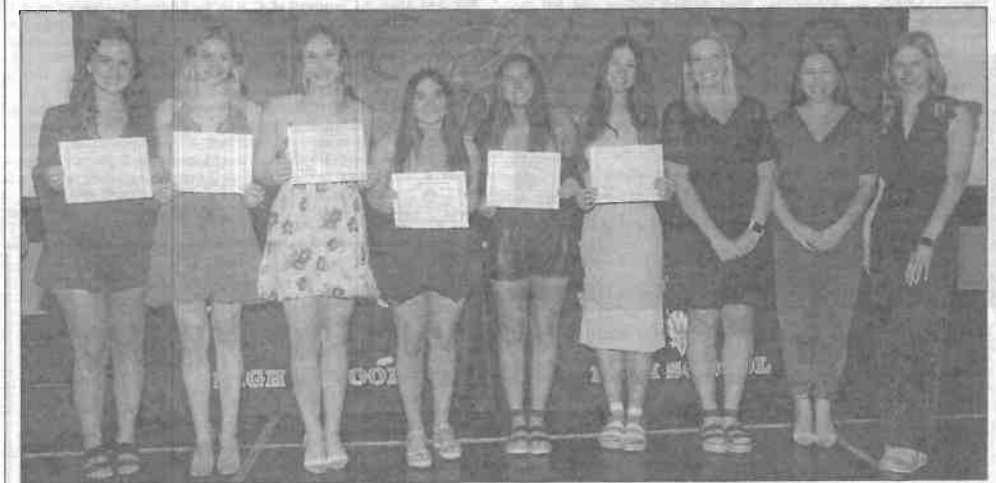
The Mariners' other female champions in Saturday's meet against the Sailfish included: Leighton Stempel (8-and-under girls; 50-meter freestyle-1:06.61); Ariana Knudson (8-and-under girls; 25-meter butterfly-39.21); Maddie Lynch (8-and-under girls; 25-yard breaststroke-36.17); Colleen Pienkos (9-10 girls; 50-meter freestyle-49.47); Olivia Palutkiewicz (11-12 girls; 50-meter butterfly-51.58); Allison Smaczny (13-14 girls; 50-meter backstroke-46.79); Tia Kelly (15-18 girls; 100-meter freestyle-1:20.18); Mary Turner (15-18 girls; 50-meter butterfly-42.15); and Grace Roscoe (15-18 girls; 50-meter breaststroke-41.88).

Villa Park's other male winners in Saturday's victory over Hanover Park included: Tre Tarsitano (8-and-under boys; 25-meter backstroke-43.75); Caleb Vaughan (9-10 boys; 100-meter individual medley-2:12.38); Everett Vea (9-10 boys;



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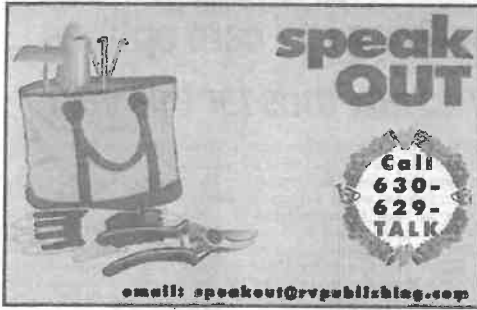
The Villa Park Mariners won two meets last week to raise their 2022 season record to 3-0. Villa Park defeated Glendale Heights 389-204 in Glendale Heights on June 15. Three days later, the Mariners beat Hanover Park 397-166 on Saturday at Jefferson Pool. One photo from Saturday's meet shows Villa Park's Bennett Vea (top left), who won three individual races in the 11-12 boys division. Another photo shows Ryan Mueller (top right), who won two races in the 9-10 boys level. Allison Smaczny is pictured (above left) just before her first-place swim in the 13-14 girls division's 50-meter backstroke. One more photo shows Villa Park's Grace Roscoe (above right) swimming the final leg in a winning effort in the 15-18 girls division's 200-meter freestyle relay. Tia Kelly and Regina Brisbois joined Annabelle Thompson and Roscoe to form the winning relay team. The same four Mariners won their level's 200-meter medley relay race earlier in the meet.



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## Seniors recognized

Willowbrook High School's Athletic Booster Club presented the recent Senior Athletic Banquet, which was held at the school last month, near the end of the 2021-22 school year. The banquet included the awarding of certificates to the senior members of all of the Warriors' athletic teams that competed during the school year. One photo from the banquet shows the seniors of Willowbrook's dance team with their certificates. The team finished ninth in the 2A level of the IHSA Competitive Dance State Meet, which took place in Bloomington in January. Pictured left to right are: Olivia Ehrhardt, Katie Corsini, Ava Cappitelli, Sabrina Corso, Nelly Irion, Coco Bernardi and coaches Maddie Schulte, Claire Creighton and Emily Isaacson.



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To anyone who doesn't understand the purpose of the public hearings regarding the Jan. 6 insurrection, I'll explain: To prevent a future sitting president's attempt to subvert the Constitution by impeding the peaceful transfer of power to the duly-elected successor. I hope they prosecute Trump for his crimes. The misguided comment that Trump told the rioters to go home is ridiculous. That was hours after repeated attempts to get him to do just that. Instead, he spurred the violence on and encouraged them to hang Mike Pence and he told the rioters he loved them. Trump was, is and always will be trash.

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So I heard Caterpillar is moving its headquarters from Deerfield to Texas. Boeing is moving its headquarters from Chicago to Texas. Texas is ranked the number 1 state for business while Illinois is ranked 48th out of 50 in a poll of CEOs and business owners conducted by *Chief Executive* magazine. Despite the bad news, I'm not worried. As long as we are the abortion and cannabis meccas of the Midwest and we all declare our personal pronouns at school and at work, I'm sure businesses will eventually flock to Illinois from other states.

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It would be nice if the health department would consider narrowing down where that "probable" case of monkeypox was found. It doesn't identify anyone, but they could say the north, south, east or west, part of the county. I think we deserve to be informed so we can be cautious. And don't respond it will cause panic or paranoia. Forewarned is forearmed.

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Again, U.S. Rep. Krishnamoorthi has outdone himself in his June 16 commentary with the number of "T

statements. I did this and I did that, ad nauseum. Don't break your arm parting yourself on the back, sir. And remember, there is no "I" in "team."

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Just as we citizens have to tighten the belt and make sacrifices, so should governments, from local on up to federal. Do the right thing and lower the gas taxes so we can at least have a little relief. Make do with less, like we poor working stiffs have to. But I suppose once a tax is in place, it will never be reduced or go away. Think Illinois Tollway.

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Why do I have to shop or dine with your pets? What is the purpose of turning a mall (Yorktown Center and Oak Brook) into a dog-friendly environment? There are no dog/pet stores. And at the grocery store—for what? This is neither cute nor sanitary. There is no consideration for the people who are allergic to these animals. And no, they are not all service animals. I do not want to shop with your dog at Macy's, Home Depot, Costco or Mariano's nor dine with them at the Brick House Tavern. Outdoor dining does not mean bring your pets. I and I'm pretty sure a lot of other individuals feel the same way. Thank you.

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We got a phone call asking for our (high school senior) daughter's phone number from some guy who said he is a military recruiter. First off, no; and next, this is done through the schools if it is done at all. My suggestion is to have the non-emergency phone number of the local police department available and give that to him/her; then our police will have their number!

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When I got a gas fill-up for my Nissan it once cost about \$20-\$25. On June 5, my fill up was \$47.20.

Then I get my bill from Nicor. We're on the budget plan. I paid \$51, then it went up to \$83; now I get a bill today for \$131. The cost rate, they tell me, went from 53 cents to \$1.24 and we used less gas. Great job, Washington. I guess we are no longer an energy-independent country.

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This week's truism. If you elect a clown, expect a circus.

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Hey Texas, what a great idea: ban the wearing of face masks in school but let everybody carry a gun. Great idea. Keep up the good work.

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Today's chuckle and a common-sense solution to the problem of protesters demonstrating in front of your house like the ones you see annoying the Supreme Court judges: Have your neighbors walk their dogs in front of their house without poop bags.

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I've seen the older guys riding these 50cc scooters on roads that have speeds of 35 to 40 mph. Please don't be upset when traffic is backed up behind you and starts passing you in your lane. Your scooter is not designed to go that fast, and the reason I know is because I've got one. I use it at my campground. These scooters aren't designed for these roadways. They're not a motorcycle. Don't be surprised when cars are backing up behind you because your scooter only goes 30 mph. Take it to the campground. Thank you.

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Yeah, I just wanted to say I hope all you Biden supporters and Democrats are proud of what you're doing to the United States of America. Let's see: sky-high gas prices, sky-high prices on all foods. Now you're blaming Trump for everything, but I'm going to stand up for Trump. I hate to do it, but at least he didn't put everybody into a recession—especially now since the feds just raised interest rates. Democrats, what are you thinking? Lefties, what are you thinking? You know, you're going to destroy the United States; you've already destroyed half of it in almost two years. Keep going: way to go Biden. Anybody who is a Democrat, I'm sorry, but you need to go back to school and learn something. Learn general math. Learn common sense. Learn to trust one another and believe in one another and be happy. But no, you're sitting there giving everything away, costing the upper, lower and middle classes all kinds of money. So Democrats, in two years, you've done a great, great job.

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I listen to sports talk radio regularly. I'm getting tired of hearing these self-righteous talk show hosts and the sports media complaining about pro golfers joining a new LIV golf league that's being bankrolled by Saudi Arabia. The media keeps bringing up that Saudi Arabia has a lousy human rights record, but so does China, and the NBA certainly has a nice relationship with China. Do we ever hear anything in the media about China and the NBA? I read on ESPN that 40 principal owners in the NBA have more than a combined \$10 billion tied up in China. The China value of each of the league's 30 teams is an estimated \$150 million.



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## Willowbrook graduate earns Eagle Scout status

Andrew Kling, who is a member of Willowbrook High School's Class of 2022, earned Eagle Scout status last fall. Eagle Scout status is the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Those who receive that rank earn a total of 21 merit badges; demonstrate Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives; and plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project. Kling is with Troop 140, and he joined Cub Scouts in 2014. Kling said he was inspired to sign up because his dad is an Eagle Scout, and his best friend at the time was a member of the troop. For his Eagle Scout project, Kling built show jumps (horse hurdles) for training programs and shows at St. James Farm in Warrenville. The jumps consist of two stands and two PVC pipes. Kling said the process involved finding a beneficiary to support and help organize the project, getting it approved by Troop 140 and securing funds, materials and volunteers. Kling said he hopes to stay involved with Boy Scouts in some capacity (either as a leader or with the Order of the Arrow or Law Enforcement Exploring). He plans to attend College of DuPage and then Northern Illinois University to major in mechatronics engineering, which involves mechanical/electrical engineering, robotics and computer science.

## Treatment to begin for gypsy moths

### Four forest preserves targeted

The Illinois Department of Agriculture will conduct aerial treatments on June 27 and 28 at Waterfall Glen, Des Plaines Riverway, Hidden Lake and Wood Ridge forest preserves for nonnative *Lymantria dispar* moths, formerly known as gypsy moths.

The state agency will treat trees with a pheromone mating disruptor that is not harmful to people, pets, wildlife, plants, cars, or structures. The treatment will be applied by a low-flying airplane that will make multiple passes over the preserves.

The wax-based droplets may stick to cars but can easily be scrubbed off and will not damage the paint or finish. Signs will be posted at the preserve entrances on treatment days.

The treatment is part of a statewide program to prevent *Lymantria dis-*

*par* from establishing itself beyond northeast Illinois. The agency is also trying to reduce the impact of the moth's invasion from other states.

For more information about treatments, visit the Illinois Department of Agriculture's website [slowthespread.org](http://slowthespread.org), call the agency DeKalb office at 815-347-0401, email program manager Nancy Johnson at [Nancy.Johnson@Illinois.gov](mailto:Nancy.Johnson@Illinois.gov)

*Lymantria dispar* is a destructive invasive pest that destroys trees as shrubs.

Large populations of its caterpillars are capable of stripping plar bare, leaving them susceptible disease and environmental stressors. Severe defoliation can kill trees. feeds on over 250 species of plant but prefers oak and willow trees.

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100-meter freestyle-2:08.63); Cillian Connolly (9-10 boys; 50-meter backstroke-1:08.94); Ryan King (11-12 boys; 50-meter backstroke-57.02); Ian Mueller (13-14 boys; 100-meter individual medley-1:28.00); Jurgen Carrola (13-14 boys; 50-meter backstroke-47.59); and Filip Palutkiewicz (15-18 boys; 50-meter butterfly-30.64).

The Mariners won 17 of 20 relay events during Saturday's meet against the Sailfish. The foursome of Elin Stempel, Lydia Aldana, Ary Carrola and Colleen Pienkos won two relay races in the 9-10 girls

level. Villa Park's 11-12 boys team of Ryan King, Bennett Vea, Jon Lynch and Nolan Raczkowski also won two relay events.

The 13-14 boys foursome of Jurgen Carrola, Ian Mueller, Nick Van Dyke and Spencer Kaina delivered a pair of relay wins on Saturday. Villa Park's 15-18 girls quartet of Tia Kelly, Grace Roscoe, Regina Brisbois and Annabelle Thompson also provided two relay victories for the Mariners.

Villa Park's season continues with this week's meet at Bloomingdale.



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Hinsdale Central's Luke Adams is the West Suburban Silver Player of the Year.



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Glenbard East pitcher Caden Krystofiak is the Upstate Eight Conference Player of the Year.

## Suburban Life All-Area baseball team

Here is the Suburban Life All-Area baseball team:

**Luke Adams, Hinsdale Central, senior, infielder:** Named the West Suburban Silver Player of the Year, Adams batted .482 with six home runs, 30 RBIs and stole 22 bases. He struck out 28 batters and earned two saves in 21 1/2 innings. Named to the IHSBCA Class 4A All-State team.

**Jason Czaplewski, Westmont, senior, catcher:** Tallied 45 hits in 99 at-bats for a .455 average to go with a single-season program record 60 RBIs and nine doubles. Notched a .989 fielding percentage.

**Nick Drtina, Nazareth, sophomore, pitcher/infielder:** The Louisville recruit recorded a 12-1 record with 70 strikeouts, his 12th win in the Class 3A state championship game breaking a 25-year-old program record. Drtina batted .371 with 31 RBIs and scored 16 runs.

**Kyle Jannenga, Hinsdale South, senior, catcher:** Named to the IHSBCA Class 3A All-State team. The Coe College recruit was named the West Suburban Gold Conference Player of the Year.

**Brandon Johnson, Lemont, junior, pitcher/third baseman:** The South Suburban Conference Blue Player of the

Year, Johnson finished with a 4-1 record and struck out 57 batters in 39 1/2 innings. He batted .325 with 11 RBIs.

**Caden Krystofiak, Glenbard East, senior, pitcher/third baseman:** The Upstate Eight Conference Player of the Year, Krystofiak recorded a 6-3 mark with 96 strikeouts in 51 1/2 innings. The Spalding University recruit batted .485 with three homers and 29 RBIs.

**Jacob Kutella, Willowbrook, senior, first baseman/pitcher:** A West Suburban Gold All-Conference selection. Kutella batted .494 with 41 RBIs and did not commit an error in 170 chances.

**Jack McNamara, Lyons, senior, catcher:** Batted .482 with 10 doubles, three triples, three home runs and drove in 35 runs. A Wisconsin-Oshkosh recruit, McNamara was named to the IHSBCA Class 4A All-State team.

**Lucas Montesantos, Hinsdale Central, senior, pitcher:** The West Suburban Silver Pitcher of the Year, Montesantos finished 5-0 with a 1.95 ERA and 57 strikeouts in 39 1/2 innings.

**Estevan Moreno, Montini, senior, shortstop:** The Notre Dame recruit earned Chicago Catholic League All-Conference

by batting .420 with 32 extra-base hits.

**Owen Murphy, Riverside-Brookfield, senior, pitcher/infielder:** The Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year, Murphy wrapped up a stellar two-year run by hitting .548 with 57 hits, 18 home runs and driving in 75 RBIs this season. In the circle, Murphy, a Notre Dame recruit, compiled a 9-0 record with four no-hitters, including two perfect games, to go with 137 strikeouts and an 0.12 ERA. Named to the IHSBCA Class 4A All-State team.

**Lucas Smith, Nazareth, junior, outfielder:** The Illinois-Chicago recruit batted .466 with three home runs and three triples. Named to the IHSBCA Class 3A All-State team.

**Rocco Tenuta, St. Francis, junior, shortstop/pitcher:** Batted .425 with four home runs and 40 RBIs. Finished 6-0 on the mound with one save in 49 innings with 63 strikeouts. Named to the IHSBCA Class 3A All-State team.

**Max Vaisvila, Willowbrook, senior, pitcher/DH:** The West Suburban Gold Pitcher of the Year, Vaisvila finished 9-0 with a 1.15 ERA to go with 95 strikeouts. He batted .366 with three home runs and 23 RBIs. Named to the IHS-

BCA Class 4A All-State team.

### Honorable Mention

Luke Brabham, Nazareth, senior, pitcher/DH; Cash Campbell, Montini, sophomore, infielder, pitcher; Tyler Dean, Benet, senior, catcher; Bennett Fleming, Willowbrook, senior, catcher; Will Fletcher, Wheaton North, senior, pitcher; Lucas Hicks, Westmont, sophomore, outfielder; Nolan King, Glenbard West, senior, infielder/outfielder; Chase Krueger, Glenbard West, senior, pitcher/first baseman; Cooper Malamazan, Nazareth, sophomore, shortstop/pitcher; Cooper Marrs, Riverside-Brookfield, sophomore, pitcher/infielder; Ben Oosterbaan, Hinsdale Central, junior, shortstop; Will Potter, Downers Grove South, sophomore, infielder; Frederick Ragsdale III, Lyons, junior, outfielder; Fletcher Roemmich, Timothy Christian, senior, infielder/catcher; Andy Roman, Wheaton Academy, junior, pitcher/outfielder; Brady Small, Lemont, senior, outfielder; Robbie Sprang, Hinsdale South, junior, pitcher; Donald Tober, Timothy Christian, junior, pitcher/catcher; Hudson Williams, Wheaton Academy, junior, shortstop; George Wolkow, Downers Grove North, junior, infielder.

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