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Village named Culture of Health Prize winner by the RWJF Veenstra, Barbanente, library staff weigh in on honor

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) located in New Jersey calls itself "the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health." It is committed to improving health and health equity in the United States. The RWJF periodically awards its coveted "Culture of Health Prize" to just 10 communities across the nation and in the most recent selection, Addison made the list.

The prize honors and elevates communities at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity, and equity for all.

"The 2020-2021 RWJF Culture of Health Prize winners are striving to make good health and well-being achievable for all their residents," said Richard Besser, MD, president and CEO of RWJF. "They understand the clear connection between the opportunity for health and education, jobs, and housing. They are leaning into community-led solutions that break down barriers caused by structural racism and other forms of discrimination."

Each winner will receive a \$25,000 prize, join a growing network of prize-winning communities, and have their accomplishments shared broadly to inspire other communities across the nation, Besser said.

"Prize communities share a commitment to investing in a broad range of solutions and coordinated steps to usher in lasting change," he said.

Besides Addison, the other 2020-2021 prize winners were Alamosa County, Colo.; Chickaloon Native Village; Drew, Miss.; Howard County, Md.; National City, Calif.; Palm Beach County, Fla.; Rocky Mount, N.C.; Thunder Valley Community—

Oglala Lakota Nation (Oceeti Sakowin Territory); and Worcester, Mass.

The Foundation will honor this year's winners at a virtual celebration and learning event to be held Nov. 9-10, where representatives from the prize communities will talk through the different ways they are leveraging their strengths and bringing partners together to expand opportunity. The 10 new winners will also connect with their 44 fellow Prize Alumni communities.

A connection to School District 88

"The strength of Addison is our community partnerships," said Dr. Jean Barbanente, superintendent of DuPage High School District 88. "Whether it's about academics, physical health, social-emotional needs, or equity and inclusion, we're able to support all aspects of health through the relationships we have with organizations across Addison."

Barbanente said building Addison Resources Connect (ARC) was key to forming networks of support throughout the village. The consortium launched during the 2004-05 school year as a collaborative effort of DuPage High School District 88 and local businesses to connect education leaders and business owners and support students and the community. As partners recognized a growing need to connect with families, ARC evolved, according to Barbanente.

"Today, ARC is a network of businesses, schools, social services providers, nonprofits, government agencies, and others. Together, they identify systems and approaches that use Addison's strengths to promote health for all."

Addison Public Library plays key role

The library has been a key connector for residents seeking resources, including teens in search of free mental health counseling. There's also a full-time librarian dedicated to business owners and people seeking employment, and Addison's library is the first in the state accredited to provide immigration services.

"Through ARC, we've been able to pull together our resources and work collaboratively to create and achieve our shared goals for the community," said Elizabeth Lynch, head of teen services at Addison Public Library.

Today, more than 40 percent of Addison residents are Hispanic, and one-third were born outside the United States. Recognizing this evolution in the community, Addison is an

environment that supports residents marginalized by racism and discrimination. Students of District 88 are creating a more inclusive school environment through the Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!) program, for example by hosting a school safety forum where students could bring their concerns and launching a student-led news channel. And Padres Latinos en Acción (Latino Parents in Action) has taken steps to uplift their culture in the community and raise money for student scholarships.

Workforce development committee forms

With a view toward the future, Addison has recognized changing workforce needs. The village is home to a large industrial park, but changes in technology have raised the level of training required for employment,

leaving many Addison residents behind and creating a challenging labor shortage for local business owners. To ensure residents can access the well-paying jobs available in their hometown and businesses can fill them, Mayor Richard Veenstra formed a workforce development committee that is creating pathways to employment. One initiative focuses on apprenticing residents at local businesses.

"In many ways, Addison is making the most of its resources and making sure residents benefit from them — winning the Culture of Health Prize underscores the point," said Veenstra. "Embracing a Culture of Health in any community requires a commitment to inclusion, to a shared vision, to teamwork, and to caring for the needs of all its residents. It redefines the true meaning of 'community.'"



Strung Out comes to Rock 'N Wheels

On Thursday, Aug. 4, Addison's Rock 'N Wheels continues with the band Strung Out, a tribute to the music of the 1970s. What sets this group apart from other classic rock bands is its addition of the electric cello, pictured with the musician on the far left. Strung Out performs at 8 p.m. on the 95.9 FM River Stage, following Karla and the Phat Cats.

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Learning by doing

Above: Project Hire-Ed job trainees Renato Urbina (left) works together with Clayton Borges at SWD, Inc., in Addison. Project Hire-Ed is one of the programs that led Addison to receive the RWJF Culture of Health Prize.

Right: Addison Trail high school student Mateo Gomez, a member of Addison's Youth Equity Stewardship Program speaks up at a meeting with School District 88 administrators. The Youth Equity Stewardship program or YES! is one of the many programs recognized by RWJF that secured the Culture of Health Prize to the Village of Addison.



Reminder: 'Touch A Truck' coming this Saturday

The Addison Park District will host Touch A Truck in Club Fitness parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Kids of all ages (along with a guardian) are invited to sit in the driver's seat of a First Student school bus, honk the horn and take a photo to share with family and friends. Those invited include: a tool truck, a large water truck, a utility bucket truck, a boom truck from porter pipe and a semi-truck from Bulldog Cartage.

The DuPage County Care Van will also be on-site, providing free COVID-19 vaccinations to children. There will be a prize wheel with free giveaways, along with Flavor Frenzy with ice cream, ices and more. The event is sponsored by Addison Bank & Trust. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit addisonparks.org or find them on Facebook.

Addison Trail's Blue and White Community Night celebrates start of school year

Addison Trail invites all stakeholders to celebrate the start of the 2022-23 school year by attending the school's sixth annual Blue and White Community Night – a time for fun, food and Blazer pride. The event takes place at the Addison Trail football stadium on Friday, Aug. 19 when gates will open at 6 p.m. and activities begin at 6:30, concluding about 8:45 p.m.

Addison Trail's Blue and White Community Night will feature a showcase of the school's athletic teams and extracurricular activities. Show your support by wearing T-shirts and gear to represent your Blazer sport, club or activity.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the concession stand.



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Karla & the Phat Cats to perform

Before the band Strung Out performs on Thursday, Aug. 4, Addison's Rock 'N Wheels welcomes Karla & the Phat Cats, pictured here, to the 95.9 FM River Stage beginning at 6:30. See story on page 5.

Addison Trail student newspaper Torch honored by NISPA

Publication recognizes retirees

By Maggie Szarwark,

ADDISON TRAIL CLASS OF 2023

The staff of Addison Trail's student newspaper *Torch* has had a history-making year.

It would seem a staff of only five students would struggle to put together a new edition of the newspaper on a monthly basis. However, the 2021-22 group proved a small staff can accomplish big things, including winning the prestigious Golden Eagle award for Excellence in Journalism from the Northern Illinois Student Press Association (NISPA). *Torch* also won that award in 1992 and 2008.

The Golden Eagle is awarded to the top publication in divisions of similarly sized schools throughout northern Illinois. *Torch* won the division with schools that have about 2,000 students. *Torch* also earned a Bronze Medal in the Newspaper Website competition.

"*Torch* had one of the greatest years in its history," said Steve Bruns, who has served as the adviser of *Torch* for more than 20 years. "Never before has the *Torch* had this level as far as quantity and quality of journalism. This year's staff compiled the largest editions and wrote among the highest caliber of articles for this year's publication."

Editor-in-chief Lindsay Stevenson (class of '22) agreed.

"A Golden Eagle is never something you can expect to win, but we

knew we had a good shot after looking at other publications and seeing how far we had taken our own," she said. "The news was very exciting. I found out in Spanish class, when Bruns had me step into the hall, and he was crying. It is special to see our work translate into a physical paper, and it is even more special to have other people agree and recognize that our paper was outstanding."

Several individual Addison Trail student journalists also were recognized by NISPA. Stevenson was awarded a Blue Ribbon for Photography, and Sneha Dhandapani (class of '22) captured two Blue Ribbons for In-Depth Reporting and Feature Writing. Stephanie Ortiz (class of '23) won a Blue Ribbon for Editorial Cartoon and an Honorable Mention for Graphic Design.

Stevenson took to heart the challenge of making this year's newspaper the best-ever.

"There are a million little steps and tasks beyond just writing and interviewing that are necessary to go from a pile of stories to an actual paper," she said. "It was my job to fill in gaps and fix problems, which was a huge task. It wasn't uncommon to stay after school until 8 or 9 p.m. every day during the week of production, or work for 16 hours at a time. I worked no matter what, and my every thought was surrounded by thoughts about the *Torch*. I ate, slept and breathed newspaper."

Stevenson led the staff in breaking the school record for the largest edition, which amounted to a 16-page issue in April. She shared the process of how the staff worked up to breaking the record.

"Twelve pages was a running joke for a long time, and I always laughed at the idea of 12, because I thought

it might kill me, and that paper took more work than ever before," she said. "I was even more proud of issue 8, because we put out a thick, 16-page paper with much more ease, and we saw everyone – teachers and students – using our paper to find out information they didn't know."

The size of the staff presented challenges when it came to evenly distributing the workload. But in the end, it also contributed to the strong connection formed among the five student journalists.

"I think what makes our staff so great is that we are well-rounded," Stevenson said. "There are five of us and we each have different personalities, strengths and weaknesses, and

we all clean up each other's messes when we need help. Our staff took five people and created a 16-page newspaper that was so interesting and high quality, people read it. That is a bigger accomplishment than most people will ever understand."

Torch will return in the fall under the leadership of Emily Bieberstein (class of '23), who will serve as editor-in-chief.

Newspaper honors retirees

The *Torch* would like to recognize and thank this year's retirees at Addison Trail High School. The student journalists wrote articles to honor the 10 outgoing staff members which include:

- Judy Campbell, Certified School Nurse
- Steve Gilliam, Physical education teacher
- Michael Maaske, Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher
- Sean O'Connor, Science teacher
- Steve Orlando, Buildings and Grounds staff
- Ann Peters, Reading teacher
- Megan Salgado, English Learner (EL) teacher in the Literacy Department
- Frank Stawski, Buildings and Grounds staff
- Dawn Tyler, Special education teacher
- Giuditte Vitiritti, World language teacher

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to learn formally, but if you're someone who has just come to America, that's very intimidating."

That's why the library is the perfect place to learn English, Polich said.

"The library is a place where people can come that's nonthreatening. In the old days, you didn't dare talk very loud in the library," he said. "That's all gone now. Now, we're here to talk."

After sharing so many conversations with one another, Polich said the ELL groups have a strong connection that inspires him.

"These people are my friends," he said. "I've learned so much more than I've ever given out at this class. Everyone has bonded together and we all look forward to seeing each other."

"These days things are so contentious in this country, but it's not here [in class]. Here, it's the exact opposite. It's the way you wish things were."

In addition to finding a fulfilling volunteer role, Polich also discovered all the items and resources that



Allen Polich

are available to him as an Addison Public library cardholder, which was a pleasant surprise after many years without using a library card.

"I couldn't tell you the last time I came into a library before I came [to the Addison Public Library]," he said.

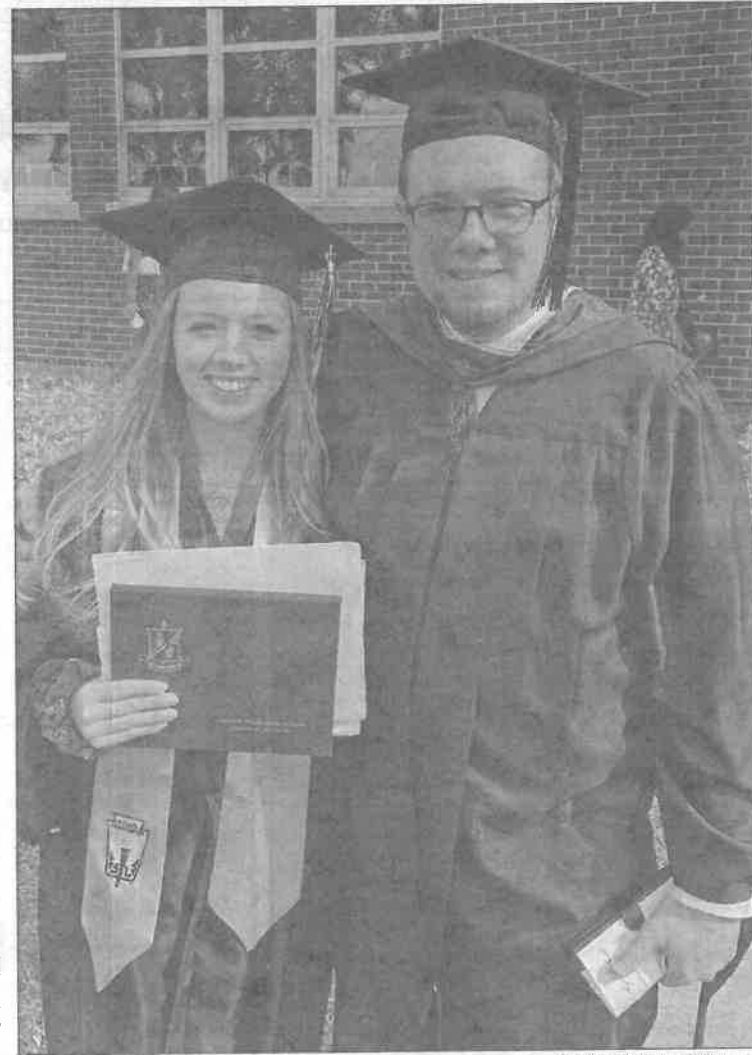
"You have the internet," I thought, "what do you need a library for?" And then I came here.

"When I started volunteering, I discovered everything else about the library has to offer, like the Library of Things and all the CDs, and my gosh, it's a wonderful place. And so much more than you get on the internet."

Polich said he looks forward to the day the library has to move the groups to a larger room to accommodate more people and wants more people to see the library as a place where you can get involved and learn new things.

"This place helps build an international community," he said. "No question about it."

The Addison Public Library is located at 4 Friendship Plaza. To sign up for classes or learn more about the library's English language learning opportunities, visit addisonlibrary.org/english.



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Lindsay Stevenson (class of 2022), editor-in-chief of Addison Trail's student newspaper, *Torch*, shares a smile with Steve Bruns, who has served as the adviser of *Torch* for more than 20 years. Stevenson received this year's Addison Trail Torch Scholarship and helped lead the *Torch* staff to a history-making year.

Twelve students earn Auto Service Excellence certifications

Senior Zielinski awarded Mitchell 1 Tech Scholarship

The 12 Addison Trail students listed below earned Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Entry-Level Certifications this school year.

• Morri Bernardo (class of '22): Suspension and Steering, Heating and Air Conditioning, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Maintenance and Light Repair

• Jonathan Campos (class of '22): Engine Repair, Heating and Air Conditioning, Engine Performance

• Abraham Garcia (class of '23): Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Repair, Engine Performance

• Joshua Gloms (class of '22): Engine Repair, Heating and Air



Daniel Zielinski

Conditioning, Maintenance and Light Repair

• Michael Godenius (class of '22): Suspension and Steering, Engine Repair, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Manual Drive Train and Axles, Automobile Service Technology

• Alejandro Martinez (class of '22): Engine Repair

• Artemio Mejia (class of '22): Engine Repair, Brakes

• Marco Salazar (class of '22): Heating and Air Conditioning

• Michael Sampey (class

of '24): Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Repair, Maintenance and Light Repair

• Angel Reyes (class of '22): Engine Repair, Heating and Air Conditioning, Brakes, Manual Drive Train and Axles

• John Taci (class of '22): Suspension and Steering, Engine Repair, Brakes

• Daniel Zielinski (class of '22): Suspension and Steering, Engine Repair, Brakes, Maintenance and Light Repair, Engine Performance, Automotive Service Technology

Zielinski also has won the Mitchell 1 Automotive Technology Scholarship, which is awarded to high school seniors and college students in the U.S. and Canada who are interested in pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket.

Zielinski will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, a check for \$500 and roundtrip airfare and accommodations for himself and a guest to attend the North America Council of Automotive Teachers (NACAT) conference from Aug. 7 to 11 in Covington, Kentucky.

Coming events

Friday, June 24 DuPage Children's Museum pop-up

From 10-11:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join the DuPage Children's Museum and Addison Partners for Play, Learning and Education (APPLE) for a morning of play. We will have pop-up exhibits from the museum, art stations, and information on early childhood services in the community. All ages are welcome; no registration required. Free learning games to take home will be available to participants while supplies last. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Saturday, June 25 Library xChange: Recreation Swap

From 1-4 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, bring your gently used recreation and sports equipment to swap with your neighbors! If you aren't able to swap your item, we will recommend donation sites for unwanted items. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Monday, June 27 • Story Time with the language labs (drop-in)

From 10:45-11:15 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for a special story time with the language labs! We will have two storytellers presenting stories and songs in Spanish and Russian. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

• Virtual tour of The Hermitage

Starting at 7 p.m. on Zoom via the Addison Public Library, tour The Hermitage, one of the most famous museums in the world, located in St. Petersburg, Russia. Learn about amazing world-class art and the beautiful palace-worthy interiors designed in the 19th century specially to house this jaw-dropping art. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Tuesday, June 28 Silhouette Cameo: Canvas Bag

From 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, learn how to cut, weed, and heat an iron-on design to a canvas bag using the Creative Studio's Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutter and Cricut EasyPress heat press. We will supply a bag and all design materials. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Wednesday, July 6 • Italian Story Time with the Language Labs

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for a special story time with Signora Cristina, who will read stories, songs and activities in both Italian and English. Limit 10 participants. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

• Talkin' politics

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, break out of your echo chamber and talk about the issues you hear about on the news and social media in this open conversation. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Friday, July 8

• Discover dance and stories

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join Innovation Arts Connection to discover the magic of imaginative play with singing, exploration, and learning new skills! Children will explore multiple styles of dance and read a story together. Please wear comfortable clothing and ballet shoes if you have them. Limit 10 participants with caregiver. Ages 2-and-up. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

• Celebrate Eid al-Adha Story Time

From 2-2:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us to celebrate Eid al-Adha with stories and a craft. No registration required.

Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Saturday, July 8 Movement stations (for children)

From 10 a.m.-noon at the Addison Public Library, practice yoga moves, walk the balance beam, or move across some stepping stones. No registration required. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Ongoing events Free lunch for any child under 18

From noon-1 p.m. Monday to Friday through Aug. 5, join us for lunch every weekday at the Addison Public Library. Meals are available to any child under 18. Provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Addison Public Library free lunch

Every weekday Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Aug. 5, meals are available to any child under 18. Provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Birth to 3 Jamboree

From 10-10:30 a.m. every Thursday through June 30 at the Addison Public Library, stories, songs and more! Geared toward ages birth-3 but all ages welcome. Limit 10 participants. Please register for each session separately. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

¡Hola! (Drop-In)

From 10:45-11:15 a.m. every Thursday starting through June 30 at the Addison Public Library

Story time inside

Every Monday through June 27 from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison

Public Library, stories, songs, and more! Geared towards ages 2-5 but all ages welcome. Limit 10 participants. Please register for each session separately. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Addison Road Warriors Running Club for ages 16 and over

Are you currently a runner or thinking about getting into running? Joining a running club has great advantages for all running abilities. Our club will incorporate various distances, paces, and surfaces to perform your best. It will provide guidance on goal setting, strengthening, flexibility and nutrition geared specifically for runners. Local races will also be targeted in this program. Location: Club Fitness. Info: addisonparks.org

Open enrollment is ongoing for the Addison Park District Preschool

The Addison Park District preschool program curriculum reflects the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. Visit www.illinoisearlylearning.org for more details. The Park District helps children develop prekindergarten skills, including letter/name recognition, listening skills, healthy habits, cooperative play, fine motor, and socialization skills. The experiences are both educational and recreational, which aid in social, physical, intellectual, and emotional growth. Registration is taken in-person at the Centennial Rec Center. Call (630) 233-7275 option 3 for registration availability. Visit addisonparks.org for required paperwork due prior to first day of program.

Join the Addison All Star Summer Day Camp Program

Participants will go on supervised hikes, learn to play sports, adventure out to new outdoor places, plant a children's garden, create

arts and crafts projects, have fun with dance parties, and will enjoy fitness and movie days. The program will operate in small rat and groups which will enable participants to receive individual attention in a fun, safe environment. Enroll in a five day a week opt or as little as two days a week. Times: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. Info: disonparks.org

English conversation groups

At 2 p.m. Mondays on Zoo and at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, practice listening and speaking skills in a small group setting. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events

English reading circle

At 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events

¡Hola! (drop-in)

Join the Addison Public Library on Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. for an in-person bilingual story time in Spanish and English. Drop-in. Info: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Computer basics

Learn computer basics from 2 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-543-3617.

Heroes story time

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for stories and activities about everyday heroes, superheroes, and more. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-543-3617.

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Mariners finish season by winning the title at the Blue Division 'A' Meet

Villa Park will compete in the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference's Red Division in 2023

STAFF REPORT

The Villa Park Mariners completed their 2022 season by winning the championship at the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference's Blue Division 'A' Meet in Glendale Heights. The Mariners decisively outscored three other teams at the July 23 meet, which was abbreviated because of rain and thunderstorms.

Villa Park earned 556 team points at the Blue Division 'A' Meet. Glendale Heights finished second with 380 points. The Wood Dale/Addison team placed third with 283 points, while Hanover Park landed in fourth with 262 points.

Winning this year's Blue Division title propels the Mariners into the conference's Red Division in 2023. The conference includes three divisions (White, Red and Blue).

Naomi Aldana won two individual titles for the Mariners at the Blue Division 'A' Meet. Competing in the 13-14 girls division, she won the 100-yard individual medley, which she completed in 1 minute, 11.75 seconds. She also won the 50-yard butterfly, which she finished in 30.45 seconds.

Villa Park's Bennett Vea won two individual events in the 11-12 boys division at the Blue Division 'A' Meet. He earned his victories in the 100-yard individual medley (1:20.12) and the 50-yard butterfly



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTOS Villa Park Review

The Villa Park Mariners closed out their 2022 season by winning the title at the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference Blue Division 'A' Meet in Glendale Heights on July 23. The Mariners defeated three other teams at the season-ending meet, which was shortened because of rain and thunderstorms. Villa Park's Naomi Aldana (above) won two individual events in the meet's 13-14 girls level. Bennett Vea (top right) of the Mariners swam to two victories in the meet's 11-12 boys division. Both Mariners are pictured during recent regular-season meets. Winning the Blue Division title propelled Villa Park's team into the conference's Red Division next year.

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Lydia Aldana claimed a pair of wins for the Mariners in the meet's 9-10 girls level. She delivered first-place finishes in the 100-yard individual medley (1:35.58) and the 50-yard butterfly (46.49).

The Villa Park swimmers who

won one individual event at the Blue Division 'A' Meet included: Ruth Aldana (8-and-under girls; 50-yard freestyle-42.60), Maddie Lynch (8-and-under girls; 25-yard butterfly-26.88), Colleen Pienkos (9-10 girls; 100-yard freestyle-1:37.90), Kyle King (8-and-under boys; 25-



yard butterfly-35.71) and Ryan Mueller (9-10 boys; 100-yard individual medley-1:42.96).

Villa Park swimmers won six relay events at the shortened meet. Most of the day's freestyle relay races were canceled. The Mariners enjoyed plenty of success in the medley relays, which took place at the start of the meet.

Villa Park's 8-and-under girls foursome of Leighton Stempel, Maddie Lynch, Kennedy Grobe and Ruth Aldana delivered the team's lone win in a freestyle relay event. The four Mariners won the 100-yard freestyle relay in a first-place time of 1:33.62.

Villa Park's 9-10 boys quartet of Cillian Connolly, Ryan Mueller, Caleb Vaughan and Everett Vea won the

200-yard medley relay (3:37.39).

The Mariners' 11-12 girls foursome of Brooke Turner, Lauren Chivilo, Phoebe Aldana and Soleil Capulong claimed a victory in the 200-yard medley relay (2:51.53).

The 11-12 boys lineup of Ryan King, Jon Lynch, Bennett Vea and Nolan Raczowski provided the Mariners with a win in the 200-yard medley relay (2:42.66).

Villa Park's 13-14 girls foursome of Maisie Thompson, Lily Chivilo, Naomi Aldana and Allison Smaczyn won the 200-yard medley relay (2:20.62).

Annabelle Thompson, Grace Roscoe, Regina Brisbois and Tia Kelly teamed up to deliver a win for the Mariners in the 15-18 girls level's 200-yard medley relay (2:18.68).



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Dance camp at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's dance team held a weeklong camp for girls ages 4 to 13 last week. The five-day camp concluded with Friday morning's showcase for family and friends in the school's main gymnasium. The showcase included performances from girls in different age groups, as well as a brief routine from the members of Willowbrook's team. All of the campers joined the Willowbrook team for the final performance of the showcase. One photo from the end of the camp shows the dance team's Tabitha Bernard, who will soon begin her junior year, with her niece—Emry Figueroa (age 5). Earlier this year, Willowbrook's dance team earned a ninth-place finish in the 2A division of the IHSA competitive state dance meet in Bloomington.

