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# A big win for the Warriors

**Willowbrook's boys soccer team defeated Addison Trail 2-1 in last week's West Suburban Gold Conference match in Villa Park. Willowbrook ended a streak of several consecutive losses to the Blazers in the annual battle of District 88 rivals. The Warriors broke a 1-1 tie in the Sept. 6 match when senior Aiden Amin scored with about 19 minutes left in the second half. One photo from the closing minutes of the match shows Willowbrook senior goalkeeper Jack Voss leaping to make a save. The victory over Addison Trail allowed the Warriors to take possession of the District 88 Derby trophy. The traveling trophy goes to the winner of each year's conference match between Willowbrook and the Blazers. For more about the Warriors, see Page 12.**


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# Warriors pick up first win by routing Proviso East

## *Willowbrook races to 42-6 halftime lead in its conference opener*

The Willowbrook football team earned its first victory of the 2022 season by pounding Proviso East 48-6 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Maywood.

The Warriors opened their season with a pair of non-conference home losses. Willowbrook didn't score in either of those games, falling 28-0 to Notre Dame College Prep School of Niles in the season opener on Aug. 26, and losing 30-0 to Downers Grove North on Sept. 2.

Willowbrook scored six touchdowns in the first half of Friday's conference opener to take a 42-6 halftime lead.

The Warriors' offensive attack against Proviso East (0-3) included multiple touchdowns from both junior Jimmy Degnan and senior Joey Tumilty.

Willowbrook's season continues with this Friday's conference game at Downers Grove South (0-3). The Mustangs opened their season with three straight non-conference losses, including Friday's 27-7 loss at Downers Grove North.

JOE PEARSON PHOTOS *Rock Valley Publishing*

**Willowbrook's football team improved to 1-2 on the season when it opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with last Friday's 48-6 win at Proviso East. Senior Joey Tumilty (above) while carries the ball. Junior Jimmy Degnan (right - No. 14) leaps to make an interception. Tumilty and Degnan both scored multiple touchdowns for the Warriors during the Sept. 9 victory. Willowbrook will try to even its overall record at 2-2 when it plays a conference game at Downers Grove South (0-3) this Friday.**

# Warriors score decisive win over Addison Trail

## *Willowbrook's week also includes a championship effort at Leyden's Eagle Invite*

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a 25-13, 25-14 victory over Addison Trail on Sept. 6 in Villa Park.

Sophomore Hannah Kenny contributed seven kills, 14 assists and 10 digs for the Warriors in their win over the Blazers. Junior Calli Kenny provided seven kills, eight assists, six digs and three aces. Sophomore Anna Marinier supplied five kills, while seniors Natalie Cipriano and Hope Reckamp each hit three kills. Senior Grace Conley had nine digs and four assists, while senior Kylie Brown made six digs.

Four days after beating Addison Trail, Willowbrook won five straight matches to win the championship at Saturday's Eagle Invite at Leyden. The Warriors moved their overall season record to 13-2 with Saturday's five victories.

The Warriors defeated Proviso West (25-12, 25-10), Lane Tech (25-11, 25-22), DePaul College Prep (25-15, 25-15), Leyden (25-11, 25-13) and Conant (25-17, 25-21) during the invite.

Willowbrook's schedule this week includes a conference match against Morton and a non-conference battle with Riverside-Brookfield.

JOE PEARSON PHOTO *Rock Valley Publishing*

# Warriors flag football team wins its debut

**Willowbrook High School's new flag football team played its first game on Saturday. The Warriors defeated Proviso East 34-0 in the contest, which took place at Oak Park and River Forest High School.**

# Warriors place third in their own eight-team invitational

The Willowbrook High School girls tennis team earned a third-place finish in its eight-team District 88 Classic on Saturday. Timothy Christian won the event's team championship by capturing titles in all four flights (two singles and two doubles). Nazareth Academy placed second.

Senior Molly Brennan of the Warriors finished second in the No. 1 singles flight. Sophomore Ella Lopez provided Willowbrook with a third-place finish at No. 2 singles.

Willowbrook's No. 1 doubles team of juniors Lauren Carson and Jasmine Langston placed fourth in the No. 1 doubles flight. The Warriors' No. 2 doubles duo of senior

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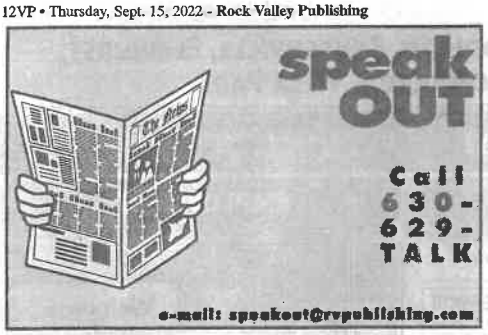
**Willowbrook's girls tennis team finished third in the team standings of Saturday's eight-team District 88 Classic. Junior Brenda Martinez (right) teamed with senior Maggie Anderson (above) at the baseline) to claim a third-place finish in the event's No. 2 doubles flight.**

**Senior Molly Brennan contributed a second-place finish at No. 1 singles.**

**Sophomore Ella Lopez placed third at No. 2 singles. Willowbrook's tandem of juniors Lauren Carson and Jasmine Langston finished fourth at No. 1 doubles.**




I believe criminals should be in jail. I believe our country should be energy independent. I believe in secure borders and fair elections. Does that sound extreme? Does that make me an enemy of the state?

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I get tired of seeing all the criticism of Gov. Pritzker in Speak Out. I think he's done a good job considering he's had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. He had our health and safety in mind and was careful to gradually allow businesses to re-open and relax mask mandates. Compare that to how Ron DeSantis recklessly left Florida open and not require masks. I am also glad he has stood up for a woman's right to choose, and the state now has a balanced budget. He has done a lot of good.

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I see Rep. Raja touting the Inflation Reduction Act (Sept. 8 issue); then please explain why the Feds are raising interest rates. How does that help someone who wants to refinance, take out a loan or otherwise reduce debt to offset the rising costs of gas, food, etc.? He also says there will be a cap on insulin costs starting in 2023. Why wait and why did it take so long? There are plenty of people who I am sure will suffer financially between now and then. And speaking of capping, the governor signed a law capping payday loans at 36 percent: the Predatory Loan Prevention Act. Read that again: 36 percent. While loan companies are there to make money, surely this is predatory in its very nature, preying on vulnerable people who may have had a temporary downturn in their credit. For once, I actually do want to see the government step in and regulate something. How can the government think capping interest at 36 percent is doing anyone any favors?

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Will more people start to realize that COVID-19 was little more than a flu for most people? It would have passed with little notice without the media hype and all of the silly and useless regulations. A lot of people had it in 2019, before the shutdowns, and it wasn't a severe problem for kids. And can we really believe the so-called COVID-19 death statistics? How many people died from COVID-19, and how many people died with COVID-19? There's a difference.

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So I read that Steve Bannon is pleading not guilty to charges of money laundering, conspiracy and fraud related to an alleged online scheme to raise money for the construction of the wall along the southern border. Of course, he's pleading not guilty. After all, Bannon and his old boss, Trump, are such honorable men and can do no wrong. Not! I hope Bannon and Trump are convicted and sent to prison sooner rather than later.

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We have to change our leadership. Our representatives continue to vote along party lines. We need change. Please educate yourself on the Safe-T Act they support in Illinois. It will allow criminals for crimes like aggravated battery, second-degree murder, kidnapping, burglary and fleeing and eluding become bail-less crimes. That means they charge the person and then let them go. We are going to be a lawless society in short order. Please look at alternative candidates. Time to move on.

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A lot of the people who believe Trump had nuclear secrets at his Florida home also bought the hoax that Trump colluded with Russia during the 2016 campaign.

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It is comical reading some of the comments on Trump. Yes, please keep following the mainstream media so you don't focus on what this current administration is doing to destroy our country. Keep voting because you dislike Trump and anyone else but Trump is better. At least he had America's back. Members of this administration continue to line their pockets, and mortgage your children's future with out-of-control spending, open borders; but somehow Trump is a bad man. Comical how the media has trained you.

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Crime is in the news every single day. A young mother abducted and murdered in Memphis. Gangs of armed carjackers in Chicago. Constant reports of catalytic converter thefts in our area. Countless stories of career criminals who are released from prison, only to commit more crimes. But what does Biden rant about? MAGA Republicans! Yes, crime is a problem throughout our country, and Democrat-run cities are becoming no-go zones. But Biden wants us to believe the real threat is coming from people who disagree with his political policies. Wake up, America!

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Please keep in mind the feel-good story of a workers' rights bill that is actually Amendment 1, which would increase your property taxes by about $2,100 by 2026. This may also be labeled a proposed amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution. It also hurts Illinois' chances of attracting new business which will also raise your cost of living. Please pay attention, people. We need to change the current state government starting with all our local representatives who will presumably vote along party lines as they do on every other bill.

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The Democrats who run Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C., were happy to proclaim their cities as "sanctuary cities" and ignore the problem of illegal immigration. Now that they've had a few hundred illegal immigrants sent to their cities, these Democrats are whining and playing the victim card. It's easy to virtue signal when you don't face any consequences. These Democrats like Lightfoot don't care that our border has been overrun by millions of people, but when Texas sends a few busloads of immigrants their way, they can't cope.

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The first start of a friendship is that someone has to initiate a "hello."

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I'm referencing a Speak Out column on Thursday, Aug. 11 in regard to electric vehicles. It says "on top of that it takes several hours, if not days, to fully recharge them." In your guidelines for writing and submitting a letter, it says we reserve the right to edit the letter for reasons of clarity, space restrictions and libel. I think you ought to do it for a fact check. I have not heard any electric vehicle manufacturer who has a charger that takes days to charge. This gives the wrong impression to a lot of people who may have an interest in that vehicle, and I don't know why that was included in there because it's simply giving incorrect information. Thank you.

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Hi, I just want to say I'm one of the 78 million semi-fascists who will not vote for Biden and never will. Good bye.

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I didn't go to college because I couldn't afford it. You want to go to college, you can't afford it, but you want me to help pay for it. Isn't there something wrong here?

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I could see seat belts being worn on tollways and expressways, but the city when the speed limits are 3 when the children are in buses w no belts and the adults driving - 25-mph wearing belts? I don't understa this. There is something wrong w this. Thanks. Bye.

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Many American citizens are livi homeless. Immigrants come here a they want respect and dignity. We gi them a place to live. We give the credit cards, cable TV and phon they get everything. And here the c izens of this country are living hom less. Is there something wrong w this picture? We need to get a ne governor and a new mayor of Chicag Immediately. Thank you. Goodbye.

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Illinois, you'd better wake up. you want to get back to some kind a somewhat normal life, do not vote re-elect Mr. Pritzker. OK, everybo thinks this guy balanced the budg No, he did not. It was improved. You better wake up. And he made marij na legal. I don't care how much rev nue marijuana brings in. If you're o of these people who say there's not ing wrong with pot, you'd better thi again. Oh, big deal. It brings it a lot revenue. Have your taxes been cut? A they want to do in Illinois is tax a spend, tax and spend, and if that's wh you want, fine. You're going to be p into poverty. So you'd better wake now.

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California wants to abandon t use of fossil fuels and yet they ha so many forest fires polluting the mosphere because of their neglect maintaining the forests. How smart that?

## • Warriors (Continued from page 5)

Maggie Anderson and junior Brenda Martinez turned in a third-place finish.

Willowbrook opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a 4-3 loss to Addison Trail in a Sept. 6 dual meet in Villa Park. The Warriors' winners against the Blazers included the tandem of Anderson and Martinez at No. 2 doubles. Junior Lauren Schalk teamed with sophomore Avery Solis to secure a win at No. 3 doubles. The Warriors' No. 4 doubles team of juniors Dunia Elghor and Kailee Kattiyaman also posted a victory against the Blazers.

One day after losing to Addison Trail, the Warriors beat West Chicago 4-3 in a non-conference dual meet. Willowbrook's winners in the Sept. 7 meet in West Chicago included Elghor, who prevailed in the No. 1 singles match. The duo of Carson and Langston won at No. 1 doubles, while Schalk and Solis won at No. 3 doubles. Willowbrook won the No. 4 double match by default.

The Warriors lost 6-1 at Hinsdale South in a conference dual meet on Sept. 8. Lopez provided Willowbrook's lone win with her victory in the No. 3 singles match.

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## Warriors beat the Blazers

**Willowbrook's boys soccer team began its West Suburban Gold Conference schedule with last week's exciting 2-1 win over Addison Trail in Villa Park. The Sept. 6 contest was tied at 1-1 at halftime. Junior Liron Ebema scored the Warriors' first-half goal to give his team a 1-0 lead. The Blazers responded with their own first-half score to even the match. Willowbrook senior Aiden Amin scored the winning goal with about 19 minutes remaining in the second half. Sophomore Armando Martinez assisted Amin's goal. Above right: Martinez (No. 11) and Amin (No. 23) are pictured moments after the go-ahead goal. Above, left: Willowbrook senior goalkeeper Jack Voss gets ready to throw the ball after making a save late in the match. The Warriors improved their overall season record to 3-2-2 with the win, which ended a lengthy string of losses to the Blazers in the annual meeting of District 88 rivals. Beating the Blazers allowed the Warriors to take possession of the District 88 Derby trophy, which goes to the winner of each year's conference contest between the two teams. Willowbrook moved to 4-2-2 following its 2-1 non-conference victory at Joliet Catholic on Sept. 8. Sophomore Vinni DaSilva and junior Lucas Bohm each scored one goal in the Warriors' win over Joliet Catholic. Senior Ricardo Acosta provided one assist. Willowbrook's schedule this week includes a conference match at Morton and a non-conference home match against Glenbard South.**

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of:
Ridaul Fatima Hanafi

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Ridaul Fatima Hanafi to the new name of Izzabella Salvatrice Amore.

The court date will be held on October 19, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at 505 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton DuPage County in Courtroom #2005.

/s/Rida Hanafi
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## Blazers vs. Warriors

**Addison Trail's boys soccer team faced Willowbrook in last wee West Suburban Gold Conference match in Villa Park. The Warri defeated the Blazers 2-1 in the Sept. 6 contest. The two teams w tied at 1-1 at halftime. Addison Trail senior Matias Aguilar (No. scored a first-half goal that tied the contest at 1-1.**

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| 06-15-305-039 | SUAREZ, MARCUS & VANESSA | 186,810 |
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| 06-15-400-005 | CAYADA, R & E BRUNELLO | 115,390 |

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| 06-16-211-028 | GONZALEZ, G & A VILLEGAS | 100,910 |
| 06-16-213-004 | TIRIO, ROBERT & TRICIA | 104,450 |
| 06-16-214-018 | PEREZ, SAMUEL G | 101,140 |
| 06-16-214-034 | DZIK, JUSTIN & M MCQUIRE | 50 |
| 06-16-215-001 | MOORE, FRANK | 102,790 |
| 06-16-216-010 | GEE, STEPHEN | 96,150 |
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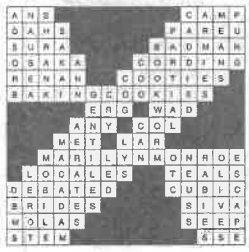

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## Road Warriors

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**Willowbrook High School's football team received plenty of student support during Friday night's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Downers Grove South. Some members of the Warriors' sizable student section are pictured during the game. Downers Grove South defeated Willowbrook 28-13, sending the Warriors' overall season record to 1-3. Willowbrook's football team will play its homecoming game against Leyden this Friday.**

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# DuPage County road projects highlight year four of Rebuild Illinois

Entering year four of Rebuild Illinois, the Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that multiple projects in DuPage County are under way or planned to begin.

Eight major projects represent a total investment of more than $37 million, improving safety and mobility while sustaining and creating good-paying jobs throughout the region.

"With the Rebuild Illinois capital plan, we are restoring and transforming Illinois' aging infrastructure," Gov. JB Pritzker said. "Rebuild Illinois is not only about investing in infrastructure but about investing in people and communities as well. In the coming months, IDOT will undertake projects that will ultimately create safer roads and bridges and provide jobs in DuPage County and across the entire state."

Projects and traffic impacts include:

• **Interstate 55 North Frontage Road from Kingery Highway (Illinois 83) to Elm Street** includes resurfacing and installing ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Daytime closures are needed to complete construction. The project began this summer and is anticipated to be completed in fall.

• **North Avenue (Illinois 64) at Interstate 355** includes bridge deck and joint repairs, replacing deteriorated curbs, new deck overlay and approaches. The project began this spring and is anticipated to be completed this fall.

• **Butterfield Road (Illinois 56) over Interstate 355** includes a new deck overlay and joint repairs. Butterfield Road is reduced to two lanes in each direction between Briarcliff Road and Downers Drive. The project is anticipated to begin this fall and be completed late 2023.

• **Illinois 53 at Great Western Trail south of North Avenue (Illinois 64)** includes new bridge deck installation, bridge beam replacement and repair. The project is anticipated to begin next spring and estimated to be completed late next summer.

• **Interstate 55 from Weber Road to Willow Springs Road** includes crack and joint sealing. Overnight lane closures are needed to complete work. The project is anticipated to begin next spring and estimated to be completed late 2023.

• **Irving Park Road (Illinois 19) from west of Mitchell Boulevard to Roselle Road** includes resurfacing, building new shoulders and installing ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Daytime lane closures are needed to complete construction. The project is anticipated to begin summer 2023 and estimated to be completed late fall 2023.

• **Irving Park Road (Illinois 19) from Roselle Road to Baker Drive** includes resurfacing, building new shoulders and installing ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Daytime lane closures are needed to complete construction. The project is anticipated to begin summer 2023 and estimated to be completed fall 2023.

• **Illinois 56 from just west of Illinois 53 to southbound I-355 ramp and at Illinois 53** includes intersection reconstruction, bridge repairs, noise barrier installation, new retaining wall and ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. Construction will be completed in phases. The project is anticipated to begin summer 2025 and be completed fall 2025.

"These projects represent another year that IDOT will be making transformational investments in DuPage County and all across the state," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman.

Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing $33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history but also the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois include approximately $8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements. Visit https://idot.click/Rebuild-Illinois for information and highlights of other Rebuild Illinois projects happening throughout the state.

In addition to improving roads and bridges, Rebuild Illinois identifies in the Chicago area $400 million for the CREATE program, $500 million to establish passenger rail to the Quad Cities and Rockford, and $4 billion for the Regional Transportation Authority, which oversees the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace.

## Willowbrook to hold its homecoming parade this Friday

*Ardmore Avenue will be closed from Park Boulevard to Highridge Road from about 4 to 4:45 p.m.*

Willowbrook High School is celebrating its homecoming this week with a variety of special activities. This year's homecoming theme is "Rose Garden."

The school's homecoming parade will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23. The parade route will begin near the Rugaard Gazebo, near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. The parade will proceed south on Ardmore Avenue to the school.

Ardmore Avenue will be closed from Park Boulevard to Highridge Road this Friday from about 4 to 4:45 p.m. Highridge Road will also be closed during that time.

This Friday's events also include the Willowbrook flag football team's game (starting at 6 p.m.), followed by the varsity football team's homecoming contest against Leyden (starting at approximately 7:30 p.m.) The varsity football game will feature a halftime fireworks display.

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## Village board recognizes longtime Villa Park business owner

**Villa Park's Cherokee Rose Embroidery, Inc., located at 100 S. Villa Ave., closed its doors last month after 33 years in business. Nancy Woodruff, Cherokee Rose's owner and manager, started the business in her parents' house near the corner of Monterey Avenue and St. Charles Road in 1989. Three years later, she relocated the business to 220 W. St. Charles Road. She moved a couple of more times before settling at the location at 100 S. Villa Ave. nine years ago. Cherokee Rose sold custom-embroidered apparel for businesses, schools, organizations and individuals. Additionally, Cherokee Rose would embroider numerous items—including jackets, shirts, blankets, towels and bridal pieces—brought in by customers. The Villa Park Village Board honored Woodruff during its board meeting on Aug. 8. Villa Park Village President Nick Cuzzone read a proclamation recognizing Woodruff and expressing appreciation for her contribution to the betterment of Villa Park. "Eventually my husband and I would like to go somewhere warmer," said Woodruff of her future plans. One photo (above left) shows Woodruff inside the business with the framed proclamation issued by the village board. Another photo (above right) shows Woodruff (right) outside of the business with assistant manager Sue Perkins (left).**

## Obituary

**SUSAN L. ZABRAN**

Susan L. Zabran, nee Leinenweber, age 64 of Villa Park. Beloved wife of Joseph F. Zabran; loving mother of Ben (Kim) Gries, Allison (Derik) Leary, Josie (Fiance Joshua Kandich) Zabran; dear daughter of Kathleen Leinenweber, nee Brewer, and the late William Leinenweber; devoted grandmother of Wyatt and Barrett Gries, and Jamie Sue Leary; fond sister of the late Thomas Leinenweber; aunt of many nieces and nephews; she will be greatly missed by her "Main Man" Trigger.

Memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Sep. 24, 1-3:30 p.m. with a service at 3:30 p.m., at Steuerle Chapel, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181. Interment private. Memorials to American Cancer Society or Midwest Labrador Retriever Rescue, are appreciated.

Funeral info: (630) 832-4161 or www.steuerlefh.com.

# Warriors move to 15-2 with two decisive victories

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team won a pair of matches last week to improve its overall season record to 15-2.

The Warriors began last week's action with a 25-6, 25-18 win at Morton in a West Suburban Gold Conference contest. Willowbrook raised its conference record to 2-0 with the Sept. 13 victory at Morton.

Two days later, the Warriors defeated Riverside-Brookfield 24-14, 25-15 in a non-conference match in Villa Park.

Willowbrook sophomore Hannah Kenny provided seven kills, eight aces, nine assists and six digs in last week's triumph at Morton. Junior Calli Kenny supplied seven kills, 11 assists and five digs. Senior Natalie Cipriano had eight kills and two digs. Senior Grace Conley made eight digs.

Hannah Kenny piled up six kills, six assists and seven digs in the Warriors' win over Riverside-Brookfield. Calli Kenny had four kills, nine assists and nine digs. Sophomore Anna Marinier connected for four kills, while Cipriano delivered three kills and four digs.

Conley handed out four assists and made eight digs. Junior Elle Bruschuk, senior Hope Reckamp and junior Eliza Ramey each contributed two kills, while junior Keri Ostrowski had three digs.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes a conference match at Downers Grove South.

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**Willowbrook's football team lost 28-13 to Downers Grove South in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Downers Grove. The loss marked the Warriors' first conference loss since the final game of the 2016 regular season. Willowbrook fell to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in conference play following Friday's loss. One photo from the game shows senior Joey Tumilty (No. 4), who scored Willowbrook's first touchdown of the night on a 77-yard run in the first quarter. Tumilty is pictured (right) while throwing a 24-yard touchdown pass to senior Adrian Guerrero in the second quarter. Guerrero (above - No. 32) is shown as he forces his way into the end zone after making the reception. The Warriors will play their homecoming game this Friday, when they meet Leyden (0-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference) in a West Suburban Gold Conference contest in Villa Park.**

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## Warriors vs. Dukes

**Willowbrook's girls golf team faced York in last week's dual meet at the Dukes' home venue—Sugar Creek Golf Course in Villa Park. York defeated the Warriors 176-198 in the Sept. 14 meet. Willowbrook senior Mickey Martens shot the best individual score of the event, firing a nine-hole total of 40. Martens is pictured (above) while hitting her tee shot on the seventh hole as sophomore Paige Dehnke watches in the background. Senior Judy Roelle contributed a score of 49 for the Warriors. She is pictured (left) on the ninth hole. Senior Maddie Aderholt carded a 54 for Willowbrook, while Dehnke delivered a 55 to round out the team's total score of 198. Freshman Eva Rodriguez (59) and senior Ava McLaughlin (64) also represented the Warriors in the meet. York posted its team score of 176 with individual scores of 41, 43, 45 and 47.**

# Warriors suffer first conference loss since 2016

*Mustangs post a 28-13 win over Willowbrook; Warriors will play their homecoming game against Leyden this Friday*

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football team dropped to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in West Suburban Gold Conference play following Friday's 28-13 loss at Downers Grove South.

The setback marked the Warriors' first conference loss since the final week of the 2016 regular season. Leyden beat Willowbrook 21-9 in that game, which took place on Oct. 21, 2016. The Eagles posted a perfect 6-0 conference record during the 2016 season, while Willowbrook went 4-2 in conference play. The Warriors won a pair of playoff games during the 2016 post-season before losing to East St. Louis in the quarterfinal round of the IHSA Class 7A playoffs.

Willowbrook will try to begin a new West Suburban Gold Conference winning streak this Friday, when it plays its homecoming game against Leyden. The Eagles fell to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference following last week's 30-29 overtime loss to Morton.

Willowbrook faced several obstacles during Friday's game against Downers Grove South, which moved to 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the conference with its victory. Playing in their own homecoming game, the Mustangs opened the scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter. The Warriors responded moments later, when senior quarterback Joey Tumilty ran 77 yards for a touchdown. Tumilty dropped back in what appeared to be a pass play. He then scrambled to his right and raced down the sideline before cutting back toward the middle of the field around the Mustangs' 40-yard line. Tumilty then headed toward the opposite side of the field before crossing the goal line.

Senior Adrian Guerrero made the ensuing extra-point kick to even the score at 7-7 with about five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Downers Grove South didn't take long to regain the lead. The Mustangs scored on a 49-yard touchdown run with about four minutes left in the opening quarter. Downers Grove South held a 14-7 lead at the end of first quarter.

While playing on defense, Tumilty intercepted a pass late in the second quarter to give the Warriors possession of the ball deep in Mustangs' territory. Willowbrook took advantage of the turnover by scoring on Tumilty's 24-yard touchdown pass to Guerrero with 2:21 left in the first half. Guerrero caught the pass well short of the goal line before dragging a few Downers Grove South defenders into the end zone.

The Mustangs blocked Guerrero's extra-point kick to maintain a 14-13 lead.

Sophomore Jordan Pate of the Warriors recovered a Downers Grove South fumble at the Mustangs' 17-yard line with 1:35 left in the first half. Willowbrook then drove the ball inside the Mustangs' 5-yard line, but the drive ended when Downers Grove South intercepted a Willowbrook pass in the end zone.

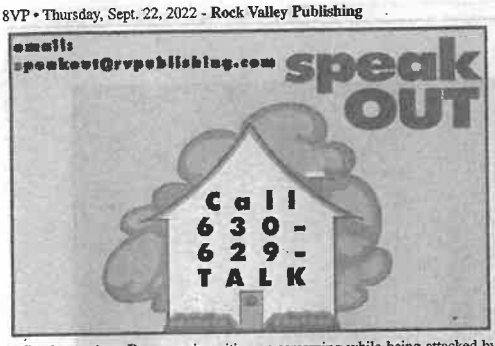
The Warriors had another chance to take the lead when they attempted a field goal with about five minutes left in the third quarter. The Mustangs blocked the kick.

Downers Grove South expanded its lead by completing a 60-yard touchdown pass with about 30 seconds left in the third quarter. The extra-point kick gave the Mustangs a 21-13 lead.

Tumilty was sidelined during a significant part of the second half with what appeared to be an ankle injury. The Warriors still had a chance to mount a comeback in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter. Willowbrook's defense stopped the Mustangs on a fourth-down play with about four minutes left in the game. The Warriors took possession at their own 11-yard line, but the Mustangs intercepted a Willowbrook pass on the next play.

One play later, Downers Grove South broke a 15-yard touchdown run with 3:28 left in the game. The ensuing extra-point kick closed out the scoring.

"We didn't capitalize on things; that was the reality," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after Friday's loss. "We were down a bunch of starters, but still in a position to win. When other guys are given opportunities to step up, they have to do that. Breaks don't go your way all the time. That's part of the game. But we had those opportunities and didn't capitalize on them."




Good morning. I'm a senior citizen here in Villa Park and I'm very concerned with this new law that's going to take effect Jan. 1, 2023. No cash bail in most cases. It is absolutely ludicrous, insane and crazy that our governor would sign something like that into law. You've got to be insane if you vote this man back in. It's just unbelievable. And if we don't all say something or do something, we're going to be more like New York. And I really think that's what they want to do. I don't understand at all why it's important to let these people out of jail when that's where they belong. Please help us. People, wake up.

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While watching the Bears game on Sunday (Sept. 11), I saw a disgusting commercial that had video of a woman screaming while being attacked by three men in Lakeview. I later found out this commercial was funded by a conservative PAC. I found this commercial to be in poor taste. All it did was play on people's fears. This group ought to be ashamed of themselves.

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What happened to freedom of speech in the United States? If a person doesn't agree with leftists' "acceptable" opinions these days, can they express their views? Maybe not. In addition to suppressing their critics on social media, leftists will label these critics as deniers and fascists. Are you skeptical about the benefits of masks and the COVID shots? Shut up! Do you have questions about the 2020 election and its irregularities related to an unprecedented flood of mail-in ballots? Shut up, denier! You should be suspended from Twitter, YouTube and Facebook! How about so-called "climate change?" Do you question the Green New Deal and the zealots' claims that Democrats know how to control the planet's temperatures? Be quiet! Do you want to submit a critical comment about Biden in Speak Out? Prepare for some responses complaining about the amount of negative comments about our president. Leftists seem to be so sure of their opinions, but they can't stand any scrutiny.

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These smug, arrogant MAGA Republicans think they're easily going to take the House and Senate in November. I think you're going to be in for a rude awakening on Nov. 8. The decision by your activist Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade is rallying women across the country. I can't wait to see Tucker Carlson, Hannity and Laura Ingraham whine on election night about how Democrats will remain in control of Congress.

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I love how the supposedly compassionate left flipped out after Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott sent those here illegally in this country to Martha's Vineyard and outside the residence of Kamala Harris in Washington. I keep hearing about how much the left cares for these migrants. Well, this was the perfect opportunity for rich leftists in Martha's Vineyard, like Barack Obama, to put their money where their mouths are and help care for them. Instead, they were sent to a military base on Cape Cod two days later. Obama has a $12 million mansion there. I imagine he could have taken in all 50 of the migrants at Martha's Vineyard without a problem.

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Why does America have to always be the "world police"? In order to fight against communism, dictatorships, authoritarian governments, etc., we need the free countries of the world to stand up with us and declare that these governments and human-rights violators will not be tolerated. We cannot do it alone, nor should we.

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I read how Raja, our ever-modest "I-did-this" U.S. representative, was talking about the Taiwanese bringing their companies here to make electronic chips, and he said it will boost our economy. Maybe so, but what about our own manufacturers getting in on the CHIPS and Science Act? Aren't we always saying how we need more of our own companies making the goods we use?

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I cannot blame Gov. (Greg) Abbott for sending the illegal immigrants to the "sanctuary" cities around the country. Why should Texas, or other border states, be forced to handle, deal with, pay for this influx alone? Frankly, I thought they should all be taken to Washington, D.C.'s doorstep, since it is the Biden administration that opened the floodgates. Who are among these immigrants? Criminals and drug smugglers, unvaccinated and sick individuals, potential terrorists who have slipped in undetected? Who is vetting these people? Mayor Lightfoot, while having harsh words toward Abbott, said Chicago will welcome these immigrants. Then she said she will turn to the federal government for help with housing, food, basic needs, to ease the burden on Chicago. But it's the federal government that created this mess in the first place.

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I shop for same things every week at the grocery store. Two years ago, $35; last year, $50; and yesterday, $80. This is a direct result of the current administration. It marvels me how people can keep voting these folks in to office as they destroy our cost of living. We need to try new politicians from state to federal.

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How many times have you encountered people riding bikes, etc., on the street without lighting or reflective material? It's not just kids, but many adults. People, you may see the cars, but they might not see you. A driver gets a police warning or ticket for a burned-out headlight or tail lights. If there aren't enough police to enforce visibility laws, give these people riding on the street a loud honk when you see them. Maybe they will get the hint. That goes for people pushing baby buggies, too.

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The Democrats and their media allies who claim to oppose fascism are happy to censor and suppress their critics. It's shameful that Democrats and media companies are colluding to censor opinions they don't like. I thought we lived in a free country. These Democrats and leftists in the media are the ones who scream loudly about "disinformation" while spreading it themselves. Have they ever apologized for promoting the Russia collusion hoax? Have they ever apologized for suppressing the truthful stories about Biden's son and all of his shady dealings? Of course not.

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I'm calling about the Democratic crime bill that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2023. The Democrats call it the SAFE-T Act, but the only people who will be safer will be criminals. You can guarantee that violent crime will go up in DuPage County. That's why 100 of the 102 county state's attorneys came out against this pro-criminal bill. Thanks a lot, Democrats!

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## A solid meet for the Warriors

**Willowbrook's boys golf team earned a third-place finish in the team results of last week's 14-team West Chicago Invite at St. Andrews Golf and Country Club in West Chicago. The Warriors turned in a score of 328 in the Sept. 12 event, delivering what head coach Gary Walker described as the team's best performance of the season. Seniors Brett Vandergrift and Vince Guajardo both fired 18-hole scores of 77 on the par-72 course to place fourth and fifth, respectively, in the event's individual standings. Guajardo is pictured while hitting a tee shot (with Vandergrift watching) during a Warriors' home meet earlier this season. More than 80 players participated in last week's invite. Junior Victor Voskresenski carded an 85 for Willowbrook, while senior Nick Chivilo posted an 89. The Warriors wrapped up their West Suburban Conference season with a loss to Downers Grove South in a dual meet at Sugar Creek Golf Course on Sept. 8. The visiting Mustangs defeated the Warriors 143-158. Vandergrift shot Willowbrook's best score of the meet by turning in a nine-hole total of 35 on the par-32 layout. Guajardo (38), Chivilo (42) and Voskresenski (43) rounded out the team's scoring lineup. The Warriors are playing in this week's West Suburban Conference Meet at Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course in Crest Hill. Willowbrook will play in an IHSA Class 3A regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club on Sept. 28.**

## Villa Park BREWFEST takes place Oct. 1

### *Tickets must be purchased online*

Something exciting is brewing in Villa Park. Villa Park BREWFEST will be held Saturday, Oct 1, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave., from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are still available for this craft beer tasting festival, which will showcase the talents and unique beers from area breweries. Attendees will enjoy sampling many craft beers and hard ciders from more than 15 breweries.

Tickets are available for purchase—online only—at www.villaparkbrewfest.com.

Villa Park BREWFEST is a 21 and older event. Even the designated driver attendee needs to be at least 21 years old and have a ticket to attend.

The festival will also feature food trucks, a DJ and a complimentary bike valet.

## Willowbrook to j
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Willowbrook High School ha
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