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Willowbrook homecoming parade

Last week's homecoming festivities at Willowbrook High School included Friday afternoon's parade down Ardmore Avenue. The parade procession began on Park Boulevard, near the Rugaard Gazebo, and proceeded south on Ardmore to Highridge Road. Members of Villa Park's police and fire departments secured the parade route. The parade featured Willowbrook's marching band, as well as several of the Warriors' student-athletes and the cast and crew of the school's upcoming production of "Anything Goes!" Dozens of children in the Villa Park Youth Football and Cheer program also walked in the parade.



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Warriors win their homecoming game, beating Leyden 35-7

Willowbrook scores two touchdowns on interception returns

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football team moved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in West Suburban Gold Conference play following Friday's 35-7 home win over Leyden.

Playing in their homecoming game, the Warriors built a 14-7 halftime lead over the visiting Eagles, who dropped to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the conference with the loss. After a scoreless third quarter, Willowbrook blew the game open with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore K.J. Rhodes scored the Warriors' first touchdown of the game when he intercepted a tipped pass and raced 64 yards for a touchdown with about six minutes left in the first quarter. Senior Adrian Guerrero kicked the extra point to give Willowbrook a 7-0 lead.

"We started eight sophomores, a junior and two seniors on defense," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after Friday's win. "We're banged up. A bunch of guys had opportunities to play on both sides of the ball. When you lose some guys, it changes what you do and what it looks like. The guys played really hard."

One of the Warriors' key players sidelined with an injury is senior Joey Tumilty. The Willowbrook standout on both offense and defense suffered a season-ending ankle injury in the team's conference loss at Downers Grove South on Sept. 16.

Leyden evened the score by delivering its own interception return for a touchdown later in the first quarter. The Eagles intercepted a tipped pass and returned the ball about 40 yards into the end zone in the final minute of the quarter. Leyden made the extra-point kick to tie the score at 7-7.

The Warriors regained the lead when junior Daeveon Madison crossed the goal line on a 3-yard touchdown run in the final minute of the second quarter. Guerrero added the extra-point kick to give Willowbrook a 14-7 lead. Moments before Madison's scoring run, junior quarterback A.J. Palicki completed a long pass to Rhodes to put the Warriors near Leyden's goal line.

Willowbrook senior Damian Banaszewski scored his team's third touchdown of the night on a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter. Sophomore Brandon Lopez kicked the extra point to raise the Warriors' lead to 21-7. Lopez handled the kicking duties after Guerrero left the game with an injury.

Leyden drove the ball inside Willowbrook territory earlier in the second half, but junior Carter Ferguson of the Warriors forced a fumble near the 15-yard line. Senior Jack Krichbaum recovered the loose ball to end the Eagles' scoring threat.

Shortly after scoring the short touchdown run, Banaszewski intercepted a Leyden pass while he was

playing on defense. He made the interception in the middle of the field and raced into the end zone on a 53-yard return to extend the lead to 27-7. Lopez added the extra-point kick to push the Warriors' lead to 28-7.

Junior Joe Hanson scored Willowbrook's fifth and final touchdown of the night on a 27-yard run. Lopez made the ensuing extra-point kick to close out the scoring.

The Warriors' season continues with this Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference battle against District 88 rival Addison Trail in Addison. The Blazers will enter the game with an overall record of 2-3 and a conference mark of 1-1.



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Willowbrook's football team won its homecoming game on Friday night in Villa Park. The Warriors defeated Leyden 35-7 in a West Suburban Gold Conference game. Willowbrook improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in conference play. Senior Damian Banaszewski (left - No. 22) of the Warriors is pictured after he returned an interception 53 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Banaszewski scored an offensive touchdown on a 1-yard run earlier in the quarter. Another photo shows sophomore Brandon Lopez (above - No. 45) making an extra-point kick. Junior Noah Brockle is the holder. Lopez converted three extra-point kicks in the fourth quarter. He took over the Warriors' placekicking duties after senior Adrian Guerrero suffered an injury in the second half. Willowbrook's season continues with this Friday's conference game against District 88 rival Addison Trail in Addison.



Warriors' flag football team earns a victory in front of a homecoming crowd

STAFF REPORT

Willowbrook High School's new girls flag football team played the opening game of Friday night's historic doubleheader in Villa Park.

The Warriors' flag football team, which is in its inaugural season, defeated Oak Park/River Forest 24-0 in Friday's first game. Willowbrook's football team earned a 35-7 West Suburban Gold Conference victory over Leyden in the evening's second game.

In addition to being part of the celebration of Willowbrook's homecoming week, the pair of contests formed a groundbreaking doubleheader. The special twin bill featured a girls flag football team and a varsity football game for the first time in Illinois high school history.

"It's really cool to have this opportunity with the girls, then the boys playing here," said Willowbrook head football coach Nick Hildreth after his team beat Leyden. Hildreth is assisting Rachel Karos in coaching the Warriors' flag football team. "This has never happened before in the state of Illinois, so it's a big deal. It's an honor to be a part of it. We pushed hard to get a homecoming [flag football] game here. There's a nice crowd here, and a lot of youth groups. When you bring it to the community, you start to get the girls interested."

In conjunction with the National Football League and Nike, the Chicago Bears and Chicago Public Schools launched the Chicago Public League Girls Flag Football program in 2021. The program expanded this year to add an eight-team league in the Rockford area, along with six teams in the West Suburban Conference.

In addition to Willowbrook, the West Suburban Conference's flag football teams include: Oak Park/River Forest, Proviso East, Proviso West, Morton East and Morton West. Most of the conference's games are played on Saturdays at Oak Park/River Forest, but the Warriors brought their third game of the season to their own stadium to set up the historic doubleheader in front of a healthy homecoming crowd.

The Warriors' flag football team did not disappoint home fans during Friday's game. Senior quarterback

Rimon Kari fired touchdown passes to senior Kennedy Vannoy, junior Emma Anderlik and senior Zaida Serrano.

Willowbrook's flag football team will play two more regular-season games in Oak Park. The Warriors will then try to make a post-season run that will end with an appearance in the state championship game, which will be played at the Bears' Halas Hall facility in Lake Forest.



Playing in its inaugural season, Willowbrook's girls flag football team improved to 3-0 with Friday's 24-0 home victory over Oak Park/River Forest. Several members of the team are pictured while celebrating their triumph. Senior quarterback Rimon Kari (above - No. 6) fired touchdown passes to senior Kennedy Vannoy, junior Emma Anderlik and senior Zaida Serrano during Friday's win, which was the opening game of a doubleheader at Willowbrook's stadium in Villa Park. The school's football team won the second game of the doubleheader, beating Leyden 35-7. The Warriors' flag football team make a post-season run that leads to a berth in the state championship game, which will be played at the Chicago Bears' Halas Hall facility in Lake Forest.



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Warriors move to 3-0 in conference action after beating Downers Grove South

Willowbrook will face Glenbard East tonight in Villa Park

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team improved to 16-2 overall and 3-0 in West Suburban Gold Conference play following last week's 25-23, 25-11 win at Downers Grove South.

Junior Calli Kenny contributed six kills, six digs, six aces and three assists in the Warriors' win over the Mustangs on Sept. 20. Sophomore Hannah Kenny supplied five kills, six assists, six digs and three aces. Senior Natalie Cipriano added three kills and three digs. Senior Grace Conley provided six digs and three assists. Junior Eliza Ramey made two blocks. Senior Hope Reckamp had one kill, one block and one ace.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes tonight's non-conference home match against Glenbard East.



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How did Chicago do during the last full weekend of Lightfoot's summer of joy? There were 62 people shot with nine of those 62 people killed. Please do Chicago a favor, Lightfoot, and don't declare a fall of joy.

Hey Trumpians. Your savior wanted a special master to review the documents the FBI seized in the raid on Mar-a-Lago. He got one, and now I'm reading about how this special master is exposing holes in the legal arguments presented by Trump's attorneys in court, and confronting their attempts to evade scrutiny. I hope all this special master nonsense backfires, and that your savior is indicted and eventually goes to prison where he belongs.

Pritzker declared an emergency after buses with about 500 immigrants arrived in Chicago? Are you kidding? Tiny border towns in Texas are being overrun with thousands of immigrants every single day. Now that's an emer-

gency. But Democrats don't care about that. Democrats are such hypocrites.

I noticed all the comments by the MAGA Republicans in Speak Out (last week) supporting DeSantis and the Texas governor for sending migrants to other states and to Martha's Vineyard. These poor migrants want nothing more than to make a better life for themselves and their families. I think it's terrible that the Republicans are using them as political pawns.

Every television commercial for a prescription drug includes disclaimers. You know what I'm talking about. The commercial begins by touting the benefit of the drug. Then, in the middle or at the end of the commercial, the narrator runs through the disclaimers. This drug may cause dry mouth, diarrhea, seizures, suicidal thoughts, etc. Tell your doctor if you're pregnant, or planning to become pregnant. And so on. Are we supposed to believe that the

quickly developed COVID vaccines have no side effects for anyone?

Don't get fooled with this workers' rights bill or Amendment One. This bill will change the Illinois Constitution. It will give unions too much power and sway over legislation. Most importantly, it will raise your property taxes. I am all for taking care of hard-working people, but not at the expense of my pocket book. Please vote no. Let's have fair bargaining rights, but not one-sided bargaining rights.

When Vice President Harris visited Chicago to rally voters, she said we must defend the principles "ingrained in the Constitution," regarding abortion rights. The Constitution does not guarantee abortion rights. While I am pro-life, I do agree the government should butt out of a woman's decision, which is between her and her medical provider. And to be clear, the Supreme Court did not take away abortion rights; the justices merely turned the matter over to the states, so any protests should be directed at the state level. Pro-choice advocates keep chanting the same lame mantra about where are the pro-life people to adopt and otherwise take care of these "unwanted" children, and the cost to raise them if they end up in "the system." Does a human life's value come down to the cost? There are so many people out there who are willing to adopt these children, but often the obstacles to adopting are overwhelming and cost-prohibitive. Let's make ease of adoption more attainable. Oh, and for those who use abortion as birth control, how about not getting pregnant in the first place?

Shame on Trump for asking for a special master; this may in fact cost several people their lives as their security has now been compromised by secret documents seen by who knows who! We have spies in so many countries who are now in danger. There is much more than Trump's lies involved

here; our entire national security is at risk because of this terrible man.

So it appears that the Democrats have completely politicized the FBI, which now functions basically as the police force for the Democratic Party. The exposure of their role in the Russia hoax didn't stop them at all. They raid Trump's home and now they raid the homes of Trump supporters. Let's remember that when the Democrats were claiming that Trump was an illegitimate president after the 2016 election, Trump didn't harass them and raid their homes. I believe the Democratic Party is the main cause of the decline of this country.

Many years ago, there was a baby boy born in England. His mother donated her umbilical cord to a registry matching people with blood cancers to marrow donors. I was the recipient of that baby's umbilical cord cells in 2017. They saved my life. If you are a mom-to-be or know someone who is, take a minute and ask your doctor about donating your baby's umbilical cord cells. Please.

People, please wake up. We need to vote out incumbents. This Safe-T Act that goes into effect in January must be repealed. You are letting criminals out of prison, with little to no consequences for violent crimes and it handcuffs the police as far as what they can do. We are going to become a lawless state. Who thinks up these laws? This has gotten out of hand. Please vote with your heart.

Barack and Michelle Obama own a 29-acre estate in Martha's Vineyard. The 6,892-square-foot home has seven bedrooms and eight-and-a-half bathrooms. The home also features a private beach front. Are you thinking what I'm thinking? The Obamas' home could serve as a welcoming center for migrants. A "sanctuary" center. Barack himself could welcome boat-

loads of immigrants ashore at his vate beach. Why not? Liberals love pat themselves on the back and c. they are morally superior. Why are the Obamas and other liberals welcoming migrants with open arms?

Did you read about the massive 1 million fraud scheme in Minnesota which 47 people allegedly exploit federally funded child nutrition grants during the COVID-19 pandemic? People allegedly stole million dollars meant to help children and the money to buy luxury cars, hot jewelry and coastal property abroad. What a disgrace! Also, how could government allow such massive fraud to continue for about two years? The way, the government tells us the 2020 election was the most secure election in history.

When you go to vote in Novem for your buddy JB, please remember Illinois is ranked highest in property taxes in the U.S., second in small business layoffs in the U.S., tied with Iowa for the third worst unemployment rate in the U.S., and tied with Ohio the fourth highest gas taxes in the U.S. But keep those abortion comm coming, JB. Not to mention your 1 get reductions were because of fec COVID-19 money and had nothing to do with what you have done. Me we should talk crime also.

Safety and staying alive need to be promoted on our streets with the becoming shorter. People in streets those who cross crosswalks need to be seen by motorists. Wearing light-colored and reflective clothes can solve the problem. Bikes should be required to have proper lighting. If we honked our horn at people in dark, they might get the hint. If try.

If you can't cure stupidity, why stupidity run your life and your country?

Major recognition

Senior Sarah Ball of Willowbrook's girls flag football team (No. 1) is pictured while making an interception return during the second half of the Warriors' home game against Oak Park/River Forest on Friday in Villa Park. Willowbrook defeated the Huskies 24-0 to improve its record to 3-0. The Warriors opened their inaugural season with a 34-0 win over Proviso East in a game played at Oak Park/River Forest on Sept. 10. Ball, who is a Villa Park resident, made a spectacular play in that game



by leaping to make a reception near midfield. She then sprinted into the end zone for a touchdown. The video of Ball's play was showcased on the NFL Network, with former NFL offensive lineman Brian Baldinger praising the Willowbrook standout's effort as he provided commentary

of the athletic catch and run. Ball recently earned the NFL FLAG Player of the Week honor for her exceptional offensive play. She also received an autographed ball from Chicago Bears wide receiver Darnell Mooney.



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Montini Catholic announces 2022 homecoming court members

Montini Catholic High School congratulates its 2022 homecoming court members. A king and queen will be announced on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the homecoming dance. This year's homecoming theme is "Broncos vs. Everybody." Students are busy preparing for their annual homecoming dance to be held outdoors for the second year in a row on the Bronco football field and featuring food trucks, games and fireworks. From left to right are this year's homecoming court: Grace Tierney, Emma Canty, W Gramann, Jacob Velasquez, Christian Clarke (Villa Park), Trey Barrett, Mike Wind, Luke Cushing, Jon Heatherly and Liadan O'Flaherty.

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District 88 School Board president: 'Thank you for being a good board'

SCHOOLS



By **Steven Hughes**
Sep 29, 2022

At the DuPage High School District 88 **School Board Meeting** on Sept. 12, the board president honored the board's leadership.

"Thank you for being a good board and being willing to do all these things that we need to do in order to be a good board of Education," Donna Cain, the board's president, said during the meeting. "It's not something that one person can do here. It involves the entire board."

The district's board has seven people in its leadership — four have terms ending in 2023.

Jack Andrews, the principal of Addison Trail High School, gave an update on the start of the new year. The school had its homecoming week in September, kicking off Spirit Week with the popular Pajama Day, leading up to the game on Friday followed by the dance on Saturday. The school was also planning its honor roll assembly for Sept. 26 to acknowledge all honor roll students from the second semester of the 21-22 school year.

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The assistant principal for Willowbrook High School, Alena Edwards, gave her start-of-the-school-year update. The school's open house was a huge success and brought attendants. The school also recently celebrated its first flag football game for the girls team, which they won against Proviso East. The boys football team also won their match against Proviso East. The school is looking forward to their homecoming week following Addison Trail

President of the Board Cain also gave a brief update. She shared that Dan Olson, the vice president, had earned the certificate of equity influencer by completing the training with the IASB over the summer. She also highlighted that the board of education had been one of the 33 districts to earn the IASB's 2022 School Board Governance Recognition Designation.

The board will **meet again at** 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at 2 Friendship Plaza at Addison. For more information, call the district at 630-650-3981.

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Scott Gryder committed to 'top priorities' of inflation, community safety, government spending and taxes'

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Kevin Wallace's nonpartisan Bartlett Village Board Members fully back mayor's State House bid

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Downers Grove Grade School District 58 told 'We're in a good position to where we expect to be'

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William Sias ranks 22,519th in Boys' 16 singles bracket by August

SPORTS

Rachael Smith earns 2,310 bonus points in Girls' 14 bracket by week ending Sept. 3

SPORTS

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