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## SCARCE program reaching area laundromats Bookshelves offer kids more access to reading

By Jane Charnelo

INDEPENDENT STAFF REPORTER

According to the "Handbook of Early Literacy Research, Vol. 2," the ratio of books to children in a middle-income home is 13 to 1. That ratio becomes one book for every 300 children in low-income homes.

Addison-based SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Compost Education) has taken its mission to reduce, reuse and recycle in a unique direction that not only keeps perfectly good books from ending up in landfills, but also helps provide literacy opportunities for those children whose access to books may be limited.

As Kay McKeen, founder and executive director of SCARCE (formerly SCRAP), tells it, it was quite by accident that the idea to put children's books in laundromats came about—a project that would become known as Literacy at the Laundromat.

She noted that around eight to 10 years ago, she heard from a teacher/volunteer, who was working on his Ph.D., about another Ph.D. student who had come up with an idea to place children's books in laundromats.

While that Ph.D. student's identity remains unknown, what McKeen does know is that he or she was clever in trying to think of a way "to get books to kids who need them."

"We don't know if they ever did it," she continued. "[But] as we thought about it... it is a great place to spend time reading."

So, McKeen started contacting some school districts, and one in particular, Addison District 4, agreed to work with SCARCE to contribute some books, and now Addison has three laundromats participating in the project.

The director said the district helps provide books in English, Spanish and Polish.

West Chicago has three laundromats participating, Warrenville has one, Villa Park has one (at 414 N. Ardmore Ave.), Bensenville has one and now Lombard has one at 409 Crescent Blvd.

Outside of DuPage County, there is also one bookshelf set up at a laundromat in Arlington Heights.

Thanks to a college intern, the laundromats have refurbished, painted two-shelf bookshelves, McKeen

related, which are sturdy and can hold about 200 books.

She said SCARCE supplies new books to the little libraries (Addison District 4 also supplies some for the Addison laundromats), and she estimates the SCARCE facility on Route 53 has "thousands" of books.

Stacks of brand new books—unsold from such places as retail stores (and then returned to the parent company) that are kept out of landfills—sit in boxes just waiting for volunteers to bring them to the laundromats. Some are also taken to area food pantries as well.

The director said volunteers check

the laundromats on a regular basis, to make sure the shelves are adequately filled. Tammy Ireland, a teacher in Lombard, checks on the Crescent Avenue location.

McKeen thought of "a good example" of how the books are being utilized, saying that while SCARCE only sends out new books, a volunteer noticed at one laundromat that the books "looked beat up."

The director surmised that children were taking the books home, reading them and possibly sharing them, then returning them to take a new book. "They've got their own library going," she quipped.

McKeen said some children might be living in a vehicle, so a book may be returned after it is read, since there would be little room to store books.

She also remembers one mom's particular feedback: The woman said she is now able to build a home library, and "This would never be possible without this project."

The director said she is hoping to expand Literacy at the Laundromat, and was scheduled to speak this week to members of the School District 45 Green Team, teachers and administrators to explain how the

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## ACA to bid farewell to Leiber

Reception planned on Friday, Oct. 14

Annette Leiber was never able to say goodbye to friends and colleagues when she moved to Arizona in June, despite being intrinsically instrumental in all things artistic in Addison and surrounding communities for many years. She will be back in Addison for a brief visit on Friday, Oct. 14 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Addison Center for the Arts gallery. The address is 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison. Please stop by to greet Annette and enjoy a light snack and dessert. Please RSVP (leave a message anytime) to the ACA office: (630) 458-4500. It will also be a chance to see the latest ACA exhibit...the works of Dorothy Bayer Shaw.

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## Addison Trail to perform 'Harvey'

Rehearsing a scene from Addison Trail's fall play, "Harvey" by Mary Chase are (from left) Junior Jack DiDomenic, performing as Dr. William B. Chumley, senior Megan Sowa as the co-stage manager, senior Lea Staller as Veta Louise, and sophomore Nathan Redmann as Elwood P. Dowd. Performances will take place in the AHS auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. each evening. There will also be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday. See story inside.

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## D88 seeks professionals for CTE Youth Apprenticeship Program

The District 88 administration is committed to providing multiple and flexible pathways for students to ensure they are college and career ready. Partnerships with colleges, universities and businesses help expand these opportunities for students.

### Training available for those considering running for D88 School Board

Those who are interested in running for the DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education during the Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023, are invited to attend a Prospective Board Candidate Workshop. Four seats will be open on the District 88 Board during the election.

The workshop will take place online via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. You must sign up to attend by 12 noon on Monday, Oct. 17 at [dupage88.net/BoardCandidateWorkshop2022](mailto:dupage88.net/BoardCandidateWorkshop2022). A Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

At the workshop, you'll learn:

- Time requirements of being a Board member;
- Expectations of being a Board member;
- How to complete the process for gathering and filing petitions;
- You also will have an opportunity to ask questions about being a Board member.

For more information: Contact Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at [dbrink@dupage88.net](mailto:dbrink@dupage88.net) or 630-530-3989.

As part of that focus, there was a luncheon held on Oct. 5 for nearly 40 local business professionals and chamber of commerce members from Addison, Lombard, Villa Park and the Oak Brook area. The event took place at Willowbrook High School and featured lunch by The Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook culinary students. Musical entertainment was provided by Willowbrook orchestra students.

During the luncheon, D88 administrators shared information about who we are as a district, the future direction and areas of focus, services/programs available to support the mental health and social-emotional needs of students, academic successes (including dual credits and career certifications earned by pupils), extracurricular engagement, facility updates and how to stay connected with District 88. Participants were able to take a tour of Willowbrook as well.

Discussion included the various ways companies can collaborate with D88 to support its students. Willowbrook senior Michael Wampler Jr. shared his experience of working with Simplex System Controls Inc. through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Expectations of the partnership include the following:

1. Offer a career and college integrated pathway by providing:
  - Tuition assistance
  - Competitive wages
  - Flexible hours
  - Short-term and long-term career pathways
  - Other benefits
2. Offer students exploratory career experiences in manufacturing and information technology through the Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship Collaborative program.
3. Become a vocational site for the District 88 Transition Program,

which helps individuals ages 18 to 21 who have a variety of abilities learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to a life of independence after District 88.

4. Become a mentor for students at Addison Trail High School and/or at Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison School District 4. The purpose of the Mentor Program is to identify students "on the brink of success," who will benefit from having a positive role model. Community members and business professionals are matched with students and meet for 30 minutes once a week.

5. Advertise your business on a 36" x 60" printed banner displayed in the main gymnasium or on an athletic fence at Addison Trail and/or Willowbrook high schools.

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## As Veterans Day approaches

### Addison Trail seeks display items for Veterans Day exhibit

Each year, Addison Trail recognizes Veterans Day with displays and a video to honor veterans from Addison.

The school is looking for more pictures and items to add to that collection. If you have photos of service members in uniform (who graduated from Addison Trail or who are from the Village of Addison), letters written to or from local veterans or other artifacts, Addison Trail would like to include them. Please also include brief biographical information about the individual(s). Items will be returned, and the submission deadline

is Friday, Oct. 21.

Submissions can be dropped off to the attention of Maryellen Marise between 7:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the week at Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison at door No. 1. They also can be e-mailed to [mmarise@dupage88.net](mailto:mmarise@dupage88.net).

#### ATVSO fundraiser planned for 'Flags of Addison'

With Veterans Day coming up on Friday, Nov. 11, the Addison Trail Veteran Service Organization (ATVSO) is hosting a fundraiser to support and celebrate local veterans. ATV-

SO is selling T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts and sweatshirts to help fund a program called Flags of Addison. Through that project, people can make a \$50 donation to have a flag placed in the yard at their business or home.

Flags will be placed from sunup to sundown on the dates of Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Sept. 11 and Veterans Day.

For more information, contact AT social studies teacher and ATVSO adviser LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer at [lcscolini@dupage88.net](mailto:lcscolini@dupage88.net) or 630-628-3347.



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SCARCE, 800 S. Rohlfing Road (Route 53), Addison, started a project called Literacy at the Laundromat, bringing books to children who might not otherwise have much access to them. Pictured at the Addison facility is SCARCE founder and executive director Kay McKeen, with just some of the brand new books that will be distributed to 10 participating laundromats in DuPage County. There is also a participating laundromat in Arlington Heights.

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project works.

As part of another literacy-related project—and thanks to a facility that spans 18,900 square feet—SCARCE is now collecting books, pencils, erasers and pencil sharpeners to send to Liberia in mid-December, because "They have no public schools," according to McKeen.

She said children have to break one pencil into three pieces so each child has something to write with.

And if that is not a big enough project, the director said SCARCE sends supplies to 105 countries.

The director said she is in need of a volunteer to monitor the laundromat in Villa Park and one to monitor the Bensenville location, at 30 E. Green St.

For more information about Literacy at the Laundromat, making a donation to SCARCE or how to become a volunteer, visit [scarce.org](http://scarce.org) or call 630-545-9710.



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## A salute to veterans

This is an example of the veterans display that has appeared in years past at Addison Trail High School. This year, the students hope to assemble it again but seek help gathering artifacts to place inside. If you have photos of service members in uniform (who graduated from Addison Trail or are currently Addison residents), letters written to or from local veterans or other items, Addison Trail would like to include them.

## Addison Trail theatre performances of 'Harvey' opens Thursday, Oct. 13

Accepting others for who they are and embracing the unique qualities of each individual is an important – and sometimes challenging – aspect of being human and a crucial lesson we all must learn.

That message is at the core of Addison Trail's fall play, "Harvey" by Mary Chase, which will be performed in the Addison Trail auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 13, Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15. Curtain times are 7 p.m. each evening plus a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Among the actors are senior Lea Staller as Veta Louise, sophomore Nathan Redmann as Elwood P. Dowd, junior Jack DiDomenic, as Dr. William B. Chumley, and senior Megan Sowa, as co-stage manager. The performers said they hope audience members leave with an appreciation for family and the need for patience with loved ones. The

play is comprised of a small cast and crew, which has allowed life to imitate art, as they have become a very close-knit group.

AT Theatre Tech Assistant Alex Holod is making his directorial debut with "Harvey."

"The play has a universal theme, to which nearly everyone can relate," Holod said. "We all have had a friendship or a relationship that has been questioned or misunderstood by others, and 'Harvey' focuses on the importance of compassion."

"What I enjoy about this play is it demonstrates the bond between people is what's most valuable. We never really know whether Harvey is real or not – that's up to each audience member to interpret. But the message of the story is it doesn't matter whether Harvey is real. He is real to Elwood, and respecting that relationship and accepting

Elwood for being himself is what matters."

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, and are free with a District 88 student ID and a District 88 Senior Gold Card. For more information, call 630-628-3365.

### More about the play 'Harvey'

According to stageagent.com,

"Harvey" is a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy that tells the story of "a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd and his best friend, Harvey – a pooka, who is a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit."

When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister Veta Louise and her daughter Myrtle Mae are determined to commit Elwood to a sanitarium.

"A mistake is made however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood! Eventually, the mistake is realized and a frantic search begins for Elwood and the invisible pooka, which ends with Elwood appearing voluntarily at the sanitarium. In the end, however, Veta realizes that she loves her brother and his invisible best friend just as they are and doesn't want either of them to change."

## National DAR offers scholarships

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is offering more than 26 different scholarships for graduating high school

seniors, as well as college, graduate and medical students through its online application portal for the upcoming academic year. The link can

be found at [dar.academicworks.com](http://dar.academicworks.com). Scholarship applications will be accepted from Nov. 1, 2022 through Jan. 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (EST).

## Nashville songwriter benefit returns Nov. 12

"Stories Behind the Songs," the Third Annual Military Benefit featuring a trio of hit songwriters including Frank Myers (a Grammy award winner), Brice Long and Jason Sever, who will perform at the Normandy Room at Elmhurst American Legion THB Post 187 at 310 West Butterfield Road on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Attendees are also invited to a cash bar meet-and-greet after party with the songwriters at Riley's Gathering Place, at 590 North York Street.

Tickets are \$125 and include an open bar and food from Roberto's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Mission BBQ and Gambino's Deli. Tickets can be ordered tickets online at [elmhurst-american-legion.ticketleap.com](http://elmhurst-american-legion.ticketleap.com).

Additionally, there are some exciting live auction items this year including an artist-autographed guitar and your own private in-person show from Frank Myers at the future date and venue of your choice.

As always, proceeds directly benefit the Elmhurst American Legion and our local veterans.

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## St. Alexander's CCW holds craft fair, bake sale

St. Alexander's CCW is holding its annual Crafters Holiday and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall located at 300 S. Cornell

in Villa Park. Many creative handmade crafts will be available for your holiday gift-giving and home decorating.

This fall's fair will also include

a Bakery Booth with homemade baked goods. The church is accessible and parking is free. To register or for more information, visit [stalexanderparish.org/bulletin](http://stalexanderparish.org/bulletin).



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## County Animal Services holds dog adoption event on Oct. 15

*Offers no-fee adoptions for large dogs of over 40 pounds*

On Friday, Oct. 7, DuPage County Animal Services announced that it will waive adoption fees for large breed dogs in its shelter, including dogs more than 40 lbs. during a special adoption event on Saturday, Oct. 15. The event is part of a month-long regional promotion to bring attention to the growing number of large dogs in animal shelters throughout the Chicagoland area.

"We've joined with eleven other organizations in the area to champion the large breed dogs that spend a longer time in shelters, leading to increased stress on the dogs and limiting the number of animals we can serve," said Brian Krajewski, chairman of the DuPage County Animal Services Committee. "Our goal is to shine a light on these dogs and showcase what great pets they can be, while providing the important education that potential owners need to make each adoption a success story."

The "Chicago Dog Campaign" is a

collaborative effort between 12 area shelters to celebrate large breed dogs while accelerating their placement across Chicagoland. This special initiative calls upon the community to join forces with local shelters to champion dogs who are 40 pounds or larger, through adoption, fostering, and advocacy. "Chicago Dogs"

are defined as canines who are 40 pounds and more, living anywhere in the Chicago region. Many of these dogs have been overlooked and stigmatized at shelters due to their size and breed.

The campaign runs through Nov. 30. For more information visit [adoptionchicago.com](http://adoptionchicago.com).

## Dignitaries honored at AT-WB Crosstown Classic game

On Friday, Sept. 30, District 88 hosted its annual Crosstown Classic Football Game between the Addison Trail Blazers and the Willowbrook Warriors. This year marked the 56th crosstown classic. The event took place at Addison Trail, and the Warriors won the game.

Before the varsity teams took to the gridiron, the district introduced community leaders and dignitaries to the crowd to thank them for their support of Addison Trail and Willowbrook. Area first responders and veterans also were recognized to

honor those who protect and serve.

Attending the game were representatives from the District 88 Board of Education and administration. Village of Addison, Addison Fire Protection District, Addison Police Department, Addison Park District, Village of Villa Park, Villa Park Fire Department, State Rep. Deb Conroy, State Rep. Terra Costa Howard, State Rep. Deanne Mazzocchi and members of the Villa Park VFW Post 2801. A joint Addison police and fire Honor Guard was in attendance as well to present the flags.

## Manufacturing job fair coming to Addison Oct. 26

On Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Symbol Training Institute has partnered with the Village of Addison to host a job fair for the manufacturing industry, sponsored by Addison Bank & Trust. The job fair will take place at 1413 Jeffrey

Drive in Addison. It is possible to interview on the spot with manufacturing companies for open positions. Bring at least 20 copies of your resume.

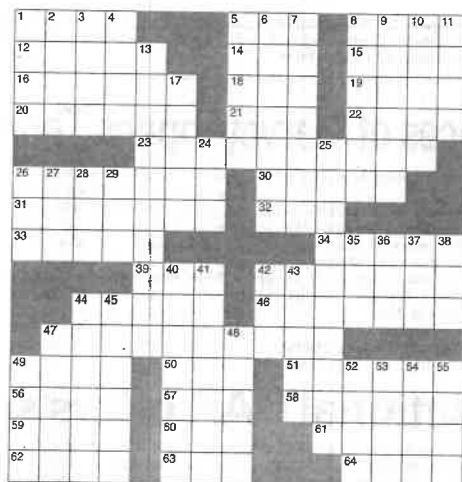
For more information, call 847-673-6500.

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Towards the mouth or oral region
5. A way to season
8. North-central Indian city
12. Emaciation
14. Actress de Armas
15. A way to score in basketball
16. Odd
18. Scripting languages on IBM machines
19. A right of local jurisdiction
20. Hard, colorless compound
21. Diving seabird
22. Wild goat of the mountains
23. Not shortened
26. Someone who learns from a teacher
30. Is inclined
31. Still asleep
32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
33. Town in Surrey, England
34. Indian music patterns
39. Birth control means
42. People tend to be on one
44. A way to keep meat moist
46. Home of the Crimson Tide
47. Pasta type
49. Late 1990s rapper
50. One circuit of a track
51. Surrounded by water
56. Late "Growing Pains" actor
57. Married couples say it
58. Drool
59. Sicilian city
60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)
61. Grayish-black mixture
62. Systems, doctrines, theories
63. Midway between east and southeast
64. Athletes who get paid

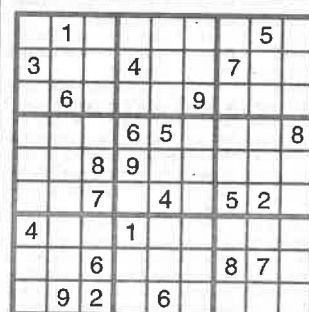
### CLUES DOWN

1. Genus of owls
2. Hindu queen
3. Cain and —



4. Hindu female deity
5. Islamic calendar month
6. Changes posture
7. More stubborn
8. Give work to
9. Round maps of the Earth
10. Gathered fallen leaves
11. Popular credit card
13. Separation of church and state
17. Founder of Sikhism
24. They —
25. Where you find the milk
26. Institute legal proceedings against
27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
28. Expresses surprise
29. Have a debt to
35. Businessman
36. State on India's western coast
37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
38. Patty Hearst's captors
40. Put into service
41. 10-year periods
42. Crony
43. Surgical clamp
44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
47. Valleys
48. Ancient lyric poem
49. Wise men
52. It lights a room
53. Assert
54. Fifth Roman Emperor
55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace

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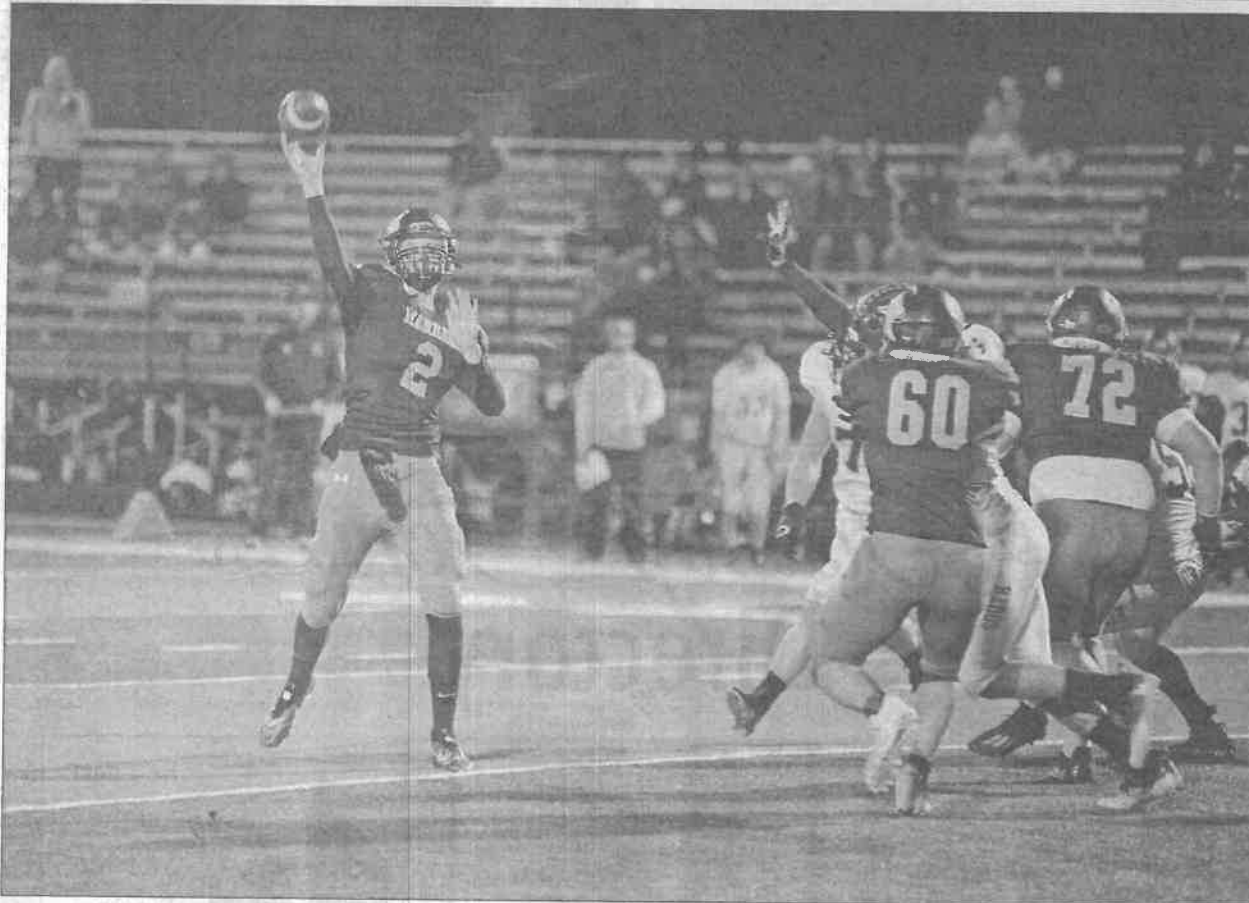
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## Warriors earn their third straight win

Willowbrook's football team defeated Hinsdale South 21-14 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors, who ran their winning streak to three games with the victory, improved to 4-3 overall and 4-1 in conference play. Junior quarterback Arthur Palicki (No. 2) is pictured while throwing a 23-yard touchdown pass to senior Adrian Guerrero in the third quarter. The Warriors' season continues with this week's non-conference game against York in Elmhurst. The Dukes will enter the contest with a perfect 7-0 record. Willowbrook will finish its regular season with a conference home game against Morton on Oct. 20.

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# Warriors boost their record to 25-2

## Willowbrook is the top seed in the upcoming Proviso West Sectional

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team raised its season record to 25-2 with seven straight wins last week.

The Warriors opened the week with a 25-16, 25-12 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Hinsdale South on Oct. 4 in Villa Park. One day later, Willowbrook beat Glenbard West 25-23, 25-20 in a non-conference match in Glen Ellyn.

Willowbrook finished the week by winning five matches and claiming the championship at Saturday's invitational at Elk Grove High School.

Junior Calli Kenny provided five kills, 10 assists, seven digs and six aces in the Warriors' win over Hinsdale South. Willowbrook improved its conference record to 4-0 with that victory. Sophomore Hannah Kenny added six kills, five assists, three digs and two aces against the Hornets.

Senior Natalie Cipriano hit four kills and made six digs in Willowbrook's conference win over Hinsdale South. Senior Grace Conley contributed six digs, while juniors Elle Bruschuk and Elisa Chivilo delivered three and two digs, respectively.

Calli Kenny bashed 12 kills and added seven assists and three digs in the Warriors' win over Glenbard West's formidable team. Hannah Ken-

ny supplied five kills, 10 assists and seven digs against the Hilltoppers. Sophomore Anna Marlinier connected for four kills. Cipriano had two kills and two digs. Chivilo provided seven digs. Conley made six digs and passed out three assists. Bruschuk had four digs and two kills.

"They [the Hilltoppers] are a strong team, but I think that we have to prove that we're a strong team, too," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason after her team's win at Glenbard West. "We believe in ourselves, and I don't think everyone believes in us as much as we do."

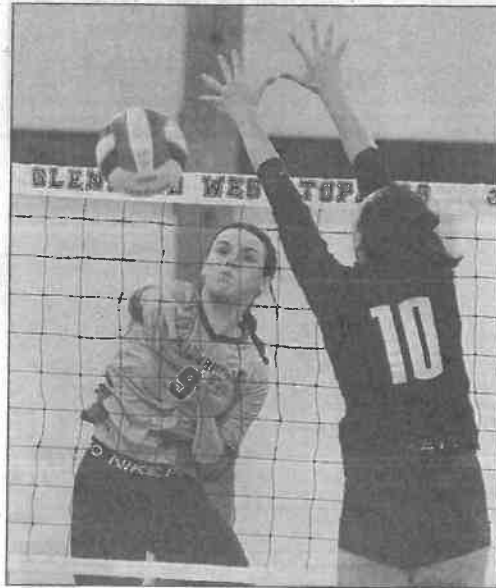
One day after beating Glenbard West, the Warriors learned they were the No. 1 seed in the IHSA Class 4A Proviso West Sectional in the upcoming post-season. Willowbrook will begin the playoffs with a match against Proviso West at the Downers Grove North Regional on Oct. 25.

A win in that contest would send the Warriors to a regional final against either Bartlett or Downers Grove North on Oct. 27. Winning the regional would propel Willowbrook to the semifinal round of the Proviso West Sectional. While the Warriors are the sectional's No. 1 seed, St. Charles East is the No. 2 seed, and Glenbard West is the No. 3 seed. York is the sectional's No. 4 seed.



The Warriors won five matches at Saturday's Elk Grove Invite without losing a game. After opening the event with a 25-14, 25-14 victory over Elk Grove, Willowbrook beat Crystal Lake South (25-13, 25-16), Hoffman Estates (25-11, 25-16), Streamwood (25-13, 25-6) and Resurrection (25-14, 25-17).

Willowbrook's schedule this week includes matches against Proviso East and Oak Park/River Forest. The Warriors will finish the week by competing in a tournament at Lincoln-Way Central that concludes on Saturday.



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Willowbrook's girls volleyball improved its overall season record to 20-2 with last week's 25-23, 25-20 non-conference win at Glenbard West. Junior Calli Kenny (No. 9 - above), who is pictured while hitting a kill during the second game, delivered 12 kills, seven assists and three digs during the Oct. 5 victory in Glen Ellyn. Another photo from the match shows sophomore Anna Marlinier (No. 15 - top left), who contributed four kills. The Warriors raised their season record to 25-2 by winning five matches and claiming the championship at Saturday's Elk Grove Invite. Willowbrook is the No. 1 seed in the upcoming IHSA Class 4A Proviso West Sectional. The Warriors will begin post-season play with a match against Proviso West at the Downers Grove North Regional on Oct. 25.

## Warriors move to 4-3 after holding off Hornets

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football team earned its third straight victory by beating Hinsdale South 21-14 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park.

The Warriors improved to 4-3 overall and 4-1 in the conference with the win. The Hornets fell to 2-5 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

Senior Adrian Guerrero made several big plays for the Warriors in Friday's game. Guerrero threw a touchdown pass in the first half. He also caught a touchdown pass in the second half. Additionally, Guerrero made an interception on defense and converted all three of his team's extra-point kicks.

"He was all over the place," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of Guerrero. "He's really been a great leader for us."

In the first minute of the second quarter, Guerrero caught a lateral pass from junior quarterback Arthur Palicki. Guerrero then fired the ball downfield to sophomore K.J. Rhodes, who caught the ball near the 20-yard line and ran into the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown reception. Guerrero kicked the extra point to give the Warriors a 7-0 lead.

"We practiced it all week," said Guerrero in describing the play that produced his touchdown pass to Rhodes. "We knew they [the Hornets] would bite down, he'd be wide open, and he was. I love throwing the ball. As soon as I let it go I knew he [Rhodes] would score."

Willowbrook added to its lead when

Palicki completed a 9-yard touchdown pass to Rhodes later in the second quarter. Guerrero added the extra-point kick to give the Warriors a 14-0 lead.

Moments later, Hinsdale South scored on a 53-yard touchdown run. The extra-point kick cut the Warriors' lead to 14-7.

Palicki threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Guerrero with about three minutes left in the third quarter. Guerrero booted the extra-point kick to give the Warriors a 21-7 lead.

The Hornets scored the evening's final touchdown on a 19-yard pass with 3:26 left in the game. Hinsdale South then tried an onside kick, which the Warriors recovered.

Willowbrook then ran out the clock to secure its victory.

"We'd been struggling to run the ball the entire game, and then when it came down to it, our guys found a way to move the chains and pick up a couple of first downs to end it," said Hildreth, who noted that the Warriors had 12 sophomore starters in Friday's game.

"We've got a bunch of young guys out there," said Hildreth. "They're getting better every snap, every rep, every game. These guys are continuing to play and answer the call."

Willowbrook's season continues with this week's non-conference game against undefeated York (7-0) of the West Suburban Silver Conference. After playing the Dukes in Elmhurst, the Warriors will complete their regular season with a conference home game against Morton on Oct. 20.



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Senior Adrian Guerrero contributed several big plays to help Willowbrook's football team defeat Hinsdale South 21-14 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. In the second quarter, Guerrero threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to sophomore K.J. Rhodes. In the third quarter, Guerrero caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Arthur Palicki. Guerrero (No. 32) is pictured while making his touchdown reception. Guerrero, who played on offense and defense for the Warriors, also made the extra-point kicks after all three of the team's touchdowns.

## Offensive explosion leads Warriors to three victories

### Team piles up 19 goals in wins over Proviso East, Hinsdale South and Montini

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys soccer team won three straight matches last week to improve its overall season record to 10-7-3.

The Warriors opened the week with a 5-4 West Suburban Gold Conference win at Proviso East on Oct. 3. One day later, Willowbrook crushed Hinsdale South 9-0 in a conference match in Villa Park. The Warriors earned their third victory in as many days when they beat Montini 5-1 in a non-conference match on Oct. 5.

Willowbrook improved its conference record to 3-2 with its wins over Proviso East and Hinsdale South. The Warriors will complete their regular season with this week's conference home match against Leyden.

Senior Ricardo Acosta scored two goals for the Warriors in last week's win over Proviso East. Sophomore Vinni DaSilva also scored two goals,

while senior D'Angelo Mahone netted one goal.

Senior Aiden Amin provided two goals for Willowbrook in the 9-0 win over Hinsdale South. Junior Liron Ebema contributed two goals and one assist. Acosta, DaSilva, senior Marwan Smadi, junior Lucas Bohm and senior Luke Ceplecha scored one goal each. Da Silva delivered three assists. Acosta had two assists, while Bohm and Ebema supplied one assist each.

Smadi, senior Jack Voss, Amin, Mahone and Ebema scored one goal each for Willowbrook in last week's home win over Montini.

After finishing its regular season with this week's match against Leyden, the Warriors will prepare for their IHSA Class 3A playoff opener. Willowbrook will begin post-season play with a match against Conant at the Conant Regional on Oct. 19.



I had my oil changed at Scooper Lube in Villa Park. What a great place. Steve the owner has been there at St. Charles and Ardmore for over 35 years. Very personable guy and it's obvious he takes great pride in his shop. I had a muffin to eat while I waited and was out in 10 minutes. Buy local!

This is in response to the caller who called Speak Out a "right-wing corner of hate." I see the phone number and email address for Speak Out at the top of the page every week. Instead of complaining, if what's in Speak Out doesn't represent the community in which we live, as you claim, then what's stopping you and others from calling Speak Out and supporting the people I assume you voted for, such as Biden and Pritzker?

I see Trump is whining again. He filed an emergency request with the Supreme Court to intervene in the ongoing legal dispute between him and the Justice Department over his alleged mishandling of classified materials that led to the FBI raid on his Florida estate. Aww, poor baby. He can't take the heat, so he's running to the right-wing activist Supreme Court with the radical justices he appointed so they can rescue him.

Late-night TV talk shows are pathetic. Is it any surprise that people aren't watching left-wing partisans like Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel and Seth Meyers? Johnny Carson, Jay Leno and even David Letterman, in his earlier years, would make fun of whoever was in power. Not today. These Democratic shills won't dare mock Biden or Harris. Doing that wouldn't take much effort. All they'd have to do is replay some clips of their bumbling speeches. But no, these clowns are still fixated on bashing Trump. Are they aware Trump has been out of office for nearly two years?

## Villa Park Fire Department invites residents to its open house this Saturday

The Villa Park Fire Department will hold its annual open house this Saturday, Oct. 15. The open house will run from noon until 3 p.m. at Fire Station 81, located at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. Parking will be available at the U.S. Post Office located across the street from the fire station.

Saturday's open house, which is taking place at the end of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15), will include fire safety puppet shows at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

A live fire demonstration will take place outside of the station at 2:30 p.m.

I laughed when I saw a story that Trump is suing CNN for defamation. He's seeking \$475 million in punitive damages because he wants CNN to stop referring to his lies as lies. According to the *Washington Post*, Trump made 30,575 false or misleading claims over four years, so this could drag on for quite a while in court. It's too bad CNN will have to waste their time defending themselves against this blowhard.

OK, let me get this straight: The Fed raised the interest rate to counter inflation. I can barely pay my mortgage now after the first increase, so how am I supposed to keep up with inflation and also pay more for my groceries, gas, etc.? And forget about getting a decent price if I wanted to sell my house. This is so convoluted.

It seems to me like public schools are busy trying to promote an anti-American, left-wing agenda. It would be nice if these schools could carve out some time in their schedules to teach children some basic financial literacy. Kids are going to grow up and get jobs, apply for loans, buy cars and homes, use credit cards, pay taxes, make investments, etc. It would be helpful to give kids a solid foundation of financial knowledge. Can schools make an attempt to do that, or are they too busy focusing on people's preferred pronouns?

I know people love decorating for Halloween, but please be mindful of the spider webs you put on trees, bushes, etc. These are harmful to birds and small animals that can, and do, get caught in them and can't get loose. I have seen photos of the tragic results, and it isn't pretty.

Darren Bailey sure messed up his campaign by lying in his ads. He

says he is not responsible for them, but he OK'd them. Come on, Darren, admit you lied and are trying to scare people about convicts being released into our lives; that is not what this new Safe-T Act does. So glad he doesn't have a chance to be our governor; he'd land in prison like so many others!

I have been seeing a lot of political ads from the Democrats, and almost of them focus on abortion. It's actually pretty creepy. It now appears that the most important thing for Democrats is having taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand through nine months of pregnancy. This is further proof that the Democratic Party is morally and intellectually bankrupt.

The more time candidates spend talking smack about their opponents, the less likely I will be to vote for them. What I am listening for is a candidate using that air time to say what he or she will do to represent me as a constituent. Not that I truly believe it, mind you. I made the mistake of voting "outside" my chosen party for a Democratic candidate—I believed the Republican candidate was too far-right—who professed to be an independent thinker, who would not merely toe the party line and who would listen to the needs of constituents. The truth came to fruition not long after that election, and my regret kicked in. I said this in Speak Out way before this, but now I am sure it is too late to stop the hateful commercials and print ads that I glance at and toss in the recycle bin. What a waste of money.

This message is in response to the

## Warriors compete in IHSA golf sectionals

Seniors Brett Vandergrift and Vince Guajardo of the Willowbrook boys golf team finished the 2022 season by playing in last week's IHSA Class 3A Oswego Sectional at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course in Bristol.

Vandergrift fired an 18-hole score of 85 at the Oct. 3 sectional, while Guajardo shot a 95. Neither Warrior earned an individual berth in the IHSA Class 3A state meet, which took place on Friday and Saturday in Bloomington.

The top 10 players at the Oswego Sectional who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals. The sectional's golfers who earned the last two individual state-meet berths both shot scores of 79.

Senior Mickey Martens represented Willowbrook's girls golf team at last week's IHSA Class 2A Glenbrook North Sectional at Heritage Oaks Golf Club in Northbrook. Martens shot an 18-hole score of 97 at the Oct. 3 sectional. She did not earn an individual berth in the Class 2A state meet, which took place on Friday and Saturday in Decatur.

The top 10 players at the sectional who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals. The golfer who earned the last state-meet berth at the Glenbrook North Sectional fired an 18-hole score of 85.

person who commented about the TV commercial that showed a woman being attacked in Lakeview and screaming. This was taken right from the video of a nightly newscast. Sadly, sometimes we need to offend people's tender sensibilities to get the point across; shock value has its value. This is going on in our downtown neighborhoods. We need to get attention to it so we can bring about change.

This goes out all you Democrats who really love Pritzker and love Mayor Lightfoot. Mayor Lightfoot says that Chicago is a sanctuary city. Pritzker says we're a sanctuary state. Bring everybody here. Just a little problem with that: They talk the talk, but they don't walk the walk. Now that the immigrants are coming in, Mayor Lightfoot is shipping them out to the suburbs and Pritzker is behind her. Democrats: You ask for one thing, you get it, but you don't see the big picture. Then you say, "Well, not in my backyard." That's what Mayor Lightfoot is doing. That's what Pritzker is doing. And that's what every Democrat's ever done for the past couple of years. So be proud of yourself, you Democrats. You say one thing but you do another. Why don't you put your money where your mouth is and stand up and do something for these immigrants instead of shipping them all over the place? You blame the Republicans for it. Now I think the Republicans can blame you for it. This is what your Democratic

president wanted. And this is what Democrats got; now it's in your backyard. Think about it.

Get ready for leftists in government, the media and the entertainment industry to shift from the so-called COVID-19 "emergency" and de a climate "emergency." These le will push for bans on gas-pov vehicles, meat consumption, nu power, etc. These same people expect you to make drastic change your lives while they continue to at beach houses and fly on private. Don't be fooled by these leftist latans.

So, Democrats are freaking out cause of commercials that simply news clips of violent crime in Chi. The Safe-T Act is a very bad law will result in more victims of vi crime in the suburbs. That is the pose of these commercials—to : what has happened in Cook Co and what is coming to DuPage Co. Wake up, Democrats!

Make sure to look at your 4 electric and gas bill along with grocery bill and how much you paid to fill up your tank before vote in November.

Some politicians have a habit o ting us to watch the red herring s ming in the pool of politics, bu forget about the sharks.



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## Broncos lose to Loyola Academy

The Montini Catholic girls volleyball team faced Loyola Academy in last week's match in Lombard. The visiting Ramblers edged the Broncos 29-27, 25-21 in the Oct. 4 match. "We continue to have a really tough schedule, and we know it," said Mont coach Trish Samolinski after the loss to Loyola. "I am still feeling really confident in our kids and their ability to do something significant in the post-season." Sophomore Izzie Evenson (10), a Villa Park resident, supplied seven kills and six digs in the Broncos in the match against the Ramblers. Two days later losing to Loyola, the Broncos defeated De La Salle Institute 25-22, 25-15 in Chicago. Montini improved its overall season record to 14-11 with the Oct. 6 victory. The Broncos' schedule this week includes matches against St. Ignatius and Mother McAuley. Montini, which won the IHSA Class 2A state championships last season, will open this year's IHSA Class 2A post-season with an Oct. 25 match against Westmont at the Timothy Christl Regional. If the Broncos beat Westmont, they would likely face Timothy Christian in the regional final on Oct. 27.