

## Club donation...

THE VILLA PARK ROTARY CLUB sponsored a boot and shoe donation to benefit families in School District 45. More than 100 children received a new pair of boots or shoes through the donation event, which took place over three nights at Payless ShoeSource at 76 E. North Ave., Villa Park. Children from each of the district's eight schools were able to select a pair of boots or shoes. Payless Shoesource provided a discount on the merchandise. The Villa Park Rotary Club funded the entire project. Pictured left to right are seven Rotarians: former District 45 Superintendent Bill Schewe, Jefferson Middle School Principal Raul Gaston, District 45 Superintendent Tony Palmisano, Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavelchik, Villa Park Public Library head of circulation/outreach services Kandice Krettlar, Salt Creek District 48 Superintendent John H. Correll and Rotary Past President Tom Smith.



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## Mr Fix-It radio show to air from Villa Park Ace on Nov. 21

WGN Radio's Lou Manfredini will broadcast his Mr. Fix-It radio program live from Villa Park Ace, 46 S. Villa Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 21. The broadcast on 720 AM will air from 7-10 a.m. Doors open at 6:45 a.m. for the free event. Limited seating is available.

The Nov. 21 program, which is sponsored by Light Keeper Pro, will be part of Villa Park Ace's Day of Giving event, which will run until 2 p.m. Attendees are being asked to make donations to several causes. A LifeSource van will be parked in front of the hardware store during the day for a blood drive and bone marrow donor registry. Appointments are not necessary, but can be made by calling 877-543-3768. Donors who mention "Lucas" will receive a coupon for \$5 off a purchase of \$15 or more at Villa Park Ace. LifeSource will offer scoops of fresh frozen custard, compliments of Culver's of Lombard.

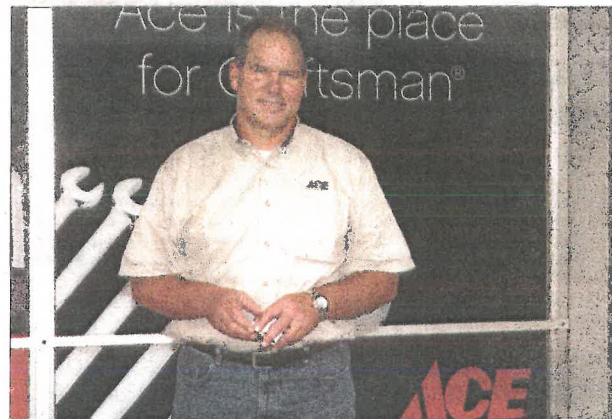
Free coffee and pastries will be provided, courtesy of Light Keeper Pro. In exchange, a donation to Misericordia will be appreciated. Attendees will have the chance to win Lou's Crew T-shirts and Light Keeper Pro tool sets, as well as gift certificates to Bakers Square. Additionally, Villa Park Ace will hold a "Spin to Win" event. Participants making a \$2 donation to Lurie Children's Hospital will have

a chance to spin the Ace Hardware wheel to win prizes provided by Ace Hardware vendors and local merchants.

Manfredini and his wife Mary Beth bought the Villa Park hardware store in 2013. It was their second acquisition of such a business. They purchased their first hardware store on Chicago's northwest side in 2005.

The store at 46 S. Villa Ave. used to be the home of Davis Ace Hardware. It later operated as an independent hardware store that was not affiliated with Ace. That business closed in February 2013. Manfredini visited the location a couple of months later. He and his wife took possession of the business on July 1. The store officially opened on Aug. 22. The grand opening celebration took place in October. Manfredini broadcast his Mr Fix-It show from the Villa Park store on Oct. 5, 2013.

Manfredini has been hosting his radio program on WGN for 20 years. He worked as a welder and a carpenter before opening his own business as a remodeling contractor. Manfredini, who grew up in Highwood and worked at a hardware store as a teenager, pitched his idea for a show to some radio outlets, and WGN put his show on the air in March 1995. The radio program has evolved into television appearances and hardware-related books.



Live from Villa Park...

File photo by Chris Fox

LOU MANFREDINI (above) will broadcast his Mr Fix-It radio program live from Villa Park Ace, 46 S. Villa Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 21. The program will run from 7-10 a.m. on WGN Radio 720 AM. Doors open at 6:45 a.m. The broadcast is part of Villa Park Ace's Day of Giving, which will run until 2 p.m. Manfredini and his wife Mary Beth have owned the Villa Park business since 2013. The above photo shows him on the store's opening day of business—Aug. 22, 2013.



## Junior Warriors earn a trip to the championship game...

THE VILLA PARK JUNIOR WARRIORS' junior-varsity football team advanced to the Chicagoland Youth Football League championship game in its level with Sunday's 51-24 win over the Dundee-Crown Chargers at Willowbrook High School. The above left photo shows Kevin Fitzgerald making a leaping catch during the second quarter. The above right photo shows members of the Junior Warriors cheerleaders during their halftime performance. The undefeated Junior Warriors will meet Round Lake in this weekend's championship game.



Photos by Chris Fox



## Police continue to investigate shooting of Villa Park man

by Bonnie MacKay

A shooting 10 days ago, which left a Villa Park man wounded in his left arm, remains under investigation by Villa Park police.

Villa Park officers responded to the 900 block of West North Avenue at about 7-42 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, after receiving a call for "shots fired."

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Bill Lyons, officers arriving on the scene learned that a 21-year-old man, reportedly struck by one of what police believe were five shots, already had been transported to an area hospital.

In addition to the 21-year-old who was shot as he stood with a group of people in front of the townhomes, officers recovered a

round from a vehicle.

The case remains under investigation, according to Lyons who related that in addition to canvassing the area, interviewing independent witnesses and pulling video footage from area cameras, investigators have gone through hours of video.

The alleged shooter was described as a Hispanic male with a medium build, about 18-20 years old. He is about 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. The subject has long, black, curly hair, which was pulled back into a pony tail, and he was wearing a blue and white T-shirt.

Anyone with information on the shooting incident is asked to contact Villa Park Police Detective Bryan Hruby at 630-592-6130.

## Villa Park's unlimited fall leaf disposal continues through the end of November

The Village of Villa Park's fall leaf collection program will allow residents to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers.

The program will be in effect during a seven-week period that began last week (the week of Monday, Oct. 19) and ends the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 4.

Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and not larger than 18 inches in diameter. No limbs over 4 inches in diameter

will be accepted.

Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles. Since all brush and yard waste are transported to a composting facility for processing, plastic bags may not be used. Residents should use only biodegradable twine or string for binding brush.

It is unlawful to deposit yard waste of any kind into public streets.

For more information, call the village's public works department at 630-834-8505.

## Kiwanis Club of Villa Park holds annual spaghetti dinner on Nov. 20

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold its annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 20, at Willowbrook High School.

Dinner will be served from 5-6:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, drinks and dessert. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for teenagers and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free.

All proceeds from the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park's spaghetti dinner will benefit special projects to help families and children of the community. To order advance tickets for

the dinner, send an e-mail to Sandra Hill at [shill@vppl.info](mailto:shill@vppl.info). To learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park, visit its Web site at [www.kiwanisclubofvillapark.com](http://www.kiwanisclubofvillapark.com).

Guests are invited to stay at the school after the dinner to attend Willowbrook's musical presentation of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," which will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the musical are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Admission is free to residents with a Gold Card. Family passes will not be accepted for the musical.

## Villa Park VFW post welcomes donations for Thanksgiving dinner

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 will welcome about 200 recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes for Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 26. The recruits will be nearing completion of boot camp when they spend the holiday at the post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. Volunteers will serve a traditional

Thanksgiving dinner to the recruits.

The post would welcome donations of soft drinks, crackers, chips, pretzels and other snacks. Those items may be dropped off at the post. For more information about contributing items for the holiday gathering, contact VFW Post No. 2801 past commander Dennis Geiseman at 630-935-0809.

## Juvenile will be charged in string of car burglaries

by Bonnie MacKay

Juvenile charges are pending for a teen who allegedly burglarized a number of vehicles on the south side of Villa Park last week.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Bill Lyons, burglaries were reported to five vehicles in the 600 block of South Summit on Nov. 3. The burglaries, which apparently occurred overnight, all involved unlocked vehicles, parked in driveways of residences.

Taken in the vehicle burglaries were currency, a Leatherman tool, personal items and a pair of sunglasses.

In the 100 block of East Madison, another unsecured vehicle reportedly was entered and a wallet was taken, police reports show.

In the 800 block of South Illinois, three unlocked vehicles reportedly were entered and someone rummaged through the contents of the vehicle.

Residents are reminded to always lock their vehicle doors.

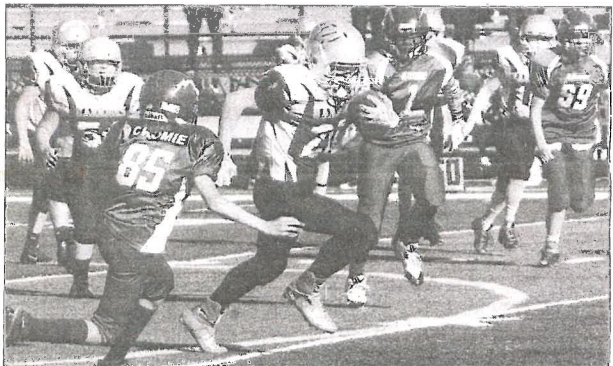
Police identified a juvenile suspect and charges of burglary to motor vehicle will be direct filed through the juvenile system.



## Playoff victory...

Photos by Chris Fox

QUARTERBACK SAMMY TUMILTY (above, left) and receiver Deandre Holliday (right) of the Villa Park Junior Warriors' junior-varsity team connected for a long touchdown pass during the second quarter of Sunday's Chicagoland Youth Football League playoff game against the Dundee-Crown Chargers. The above right photo shows Holliday jumping to make the catch near the Chargers' 10-yard line. He then ran into the end zone for the Junior Warriors' final touchdown of the first half. Villa Park built a 33-8 halftime lead on its way to a 51-24 victory at Willowbrook High School. The photo below shows John Peterson of the Warriors breaking a long gain after making a short reception earlier in the second quarter. The unbeaten Junior Warriors, who improved their overall season record to 9-0, will play Round Lake in this weekend's championship game.



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## Audience chooses ending of Willowbrook's fall musical...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S theater department will present its fall musical—"The Mystery of Edwin Drood"—next week in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. The three performances will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21. The musical was written by Rupert Holmes, who also wrote and performed the No. 1 pop song "Escape (The Piña Colada Song)." The show opens with a loony Victorian musical troupe's rendition of an unfinished Charles Dickens novel, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." The musical tells the story of a choirmaster named John Jasper who falls in love with one of his music students. That student, however, is engaged to Edwin Drood, who also happens to be Jasper's nephew. As the musical unfolds, Drood mysteriously disappears on a stormy Christmas Eve. Was he murdered? If so, who did it? In a unique twist, audience members will determine the ending of the presentation. The audience will make selections from eight possible murderers, six potential detectives and nine couple combinations. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and children 12 and older and \$5 for children under 12 and those with a Willowbrook Activity Pass. Admission is free for children under 5 and senior citizens with a Gold Card. The box office opens at 6 p.m. on the night of each performance. Family passes are not accepted for the play, which is rated PG-11.





## PANDAS/PANS fundraiser held at Willowbrook

OVER 200 RUNNERS AND FAMILIES came together to participate in the inaugural PANDAS Dash 5K at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park. Funds raised will be used toward assisting families financially while seeking treatment for their children as well as advocacy efforts to raise awareness on the symptoms of PANDAS/PANS. "I'm proud to see our community come together to raise awareness for such a worthy cause," state Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) said. "As a father of three young boys, I understand the importance of educating medical professionals and the general public on the symptoms caused by PANDAS. Events like this are important to raise awareness and secure resources to ensure our children don't suffer." Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal infections (PANDAS) is characterized by a sudden onset of symptoms associated with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Tourette's Syndrome and other tics after a child has had a strep infection. Symptoms range from severe separation anxiety to motor tics that appear similar to seizures and hallucinations. The symptoms are severe enough to prevent children from attending school. Cullerton served as Master of Ceremony at the PANDAS Dash 5K. Throughout the year, he has been working with Wendy Nawara and Kate Drury from PANDAS/PANS Cares to raise awareness and educate medical professionals to promote early detection of PANDAS symptoms. "It's been really great to watch our organization grow stronger over the last three PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day events. It was extremely powerful for our families and the community to get to witness the dedication of Sen. Tom Cullerton and Rep. Deb Conroy. But we know that we can't stop here," Nawara, executive director of PANDAS/PITAND/PANS Advocacy and Support of Illinois said. "One successful event cannot even touch the amount of emotional, physical and often financial damage that PANDAS/PANS can wreak on families. Until PANDAS/PANS Advocacy and Support feels secure that we have real access to appropriate diagnosis and treatment, we won't stop our efforts." To advance this mission, Cullerton was selected to serve as a member of a PANDAS/PANS advisory council to make recommendations to the Illinois Department of Public Health on awareness and education among doctors, school-based health centers and mental health providers. "I'm honored to receive this appointment during the week of PANS, PANDAS and PITAND Awareness Day," said Cullerton. "We will continue to work together to raise awareness to help ensure every child affected by PANDAS/PANS receives speedy treatment." Earlier this year, Cullerton passed Senate Resolution 237 to designate October 9 of 2015 and 2016 as PANS, PANDAS, and PITAND Awareness Day in the State of Illinois. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Cullerton, Kate Drury, Wendy Nawara and Kristen Recchia, as they pose with their sons who are all named Charlie. All PANDAS/PANS Cares officers have a son who has been diagnosed with PANDAS.

## CO poisoning awareness, prevention

With cold temperatures on their way, the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal encourages residents to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning by ensuring their homes have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas byproduct of burning fossil fuels. At elevated levels, carbon monoxide (CO) causes sickness and, if not detected, death. Simply having working carbon monoxide detectors in your home and regularly testing them can prevent awful consequences.

Fossil fuels like natural gas are used to heat the vast majority of American homes, and faulty heating equipment accounts for nearly one third of accidental carbon monoxide deaths. These can include your home heating system, improperly vented gas appliances, kerosene or propane space heaters, charcoal grills and Sterno-type fuels.

"Most carbon monoxide fatalities happen in the winter months when residents understandably dial up their thermostats," said State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "Make sure your home has working carbon monoxide alarms so if something goes wrong with your heating system, you know when to get outside."

Perez also reminds residents to never use a gas generator, grill, oven or range to heat the inside of their home or garage.

Under the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act (Public Act 094-0741), enacted in 2007, all homeowners, landlords and building managers must install carbon monoxide alarms within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. The alarms must be in operating condition.

Illinois reported 11,481 carbon monoxide related incidents to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) in 2013. Due to the increased use of carbon monoxide detectors in the last decade, the number of reported incidents has gone up while the number of carbon monoxide fatalities has steadily gone down.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are very similar to those of the flu and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. Other signs of possible CO presence include condensation on walls and windows, house plants dying, house pets becoming sluggish and chronic odors from malfunctioning appliances. If you suspect you may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, go outside for fresh air immediately and call 9-1-1 either on your mobile phone outside or from a neighbor's home.

The OSFM recommends the following tips to help prevent CO poisoning:

- Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with fresh batteries.
- Put carbon monoxide detectors/alarms on each floor of a home and within 15 feet of each sleeping area.
- Check CO detectors once a month and be familiar with the sounds that the detector makes.
- CO detectors have a limited operating life. Check the manufacturer's instructions for information on replacement.
- Never use a generator, grill, stove, or other fossil fuel-burning device inside a home, garage, or other enclosed area.
- Never heat a home with an oven.
- Keep interior and exterior air vents clear of blockages or obstructions.

obstructions.

• Make sure appliances are installed by a qualified technician and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes.

• Have your building's heating system inspected and serviced annually; change or clean furnace filters regularly.

• Have chimney or appliance vents cleaned and inspected for leakage, debris blockages, or a buildup of creosote. If you see black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue, it could mean pollutants are leaking into your home.

## COMING Event

### NATIONAL PRINTMAKERS EXHIBITION

From now through Nov. 22, Elmhurst College will host the Mid America Print Council's Fall 2015 Juried Members' Exhibition, featuring the work of 45 important contemporary printmakers from across the country. This is the first time Elmhurst College has hosted the Mid America Print Council exhibition, which includes works from all printmaking media, including silk screen, etchings, lithographs, artist books, monoprints, digital and new media, letter press and archival print. The Mid America Print Council Members' Exhibition can be viewed days and evenings through Sunday, in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center, 190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. A public reception will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 5-7 p.m. in the Founders Lounge. Both the exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. For more information, call 630-617-5186.

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## On display

Addison Center for the Arts presents "Scenes I Have Seen," an exhibition by award-winning watercolorist Robert Koch of Naperville on display through Dec. 12. An artist's reception will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 13. Koch's works will be shown in the ACA Gallery, 213 N. Lombard Road, off door four; it's annexed on the northwest side of Addison Trail High School. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday. Admission is free. Visit [www.addison-centerforthearts.com](http://www.addison-centerforthearts.com) for information.

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# D.O.A. Room Escape tests nerves

## SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON – Interactive, real-life room escape games have been popular in Asia and Europe for years, and now they can be experienced in Addison thanks to the creative team behind D.O.A. Room Escape.

D.O.A. (Dead or Alive) Room Escape is the brainchild of John Bennett and Kristin Mellon, according to the news release, which describes the two as expert virtual room-escape gamers.

They've devised an experience in which up to 12 people locked in a room must strategize as a team to decipher clues, decrypt codes and interpret riddles by examining a variety of visual props to unlock a series of padlocks. The final one opens the door to their escape. It all happens within a one-hour time limit and is open to ages 12 and older.

The couple said D.O.A. Room Escape

is the only room escape game based on history specifically tied to Chicago.

"Our niche is that our room escapes are based on real historical facts, so not only do you walk away with the real-life room escape experience, but you learn about historical events in the process," Bennett said in the release.

Before entering the rooms, potential escapees are given a history briefing by the game master about the subject or specific events on which the room is based.

Since opening last year, the first theme of D.O.A.'s two escape rooms has been H.H. Holmes, called the U.S.'s first known serial killer. His killing labyrinth, disguised as a hotel during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, was split into two escape rooms: The Hotel and The Basement, the latter a more gruesome, imagined replica of the location inside the hotel where Holmes tortured and killed his victims.

In April 2015, The Hotel was replaced by a new theme: The St. Valentine's Day Massacre and The Garage, the location of the infamous massacre at 2122 N. Clark St. in Chicago.

D.O.A. Room Escape hosts all groups – from corporate outings to birthday parties – with an on-site party room and catering available from Corky's Catering. Personalized clues can be customized into the game such as marriage proposals or birth announcements.

Tickets can be booked online at [www.doaroomescape.com](http://www.doaroomescape.com). The promo code SNL10 is good for a 10 percent discount.

Benefits of participating in room escape games include the development of team-building skills and improving strategy capabilities, according to Bennett and Mellon, who note that 35 percent of their business is drawn from corporate clients.

# Mayor's Community Charity Ball hits milestone

## SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON – This month will mark the 25th annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball in Addison.

Since 1991, community members in Addison have gathered each year to raise money to benefit local causes, according to a news release. More than \$800,000 has been raised and distributed in Addison.

The 25th anniversary Mayor's Community Charity Ball will be hosted Nov. 14 at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road.

Dinner tickets cost \$85 per person, a portion of which supports the 20 organizations that are part of the benefit.

"I've had the opportunity to attend this event from the beginning, when it

was hosted by village President Anthony Russotto," said Mayor Rich Veenstra, who will host the event with his wife, Maryann. "Tony would be proud to see how it has grown from about 100 people who raised nearly \$1,000 to last year, when there were nearly 600 people and we raised \$53,000."

Guests are treated to an open bar, dinner, entertainment by the Addison Trail High School Chamber Strings and Elmhurst College Jazz Band, a cash raffle and silent auction. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to participate by making a donation, purchasing raffle tickets or bidding in the online silent auction, the release stated. Information is available at [www.ithappensinaddison.com](http://www.ithappensinaddison.com).

Organizations that benefit are Addi-

son Community Switchboard, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Addison Rec Club, Americans of Italian Descent, Concord Lutheran School, District 4 Educational Foundation, District 88 Foundation, Glen Oaks Hospital Foundation, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Addison, Knights of Columbus, Lutherbrook Child & Adolescent Center, Medinah Shriners, Parks & Recreation Foundation, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serenity House Counseling Services, Sister Cities of Addison, Student Participation Center and Women's Club of Addison.

For more information, call the village of Addison's community relations department at 630-693-7550.





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## District 88 Breast Cancer Awareness Month recap

Throughout the month of October, Addison Trail and Willowbrook hosted a variety of events to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (top left): The color pink fills the football field during Addison Trail's Go Pink or Go Home football game on Oct. 23. (top right): From left, AT senior Cinthia Rodriguez, senior Clarisa Bueno, senior Angeline Orrico, State Sen. Tom Cullerton, senior Alivia Amelio, junior Alyssa Ramir and senior Eramilena Gjika show their "pink" pride. (bottom left): AT students enjoy the school's fourth annual Go Pink or Go Home Walk on Oct. 22. Pictured in the front row (center) is AT Princi-

pal Michael Bolden. (bottom middle): From left, Addison Trail senior Giana Ricci, senior Alivia Ameio, senior Angeline Orrico, Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden, sophomore Destiny Martinez, sophomore Yesennia Tiscareno, senior Megan Tully and senior Danielle Muccianti pose for a photo during the school's fourth annual Go Pink or Go Home Walk on Oct. 22. (bottom right): The AT sophomore girls volleyball team recites the U.S. National Anthem before the Go Pink or Go Home volleyball game on Sept. 22 against Willowbrook.

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# District 88 takes Breast Cancer Awareness to new levels

Throughout the month of October, Addison Trail and Willowbrook hosted a variety of events to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Following is a recap:

Addison Trail Through the efforts below, Addison Trail has raised about \$5,000, and donations continue to be made. Those dollars will benefit the Breast Cancer Quality of Life Surveillance Program at the Nancy W. Knowles Cancer Center at Elmhurst Hospital.

- Participated in the Go Pink or Go Home volleyball game on Sept. 22 at Addison Trail (versus Willowbrook)

- Decorated the Commons

area in pink on Sept. 30 to officially begin Breast Cancer Awareness Month; decorations were displayed throughout October

- Hosted the 4th annual Go Pink or Go Home Walk on Oct. 22; sold "in honor of/in memory of" pink ribbons and displayed them during the Walk and in the Commons.

- More than 100 dancers (from Cheerleading, Orchestris and Poms) choreographed and performed a halftime routine with pink poms during the Go Pink or Go Home football game on Oct. 23; the Marching Band wore pink plumes during that game as well, which were provided through the generous financial support of 134 spon-

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- Sold "pink" T-shirts and bling sweatshirts; pink ribbon cookies; pink shaker poms; pink ribbons; tickets to get a pink hair strand; and other "pink" items

- Hosted a Crazy Pink Day
- Students and staff wore pink every Friday during October

Willowbrook Through the efforts below, Willowbrook raised about \$700. That money will benefit breast cancer research.

- Participated in the Go Pink or Go Home volleyball game on Sept. 22 at Addison Trail

- Sold "pink" T-shirts and other "pink" items

- Decorated the halls and the football stadium in pink

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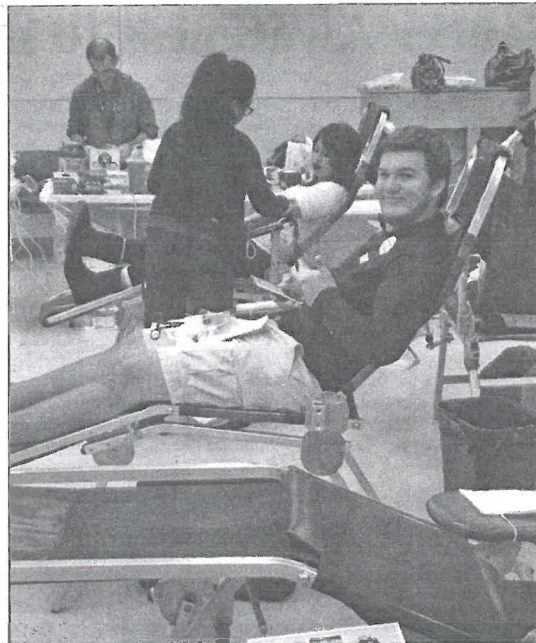
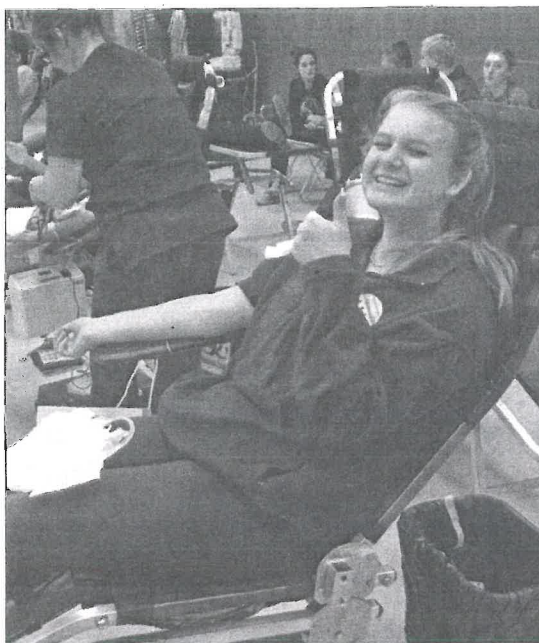
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## At the WB student council blood drive

Pictured are juniors Margaret Karcz and Austin Floistad donating blood on Nov. 5 at Willowbrook High School, where the Student Council hosted a blood drive that col-

lected 146 units of blood from more than 180 students and staff. According to the American Red Cross, one unit of blood can help three people.

## COMMUNITY CAPSULES

### Here's what is happening at Village Hall

By Paul DelGuidice  
For The Villa Park Independent

The Villa Park Board of Trustees Formal Meeting at Village Hall on Monday, Nov. 9 began with the Board voting unanimously to reappoint Carol Davis to the Community Pride Commission with a term lasting through 4/30/18.

• During the Committee of the Whole portion of Monday's meeting, Trustee Bob Wagner noted that 23% of the total property tax levy in 2005 was used for pensions, with that total going up to 33% this year. Wagner asked what measures could be taken to lessen this burden in the future. According to Village Manager Richard Keehner, 51% of the overall property tax revenue goes toward police and fire department pension payments. Keehner suggested supporting pension reform as one possible solution. He noted the Village will have a pension discussion in December to outline what Villa Park's pension situation is. One solution proposed by Keehner is to combine the police and fire pensions to streamline the administrative costs and increase the rate

of return on retirement fund investments.

• During the Village President's report portion, Deborah Bullwinkel asked for an update on the Cortesi Park renovation, street resurfacing and the North Ardmore streetscape project. According to Parks and Recreation Director Greg Gola, Cortesi Park is progressing, with sidewalks being poured. Flagpoles, sod and the sprinkler system should be installed soon, weather permitting. The 2015 Street Resurfacing project is complete except for some alleys and the area behind Village Hall, according to Director of Public Works Vydis Juskeles. The concrete work on the Ardmore streetscape project is complete. Benches and trash receptacles have been placed. Lamps will not be installed until the spring of 2016.

• Bullwinkel also announced that the Villa Park Ace Hardware would host the Lou Manfredini radio show on Saturday morning, Nov. 21 from 7-10 a.m.

• She asked residents not to push fallen leaves into the street as they clog sewers. Please bag yard waste for collection.

During the Consent Agenda portion of Monday's meeting, the Board voted to pass seven items including:

• The Village Bill Listing

dated November 9, 2015 in the amount of \$611,972.

• Approval of the minutes from the Village Committee of the Whole and Formal Board meetings for October 26, 2015.

• A resolution estimating the Village's property tax levy for 2015 by 0.8% (maximum allowed). This would include a total tax levy of \$9,362,781, or 2.5% more than last year including the bond repayments from the 2014 road referendum. A final budget vote is scheduled for the December 14 Village Board meeting.

• A resolution authorizing change order #2 to the contract between the Village and Orange Crush, LLC for the 2015 street resurfacing project. The change calls for an addition of \$10,342 bringing the contract amount to \$1,670,003.

• A resolution authorizing a contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors Inc., of Schaumburg, for the 2015 East Park Boulevard improvement project in the amount of \$1,397,533. This work will cover improvements to Park Blvd. from Villa Avenue east to Rte. 83 and is funded with both referendum and non-referendum funds.

• A resolution authorizing an engineering services agreement between Villa Park and Clark Dietz, Inc. for the 2015 East Park Boulevard improve-

ment project in the amount of \$115,000.

• The Board also passed the first reading of an Ordinance allowing Villa Park to annex three properties: 2N151, 2N141 and 909 North Ardmore Ave. The three residential properties are surrounded by three sides by Villa Park and Addison on the fourth side. According to Village staff, annexation will improve emergency services for these parcels. All three already receive water and garbage services from the Village of Villa Park. A second and final reading of the Ordinance was scheduled for the Board meeting held on Monday, Nov. 16. The final vote took place after the press time for this issue of The Independent.

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ing scoops of fresh frozen custard, compliments of Culver's of Lombard.

Light Keeper Pro will provide free coffee and doughnuts. In exchange, a donation to Misericordia would be appreciated. For a \$2 donation to Lurie Children's Hospital, participants can "Spin to Win" the Ace Hardware wheel to win a prize. For more information, call 331-225-3000.



# District 88 events recognize Veterans Day

Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools hosted several events to recognize local servicemen and women. On Nov. 11, AT shared a video that featured veterans who have a

connection to the school. On Nov. 13, AT invited members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7446 in Addison, the DeVry Military Resource Club, the Addison Police Department and Fire Protection

District to attend a luncheon in their honor. Students who plan to enlist in the military after graduation also attended.

A collage honoring servicemen and women with a connection to Addison Trail also was displayed in the media center at the school.

Those who drove by Willowbrook on Nov. 11 likely noticed

the Avenue of Flags at entrance to the parking lot in honor of Veterans Day and the school's symbolic rock was painted as an American flag as well.

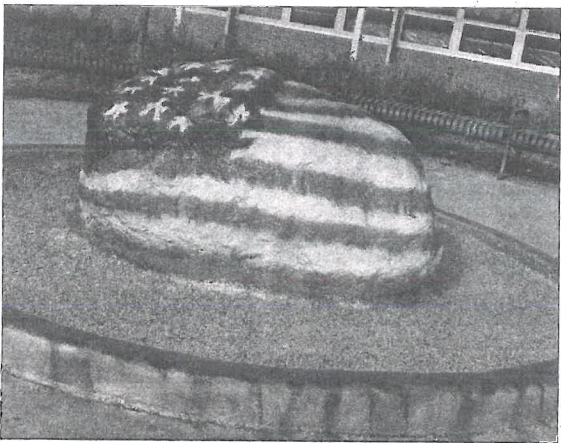
Willowbrook also hosted a Veterans Day assembly, where local first responders from the Villa Park fire and police departments were recognized, along with students who plan

to enlist in the military after they graduate. Also attending was State Sen. Tom Cullerton and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

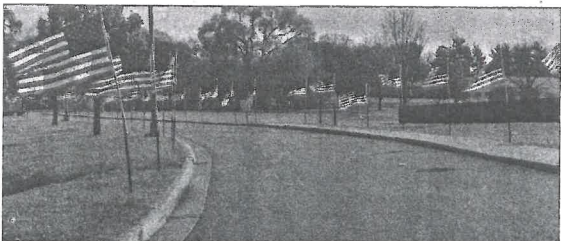
Several videos were shown to showcase the significance of Veterans Day, followed by a PowerPoint honoring soldiers with a connection to Willowbrook.



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Addison Trail and Willowbrook hosted several events to recognize local servicemen and women in honor of Veterans Day. (above): Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) introduces members of the armed forces and local first responders from the Villa Park police and fire departments during the school's Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 11. left: Former WB teacher Andy Isaacson discusses the significance of Veterans Day.



Willowbrook's symbolic rock is transformed into an American flag for Veterans Day.



An Avenue of American Flags lines the entrance to Willowbrook on Nov. 11.



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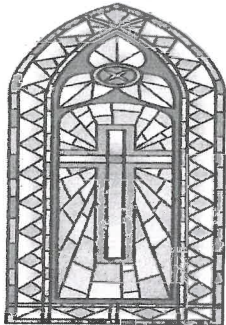
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Above and left: Pictured are displays showcased at Addison Trail to recognize Veterans Day.

## Events held at WB, AT to salute Veterans Day

Addison Trail and Willowbrook hosted several events to recognize local servicemen and women in honor of Veterans Day. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7446 in Addison, the DeVry Military Resource Club, the Addison Police Department, the Addison Fire Protection District and Addison Trail students who plan to enlist in the military after they graduate enjoy a luncheon on Nov. 13 in honor of Veterans Day.



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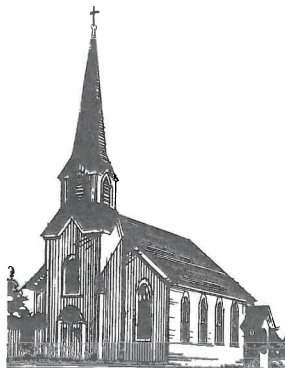
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## Two Willowbrook student-athletes sign National Letters of Intent

On Nov. 11, Willowbrook hosted a signing day for two seniors who will continue to compete in their respective sport at the collegiate level.

The student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent and celebrated with classmates, friends, administrators, staff members and family members.

## VPRD LATEST PROGRAMS

### Easy Pass punch cards available for multiple classes

**VILLA PARK** — The Parks and Recreation Department is offering a fitness class schedule that gives participants the flexibility to drop in to classes without prior registration. Easy Pass punch cards are available in 10, 18 or 24 visits. Exercise at your own convenience; just present the card to the instructor as you attend classes.

Classes are available Monday-Thursday and Saturday mornings and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Choose from Zumba, Cardio Dance, Kettle Bell Dance Fitness Techniques and a Cardio Strength Interval class. Call 630-834-8970 or visit [vprd.org](http://vprd.org) for a complete list of class times and days.

### Winter-Spring brochure hits mailboxes

Parks and Recreation's Winter/Spring seasonal brochure was recently delivered to residents, listing all the new and returning programs for all ages. New in the registration process is that residents who register three weeks in advance receive \$3 off the advertised fee on most programs. Certain programs, which are not eligible for the Early Bird Discount are indicated within the brochure. If you did not receive your brochure you can pick one up at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa; at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood; at Village Hall, 20 S. Ardmore; or at the Villa Park Library, 305 S. Ardmore.

### Fall camp available for Thanksgiving break

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to the Iowa Com-

munity Center on Nov. 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day for Fall Camp, providing fun activities to do over the November break from school.

Daily camp carries a \$28 fee; if your camper needs to extend their day, Sunrise and Sunset Camps are available for additional fees.

Please send a non-perishable lunch each day except Wednesday when campers will have a special Thanksgiving lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Sign up for the full week or camp or just the days you like.

### Train your K-9 at Good Manners obedience class

Need to train your new puppy? Does Fido need a gentle reminder of his manners? Be sure to sign up for K-9 Good Manners dog obedience classes offered by Villa Park Recreation. Basic, Intermediate and Puppy classes are available and taught by Kim Grala who believes that man's best friend will learn without harsh measures. Classes are for dogs ages 5 months and older.

Instruction includes sit, down, stay, come when called, and walking on a leash. Additional instruction will help to re-direct inappropriate behavior such as jumping, nipping, mouthing and barking. All family members ages 5 and older are welcome to participate. Registration is ongoing; register your pet when you think training is needed; your pup will participate in seven classes regardless of when you enroll.

The fee for these K-9 classes is \$95. Classes are held Wednesday evenings at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood. To register or for more information, call 630-834-8525.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call 630-834-8525 or visit [vprd.org](http://vprd.org).

### VP Lions Club donates to York food pantry

On Nov. 5, York Township Supervisor John W. Valle was presented with a \$500 donation from the Villa Park Lions Club to help stock shelves in York Township Food Pantry shelves for the upcoming holiday season. Pictured are Past Villa Park Lions President Rich

Hamlin, York Township Supervisor John W. Valle and Lion Bob Arp. "It is gratifying that we can help out people in our community through your organization," Lion President Marty Dumycz said. "We are proud to have [the Villa Park Lions] as partners in the fight against hunger in our community," Valle added.



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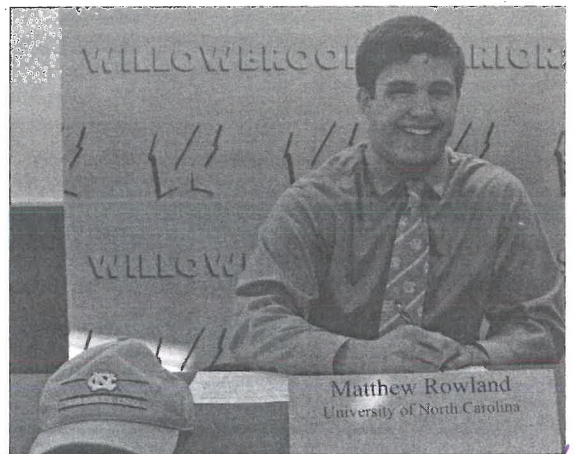


### Willowbrook senior Cameron Zunkel signs to play baseball for University of Illinois Springfield

Zunkel will pitch for the Mens Baseball Team at University of Illinois Springfield. He has played baseball since he was about 4 years old and has been on the varsity team at Willowbrook for two years.

And baseball seems to be a family sport, as Zunkel's brother, Tyler (a 2014 Willowbrook graduate), is playing for College of DuPage. Zunkel said the highlight of his baseball career so far has been being named to the West Suburban Conference Gold Division All-Conference Team and the Daily Herald All-Area Team last year.

"I like that baseball is a team sport — each player has to do his part," Zunkel said. "It's competitive, but it also is relaxing for me. I've always loved this sport, and I never want to stop playing."



### Willowbrook senior Matt Rowland signs to wrestle for The University of North Carolina

Rowland will wrestle at 174 pounds for The University of North Carolina. He has participated in wrestling for 10 years and has been on the varsity team at Willowbrook all four years of his high school career.

Rowland will leave Willowbrook as one of the most decorated wrestlers in the school's history. He holds nearly every school record and is on track to break the record for most wins. He also is a two-time Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State placer, earning 5th place his sophomore year and 2nd place last year.

"Wrestling has given me everything, and now it has helped me get a college education," Rowland said. "It has taught me the importance of working hard and what it means to be dedicated."

He added his goal is to win a national title at The University of North Carolina, where he plans to major in business.



# 2015 MAN OF THE YEAR FINALIST ★

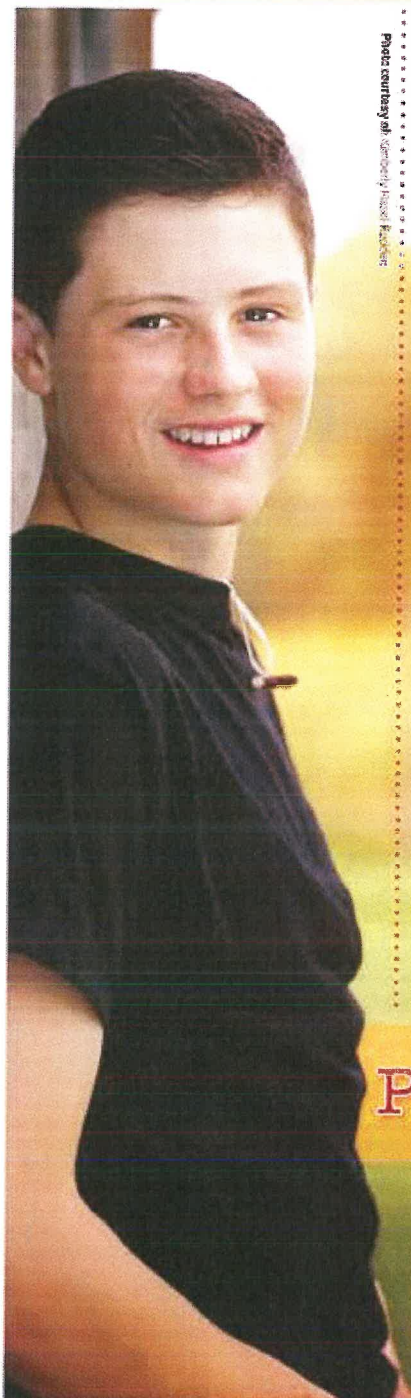


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**A**t the age of 17, **Trinity Academy of Irish Dancing's Peter Dziak** has won many fans worldwide, but perhaps his biggest fans are those who know him best. Peter is a three-time World Champion with a stack of trophies and stage credits to his name, but this humble and gracious competitor is admired for his kindness and good nature, just as much as his talent.

Inspired by a parent from the Trinity Academy whose son dances with Peter, she says Peter inspires the younger boys in class by making class fun and even encouraging the boys to have their dads bring them to class, in order to get them more involved. The dance school is large enough so that there are classes solely dedicated to the 'Men of Trinity' and Peter leads the programme as the senior dancer in the class. "He displays character and maturity on a regular basis, which has earned him the respect of the next generation of dancers," says one Trinity mom.

Peter shares that Irish dancing has taught him to put others before his self. "I remember traveling to nursing homes during the St. Patrick's Day season and performing. The expression on their faces after we finished performing showed me how good it really felt to share my talent with others."

Today, Peter is grateful for those who helped him early in his career including **Joe Smith**, who was a fantastic Trinity teacher for their boy's programme along with Julie Showalter ADRG who he danced for at the **World Academy** prior

to joining Trinity. These early teachers helped instill a love of Irish dancing and culture that stays with him today. He also recognises the incredibly talented team of Trinity dance teachers who led him to his three World titles including Whitney Rondeau, Natalia Howard, Sheila Ryan, Erin Aquino and Dolores Taffe.

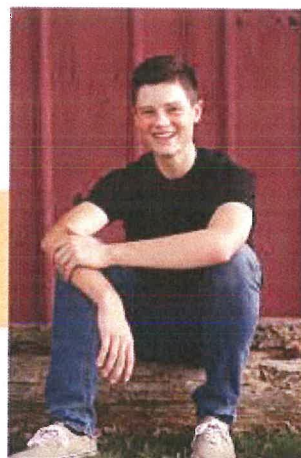
Peter recently retired from competition, yet plans on performing as long as he can with the renowned **Trinity Irish Dance Company (TIDC)**. The TIDC is a separate entity from the Trinity Academy and attracts dancers from other dance schools. With TIDC, Peter will tour in the USA in the spring of 2016 and travel to Japan, performing in several cities and venues in the summer.

And if that wasn't enough, this talented young man plans on studying finance or industrial engineering. As one of seven children in his family, he hopes to finance his education through military-related scholarship programmes

such as the **ROTC or National Guard** and he looks forward to serving his country afterwards. Peter will certainly be missed on the competitive dance floor but we hope to see more of him as he tours the world with the TIDC before heading off to college.

**He displays character and maturity on a regular basis, which has earned him the respect of the next generation of dancers**

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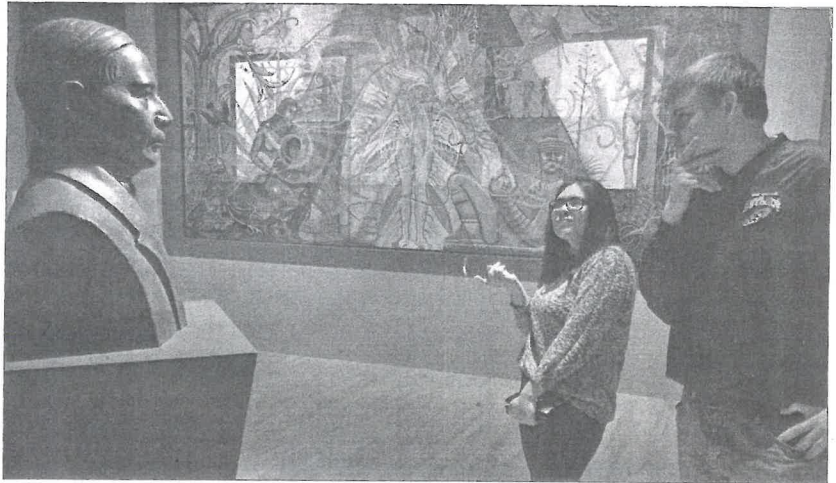


## AP Spanish class visits Museum of Mexican Art

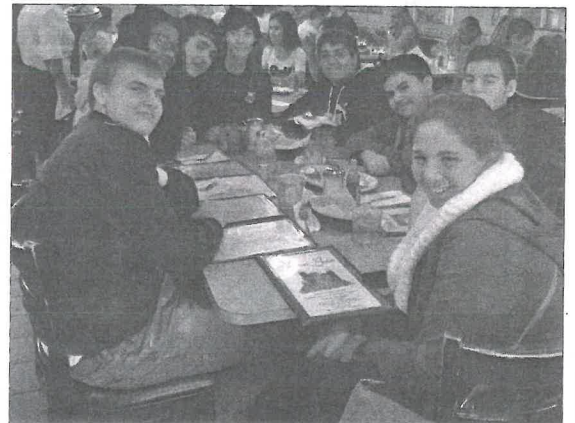
VILLA PARK — On Nov. 10, about 28 students in Advanced Placement (AP) college-level Spanish at Willowbrook had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago to see the Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, exhibit. Students also were able to tour the murals in Pilsen, a Chicago neighborhood.

AP Science teacher Valeria Carrillo said the field trip was conducted entirely in Spanish, which allowed students to apply what they've learned in class.

"The goal of this trip was to show students they know more than they think and how awesome it is to interact with people using the language they have been studying for up to four years," Carrillo said. "This visit enabled them to learn about Día de los Muertos and how that tradition shapes the Mexican culture and, in turn, how culture shapes the language."



all photos provided  
On Nov. 10, students in Advanced Placement (AP) college-level Spanish at Willowbrook had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago. (top): Willowbrook seniors Jennifer Aviles and Zachary Orozen talk about Benito Juarez as they examine a statue of Juarez at the museum. (left): From left, seniors Mariana Martens, Maya Zywicki and Kristina Marzulio tour the National Museum of Mexican Art. (right): Students enjoy an authentic meal after they visit the museum.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, Nov. 19

#### LWV presents Heroin: The Human Story

Beginning at 7 p.m., several are chapters of the League of Women Voters will present "Heroin: The Human Story" at the Wheaton Park District Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Road, Wheaton. The invited speaker is Felicia Miceli, whose 24-year-old son Louis died of a heroin overdose in 2012. An activist and an advocate, she started the LTM Foundation to strive to prevent the spread of addiction via education and awareness programs. Free and open to the public.

### Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21

#### WBHS presents fall musical

Willowbrook drama students will perform the school's fall musical, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" on the dates above in the high school auditorium. Curtain times are 7 p.m. For tickets and information, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2571](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2571).

### Saturday, Nov. 21

#### • Live broadcast at Villa Park Ace

From 7-10 a.m., there will be a live broadcast of WGN Radio 720 AM's "Mr. Fix-It" show featuring Lou Manfredini at the Villa Park Ace Hardware at 46 So. Villa Avenue. Sponsored by Light Keeper Pro, the broadcast is part of Ace Hardware's "Day of Giving," which continues until 2 p.m. Plenty of opportunities to support charities, win prizes.

### • Career workshop at VP Library

From 9:30-11:30 a.m., job seekers are invited to a Career Re-Launcher Workshop (The CREW™) at the Villa Park Public Library, featuring Tom Somora, an employment services representative with Illinois Department of Employment Services (IDES). Bring pen, paper and an open mind. Registration required as space is limited. To register, visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Saturday, Dec. 5

#### Mitten Tree Day and Mitten Tree Ceremony

Celebrate Mitten Tree Day with an extra special session of Marvelous Mornings at 10 a.m. at the Villa Park Public Library. Create your own mitten craft and listen to mitten stories, featuring The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen. Registration is required.

Afterwards, take part in the Mitten Tree Ceremony at 11 a.m. Help welcome the first annual Mitten Tree to the library. Contribute an item of warm clothing or winter gear to be donated to those in need, then decorate and hang a pair of paper mitten ornaments on the Mitten Tree in honor of your donation. The Mitten Tree will be up through the holiday season. This program is for children of all ages and their families. Registration is required for the story time at 10 a.m., but not for the Mitten Tree Ceremony. Info: go online to: Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. or call 630-834-1164.

### Ongoing events

#### • Free poetry workshops at the Library

Are you a poet looking for a supportive community to share your work? The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to offer free poetry workshops, led by Friends member Ida Kotyuk. These workshops will be held on the following Mondays at the library: Nov. 23; Dec. 7 and 21. Registration is required for each session. Info: visit the library's website ([vppl.info](http://vppl.info)) or call 630-834-1164.

#### • VFW Friday Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday evening, the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, holds its Fish Fry. Menu available for purchase includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

#### • Widows or Widowers meeting

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs meets on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or [www.cfsites.org](http://www.cfsites.org).

#### • Electronics disposal for recycling

From 9 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of every month, the Village of Villa Park has coordinated with Roy Strom, the village's waste hauler, to offer E-Waste "the right way"—a convenient, cost free drop-off electronic disposal solution. The drop-off site has been relocated to the Village Hall parking lot, located at 20 S. Ardmore Ave. Info: (630) 592-6052.



## SPORTS

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## Addison Trail girls basketball team has high hopes

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls basketball coach Rob Schader has a roster of 12 this season.

And he's not afraid to put any of them into game situations.

"We legitimately have 11 or 12 kids that will play on a given night," he said. "We have a four-post rotation and we'll rotate in the other eight guards. It's nice to have that kind of depth. I feel comfortable playing all those girls right away."

Back for the Blazers from last year's team are seniors Maria Koulogeorgas (guard), Nicole Pudlo (guard), Tegan Graff (post), Ksymena Kwasnik (guard) and Marina Stokes (guard). Senior Symone Jones-Tate (post) is back with

the team after not playing last year.

Newcomers include juniors Alyssa Pham (guard), Diana Graciano (post), Jasmin Mehmeti (post), Diamond Pikulyk (post), Marie Baumgartner (guard) and sophomore Nicolette Scorza (guard).

"We're going to push the tempo and mix things up defensively," said Schader. "We're extremely tall this season. It's the tallest we have been."

Schader compares this group to one of his past team's (that included standout Jasmine Little) that won 16 games.

"We have more talent than that team and we're even bigger," he said. "We should be able to rebound the ball better this year. We don't have anybody that is 6-foot, but we have girls who are 5-8, 5-9 and 5-10 and they are quick and can get to balls. A girls like Jasmin (Mehmeti)

is quick and can get to those rebounds and Diana works so hard and is physical. Nicole Pudlo, who hurt her knee two years ago, is back on the wing and she's tall at 5-8. Nicci Scorza is like Gumby out there. It seems like her arms go forever and she's always getting her hands on everything. She's good at closing out on the wing."

Schader likes the junior-senior mix of this group. "It's a good mix of juniors and seniors and one sophomore," he said. "The juniors did really well as sophomores last year. They beat Downers Grove South, Willowbrook and Hinsdale South twice. They played well. We'll see if it transfers. We're going to be able to do a lot of things with this group because we can play so many girls. We have kids who can score and they've bought into what we are

doing defensively. I think we're going to be able to shut some teams down."

Schader said there will be no easy games in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division this season.

"Proviso East is always good and Mor-ton will be very solid. Their sophomores won every game last year," he said. "Everybody is tough in the conference. Our conference is tough in basketball in general. Every night will be a challenge, but I expect us to compete and win games. We are going to be very competitive this year."

Addison Trail opened play earlier this week in its tournament it co-hosts with Fenton. Addison Trail has games scheduled in the tournament with Lane Tech, Fenton, Elgin and Leyden.

## Fenton girls basketball team ready for 2015-2016 season

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton girls basketball team may be short on varsity experience, but veteran coach Tim Anderson is not panicking.

"One of the things you look at is returning varsity experience,"

he said. "We just do not have a lot of it. That will be one of the factors in how we get started. But as the season goes on the other kids on the team will start gaining experience and will improve. It's an obstacle right now. There is no substitute for experience. You have to earn it. Our girls are

working hard."

Fenton returns seniors Jessica Bango and Courtney Susmarski, along with junior Krysta Wilson and sophomore Jamie Minard. Bango is in her third varsity season, while Susmarski and Wilson are in their second varsity seasons. Minard spent a half of last

season on the varsity.

"We had 12 years of returning varsity experience last year, which is a fair amount," said Anderson. "We don't have that this year and that's what we are dealing with."

Anderson noted those players with experience will have even larger roles this season. "The kids who have that experience will be the provider of valuable leadership," he said. "The younger kids will pick up on that. We do have some outstanding leaders. Our two seniors, Jessica and Courtney, are excellent. You want them to be the model of showing this is what it's like being on varsity. These two are something special. They are doing just that. I couldn't ask for more from them. They are going to have to carry the load at the beginning of the season as the others amass experience."

Anderson said he's at a big advantage because of the group of girls he has this season. "It's a great group of girls that works hard," he said. "As the season goes on we're going to keep getting better. I think they are up to the challenge. We have a list up on the wall of things you have to have and team chemistry is something you have to have. The chemistry we have right now is good. We know we have some tough parts of our schedule and that's when you need that chemistry the most."

Anderson added the team's character showed during last year's 7-22 campaign. "If you look at our record, OK it wasn't

that great," he said. "It still was an absolutely satisfying season. They stuck with us the entire season and to me that's another important way of measuring success. Not everybody can win every game, but everybody can stick together."

The rest of the team includes Jenny Sanchez (junior guard), Julia DeGuia (junior guard), Danielle Shawaluk (junior guard), Patty Acosta (junior guard), Jezalyn Tapia (freshman guard), Ashley Lira (freshman guard), Jessica McCauley (sophomore post), Erika Vega (junior post) and Giselle Gomez (junior post).

Anderson knows his team will be challenged in the Metro Suburban Conference West Division. "We found out last year the new conference is tough," he said. "Our division was outstanding with a lot of outstanding teams and outstanding players. It's still going to be extremely competitive."

Fenton is again co-hosting a tournament with Addison Trail to kick off the season. "What I like about this tournament is it's perfect for us," he said. "We play with four teams where in any year, anybody can win this thing. There's a lot of balance and that will help get us ready to go into our challenging conference. You can tell the girls about that but they have to get out there and experience it. We're doing our best to prepare them for that."

Fenton plays Leyden in the tournament at home at 7:15 p.m. Thursday and hosts Addison Trail Saturday at home at 6:15 p.m.

## AT-Willowbrook's Haake qualifies for state swimming in three events

By Mike Miazga  
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Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming freshman Elissa Haake made quite a debut at the recent Downers Grove North sectional.

Haake qualified for this week's state meet in three different events. She helped AT-Willowbrook finish sixth as a team in the sectional with 124.5 points.

Haake finished third in the 50 and qualified for state with a time of 24.46. She also took third in the 100 and earned a state berth with a time of 3:53.16.

Haake also was part of the AT-Willowbrook 200 relay team that took second and qualified for state with a time of 1:38.27. That team also included junior Annalise Morrone, senior Melissa Johnston and senior Meghan Koterba.

In the 200 medley relay, AT-Willowbrook took sixth with a time of 1:52.22. That team featured freshman Anna Christiansen, Morrone, Johnston and Haake.

Morrone finished second in the 200 with a time of 1:58.71, while Koterba was eighth with a time of 2:02.49.

Michelle Ramirez finished 15th in the 200 IM, while Christiansen was 18th. Freshman Natalie Obrzut took 16th in the 50.

Johnston was fifth in the butterfly with a time of 1:01.50. Margaret Kwak took 21st.

Koterba placed ninth in the 100 with a time of 56.22. Ramirez was 11th in the 500, while Emily Christiansen was 17th. Anna Christiansen was 15th in the backstroke, while Obrzut was 17th.

Morrone was sixth in the breaststroke with a time of 1:09.47. AT-Willowbrook placed seventh in the 400 relay with a time of 3:50.74. That team included Johnston, Obrzut, Ramirez and Koterba.

**Fenton girls swimming**

Fenton junior Cassidy Feddersen qualified for this weekend's state finals in diving out of the Downers Grove North sectional.

Feddersen finished with 339.30 points.

Fenton took 10th as a team in the sectional.

Fenton's 200 medley relay was 10th. That team featured Kanah Hori, Lexi Petrella, Feddersen and Jasmin Kon.

Agnes Gasior was 21st in the 200, while Justine Petrow was 23rd. Petrella was 21st in the 200 IM, while Emily Jarecki was 22nd.

Hori placed 15th in the 50 free, while Feddersen was 17th. Emma Butts was 13th in diving. Alexandra Zimbrakos was 18th in the butterfly. Jarecki was 20th in the butterfly.

Hori was 15th in the 100, while Kon was 23rd. Gasior was 22nd in the 500, while Petrow was 24th. Fenton's 200 free relay was 10th with Feddersen, Gasior, Petrella and Hori.

Zimbrakos was 22nd in the backstroke, while Butts was 23rd. Petrella was 19th in the breaststroke, while Kon was 22nd. Fenton's 400 relay team was 11th with Butts, Kon, Petrow and Gasior swimming in that event.