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## Four District 88 students earn art scholarships

Pictured are the 2016 District 88 Art Scholarship recipients, who were honored by the District 88 Board of Education at their April 25th meeting. They are (from left) AT junior Uriel Martinez, AT senior Angelene Ori, WB

senior Katie Barney and WB senior Cesia Garcia. The students' artwork will be displayed in the District 88 Boardroom during the 2016-17 school year.

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## Kominowski, Rias starring for Addison Trail boys gymnastics team

**Blazers' boys volleyball team competing amidst tough schedule**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys gymnastics team has enjoyed a number of recent individual successes throughout the season.

Alex Kominowski won the floor exercise event at the Glenbard West invitational and at the Lake Park invitational. Kominowski and teammate Marcus Rias have played in the top 5 on floor at many of the invitationals the team has competed in.

As a whole, Addison Trail coach Mike Galfi has seen plenty of progress from his group this spring. "We have really improved our form and technique on many events," he said. "At this point, we have focused on cleaning up our routines and perfecting the skills for the big meets."

Galfi pegs parallel bars as the team's best event right now. "The routines have all the requirements and are very clean," he said.

In addition to Kominowski and Rias, Jeremy Crespo and Uhnell Liberato-Borja also have made key strides. "Those two have really improved over the course of the year," said Galfi. "They each have learned multiple tricks on each event and continue to work hard every day."

Galfi said two major points of emphasis this season have been the concept of team and dedication.

"We continue to work hard as a unit and are excited about the prospects coming up through the program," he said.

### Addison Trail boys volleyball

Through late last week, the Addison Trail boys volleyball team was 2-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play after a 25-22, 26-24 loss to Downers Grove South.

"Downers Grove South is going to be the conference champion," said Addison Trail coach Chad Grant. "We still are having a tough time in the win-loss column, but we are a very competitive team. Our schedule has been very tough of late and it doesn't get any easier."

Grant has noticed a recent uptick in serve-receive and overall offensive play.

"Our serve-receive has been stronger and our offense is inconsistent, but still improving," he said.

The Blazers also are hard at work on the defensive part of their game. "We still have to be a much better defensive team," said Grant. "The effort is there. We need to be better with positioning."

Grant cited Jacob Grygo for recent strong play. "Jacob is doing a great job setting up the offense and also leading the team in kills," the coach said. "He is developing into an outstanding all-around player."

Sophomore Bryan Florian also is making progress. "Bryan is a sophomore who played on the freshman B team last year. He is making great strides and is constantly putting himself in the right spot to make plays in the back row."

Addison Trail competed in the tough Lincoln-Way East tournament this past weekend. "That is one of the best tournaments in the state," said Grant. "The goal for us is to be better in pressure situations late in games so we can turn these close losses into victories."

## Spizzirri throws one-hitter for Fenton softball

**Pikul leading Bison in hitting**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Notable pitching performances have been a frequent occurrence of late for the Fenton softball team.

Taylor Spizzirri recently threw a one-hit shutout in a 14-0 win over Elmwood Park. She followed that up with a four-hitter against Proviso West (19-2 win). Jocelyn Souvannasy then threw a shutout and struck out eight in a 20-0 Game 2 win against Proviso West.

In other recent action, Fenton dropped a 9-0 game to Wheaton Academy and lost 16-3 to Glenbard South and 13-2 to Chicago Christian.

At the plate, Diana Pikul was leading the team in hitting earlier last week with a .444 batting average. Jenna Geraci was tops in hits with 17. Geraci, Pikul and Courtney Susmarksi each had five doubles, while Geraci and Alex Stoklosa each had two triples. Pikul and Rose Riley each had two homers, while Geraci had a team-high 16 RBI. Ellie Wassmann was leading the team with 20 runs scored and 23 stolen bases.

Susmarksi was the team-leader in fielding with a .982 percentage. Spizzirri had 22 strikeouts on the mound.

"Right now we are putting a lot of our focus on just getting better each day and playing the game with the correct amount of hustle and enthusiasm," said Fenton coach Dave Mello. "It is a work in progress, but we are moving in the right direction."

Fenton has been receiving contributions of late from freshmen Isa Lozada and Payton Pugliese.

"They have really taken big steps forward lately," said Mello. "Both have been very solid in the field and are showing improvements at the plate."

Fenton had games scheduled this week against Bartlett, St. Edward, IC Catholic Prep and Amundsen.

The Amundsen contest on May 6 is a doubleheader starting at 5:30 p.m. at Redmond Park in Bensenville and is Fenton's senior night.

"The season hasn't gone like we had hoped in terms of wins and losses, but there still is plenty of time for us to put ourselves in a position to have success in the post-season," said Mello.

Fenton hosts a regional on May 24.

## Fenton boys volleyball team defeats Proviso West

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton boys volleyball team split a pair of recent matches.

The Bison defeated Proviso West 25-13, 25-18 and dropped a three-set decision to Rich East (25-22, 20-25, 25-15).

On the statistical front, Javier Sanchez is leading the team with 114 kills. Fellow outside hitter Ethan Guerra has 50 kills. Setters Freddie Bajo (54 kills) and Andrew Hill (39 kills) have combined for 93 kills. David Gutierrez had 21 kills through late last week.

"Javier has an exceptional hit that comes as a surprise

to opposing teams," Fenton coach Heather Petersen said. "He is constantly getting better each game. David's hits also come so quick that players on the opposing team don't see it coming."

Hill is excelling as a 10th grader on the varsity team. "Andrew has stepped up as a sophomore and lately has been putting the ball away and racking up kills for our team," said Petersen. "He has come out of nowhere with his hitting. He is able to avoid blocks, which is why he is second in kills on the team."

Fenton also has stepped things up at the service line.

"Serving has been a thing we have really improved on since the beginning of the season," said Petersen. "We were missing up to five serves a game. Now on our good days we miss two or less per game."

Sanchez, in particular, has been effective of late at the line. "He is getting his jump-serve down, which has been very helpful and effective," said Petersen.

Petersen added that offensive production now is coming from multiple sources across the front row. "Lately, our offense in the front row has been very good with putting the ball away," she said. "At the begin-

ning of the season our outside hitters were our strongest hitters, but both our middles and right sides are getting better where lately all three hitters have been contributing in getting kills and putting the ball away."

Petersen also lauded the defensive exploits of Michael Wiszowaty, Gutierrez, Sanchez and Guerra.

"They have passed extremely well this season and their blocking has been effective," said Petersen. "They always have each others' backs when needed on a shank or a tip. We are covering our blockers and getting any ball that gets past

the block."

Hill and Bajo have been strong in running the offense for the Bison. "Andrew and Freddie are our best setters," said Petersen. "They never let the team down and are very positive and supportive players."

Petersen sees a bright future for the team. "Each game is a new challenge, but each game we see another aspect of the game click," she said. "The boys work really hard and still are very young. The setters are sophomores and all four other starters are juniors. We are very excited to see where this season takes us."

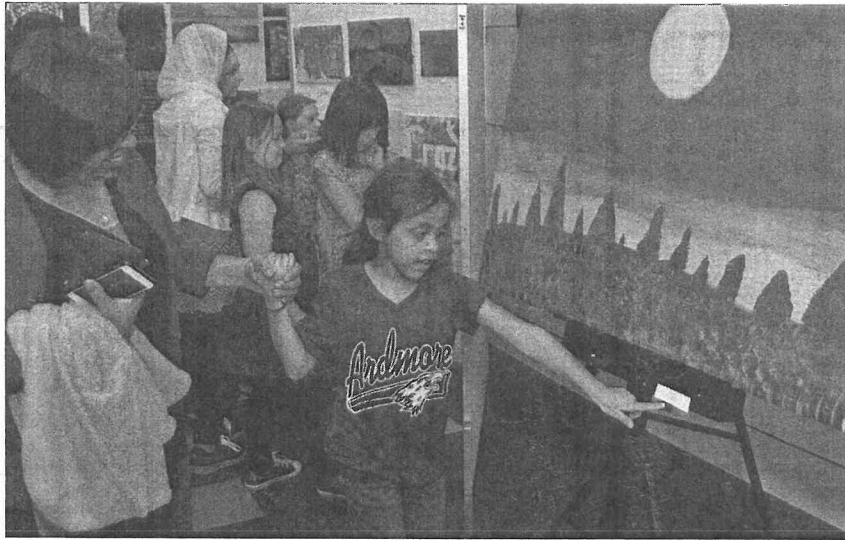
# WBHS, PAC host District 45 student art show with grace

## Mosaic jaguar dedicated to late teacher Larry Gould

By Dee Longfellow  
For The Villa Park Independent

The Third Annual District 45 Student Art Show was held at Willowbrook High School on Friday, April 25. This collaborated community event represented visual art, photography, music, sculpture and literary contributions created by students from seven schools under the guidance of about 25 teachers. The event included 11 musical performances, three bound literary books, 30 sculptures displayed on pedestals and more than 300 matted art works professionally displayed.

A high point of the exhibition was the unveiling of a large mosaic jaguar dedicated to the memory of Larry Gould, who worked for District 45 for 40 years. Led by Jackson School art teacher Tara Challenger, the piece was done entirely during



This little girl shows off the nameplate on a piece of art at the District 45 student art show held at Willowbrook on Friday, April 25. This exhibition represented visual art, photography, music, sculpture and literary contributions created by students from seven schools under the guidance of about 25 teachers.

the lunch hours of the 17 artists who took part in its creation. Also interesting to note: the students used some of Gould's

tools and glass to make the piece.

A focal point of the show was the Shafer School of Fish Sculpture, a fourth grade class project headed by art teacher Michele Mascheri. The sculpture consists of about 85 ceramic fishes, each inspired by the personality of its young creator. The School of Fish Sculpture will be permanently displayed in the outdoor garden at Schafer School.

A silent auction was held to raise funds for future art events

in District 45. Among the items were 12 painted chairs, representing a wide range of ideas, painted by students as well as art teachers.

This event was planned and coordinated by an Art Committee, headed by Tracy Vroman, PTA Art Council. Committee members included Wendee Goles, Paulina Jimenez of the Park Art Center, Navreal Heneghan and Christine Staunton, but there were also more than 50 volunteers who helped coordinate the details.

Special thanks for their assistance was extended to WBHS Principal Dan Krause, Tom Kobel, Earl Buckley and Bob Daly.

These generous sponsors made this event possible: Home Depot Foundation and Team Depot, Country Financial, State Farm, The Odeum, Lee's Foodservice Parts & Repair, Blick's art materials, the Helen Plum Library, the Villa Park Public Library, Ovaltine Court, Cintas, National Reflections, Maggiano's Restaurant, the Standard Bank and the Park Art Center.



Pictured here in front of the mosaic jaguar is teacher Tara Challenger with a student from Jackson Middle School. It was all part of the District 45 student art show held at Willowbrook on April 25.



Pictured are Michelle Mascheri, Wendee Goles and Laura Allan, who are some of the Committee members that made the District 45 student art show a reality. The committee chair was PTA Art Council member Tracy Vroman.

## VPRD plans ribbon-cutting at Cortesi Park on Memorial Day

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will host a grand re-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. A VFW Memorial Program will follow the ribbon cutting. The ceremony will include a flag-raising at the new memorial and a performance by the Willowbrook High School Choir.

The Cortesi Veterans Memorial has recently undergone renovations, which include many

upgrades including a new Veterans Memorial and a new park sign, along with the installation of a watering system, new sod, new benches and sidewalks, new landscape plant materials and a refurbished drinking fountain.

The historic Train Depot will be open for tours during the ceremony.

The Depot has also undergone renovation and is now available for rent to residents. Call 630-834-8525 for more information.

## Winners of 2016 Historic Preservation Awards announced

VILLA PARK — National Historic Preservation Month is being celebrated in May in Villa Park and across the country with a theme of See! Save! Celebrate! At the April 25th Village Board Meeting, four Historical Preservation Plaques were issued by the Historical Preservation Commission, chaired by Carol Marcus.

An Historical Preservation award was issued to Mitchell and Rose Ann Koyer for their custom-built 1925 Chicago Bungalow-style brick home, located on South Michigan Avenue, named the Shanahan House after its first owner. This well-constructed home features a recessed entry, ornamental stonework and cream-colored face brick.

James and Patricia Karczenski received an Historical Preservation Award for their two-story brick home called the Ives House. It is 1928 English Tudor-style house located on South Summit. The home has a steeply-pitched cross-gable slate roof, leaded glass windows and distinctive brickwork. It has been featured on many house and garden

walks.

An Historic Preservation Award has also been presented to Ryan and Amy Frills for their two-story custom-built stucco house in English Tudor-style, built in 1928. Located on South Cornell Avenue, the property is named the Jordan House, also for its first owner.

Kevin and Jennifer Ng earned an Historic Preservation Award for their two-story cedar-shingled 1928 English Tudor-style house on South Princeton. This was the first house built by JW Reedy Realty and it still looks exactly like its historic photo. It is named the Brehm House after its first owner.

These present owners and caretakers are to be commended for their preservation and maintenance of these important structures that link the past and the future of Villa Park. These buildings are significant to the history and development of the Village and contribute to its character and heritage. The Historical Museum will feature these four homes in a window display.

# Addison Trail boys track team logs pair of second-place invite finishes

## Kroll excelling for Blazers' girls track team

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys track team placed second in a pair of recent invitational.

"The team's depth is evident in that we are scoring well in almost all events, especially the running events," said Addi-

son Trail coach Bruce Kelsay. Through late last month, junior Jordyn Carr-Jones was undefeated in the 110 high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles.

The Blazers also have been consistent in the 400, 800 and 1,600 relays. "Those relays consistently finish in the top 2 and continue to improve their times," said Kelsay.

Kelsay noted Carr-Jones was close to state-qualifying time in the 110 hurdles, while Chris Purdy was close in the long jump, where he's already recorded a 21-3 mark.

Kelsay added the team also has benefitted from improved field-event performances, especially in the throws.

"Mike Renc is our best thrower and he's a sophomore," said Kelsay.

Alvaro Garza and Chris Griffith have shown improvements that have benefitted the Blazers. "Alvaro is a sophomore in his first year of track," said Kelsay. "He's starting to run at the varsity level. His times in the sprints have improved so much. Chris Griffith (a junior) has been our

**"They continue to improve and are one of the hardest working teams in recent memory."**

— Addison Trail Coach  
Bruce Kelsay

most improved athlete to date and has worked his ways onto the sprint relays."

Purdy has broken the school long jump record this season, while Carr-Jones is close to school records in both hurdle events.

"Our athletes have learned to understand the team aspect of the sport and consistently support each other," said Kelsay. "They continue to improve and are one of the hardest working teams in recent memory."

### Addison Trail girls track

The Addison Trail girls track team recently competed at the Lake Park invitational.

The Blazers' 800 relay team

of Klea Gjonaj, Lynnette Banuelos, Suhei Valbuena and Lauren Kroll took third at Lake Park. While the 400 relay team that features the same four girls finished fourth.

"It was only the second time we have run relays outside and we made huge improvements from earlier in the week when we ran," said Addison Trail coach Dave Pytko. "The girls still have some things to clean up in their exchanges, but overall the times are where I expected them for their first time through."

The 400 relay team had a 50:94 best time after Lake Park, while the 800 was at 1:47.5.

Gjonaj was at 13.05 in the 100 dash after Lake Park, which Pytko noted was about 0.4 seconds off state-qualifying time. "She is going to be close when it comes time for sectionals," Pytko said.

Kroll already is at state-qualifying time in the 200 after an all-time personal record of 25.43. "Really, this is amazing," said Pytko. "She is shooting for a sub-25 200. I think she has a great chance of doing that."

Pytko noted Kroll also has qualifying times in the 100 and is 0.25 off in the 100 high hurdles.

Pytko also has seen progress from the team's distance runners. "Many of our distance girls are coming around and achieving times they never thought would have been possible for themselves," he said. "You will have to look out for Lizbeth Balbuena and Diana Grinyuk in the future. They keep surprising themselves and think they can achieve anything right now."

The program's frosh-soph sprinters also are making strides. "Our frosh-soph sprinters also are coming along nicely now that we have changed our venue to outside," said Pytko. "They are really starting to pick up the pace."

Pytko is looking forward to the stretch run of the outdoor season. "It's just a matter of the coaching staff getting the girls in the right frame of mind and being sound mechanically while having near perfect exchanges," he said. "It will be an exciting three weeks, that's for sure."

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# Willowbrook boys tennis teams wins District 88 invitational title

## Addison Trail's Franco enjoying tournament success

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys tennis team recently won the District 88 Classic eight-team tournament.

"I believe this is the first time Willowbrook has won the entire tournament," said Willowbrook coach Ed DeLaCruz.

Willowbrook's Mike Sommers won the No. 1 singles

title, while teammate Khateeb Raza won the No. 2 singles title. Sommers and Raza both are seniors and team captains.

Through late last week, Sommers had a 13-6 record, while Raza was 11-7.

Freshmen Mark Lobdell and Drake DelValle both have .500 records on the varsity. "They have shown great maturity as freshmen and have improved," said DeLaCruz, who noted the team overall has a youthful roster composition.

The Warriors were 6-6 overall and 3-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through late last week. If Willowbrook defeated Morton

earlier this week it will come in third place in the regular-season conference standings. In earlier action, the Warriors defeated District 88 neighbor Addison Trail 5-2.

### Addison Trail boys tennis

The Addison Trail boys tennis team scored a recent 5-2 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win against Leyden.

Individually, No. 1 singles player Alex Franco won the Wheeling invitational and took second at the District 88 Classic. Nico Favuzzi was third at No. 2 singles at the District 88 Classic. No. 3 singles player Arthur Lee was

second at Wheeling, while the No. 2 doubles team of Jean Avila and Saul Garcia placed second at Wheeling as well.

Through late last week, Franco was 7-5 overall at No. 1 singles.

Addison Trail coach Justin Hegner has been pleased with how his team has fared in invitational and tournaments. "Although we haven't done as well as we liked in dual matches due to injuries and players missing during the week, we have had good tournament play," he said. "We tied for third at the District 88 Classic out of eight teams with two medalists and we

also had three out of five spots medal at Wheeling. Our players have really been stepping it up in the weekend tournaments."

Hegner said the team's focus is to improve in the remaining dual matches on the schedule. "We want to try to improve our record and also continue to do well at the tournaments," he said. "We have the Lake Park invite (this weekend) and then conference. Even though we haven't had success against some of our conference teams during the season, I think we can beat them the second time around at the conference tournament."

## Willowbrook baseball team defeats Addison Trail

### Zunkel strikes out 10 in complete game effort

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team shook off a tough three-game West Suburban Conference Gold Division series with Hinsdale South by recording a recent 6-1 win against District 88 neighbor Addison Trail.

Willowbrook scored a pair of runs in the first inning and four more in the fourth inning. The Warriors had six hits in the game.

Cameron Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He threw a complete-game four-hitter and struck out 10. He threw 63 of 105 pitches for strikes.

TJ Geritano went 2-for-3 with a run scored, two RBI and a walk. Kyle Martyniuk had a double, two RBI and a walk. Jon Kelso had a double, a run scored and an RBI. Trevor Jalousynski had a hit and a run scored. Danny Olson had a run scored and an RBI, while MJ Ranieri had a stolen base.

In earlier action, the Warriors dropped a 4-3 non-conference decision to Andrew in eight innings.

After playing to an early 1-1 stalemate, Andrew took a 3-1 lead in the second inning. Willowbrook tied the game at 3-3 with a pair of runs in the third. The game would remain deadlocked until Andrew won it in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Willowbrook had three hits in the game and made five errors. Zunkel had a hit and a run

scored. Kelso scored two runs. Kyle Ferguson had an RBI. Mark Molitor had a hit, as did Matt Pizur.

Ronnie Reitz started the game and went four innings. He allowed four hits and fanned two. Will Hines pitched the final 3 1/3 innings. He allowed two hits and had one strikeout. He took the loss.

Willowbrook completed its three-game series with Hinsdale South after a 4-3 loss in eight innings. The Warriors lost all three conference games to Hinsdale South, each by a single run. Two of the contests went to extra innings. The middle game, a 3-2 loss, went 10 innings.

Hinsdale South took a 2-0 lead in the first inning and led 3-1 after three. Willowbrook put up two runs in the fourth inning to tie the game.

Willowbrook had eight hits in the game. Ben Espinoza had a hit and a run scored. Geritano had an RBI. Zunkel had a double and two RBI, while Ferguson had two hits. Molitor had a hit and a run scored, while Ranieri had two hits. Matt Gabracz added a hit.

Gabracz threw the first six innings. He allowed six hits and two earned runs and fanned three. Alec Michaelson pitched the final 1 1/3 innings and struck out two. He took the loss.

The Addison Trail win put Willowbrook at 8-12 overall and 5-5 in WSC Gold play.

The Warriors are scheduled to host Downers Grove North today in a WSC crossover game. Willowbrook hosts Proviso East Friday in the opener of a three-game WSC Gold series and then plays Proviso West Saturday at home at 2 p.m.

## Willowbrook boys gymnastics team finishes conference regular season undefeated

### Sousa hits 54s in all-around; Freshman team wins invitational title

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Get out the brooms—three of them to be exact.

The Willowbrook boys gymnastics program completed a three-level undefeated conference regular season in a recent meet against Hinsdale South.

The Warriors scored a 136.00-108.80 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win at the varsity level. The junior-varsity team scored a 113.40-110.80 win and the freshman won 71.50 to 61.70, meaning all three levels defeated all WSC Gold foes this season.

"Going undefeated in conference, the coaches couldn't be more happy with the guys and the pride they bring to this program," said Willowbrook coach Caleb Strejc.

At the varsity level, standout Adam Sousa hit the 54-level in the all-around competition for the first time in his high-school career at the Wheaton invitational. He also went into the 54s again in the conference meet against Hinsdale South.

Strejc noted the team is working on cleaning up routines and becoming more comfortable with them. "Less choppy and less breaks—that's how we will get little tenths back here and there to boost our score," he said.

Floor and vault, the coach noted, are the team's strongest events. "We have the potential to always have three guys score above 8s, which is good," said Strejc.

Willowbrook also has the ability to score well on parallel bars. "We have Adam going close to the 9s and Miguel Portilla and Bailey Heppner really putting good routines together," said Strejc. "They will be able to score in the 7s if they hit and stay clean."

Strejc has seen improvement up and down the lineup. "There are so many guys showing improvement in many areas in these last two weeks of the season," he said. "Those impressing us the most with their progression are the freshmen."

Six freshmen competitors have received the call to the junior-varsity squad for late-season competition. That group includes Matt Foley, Joel Saldana, Isaiah Lewis, Sean Luner, Saad Omar and Collin Donaldson.

The freshman team won the recent Tom Kordecki invitational, which Strejc noted is akin to a conference meet for the ninth-grade gymnasts.

Foley won the all-around to lead the Warriors. The team also received contributions from Omar (third-place all-around) and Saldana (fourth-place all-around).

"It's been a great season with our success in conference," said Strejc. "We're looking to prepare for sectionals and just go out there and have our guys give their best meet of the season."

## The Don of A New Day in Sports



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## ATHS to premier new orchestra piece to honor O'Connell

*Orchestra Director  
to retire as school  
celebrates  
50th anniversary*

**ADDISON** — On April 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Addison Trail orchestras performed a concert with a new piece of music in honor of Addison Trail Orchestra Director and Music Department Chair Dan O'Connell, who is retiring after more than 33 years teaching in Addison. The concert and premiere song will also serve to recognize Addison Trail's 50th anniversary, which will take place during the 2016-17 school year.

The piece, entitled "Legacy," is an orchestral fantasy based on the melody from the school's new alma mater, "Hail to Thee," which debuted earlier this year. "Legacy" was composed by Robert Longfield and was commissioned by Addison Trail High School, the school's Music Department and the Addison Trail Music Booster Club.

A reception was held immediately after the concert in the Commons area.

## Addison Trail students recognized during ACCI Student Honors Banquet



Pictured are the Addison Trail students who were honored by the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry during the chamber's annual Student Honors Banquet on April 26. Full story and more photos on page 13.

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## Addison Park District Spring Dance Recital May 6

**ADDISON** — "Dancing in the Rain," the Spring Dance Recital of the Addison Park District is scheduled to be performed on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at 6 p.m. The performance will be held at Addison Trail High School. Tickets are available at Centennial Rec Center or \$10 at the door.



photos provided

## Addison Trail salutes retiring orchestra director

Pictured above is Dan O'Connell, Orchestra Director and Music Department Chair for Addison Trail, who will retire at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Right: On April 28, the Addison Trail orchestras premiered a piece entitled "Legacy" during Dan O'Connell's final concert as Director. The concert was held not only to honor O'Connell's retirement, but to celebrate Addison Trail's 50th anniversary coming in 2016-17.



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## Project POP Club makes dog toys for Humane Society

These eighth graders from Indian Trail Junior High show off what they made with funds collected from "Pennies for Paws." The students pictured made these dog toys to be donated to the Hinsdale Humane Society. More about Pennies for Paws can be found on page 13.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, May 5 Addison Women's Club to meet

At 7 p.m., the Women's Club of Addison will meet at Addison Village Hall, Room 1301-A. Program: Pat Ischinger speaking about "Honor Flight Chicago," whose mission is to bring veterans to Washington, DC for a day at the WWII Memorial and other sites. Guests welcome.

### Friday, May 6 • Cong. Roskam to address Chambers of Commerce

From 7:30-9 a.m., ACCI and other Chambers welcome U. S. Rep. Peter Roskam for a breakfast to be held in the Community Room of Hanover Park Village Hall, 2121 Lake St. (west of the Hanover Park train station at

Lake & County Farm Roads). Note: The location was recently changed because of large number of attendees who have registered. Roskam will offer an update from Washington DC and will answer questions from the audience. Free, but RSVPs are needed to plan for the breakfast. To register, call 630-543-4300 or send an e-mail to: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net.

### Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7 • Addison Trail Horticulture Club hosts Plant Sale

The Addison Trail Horticulture Club will host its annual Plant Sale -- just in time for Mother's Day -- from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday and from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the school. Featured

will be annuals, herbs, perennials, vegetables, combo pots and hanging baskets. New this year, visitors can also buy ready-to-go gifts.

### • Park District dance recital

At 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, the Addison Park District will hold its Spring Dance Recital called "Dancing in the Rain." The performance will be held at Addison Trail High School. Tickets are available at Centennial Rec Center or \$10 at the door.

### Saturday, May 7 • Volunteer for Park Pride

Join the Park District from 9-11:30 a.m. for a day in the parks preparing for the season by helping to clean up the parks, plant flowers and spreading

mulch. To volunteer call 630-233-7275 by Sunday, May 1. Each registered volunteer will receive a T-shirt and lunch at the volunteer appreciation cook-out in Community Park at 11:30 a.m. Info: visit [addisonparks.org](http://addisonparks.org) or call 630-233-7275.

### • Recycling Extravaganza

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Park District is partnering with SCARCE for this community-wide event and will be collecting American flags, bicycles, cell phones, flat-screen monitors and electronics, medical equipment (not prescription drugs), paper shredding (5-box limit) and more. Info: visit [addisonparks.org](http://addisonparks.org) or call 630-233-7275.

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## Eighth grade math students support Pennies for Paws

**ADDISON** — The eighth graders in Ms. Bledsoe's Math Explorations classes at Indian Trail Junior High are fundraising for "Pennies for Paws," a spare change drive for homeless animals at the Hinsdale Humane Society. The fundraiser is running in conjunction with a problem-based learning project students are completing. Students must use strong mathematical statistics and data to create a Public Service Announcement convincing their audience on the importance of pet adoption and proper pet care.



Board of Education President Dave Williams (left) and Board member Taso Triantafillos donate to "Pennies for Paws," as they visit Indian Trail Junior High at lunchtime on Wednesday, April 27. The effort raises funds to support the Hinsdale Humane Society.



After raising funds through Pennies for Paws, these students in Ms. Bledsoe's Math Explorations classes at Indian Trail Junior High used math statistics and data to create a public service announcement for the support of the cause.

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## ACCI honors local students at annual banquet

**ADDISON** — On April 26, Addison Trail seniors were honored by the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI) during the chamber's annual Student Honors Banquet held at The Empress Banquets in Addison.

AT Principal Michael Bolden and District 88 Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Adam Cibulka presented each student with a certificate for his or her achievement.

Senior Nicole Pudlo was named as the recipient of the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry Scholarship. Kaytlin Bayne and Nick Leone, both children of ACCI members, were recognized with the A.J. LaRocca Memorial Foundation Scholarship. Senior Catherine Burlage won the College of DuPage Presidential Scholars Award and the Kiwanis Club of Addison Key Club Scholarship winner was senior Nicholas Stamatopoulos.

Senior Sophia Belvedere, who served as the student speaker, congratulated her classmates on their efforts followed by Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, who welcomed the crowd.

The keynote address was delivered by AT alumnus Zach Maxwell, from the class of

2008. Maxwell spoke about the true meaning of success and the importance of staying motivated to always stand out. Maxwell graduated from University of Notre Dame in 2012 and is now a District Manager with Aldi USA.

For a full list of 2016 ACCI Scholarship honorees, visit [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2863](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2863).



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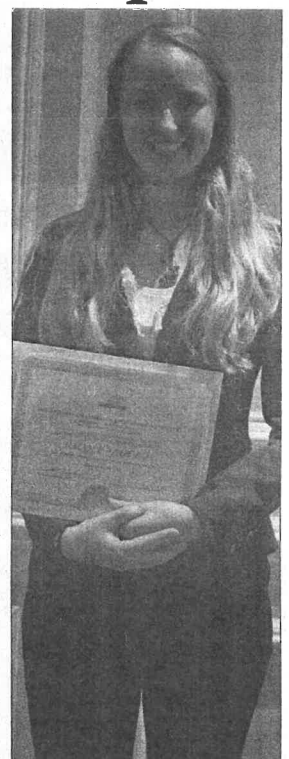


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(Above) Pictured from left: Bernadette LaRocca, Kaytlin Bayne, Nick Leone and John LaRocca. As children of ACCI members, Kaytlin and Nick received the A.J. LaRocca Memorial Foundation Scholarship.



(Right) Senior Nicholas Stamatopoulos was given the Kiwanis Club of Addison Key Club Scholarship.



Senior Nicole Pudlo received the ACCI Scholarship.