

Villa Park police arrest Glendale Heights man after ATM heist

by Bonnie MacKay

Villa Park police responded for an activated alarm at a tobacco shop early Saturday morning to find the ATM had been stolen.

Officers responded to Uncle Tobacco, 140 W. North Ave., at about 5:54 a.m. on May 7 to find the burglar alarm sounding and the front window of the business smashed, according to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Bill Lyons.

The front of the business had been damaged and an ATM had been removed, Lyons said.

He added that officers were able to quickly view surveillance video, from which they were able to get a description and license plate number.

Lyons said a short time later Elmhurst police stopped a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle near I-290 and North Avenue.

Although the driver reportedly attempted to flee on foot, he was taken into custody. Lyons said the ATM was located in the van, which had been stolen out of Northlake. Along

with the ATM, officers recovered an undisclosed amount of cash from the ATM.

This burglary comes less than two weeks after another ATM heist in Villa Park, which occurred during the early morning hours of April 26.

On April 26, police responded to Casa del Vino, 137 E. North Ave., at about 5:13 a.m., where they discovered damage to the store front.

At the time, Lyons said an unknown subject(s) removed the ATM from the liquor store.

The ATM was located a couple of blocks away, minus an undisclosed amount of cash, according to Lyons.

Michael J. Pouliezios, 47, with a last known address in Glendale Heights, reportedly confessed to both burglaries, Lyons said.

Pouliezios was charged with two counts of burglary and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was transported to DuPage County Jail in Wheaton, where as of press time, he was being held in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

Villa Park Explorers to hold pancake breakfast on Saturday

The Villa Park Police Explorers will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. The breakfast will take place at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801, located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12 years old. The event is a fundraiser to help fund the Explorers' upcoming trip to a Boy Scouts of America competition. The Explorers program is connected to the Boy Scouts of America.

The Villa Park Police Explorers provide

education and training to young men and women who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The Explorers program is open to men and women from sixth grade up to 20 years of age. The program provides career orientation services, leadership opportunities and the chance to take part in community activities.

Villa Park has had an Explorer post since the 1980s. Six of the department's employees are former Explorers. At least five other recent Explorers have gone on to law enforcement careers.

Lombard man dies after drug overdose; police chase suspect

by Bonnie MacKay

Lombard police were called to a home on the north side of the village last week, where a Lombard man lost his life apparently to a drug overdose.

At about 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, officers responded to a single-family residence in the 500 block of North LaSalle, according to Lombard Police Detective Cyndy Velazquez.

Officers found a deceased 39-year-old man inside the home, the victim of an apparent drug overdose.

"We suspect a heroin overdose due to what was found at the scene," Velazquez said, adding that this will not be confirmed until the results of toxicology tests come back.

While detectives were still on the scene later in the day, a 2002 Pontiac Bonneville pulled up to the home at about 9:30 p.m., the lieutenant said.

Two detectives, wearing plainclothes, approached the vehicle with the intention of speaking with the occupants. The driver of the vehicle took off, with police following in marked and unmarked vehicles. Once the detectives realized, the officer in the marked squad had backup, the detectives pulled off the pursuit, Velazquez said.

A police department press release states that officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Pontiac, when a chase ensued.

Lombard police were assisted by other police agencies as the pursuit went eastbound on 290 into Chicago.

Lombard officers terminated their pursuit near Congress and Lower Wacker, but the release states that the pursuit was then taken over by the Chicago Police Department and Illinois State Police. The driver of the vehicle did manage to elude police.

The 2002 Pontiac was found hours later abandoned in Bensenville. No suspect(s) was located at that time.

The vehicle was brought to the Lombard Police Department. According to Lombard Police Detective Jason Chudzinski, detectives obtained a search warrant, and with the assistance of the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force evidence crew, the vehicle was searched and processed for evidence.

On Monday, Lombard detectives were still following up on a number of leads. Velazquez said officers saw at least two occupants in the Pontiac.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lombard police at 630-873-4400.



Suspect's vehicle...

Photo by Steve Spoden

THE ABOVE 2002 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE is in possession of the Lombard Police Department after it was recovered abandoned in Bensenville last week. The vehicle, which was spotted outside a Lombard home where a 39-year-old apparently died from a drug overdose, was involved in a high speed pursuit by Lombard, Chicago and Illinois State police on the night of May 4.

Semi-annual water main flushing in village continues through Friday

The Village of Villa Park is performing its semi-annual water main flushing operation this week. According to information provided by the village, this is a necessary maintenance procedure to clear the mains of rust deposits and to check fire hydrants for proper operation.

Flushing is being performed daily between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Friday,

May 13. Please refrain from doing laundry during these times, as rust stains could potentially damage clothing.

Village staff regrets any inconvenience this may cause, and thanks residents in advance for their patience. For more information, contact the public works department at 630-834-8505 with any questions.

The 10th annual Kiefer run takes place June 18 at Willowbrook

The 10th annual Lauren M. Kiefer 5K Family Run/Walk will take place Saturday, June 18. The event, which begins at 9 a.m., will start and finish outside of Willowbrook High School. The race is named after 2000 Willowbrook graduate Lauren Kiefer. All proceeds from the event benefit the Lauren M. Kiefer Memorial Foundation, which supports several charitable causes, including scholarships to Willowbrook seniors. The foundation has provided about \$75,000 to students from the school since 2007.

Pre-registration is available online or through the mail. Additionally, race-day registration will begin at 7 a.m. on June 18.

The fee is \$25 per person. There is no charge for children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult. A waiver form must be completed for each child to participate.

Participants must register by June 3 to receive this year's 10th anniversary T-shirt.

Pre-registrants can pick up their race packets from 5-7:30 p.m. on June 17 at Fleet Feet Sports, located at 124 E. Schiller St. in Elmhurst.

The run/walk includes a raffle with a grand prize of a five-day condominium stay in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

For more information, or to register online, visit www.rememberlauren.com.

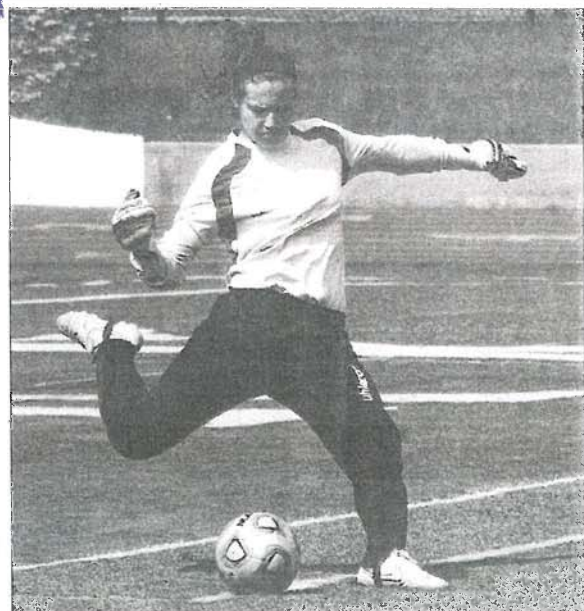
Memorial Day ceremony at newly renovated Cortesi Park

All Villa Park residents are invited to attend a special dedication ceremony of the newly renovated Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The park is located at the intersection of Cortesi and Kenilworth avenues—just west of Villa Avenue.

The renovated park features a new memorial plaza with flagpoles and memorial

columns honoring each branch of the United States military. Other improvements to the park include new benches, sidewalks, landscaping and a relocated drinking fountain.

The Memorial Day event will also include a performance by members of the Willowbrook High School Choir, as well as a ribbon cutting and a tribute to local veterans who have passed away.



Warriors in action...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR GOALKEEPER Allie Jones (above) of the Willowbrook girls soccer team sends the ball downfield during Saturday afternoon's non-conference match at York. The Dukes defeated the Warriors 3-0 in Elmhurst. The loss dropped Willowbrook's overall record to 11-6-3. York held a 1-0 halftime lead and added a pair of second-half goals, including one with less than 10 seconds to play. The Warriors began last week with a perfect 4-0 record in the West Suburban Gold Conference. Willowbrook lost a 2-1 overtime battle to Morton in a conference battle in Villa Park on May 3. The teams were tied at 1-1 after 80 minutes of regulation and one 10-minute overtime period. Morton won the match when it scored in the closing minutes of the second 10-minute overtime. Senior Alyssa Spada scored Willowbrook's goal. The Warriors closed out their conference season with Thursday's 5-2 loss to Downers Grove South in Villa Park. Junior Valentina Poggi and freshman Zoe Ericson scored Willowbrook's goals. The match was tied at 1-1 at halftime. Downers Grove South won the conference championship. Willowbrook, Hinsdale South and Morton finished in a three-way tie for second place. The Warriors will open the IHSA post-season with another match against York. Willowbrook will play the Dukes in the IHSA regional at Lyons Township High School on May 17.

Sports

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Sousa's super sectional includes all-around title

Willowbrook sophomore Adam Sousa won the all-around championship at Friday's IHSA boys gymnastics sectional at Glenbard West Sectional in Glen Ellyn. Sousa compiled an all-around score of 53.80 at the nine-team sectional. That score represents a total of Sousa's finishes on six separate events. Sousa earned first-place finishes in two events—the horizontal bar and the pommel horse. He placed alone in second in two other events—floor exercises and the vault—and tied for second on the still rings. Sousa delivered a fifth-place effort on the parallel bars.

Sousa's all-around score of 53.8 was more than two points ahead of the runner-up in the sectional's all-around competition. Junior Timmy Le of Glenbard West was the event's all-around runner-up with a score of 51.45. No one in the state's four other sectional competitions earned a better all-around score than Sousa. The second-best sectional effort came from Dundee-Crown senior Satchel Hudson, who turned in a 53.25 to win the all-around title at Saturday's sectional at Palatine High School.

Sousa will compete in this Friday's all-around competition at the IHSA state meet at Hinsdale Central High School. The all-around and team competitions at the state meet will take place on Friday, while the individual event contests take place Saturday. All gymnasts who earned top-five sectional finishes in an event

automatically qualified to compete in the state meet. Sousa earned automatic berths in all six events.

Sousa's sectional-winning routine on the horizontal bar earned a score of 8.85, which was a full point higher than the runner-up in the event. Sousa secured his other victory on the pommel horse—his final event of the evening. Sousa's routine on the pommel horse produced a score of 9.25.

"I enjoyed the high bar," said Sousa of his winning performance on the horizontal bar in his fourth event of the sectional. "I thought that was pretty good for me. I was also happy with floor [exercises]—his fifth event of the night. I tweaked my back a little bit on the high bar. I kind of pinched a nerve, so I was definitely pretty sore going into my floor routine, but I had to fight through it."

Sousa added that the pommel horse event wasn't as stressful on his back as the floor routine. While the pommel horse routine marked the end of Sousa's night of competition, he still had to make seven trips to the medal stand, where awards were handed out to the top five finishers in each event, as well as the top five all-around finishers.

Sousa's performance in floor exercises yielded a second-place score of 9.45. His effort on the vault picked up a runner-up score of 9.35. Sousa's score of 8.55 on the still rings

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All-around champion...

Photos by Chris Fox

SOPHOMORE ADAM SOUSA (above) of the Willowbrook boys gymnastics team won two individual events and captured the all-around title at Friday's IHSA sectional at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn. The above left photo shows Sousa during his first-place performance on the pommel horse. The above right photo shows Sousa in his championship routine on the horizontal bar. In addition to winning those two events, Sousa placed second in three events and finished fifth in one event. He won the all-around title with a total score of 53.80 in his six routines. Sousa will compete in the all-around competition in this Friday's state meet in Hinsdale. He will compete in six separate individual event competitions in Saturday's portion of the meet. Sousa placed fourth in the all-around competition at last year's state meet.

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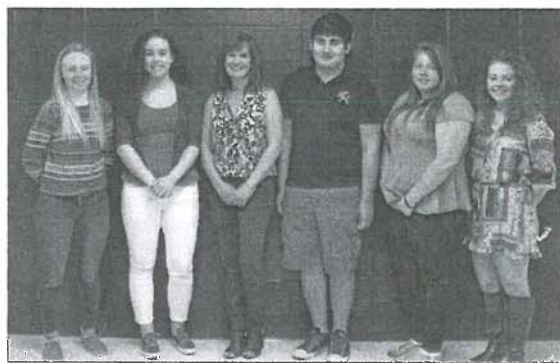


Addison Trail recognizes AT's Best

ADDISON — On April 19, 35 Addison Trail students were honored as AT's Best.

The AT's Best award recognizes students for service, Blazer Pride, cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, humanitarian spirit or unique contributions. Students receive a pin or a T-shirt for their efforts and are honored during a breakfast.

AT's Best students are: **Sophomore Edi Flores** (pictured at right) Nominated by: Addison Trail science teacher Carolyn Erwin.



Junior Athena Kakolires, senior Alyssa Viera, junior Annalise Morrone, junior Gianna Sari and senior Cristian Felix. Nominated by: Addison Trail Guidance Department secretary Karen Grady. See more photos on page 11.

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making things happen," Cronin said. "It is making foundational changes that will begin to turn this ship around."

"This may seem like little stuff, but in DuPage County, we have already seen savings of \$100 million."

Illinois Comptroller Munger takes the floor

"Illinois has not had a balanced budget in 15 years. We must have a budget. We are at the precipice and right now, we are being governed by the courts."

Those were the opening words of Illinois State Comptroller Leslie Munger, who went on to give a very matter-of-fact, albeit bleak picture of the state's fiscal status.

"When the State is doing little toward solving its budget problems, then the courts have to step in and order payments to certain groups," she said. "The problem is that sometimes, a judge may order payments without knowing whether or

not the state has the money to make them."

The big bad numbers

Munger dropped some pretty big numbers throughout her address:

- \$110 million goes in and out of the pension fund every day.
- Illinois has \$7 billion in unpaid bills.
- Illinois owes \$400 million just in fees and late charges.
- The courts have mandated payments for higher education, social services, drug and alcohol programs and respite care. Illinois is on the hook to pay back \$2 billion for those services.

"I realize it is hard to get your head around these numbers," she said.

Last month, Munger decided to treat paychecks to elected officials just the same as all of its financial obligations — get in line!

"Now everyone is in the line," she said. "Why should



photo by Dee Longfellow

Munger addresses Business Outlook luncheon

Pictured is Illinois State Comptroller Leslie Munger as she addresses the 7th Annual DuPage County Regional Business Outlook luncheon on Tuesday, May 3. Besides sharing the bleak news of Illinois' current financial condition, she offered suggestions such as government consolidation, economic growth, and treating the problem, not just the symptom.

officials be paid when those they serve are not?"

That comment brought a round of applause.

"We are barely keeping the doors open at places that serve our most vulnerable residents," she continued.

Suggestions for a solution

Munger offered suggestions to get the state back on track and in control of its finances again.

"First, we need to start solving the problem, not just the symptom," she said. "We need to invest in getting people in this state back to work. We have so many assets here, transportation, farms, higher education institutions, there's no reason not to work together toward a solution."

Knowing the state must continually look for ways to make things faster, cheaper and better, Munger said she had reduced her staff by 20%, which saved \$1 million in the first two months.

"All departments of government need to follow that lead," she said.

Then she talked about economic growth, calling it "a total game changer."

"That is the area that will allow us to grow the tax base, which will bring in more investment and more growth," she said. "We need to put Illinois and our taxpayers first."

She offered to help as much as possible.

"I can't vote [in the legislature], but I have a megaphone," Munger said, indicating she would keep fighting the good fight and making sure her voice is heard.

The program included a Business Leaders Roundtable, moderated by independent journalist Lisa Leiter.

The panelists were: Sean Chou, CEO, Catalytic; Mike Vivoda, Sr. VP and president, West Region, Northwestern Memorial Healthcare; and, Ray Ziganto, president of the manufacturer Bi-Link.

AT's Best



Addison Park District ready for swimming months

ADDISON — With opening day coming up May 28 at 12 noon, the Addison Park District reminds residents to "Dive Into Summer" by getting pool passes, now available for purchase for use at the Family Aquatic Center, 120 E. Oak St.

Pool hours will be Monday-Friday, 2-5 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 1-8 p.m.

Fees vary for residents vs. non-residents. Passes are available for the following fees:

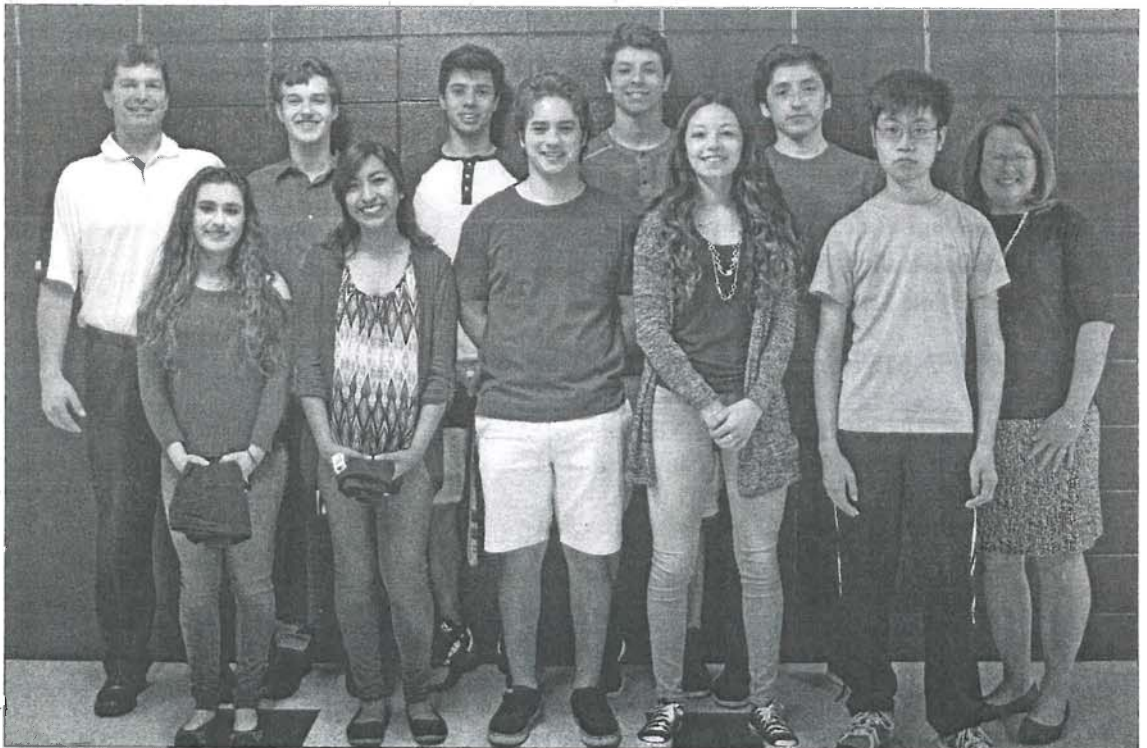
Individual pass: \$30/R, \$60/NR; Family of 3: \$75R/\$100NR; Family of 4: \$90R/\$115NR; Family of 5: \$105R/\$130NR; Family of 6: \$120R/\$145NR; and Family of 7: \$135R/\$160NR. Each additional family member is \$15. All passes include admission to the Splash Pad. To be eligible for the resident rate, proof of residency must be verified with either an Illinois State driver's license of a current telephone bill or water bill that verifies your current address.

There are also rates for daily admission to the pool, which are \$4/R, \$7/NR Monday-Friday. Weekend rates are \$4R, \$7/NR for children and seniors; \$5R/\$8NR for adults.



Senior Jacob Bartkiewicz, senior Petra Kyriakopoulos, senior Gabriela Jurkiewicz, senior Alondra Avitia, senior Rebecca Falash, senior Jessica Muntner, junior Athena Kakolires, senior Gianluca Grana and senior Anthony Palladino (pictured at left.)

Nominated by: Addison Trail CTE teachers Jeff Laschinski and Joe Mahoney.



Senior Antonino Conte, senior Kevin Tumba, junior Sarah Hoda, junior Leslie Tolentino, junior Jonathan Loi, senior Alex DelaRosa, senior Maria Koulogeorgas, senior Nicholas Fugarino and junior Max Dziabis.

Nominated by: Addison Trail Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department Chair Juliann Boudouris and CTE teacher Jeff Laschinski.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail baseball team showing competitive spirit

Villasenor enjoying fine season on mound for Blazers

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Even though the Addison Trail baseball team lost the annual District 88 series to Willowbrook, Blazers coach Michael Kennedy saw a major positive.

"I love the team's resiliency," he said. "They are able to bounce back from a tough game and they don't let it hang on us. They are ready to battle the next game. We've responded from some tough games. We're 9-11 (through late last week) and we very easily could

have 13 wins. A play here and a play there could have changed things. We compete every play and every pitch. Sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way or the other team gets a timely hit. The way the kids have responded and bounced back the next game has been great."

In addition to being 9-11 overall through late last week, the Blazers were 4-8 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

In one of the Willowbrook games, the Blazers lost 2-0 after giving up two unearned runs. In an 11-5 loss, Addison Trail led 4-1 at one point before Willowbrook scored 10 runs in the sixth inning.

"For whatever reason in that game we couldn't throw a strike and it snowballed," said Kennedy. "We couldn't stop the bleeding. By the time we

"I love the team's resiliency. They are able to bounce back from a tough game and they don't let it hang on us."

— Blazers coach
Michael Kennedy

did, the damage was done."

Despite the tough series, Kennedy again saw the season-long competitive spirit from his team.

"Our guys are out there and you can see they want to go out and win," he said. "They aren't satisfied with competing. If they have great days at the plate and we still lose, they are not satisfied. They want the

team win."

Individually, Addison Trail has been sparked throughout the season by the pitching of Nick Villasenor.

"Nick has been outstanding on the mound," said Kennedy. "He one-hit Downers Grove South and then threw the 2-0 game against Willowbrook with the two unearned runs. In his last 14 innings he's been unhittable. He's been fantastic this season."

Through late last week Villasenor had a 1.40 ERA and had 48 strikeouts in only 34 innings of work.

At the plate, Robert Baughman was hitting .378 through late last week.

"Robert is a senior who has really come on as of late," said Kennedy. "He swings a great bat. He leads us in extra-base hits."

Also excelling has been Angelo Feola, who was hitting .373 and was leading the team in hits through late last week. "Angelo is playing real well," said Kennedy.

Addison Trail was scheduled to wrap up its WSC Gold series with Leyden earlier this week.

"We are making strides," said Kennedy. "Some days we go out there and get the win and other days we are a hit away. We put ourselves in a position to win games. That's where we are making the most strides. We are becoming a better baseball team. But at the same time we want to win those games. We will get to that point. We have a process and the kids trust the process. Come playoff time I think we can be a dangerous teams to where teams don't want to play us, especially if our bats are there."

Willowbrook's Matt Pizur throws no-hitter

Warriors improve to 9-5 in conference with 4-0 week

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook pitcher Matt Pizur had himself a heck of a week.

Pizur threw a no-hitter against Addison Trail and then came back five days later and threw a four-inning two-hitter against Proviso East.

In a 2-0 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win against District 88 neighbor Addison Trail, Pizur tossed a near perfect game. The only Addison Trail runner to reach base was via an error. Pizur struck out nine and walked none and threw 54 of his 78 pitches for strikes.

Willowbrook had five hits in the game and scored two unearned runs. Kyle Ferguson was 1-for-3 with an RBI and two stolen bases. Kyle Martyniuk went 1-for-3 as did Pizur. Jon Kelso also was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Alec Michaelson went 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Willowbrook completed the three-game series sweep of Addison Trail with an 11-5 victory. Willowbrook trailed 4-1 at one point and then scored 10 runs in the sixth inning. The Warriors had nine

hits.

TJ Geritano went 1-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Ferguson had a double, two runs scored and two RBI. Martyniuk had two walks. Mark Molitor had a run scored and an RBI. Kelso had a hit, a run scored and two RBI. Trevor Jalosynski had a hit and a run scored. Matt Garbacz went 2-for-3, which included a double, a run scored and an RBI.

Garbacz was the winning pitcher. He went five innings and allowed four hits and one earned run while striking out six. Will Hines and Ronnie Reitz combined to strike out four over the final two innings.

Willowbrook dropped a 7-3 WSC crossover game to Downers Grove North. The Warriors led 2-0 early, but were held to five hits. Ferguson had a hit and a run scored. Jalosynski had a hit and a run scored. Kelso went 2-for-3 with three RBI. Pizur also had a hit. Michaelson took the loss. Hines pitched 1 1/3 innings and fanned three in relief.

The Warriors then took the first two games of a three-game conference set with Proviso East.

In an 11-0 victory, Willowbrook led 9-0 after two innings and finished with six hits.

Geritano had two walks and scored a run. Ben Espinoza also had two walks and scored a run. Cam Zunkel had a hit,

two runs scored and an RBI. Ferguson scored two runs and had an RBI. Martyniuk had two runs scored, a hit and an RBI. Molitor had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Kelso also had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. MJ Ranieri had a double and an RBI. Garbacz had a triple and a run scored.

Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He went three innings and allowed one hit, while striking out six. Eric Gunst pitched the final two innings and had five strikeouts.

In a 15-1 win over Proviso East, Pizur picked up the win. He pitched four innings and allowed two hits. He fanned 12 and walked none and threw 54 of 65 pitches for strikes. Reitz pitched the final inning and struck out two.

Willowbrook led 8-0 after two innings and had nine hits. Geritano had a double

and a run scored. Zunkel went 1-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI. Garbacz had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Ferguson scored two runs and had a hit. Michaelson had a run scored and an RBI. Martyniuk had a hit and an RBI.

Mike Dembowski walked twice, scored a run and had an RBI. Pizur had two walks, a run scored, a hit and two RBI. Kelso had a run scored and an RBI. Dylan Worden had a run scored and an RBI. Jalosynski had a double, a run scored and an RBI. Hines also had an RBI, while Ranieri had a hit, a run scored and two RBI.

Willowbrook's 4-1 week put it at 12-13 overall and 9-5 in WSC Gold Division play. Three of Willowbrook's conference losses were by a run to Hinsdale South and another was by two runs to Leyden.

Mound Magnificence

A look at Willowbrook pitcher Matt Pizur's two recent starts against Addison Trail and Proviso East.

Team	IP	R	Hits	Strikeouts	Walks	Pitches/Strikes
*Addison Trail	7	0	0	9	0	78/54
Proviso E.	4	1	2	12	0	65/54
TOTAL	11	2	2	21	0	143/108
*=No-hitter						

Addison Trail girls track team prepares for sectional

Kroll a major bright spot for Blazers

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls track team had to deal with some recent bad news.

Lynette Banuelos, a key component on the relay end for the Blazers, suffered a knee injury during the Lake Park invitational.

"Lynette was injured in the triple jump," said Blazers coach Dave Pytko. "We're not the same team with her injury as far as the relays go. She's not running as fast as she was with the injury."

But Pytko said his squad is pushing forward as it heads into Friday's Class 3A sectional competition.

"The good news is we have a chance to probably still score and medal at sectionals," he said. "That's what we want out of the kids. If you are medal-

ing in our sectional, you are doing a great job."

Lauren Kroll will be heading into the sectional on a high note. "She's a little more than a half-second off qualifying time in the 100 hurdles and has the second-best hurdles time in the sectional," said Pytko.

Kroll also has the best sectional time in the 100 and 200.

"The hurdles are a springboard to college because there are not a lot of elite hurdlers out there," said Pytko. "She's been outstanding this season.

She's an outstanding runner and always has been. We've been working on her start and that's really helped her. The sectional is going to be an exciting time for her."

Klea Gjonaj has the sixth-best time in the sectional in the 100. "If she can take off about four-tenths of a second she has an opportunity to make it down to state as well," said Pytko. "We're optimistic and she's optimistic. She knows that's a lot of time to take off. She has a good chance to score

and medal at the sectional."

Pytko noted a big goal is for Kroll to advance to the finals in a running event at state, something that, according to IHSA records, has never occurred at the school. Three girls in the history of the program (Maribeth Hulina, Bobi Nelms and Sharon Rodenhauer) qualified for the finals in either the shot or discus. Nelms won the 1981 Class AA discus state title.

"It would be nice to see her make the finals," he said.

Badminton players compete in conference meet

Blazers' boys volleyball team defeats Wheaton North

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls badminton team recently logged a pair of fourth place finishes at conference and sectionals.

The Blazers finished fourth at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet. Individually, sophomore Kasia Czepiel won the No. 9 singles conference title, while sophomore Mary Grace Mutia took second at No. 2 singles.

Becky Falash and Mutia took second at No. 2 doubles.

After the conference meet Mutia was 21-4 at No. 2 singles, while junior Athena Kakolires was 15-8.

The Blazers also tied for fourth at the Hersey sectional. Falash (No. 1 singles) and Mutia (No. 2 singles) competed in the singles division, while Kakolires and Sabrina Majeed (No. 1 doubles) and the team of Sandra Cosio and Yuritzy Varela (No. 2 doubles) played in the doubles division.

Fenton badminton

Fenton recently competed in the York sectional. The Bison were represented by Heena Amin (No. 1 singles) and Kendra Vargas (No. 2 singles) in the singles divi-

sion, while the team of Rimsha Naseer and Sheeza Anwar (No. 1 doubles) and Amanda Perry and Shafaq Chohan (No. 2 doubles) played in the doubles division. Fenton finished sixth in the sectional.

"The girls have made tremendous strides throughout the season," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Fenton finished the regular season with a 13-2 win over Golder College Prep. Amin, Vargas, Perry, Amin, Naseer, Kelly Kuman, Angelica Trojan, Hanna Roucka, Teresa Sanchez, Iram Hameeduddin and Kelly Keane picked up wins. The Fenton junior-varsity team also scored a 13-2 win.

At the conference meet, Kuman and

Roucka won matches.

"The girls competed well at conference," said Hastings.

At the JV conference meet, Chohan finished second, while Gaby Sanchez was third. The doubles team of Kirby O'Donnell and Hayley Gills placed third. Addison Trail boys volleyball

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team registered a recent 25-18, 26-24 non-conference win against Wheaton North.

Jacob Grygo led the Blazers with 13 assists, five kills, three digs and one ace. Kannon Nelms had four kills and two blocks, while Eric Lynch also had four kills. The win moved Addison Trail to 6-16 overall.



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Addison Trail boys track team thrives at recent invitationals

Blazers win Willowbrook meet

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The big meet environment has suited the Addison Trail boys track team quite well this spring.

The Blazers recently won the Willowbrook invitational and also logged a pair of second-place finishes at meets.

"Hopefully we are peaking at the right time as the most important meets of the year are upcoming," said Addison Trail coach Bruce Kelsay.

Kelsay again pointed to the varied contributions up and down the lineup that have helped contribute to a successful season.

"The nice thing about this team is its depth, which allows us to have even performances across jumps, throws, sprints and long distance," he said.

Addison Trail's hurdles group has made a big splash this season. "Our hurdlers have shown tremendous improvement this year," said Kelsay.

Kelsay noted junior Jordyn Carr-Jones, through late last week, was 0.5 seconds away from state-qualifying time in the hurdles, while freshmen James Carr and Austin Rohlf are scoring plenty of points at the sophomore level.

Injuries have affected the team's relay division. "Relays have been inconsistent due to some injury issues, but we hope to be full strength by the conference and sectional meets," said Kelsay.

Individually, Ryan Baig has

taken over 400 dash duties, in addition to running on the 400 and 1,600 relay teams. "Ryan has done a tremendous job," said Kelsay.

Sophomore Luis Vargas also is making strides to where he is running the varsity 3,200 relay and 1,600 run events. "Luis has really improved in the distance events," said Kelsay.

Chris Purdy has made strides in his quest for a state-qualifying mark in the long jump. "Chris has jumped close to the state-qualifying distance of 22-1," said Kelsay. "He jumped 21-3 and is capable of reaching the state distance."

Addison Trail will compete in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet this week.

"This group as a whole is fun to coach and is very competitive," said Kelsay.

Fenton girls track team gearing up for sectional meet

Bison have excelled in many facets this season

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Heading into last week's Metro Suburban Conference meet, the Fenton girls track team had put together an impressive list of accomplishments.

In the outdoor season alone, Fenton won its own Bison invitational, won a quadrangular meet, took second at Leyden and placed third at Elk Grove. That was in addition to earlier putting a halt to Glenbard South's streak of five indoor conference titles in a row.

"The team has a good focus and a good mindset to set personal records," said Fenton coach Frank Kekstadt. "We are competing well and we're relatively healthy. We've scored some good points in the field events all year long and our relays have set the tone this year. They have been really exciting."

One of those relays in particular, the 400, certainly qualifies as exciting. At the Bison invitational, the 400 relay team set a new school record at 50.2. That group includes Nina Bush, Sara Mason, Hanna Matuszewski

"Not only is this probably the best team I've had in nine years being the head coach, but it's the best team in terms of being a team with great character."

— Fenton coach Frank Kekstadt

and all-state performer Emmy Burris.

"We have good track athletes," said Kekstadt.

Fenton also has been bolstered by the additions of freshmen Mackenzie Miller and Ashley Lira, who joined the team at the end of the indoor season.

"They are just starting to develop," said Kekstadt. "Both are very talented and both contribute in big ways throughout the lineup."

One of those athletes providing a jolt to the field events lineup is Maria Trentadue in the shot put.

"Maria has hit a 37-foot shot put this season, which is a lifetime best," said Kekstadt. "She's provided a real big boost to the team."

Kekstadt also lauded the team's distance group. "We're seeing the most improvement right now from our distance runners," he said. "On both levels we've seen more than

40 personal records. Just about every girl there is hitting a lifetime PR. The distance has come on strong. That group is helping to create a very strong team as far as being completely balanced."

Fenton heads to the Class 3A Lake Park sectional Friday.

"I'm very happy with the group," he said. "Not only is this probably the best team I've had in nine years being the head coach, but it's the best team in terms of being a team with great character. These girls are great. We have a lot of natural talent and the key is the talent has great character. We're developing talent and they have the expectation of excellence. We don't have a lot of rules here. It's be here, be on time and strive for excellence. Everything is falling into place. All our coaches this season have really stepped it up."

"It's hard not getting emotional about these girls. It's a great team."

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY -
WHEATON, ILLINOIS
DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.,
PLAINTIFF

vs.
ALICIA SAMANIEGO; GAVINO SANCHEZ; VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK; SALT CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; STATE OF ILLINOIS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, GAVINO SANCHEZ; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:

LOT 12 IN BLOCK 12 IN ARDMORE MANOR, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 3, 1924 AS DOCUMENT 185662, IN DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 427 N. Addison Road, Villa Park, IL 60181

P.L.N.: 06-04-226-011

and which said mortgage was signed by ALICIA SAMANIEGO, mortgagor, to American General Financial Services of Illinois, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DuPage County as Document No. R2007-213206 and modified by two Loan Modification Agreements, one recorded as Document Number R2013-053497; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of DuPage County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
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U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AR1
PLAINTIFF

vs.
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Richard Hodgdon a/k/a Richard W. Hodgdon; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
NON-RESIDENTIAL

2015 CH 001837

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/20/2016, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of

DuPage County, Illinois will on 6/21/16 at the hour of 10:00AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-15-12722.

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• REAL ESTATE •

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Youthful Addison Trail softball team growing on field

Napoli and McMahon providing strong leadership

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail softball team has a young roster and coach Mark Olson is seeing his squad gain important experience this spring.

The Blazers were 5-10 through late last week after losses to Hinsdale South and Willowbrook.

"Those are two solid programs," said Olson. "It's kind of been a baptism by fire for us. The season has kind of gone like we expected, but the response

has been great and the effort always has been there. We are getting better and we're working on mentally understanding the game in terms of when to do things. That is going to help us on the physical side. We're making some mental mistakes that turn into physical mistakes and those add up."

Olson loves the coachability factor of his group. "The girls are super-positive," he said. "They have been awesome. I've never met a more coachable group. It's a hard-working group of girls. We are going to start seeing the dividends pay off because of that. Right now we don't have a ton of girls who have played a lot. Our pitcher and catcher are fresh-

men. We have young kids at key positions who are getting varsity experience. You can practice all you want, but you don't gain that experience until you get into a game situation. I'm very proud of how they have responded. We're plugging away and getting better."

Seniors Nicolette Napoli and Alyssa McMahon have provided strong leadership for the Blazers. "They are two seniors who bat second and third for us and give us a huge lift on the field with their leadership," said Olson. "It's been great to see their growth as three-year varsity players. Those two have taken the team under their wings. They have been fantas-

Sophia Hopkins (catcher) and Ally Polhad (pitcher) are Olson's freshmen battery.

"Sophia has been a wall behind home plate and is going to be a good one," said Olson. "Ali has done a good job pitching and is another bright spot. She's learning and has been gaining experience. She's responded beyond her years."

Olson said this year's squad reminds him of his first group at Addison Trail. "We had one senior that year and we took our lumps a little bit," he said. "That group is the same as this group. It had a great work ethic and it paid off the next year. These girls have responded this year. They are growing as play-

Willowbrook's Sousa qualifies for state gymnastics finals

Chantos qualifies for state badminton tournament

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook sophomore boys gymnastics standout Adam Sousa is headed back to the state finals.

Sousa automatically qualified for state in every individual event and won the all-around competition at the recent Glenbard West sectional.

Sousa will compete in this weekend's state finals meet at Palatine High School for a second year in a row.

Other at-large qualifiers were to be announced by the IHSA earlier this week.

Sousa won the all-around competition with a 53.8 score. The 53.8 was the highest all-around score of any boys gymnast in the state at the five sectionals. The other all-around sectional championship scores were 53.25, 52.5, 51.95 and 51.9.

A 52.7 all-around score won the state title last year. Sousa finished fourth in the all-around at state last year with a 51.7.

At Glenbard West, Sousa won the pommel horse competition with a 9.25 score and also won the horizontal bar title

with an 8.85. Sousa was second on floor exercise at 9.45 and took second on rings at 8.55. He also was second on vault at 9.35. Sousa finished fifth on parallel bars at 8.35.

Willowbrook finished fourth as a team at the sectional with a 139.0.

Willowbrook badminton

The Willowbrook girls badminton team placed third at the recent Hinsdale South sectional. The Warriors had seven points. Hinsdale South won the sectional with 17.5 points. Wheaton-Warrenville South was second with 11.5 points.

Willowbrook junior Grace Chantos qualified for the state

tournament after finishing fourth in the singles division.

Chantos opened the sectional with a 21-13, 22-20 loss to a player from Wheaton-Warrenville South. She then came back to win 21-6, 21-17 in her next match and followed that up with a 21-5, 21-6 victory.

Chantos then defeated that same Wheaton-Warrenville South player 21-17, 17-21, 21-14 to earn her state bid and get into the third-place match. Chantos lost 21-19, 21-19 in the third-place match.

Chantos will compete at this weekend's IHSA state finals at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Willowbrook boys track team readying for conference meet

Field events showing major improvements this season

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys track team is preparing itself for the upcoming postseason.

The Warriors will participate in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet Fri-

day at Proviso West (hosted by Proviso East). Willowbrook then heads the following Friday to the Class 3A Wheaton-Warrenville South sectional. Willowbrook coach TJ Artman noted the team will not be at full strength at sectionals due to the school prom occurring at the same time.

"We are getting focused for the conference meet," he said. "For many of the seniors, it will be their last competitions.

We are looking forward to conference."

In recent action, the Warriors took second at their own Willowbrook invitational that also included Addison Trail, Leyden and Fenton.

Artman has been pleased with the development of the team's field events this season. "Our jumping and throws have added a large amount of points to our team's scores this year," he said. "We have not had that

before. It's great to get full team scoring. Missing the pole vault hurts our team scores very much and unfortunately we will never score in that event at any meet so we always are fighting being down points, including at the conference championships. Overall, the field events have fantastic coaching and are working extremely hard. They are focused to improve as individuals and add points to the team scores."

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ITJH sixth graders learn about safe structures

ADDISON — Indian Trail 6th graders in Ms. Zahrob-sky's class have been learning about and building 'life safe' structures--buildings that have architectural structures that help make the building safe during an earthquake.

Students learned about cross bracing, shear walls and cores, moats, base isolators, and other elements that could be used in

the design of a building. By the end of the project period, room 103 looked like a boom-

ing metropolis with buildings that could withstand severe shaking!



photos provided

(Right) These Indian Trail students put down a base for their architectural structure created in Ms. Zahrob-sky's sixth grade class in a unit about buildings that survive an earthquake.



These young men from Ms. Zahrob-sky's class at ITJH show off the buildings they made for a unit about "Life Safe" structures, that is, buildings that can survive conditions like earthquakes. At the end of the project period, the classroom looked like a booming metropolis!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 12

Addison Art Guild meeting

From 7-9 p.m., the Addison Art Guild will meet at Addison Village Hall, One Friendship Plaza, Rooms 1301 A&B. Program: Stephanie Bieniek will demonstrate using the "pour" method with fluid acrylics. The meeting is free and open to all.

Ongoing events

• Robot Engineers

Students will work in teams, learning about pulleys, gears, levers and more as they build and program their robotic creations using the LEGO WeDo Robotic System. This is for kids ages 7-12 and will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, May 4-18 in conjunction with the Addison Park District at the Bloomingdale Park District's Johnson Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave. The fee is \$60 for residents, \$79 for non-residents. Info: go online to addisonparks.org or call 630-233-7275.

• Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

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

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

• TOPS meetings

held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off

Pounds Sensibly. We're still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Friday mornings at Grace Lutheran Church 950 S. York Road, Bensenville. Weigh in 9:30 a.m., and meet from 10-11 a.m. Info: email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net

• Theater arts program coming in July

The Addison Children's Theater and the Addison Center for the Arts will hold its annual theater arts program for children ages 8-14 from July 18-Aug. 5.

Includes development of acting and singing techniques as well as improvisational exercises, rehearsal techniques and stagecraft. Final performances of the play, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" are scheduled on Aug. 5 and 6 at 3 p.m. Info: 630-458-4500 or see the Addison Park District summer brochure.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: QuestPublishing@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



This sixth grader from Indian Trail Junior High makes a drawing of her plan for the building she plans to "build" as part of a unit on "Life Sae" structures. Students learned about cross-bracing and other elements used by professionals in designing a building.



courtesy photos

Freshman Raeiyn Keys, freshman Anna Anelli, freshman Beila Provinzino, freshman Alex Sakleh, freshman Margaret O'Connell, freshman izael Quevedo, freshman Rosemarie Mercado, freshman Blaise Morris, freshman Isaac Etheridge and freshman Samantha Pociucha.

Nominated by: Addison Trail English teacher Patricia Subers, science teacher Aileen Sullivan and social studies teacher Mark Olson.

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Munger impressive at Regional Business Outlook luncheon

Advocates working together to solve state's financial woes

By Dee Longfellow
For The Elmhurst Independent

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner was expected to speak at the 7th annual Regional Business Outlook luncheon on Tuesday, May 3, but had to decline and Illinois State Comptroller Leslie Munger delivered the keynote address instead. The luncheon was

presented by Choose DuPage, IceMiller Legal Counsel and Mesirow Financial.

Sponsored by BMO Harris, Ball, Blooming Color Printing, Maclyn and PNC, the program began with DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin offering the DuPage County Business Outlook.

"We have done what we can

to keep business costs low," he said. "The property tax rate in the County has remained flat. In sales tax, the county has been collecting a one-quarter cent sales tax, which is ending, so we can put that money back in the taxpayer's pocket."

A key theme of the luncheon was consolidation of governmental entities, an issue Cronin

has been taking on ever since his days in the Illinois Senate. The most prominent example was combining the juvenile detention facilities of DuPage and Kane Counties into one to save costs on operations, personnel and other resources. Cronin has been one of the most vocal advocates for reducing the size of govern-

ment.


Cronin urges reducing units of government

"There are 8,480 units of local governments in Illinois and a dozen or so special taxes," Cronin said. "There are 'ghost governments' out there that fly under the radar and keep their allotment coming in from the state, while doing very little to

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WB students volunteer at Northern Illinois Food Bank

I helped feed a hungry neighbor today



Pictured are 30 student members of Willowbrook High School's Student Council who participated in a service project at Northern Illinois Food Bank on April 13. The students volunteered for a three-hour service shift, during which they packed and organized food items in the warehouse for distribution to local food pantries. The group packaged nearly 24,000 pounds of food, which equals nearly 20,000 meals for families in northern Illinois.

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Willowbrook presents awards to outstanding students, teacher

VILLA PARK — On April 14, 10 Willowbrook students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor.

During the event, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and Assistant Principal Doug Wildes welcomed the recipients and their families, as well as the staff members who nominated them. The students were then recognized and given a certificate in honor of their efforts.

The Outstanding Students were:

Art: senior Laima Licitis
Career and Technical Education (CTE): senior Mark Jenkins

English: senior Maria Congenie

Learning services: senior Alexa Henderson

Math: sophomore Noah Kamm

Music: senior Eugene Ciesla

Physical education: sophomore Brandon Smith

Science: freshman Victoria Palma

Social studies: senior Tera Wilson

World languages: junior Valbona Shameti

In addition, Willowbrook math teacher Julie Rasso received the Outstanding Teacher award presented to her by junior Samantha Asher.



Pictured are the Willowbrook students who were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor on April 14. They are (back row, from left) Noah Kamm, Brandon Smith, Eugene Ciesla; (middle row, from left) Mark Jenkins, Valbona Shameti, Alexa Henderson; (front row, from left) Laima Licitis, Tera Wilson, Maria Congenie and Victoria Palma.

courtesy photos



At a special ceremony on April 14, Willowbrook math teacher Julie Rasso (left) was presented with the Outstanding Teacher award by junior Samantha Asher.

OBT Lions seek sponsors for upcoming fundraiser

Plans under way for 28th annual pasta dinner

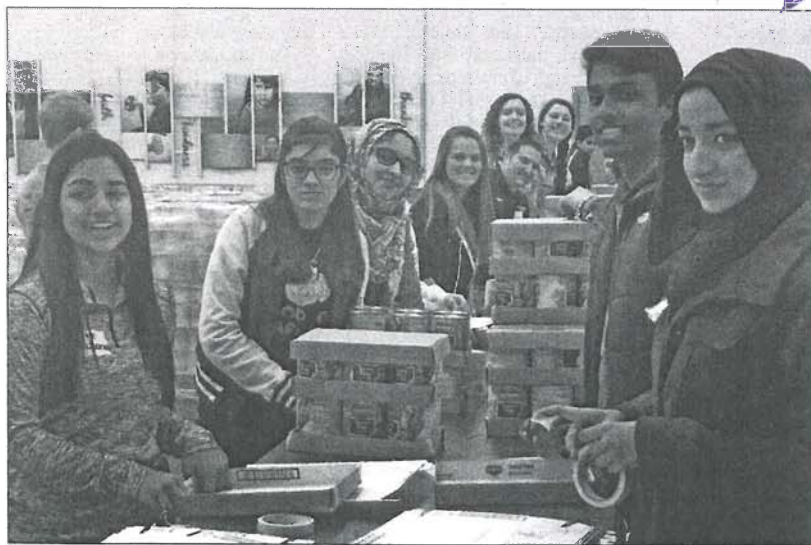
OAKBROOK TERRACE —

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is currently seeking busi-

nesses and organizations to either donate a prize or sponsor a portion of the club's upcoming 28th annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 21 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Salvation Army Hall, 15415 Summit, Oakbrook Terrace. There will be prize giveaways and

50-50 raffles.

Proceeds from this year's event will be used to help District 45 schoolteacher Elise Boni with her medical expenses. For more information or to be a sponsor, please call Dinner Chair Lion Frank Orozen at 708-805-2095.



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WB Student Council volunteers at NIFB

Pictured are members of Willowbrook High School's Student Council who volunteered to work at shift at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on April 13. The students, pictured here, packaged nearly 24,000 pounds of food, which equals nearly 20,000 meals for families in northern Illinois.

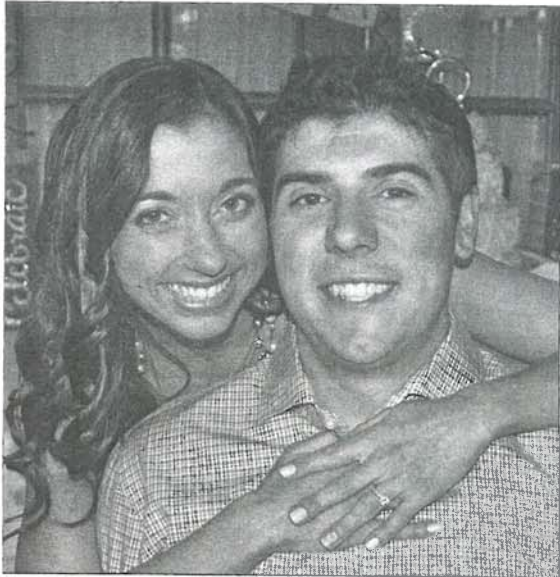


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Warrior Pride essay contest winners announced

Pictured are the winners of this year's Warrior Pride Essay Contest, presented by the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club. (Top left), sophomore Steven Cerda-Sanchez won first place and received \$100; (bottom left) sophomore Catherine Carey came in 2nd place for a prize of \$50; and (above) senior Emily Isaacson came in 3rd place, for which she received \$25.





ASHLEY LUPO AND RICK VACA

Lupo-Vaca engagement announced

VILLA PARK — Mr. and Mrs. John Lupo of Villa Park are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Lupo to Rick Vaca, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Di Nella of Oakbrook Terrace and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Vaca of Wood Dale.

The bride and groom both graduated from Willowbrook High School in 2008 and the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign in 2012. Currently, Rick is a senior financial analyst at Empire Today and Ashley is a mathematics teacher at Addison Trail High School. They are planning a destination wedding in Cabo San Lucas for the summer of 2017.

Willowbrook's Sarovich receives Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Maximilian Sarovich was recently named as a recipient of a Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies.

Sarovich has been a caddie at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook for about six years. He also is an avid golfer and was a member of the Willowbrook Boys Golf Team all four years of his high school career (two, on varsity). In the future, he plans to stay active in the sport on a recreational level.

"I enjoy being out on the golf course in nature," Sarovich said. "I also enjoy the mental challenge of the game and the fact that it gets your heart-rate going – I love the thrill. Golf has taught me many lessons, including patience and to never give up."

Sarovich said he was overcome with emotion when he learned he had received the scholarship to live in the Evans Scholarship House at University of Colorado Boulder, where he plans to major in accounting.

"I was in shock and then started jumping up and down,"



courtesy photo

Willowbrook senior Maximilian Sarovich is the recipient of a Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies.

he said. "Seeing that acceptance letter meant all my hard work and dedication paid off."

He's humbled by the opportunity. He knows he couldn't have achieved this level of success without the support of his family, friends and staff at

Willowbrook. He also would like to thank Chick Evans for founding this scholarship.

"Willowbrook has taught me no matter the level of diversity at your school, everyone can always come together as one family," he said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday May 12

Lions Club pasta dinner

From 5-7 p.m., the Villa Park Lions Club will be holding their 14th Annual Pasta Dinner at Willowbrook High School cafeteria. Enjoy pasta, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, coffee, milk, lemonade and desserts. Tickets, available at the door, are \$8/adults, \$7/seniors, \$5/kids 5-12, free/kids under 5. A raffle will also be held. For more information, contact Lion President Marty at 630-903-3189.

Wednesday, May 11

Next SALT meeting

At 11 a.m. at the Wildwood Community Center, the Villa Park Police Department will hold the next quarterly meeting for S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together). Residents and guests are invited to arrive at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy some coffee, pastries, and fellowship prior to the presentation. Police Chief Robert Pavelchik and Detective Jeffrey Runge will welcome a presentation by Sandy Hill of the Villa Park Public Library. The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will sponsor lunch for all guests immediately following the presentation.

Friday-Sunday, May 20 – 22

St. Pius X Parish Carnival

The St. Pius X will hold its first-ever Parish Carnival at the church, 601 S. Westmore (at Madison Ave.), in Lom-

bard. Midway rides and games offer fun for all ages. Beer garden for those 21+. Hours are Fri. from 5-10 p.m., Sat. from 1-10 p.m., and Sun. from 1-6 p.m. Ride tickets are \$1 each (number of tickets varies per ride). Parking is available on premises or at adjacent locations. ATM on site. Info: 630-627-4526.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day ribbon-cutting at Cortesi Park

At 11 a.m., the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will host a grand re-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. A VFW Memorial Program will follow, including a flag-raising at the new memorial and a performance by the Willowbrook High School Choir. Free and open to the public.

Ongoing events

• Story Time series continues at the Library

New storytime sessions in the Youth Services Department of the Villa Park Library start in April and are as follows:

- Babies and Books (9-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays)
- Toddler Time (10-10:30 a.m. Mondays or Thursdays)
- Family Storytime (10-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays)
- Story Circle for Preschoolers (9:30-10 a.m. Wednesdays)
- Ready for Reading (1:15-2 p.m.

Thursdays).

These storytime sessions will introduce the world of language and books to children. They include singing, stories, rhymes, and a variety of preschool S.T.E.A.M.-based and S.T.E.M.-based activities. Most story times require registration and have recommended age ranges. Info: 630-834-1164 or vppl.info

• Dog obedience classes

Sign up now for K-9 Good Manners dog obedience classes offered by Villa Park Recreation. 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. Info: call 630-834-8525.

• District 45 Art Show art work on display

Selected art work from the third annual District 45 PTA Council Art Show will be on display at the Park Art Center now through Friday, May 20. The Park Art Center is located at 9 E. Park Blvd. and is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Info: visit parkartcenter.wix.com/pac9 or call 630-501-1455.

• Homework help available at library

Need some extra help with home-

work? Students in grades K-12 can attend Drop-In Homework Help at the Villa Park Public Library on Tuesdays through April 26. Volunteers from College of DuPage will be available from 6-8 Tuesday nights to provide help on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1176.

• 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.

• TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly. We're still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Friday mornings at Grace Lutheran Church 950 S. York Road, Bensenville. Weigh in 9:30 a.m., and meet from 10-11 a.m. Info: email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net.

York, Glenbard East ready for postseason

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

The road to girls soccer playoff glory ends at North Central College in Naperville, where teams from across the state in three classes will be vying for the top prize. IC Catholic and Timothy Christian started their Class 1A post-seasons on the right foot. Here is the outlook for Glenbard East, York and other area teams in Class 3A:

Addison Trail

Regional: Addison Trail

Sectional: Bartlett

Sectional seed: No. 16

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 18 vs. No. 2 St. Charles East

Outlook: Wins have been hard to come by for the Blazers, who have faced plenty of top teams this season, including Downers Grove South, Morton, Glenbard East and Willowbrook.

St. Charles East will be another challenge for AT, but if the Blazers can pull off the upset they would get a crack at No. 7 Wheaton North or No. 10 Schaumburg in the regional championship match May 21.

Glenbard East

Regional: Glenbard East

Sectional: Hinsdale Central

Sectional seed: No. 5

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 16 vs. No. 12 St. Leyden

Outlook: This season already has been one of the best in recent memory for Sierra Dana, Brittany Paganucci, Sammie Sarles and Co., and they can make it even better with an extended playoff run.

Paganucci recently became the all-time leading scorer in program history, goalkeeper Dana registered career shutout No. 29 in a May 3 win against



Bill Ackerman - For Shaw Media

York's Margaret Milkowski (middle) races down the field April 5 in a game against Hinsdale Central. The Dukes start the playoffs May 17 against a Willowbrook team they already have defeated this season.

East Aurora, and all six East seniors – Dana, Paganucci, Sarles, Amanda Chlebek, Taylor Ray and Holly Ward – will play in college.

East will be favored to win against Leyden and move on to the regional final May 20, where No. 4 Downers Grove North could be waiting.

IC Catholic

Regional: IC Catholic

Sectional: Wheaton Academy

Sectional seed: No. 3

Next match: 5 p.m. May 14 vs. No. 1 Wheaton Academy

Outlook: The Knights had little trouble getting past Josephinum 7-1 in a Class 1A regional semifinal May 11, but the difficulty will increase rapidly against Wheaton Academy in the regional championship game.

The Warriors improved to 16-3-

3 with their regional semifinal win against Wells and have a 5-0 win against IC earlier this season in Metro Suburban West conference play.

If the Knights can claim the regional title they will play in a sectional semifinal at 4:30 p.m. May 18.

Timothy Christian

Regional: Timothy Christian

Sectional: Wheaton Academy

Sectional seed: No. 2

Next match: 6 p.m. May 13 vs. No. 6 Noble St. Charter-Rauner

Outlook: The Trojans got one step closer to adding a fourth regional title to the trophy case with a 9-0 win against Ogden International in a regional semifinal May 11.

Toni Paterno, Allison Zeilstra and Co. will be favored in the regional title game, and if the Trojans win that

one they would move on to a sectional semifinal at 6:30 p.m. May 18.

Willowbrook

Regional: Lyons Township

Sectional: Hinsdale Central

Sectional seed: No. 9

First match: 6:30 p.m. May 17 vs. No. 8 York

Outlook: With seniors Maria Aparicio, Bridget Garner, Allie Jones, Erin Owen, Alyssa Spada and Samantha Wozniak leading the way and freshman Caitlyn Owen showing what the future may hold, the Warriors have put together a solid season.

Willowbrook won't have to look too hard for a scouting report on York as the Dukes topped the Warriors 3-0 in a nonconference game May 7. If Willowbrook can win the rematch, it would likely draw No. 1 seed Lyons Township in the regional title game May 20.

York

Regional: Lyons Township

Sectional: Hinsdale Central

Sectional seed: No. 8

First match: 6:30 p.m. May 17 vs. No. 9 Willowbrook

Outlook: A penalty-kick win against Glenbard West and a 3-0 victory against Willowbrook on May 7 gave Ellen Foley, Ffyon Hund and Co. some momentum heading into the postseason. The Dukes were scheduled to face a solid Downers Grove South team in the regular-season final May 12.

There won't be many secrets between the Dukes and Warriors in the regional semifinal after the two teams recently met in the regular season. Should York advance to the regional championship game, its likely opponent will be West Suburban Silver foe and No. 1 sectional seed Lyons Township. LT topped York 3-1 in WSS play earlier this season.

York badminton team sends five to state tournament

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ELMHURST – A stellar season for York's badminton team got even better May 5.

Hosting their own sectional, the Dukes brought home the title and saw five of their six athletes qualify for the state tournament.

The state tourney takes place May 13 and 14 at Eastern Illinois University. Senior Julia Dierksheide dropped

just one game in three matches as she claimed the singles title. After falling in the first game of the championship match against Danna Gallegos from Noble St. Charter-Golder, Dierksheide battled back for a 16-21, 21-11, 21-7 win.

Juniors Irin Abraham and Grace Mazzocco dropped the first game of their first match but battled back for the win on their way to the title in the doubles bracket. They capped their tourney run with a 23-21, 17-21, 24-22 win against

Deerfield's Gwyneth Helm and Brooke Buranosky. Seniors Catherine Novak and Rosie O'Connor fell in a semifinal match but won twice in the backdraw to finish third and also earn a state berth.

The sectional title was just the latest highlight for York, which won the regular-season West Suburban Silver title and the WSS conference tournament.

Dierksheide is a Nos. 13-16 seed in the state singles bracket. Abraham and Mazzocco are a Nos. 9-12 seed in doubles.

Addison Trail badminton

After falling in a first-round match against eventual singles champion Rei Uemaki from Oak-Park River Forest, the Blazers' Mary Grace Mutia battled through the bracket before falling in a backdraw semifinal and falling one win shy of a state berth.

Addison Trail tied for fourth place in the team standings along with Libertyville with 3.5 points.