

Lilac princesses...

THE FLOAT INCLUDING the members of Lombard's 2016 Lilac Court passed down Main Street near the end of Sunday's Lilac Parade in neighboring Lombard. The photo on the right, taken at Main Street near Madison Street, shows the four princesses on this year's court. Pictured left to right are: Princess Grace Ludwig, Princess Isabella Ledonne, Princess Madelynn Richardt and Princess Emily Robicheaux. Queen Hadley Hill sat in the back of the Lombard Junior Women's Club float that featured the members of the court. Two of this year's Lilac princesses are students at Villa Park's Willowbrook High School. Ledonne is a sophomore. Richardt is a senior. She will join the rest of the school's Class of 2016 during this Sunday's commencement ceremony. The service for about 475 graduates will take place in the school's main gymnasium.

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Local marching bands take part in annual Lilac Parade

The Willowbrook High School Marching band and the District 45 Marching Band both took part in Sunday afternoon's Lilac Parade in Lombard. Willowbrook's band and color guard marched near the beginning of the parade procession. The District 45 band

followed several minutes later. In addition to the musicians, the district's parade procession included the cheerleading teams from Jackson and Jefferson middle schools. About 175 students took part in the District 45 parade contingent.



Marching down Main Street...

MUSICIANS FROM THE Willowbrook High School Marching Band (above) and the District 45 Marching Band (below) are pictured proceeding north on Main Street during Sunday's Lilac Parade in Lombard.



Marching with pride...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE MARCHING BANDS FROM Willowbrook High School and District 45 contributed sound and color to Sunday's Lilac Parade in Lombard. The route for the annual parade begins at Main Street and Wilson Avenue. The parade proceeds north on Main Street and east on Maple Street. The marching band and color guard from Willowbrook marched near the beginning of the procession. The District 45 procession, which included musicians and the cheerleaders from Jackson and Jefferson middle schools, followed several minutes later.



Teacher's aide at Willowbrook charged with sexual assault of a student

A teacher's aide at Willowbrook High School was arrested last week after police learned she allegedly had sexual contact with a 16-year-old Willowbrook student.

Elyse V. Snyder, a 28-year-old Bolingbrook resident, was arrested after Bolingbrook police responded to the Villa Park high school on Thursday. According to a statement issued by the Bolingbrook Police Department, the 16-year-old male Willowbrook student, who is a Lombard resident, informed a school officer of the sexual contact. The incidents reportedly took place at Snyder's residence in Bolingbrook.

Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavelchik said the school officer referenced in the Bolingbrook statement is a Villa Park Police detective assigned to Willowbrook High School. Pavelchik said Villa Park Police contacted the Bolingbrook Police Department as the offenses allegedly took place in its jurisdiction.

The statement from the Bolingbrook police related that the victim and Snyder both admitted to having consensual sex in Bolingbrook on two occasions in early April.

According to information provided by District 88, Snyder had been employed as a teacher's aide at Willowbrook since January of this year.

Snyder was charged with three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault (position of authority), which is a Class 1 felony. She was also charged with two counts of criminal sexual abuse (over 5-year age difference), a Class 2 felony. According to the Will County State's Attorney's Office, Snyder would face a minimum of 11 years in prison if convicted of the charge of aggravated criminal assault.

Snyder was booked on Thursday and transported to the Will County Adult Detention Facility. Her bond was set at \$50,000, with 10 percent to apply. She reportedly posted bond and was released on Friday. Snyder is scheduled to appear in Will County Circuit Court on June 3.

District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton released a statement about the arrest.

"We want to assure you this individual has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of our internal investigation and the police investigation, which is being handled by the Bolingbrook Police Department, in conjunction with the Will County State's Attorney's Office," said Helton, who stated that no further details were available, as this is a personnel and police matter.



ELYSE V. SNYDER

"When a complaint or an allegation is brought to our attention, we take it very seriously and investigate thoroughly, taking the appropriate action based on all the facts we can confirm. At District 88, we strive to create an environment where students and staff feel comfortable and are encouraged to reach out when they have concerns about their well-being or the well-being of another individual, and this incident being brought to our attention is an example of the benefits of creating that culture," added Helton.

Mama Squash Market Co-op holds annual meeting on Sunday

Villa Park's Mama Squash Market Co-op will hold its second annual meeting on Sunday, May 22. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Lions Field clubhouse, located at 320 W. Wildwood Ave. The meeting is open to everyone.

Owners will vote for board members at the annual meeting, which will also feature comments from representatives of the Sugar Beet Co-op in Oak Park. They will speak about

their successful co-op, and co-ops in general.

The meeting will also include Mama Squash Market's presentation of updates, financial activity and its calendar of future events.

Mama Squash Market is owned and governed by its own member-shoppers. Its mission is to create a community owned, full-service store providing nutritious, locally produced food.

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 Kemlworth avenues—just west of Villa Avenue. The park is named after the late Dr. L.R. Cortesi, a Villa Park resident and veteran of World War II.

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.

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.rememberlaur.com.



Parade spirit...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE PARTICIPANTS in Sunday afternoon's Lilac Parade in Lombard included the Willowbrook High School Marching Band and the District 45 Marching Band. The top photo shows members of Willowbrook's color guard, who joined their school's marching band in the parade procession. The second photo from the top shows members of Willowbrook's band marching north on Main Street. The second photo from the bottom shows musicians in District 45's procession, which featured about 175 students, including members of the Jackson and Jefferson middle school cheerleading squads. The bottom photo shows Jackson Middle School's Mascot—the Jackson Jaguar—greeting spectators along the parade route.



Royal court

Photo by Steve Spoden

THE 2016 LILAC COURT was the center of attention Friday evening during the 57th annual Lilac Ball held at The Carlisle Banquets in Lombard. Queen Hadley Hill and her escort Patrick Reed (right) are pictured getting ready to welcome the first ball guests with (l. to r.) Princess Emily Robicheaux and her escort Paul Felbinger, Princess Madelynn Richardt and her escort Dominic Giase, Princess Grace Ludwig and her co-escorts Christian Williams (l.) and Jonathan Cuthbert, and Princess Isabella Ledonne and her escort Sean Kohrt.

Ale Fest to be held at Lilacia Park

Locals and visitors alike looking to sample the flavors of Lombard shouldn't miss the third annual Lombard Ale Fest on Saturday, June 11 from 1-5 p.m., at Lilacia Park, 150 S. Park Ave. Situated in the heart of downtown Lombard, and adjacent to the Metra Station, the fest will feature over 80 unique beers from more than 40 craft breweries both from Lombard, Chicagoland and around the country, as well as foods that pair well with the brews, from some of Lombard's favorite restaurants.

"This fest will be a celebration of summer seasonal beers and craft ciders," said Bob Difino, event coordinator for the Glenbard East Booster Club, who is hosting the event along with Lombard Town Centre. "The restaurants have come up with great summer fare to complement the beverages. We know how loyal folks are to their local establishments, so we wanted to keep the local flavor throughout the fest."

Local brewers presenting at the Lombard Ale Fest include Lombard's own Flesk Brewing and Noon Whistle Brewing as well as Chicagoland brewers Pollyanna Brewing, Lunar Brewing, Penrose, Revolution and Two Brothers. Other brewers include 51st Ward, Allagash, Break Room, Emmett's, Firestone Walker, Left Hand Brewery, Lagunitas and Kona Brewing from Hawaii. In addition, hard cider brewers include Angry Orchard and Crispin.

Live music provided by the Enablturz, Whiskey Creek and The Midlothian Pipe Band will complete the party atmosphere at the event.

The Lombard Ale Fest is an adults-only event. All attendees must have an ID for admittance. Tickets may be available at the gate; however, the event, to be held rain or shine, may sell out, so advance ticket purchase is encouraged. No outside food or drink is allowed. Water will be available on the grounds, as well as picnic table seating. Guests are encouraged to travel via Metra, as the fest is held directly adjacent to the Lombard Metra stop on the Union Pacific West line.

Tickets are available online at

www.lombardalefest.com. VIP tickets include access to an exclusive VIP tent where special release beers will be tapped at the top of every hour. VIP guests will also receive an additional private hour of tasting beginning at noon, a VIP lanyard, food voucher and festival T-shirt. VIP designated drivers also receive early admission, VIP lanyard, food voucher, T-shirt and soft drinks. General admission as well as designated driver tickets are also available.

Proceeds from the Lombard Ale Fest will benefit nonprofit organizations in the Lombard community, including the Glenbard East Booster Club and Lombard Town Centre. The booster club supports student activities at Glenbard East High School, while Lombard Town Centre is dedicated to preserving and promoting business and activities in historic downtown Lombard.

For additional information, visit www.LombardAleFest.com.

Lombard Park District has garden plots available

For the first time in many years, the Lombard Park District has garden plots at Madison Meadow available for rent. This is a great opportunity to grow a vegetable garden or even fresh flowers.

The plots are located east of Madison Meadow at 150 W. Madison St., Lombard. There is street or lot parking available. The

plots are 20 feet by 40 feet each and have a fee of \$42 for residents and \$79 for non-residents. Gardeners are responsible for the upkeep of the plot and removal of all materials post season.

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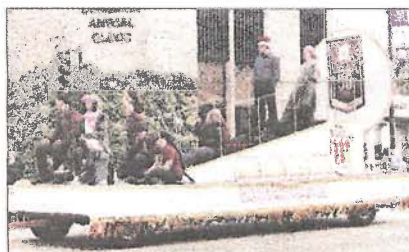
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Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Rams earn critical win in race for conference title

The Glenbard East baseball team gained the upper hand in the race for the Upstate Eight Valley Conference title with Monday's 9-2 victory over South Elgin in Lombard.

Both teams entered the game with identical 14-2 conference records. Monday's game was the first of a three-game series between the Rams and Storm. The teams tangled in South Elgin on Tuesday and will square off in today's series finale in Lombard.

Senior lefthander Michael Sebby

pitched a complete game for the Rams in the series opener earned the victory to improve his overall season record to 8-0. South Elgin scored its only two runs of the day during the second inning to take an early 2-1 lead. Sebby held the Storm scoreless over the next five innings.

Monday's victory gave Glenbard East an overall season record of 23-7. The Rams will wrap up their 21-game conference schedule with Thursday's game at Geneva, followed by Friday's home contest against St. Charles

North. Glenbard East will play its IHSAA Class 4A post-season opener on May 25 at the Glenbard West Regional. The Rams will play either Glenbard West or West Chicago in a regional semifinal game.

The Rams tied the Storm at 2-2 with a third-inning run. Glenbard East delivered three runs in the fourth inning to take a 5-2 lead. Senior Joey Moore belted a grand slam homer with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning to put an exclamation point on the victory.

Freshman Bret Bushka connected for a two-run single in the fourth inning to break the 2-2 tie against South Elgin. Senior Richard Masciopinto hit a double later in the inning to push the lead to 5-2. Masciopinto's double drove in senior Ryan Schefske, who had reached base on a walk.

A walk to Sebby and singles by Bushka and senior Phil Abruzzo helped the Rams load the bases in the bottom of the sixth inning. Moore then launched the two-out grand slam

over the fence in left-center field. It was Moore's second home run of the season.

"These boys did a great job," said Glenbard East coach Joel Pelland of the Rams' effort in the series opener. "They played tough and we came out on top."

"Once we got the runs behind me, the nerves went away and I threw strikes," added Sebby. "The first one [of the series] is huge. We don't want to go into their place down one [in the conference standings]."

Rams advance to regional title match

The Glenbard East girls soccer team opened the IHSAA Class 3A playoffs with Monday's 5-0 win over Leyden in Lombard. The Rams, who improved their overall record to 19-4 with the victory, will return to their home field for Friday's regional final. Glenbard East's likely opponent will be Downers Grove North. The Trojans handed the Rams one of their four losses this season—a 3-0 decision at

the PepsiCo Showdown on April 16.

A victory on Friday would give the Rams their first regional title in the history of the school's girls soccer program. The Rams lost regional championship matches in each of the previous three seasons.

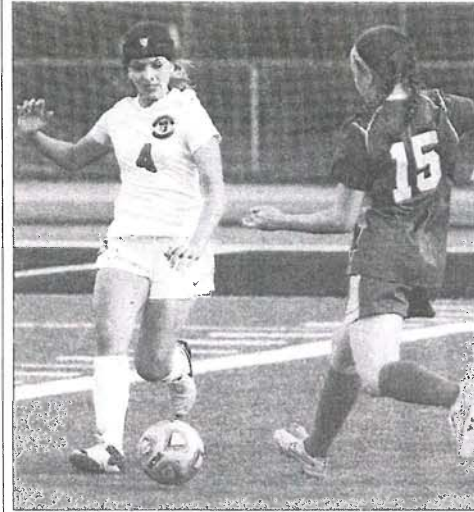
Senior Brittany Paganucci scored a pair of goals for the Rams during Monday's win over the Eagles. She now has 29 goals this season.

Sophomore Elizabeth Toledo and juniors Faith Davies and Paige Taylor each scored one goal.

The Rams have shut out their opponents in 16 of their 19 victories. Those wins included Thursday's 1-0 home win over Lyons Township. Junior Dana Plotke scored the only goal early in the first half. Thursday's win set a new program record for victories in a season.

Standout...

SOPHOMORE ADAM SOUSA (right) of Willowbrook earned a fourth-place finish in the all-around competition at the IHSAA boys gymnastics state meet at Hinsdale Central High School. The all-around contest took place on Friday, while the competitions in each of the six individual events were held Saturday. Sousa's all-around competition on Friday began with the horizontal bar event (right). He proceeded to perform in the floor exercises, pommel horse, still rings, vault and parallel bars. Sousa earned a total all-around score of 52.40 in his six routines on Friday. Sousa also claimed the fourth-place medal in the all-around competition at last year's state meet. Sousa advanced to the finals in all six events on Saturday evening by earning top-10 finishes in the preliminaries earlier in the day. He earned second-place honors in Saturday's horizontal bar final with a score of 8.8. Sousa claimed third place in the final of the vault with his score of 9.35.



Piling up wins...

Photos by Chris Fox

JUNIOR PAIGE TAYLOR (above, left) helped the Glenbard East girls soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Lyons Township in Thursday's regular-season finale in Lombard. Junior Dana Plotke scored in the opening minutes of the match. Taylor assisted Plotke's goal. The win gave the Rams an overall record of 18-4 and set a new program record for victories in a season. The 2014 team earned 17 wins. This year's team, which won the Upstate Eight Conference's Valley Division title with an unblemished record against conference opponents, began the IHSAA Class 3A playoffs with a 5-0 win over Leyden. Taylor score one goal in the victory. The Rams will play a regional championship match on Friday in Lombard. The Glenbard East girls soccer program has never won a regional title.

Area track and field athletes qualify for this week's IHSAA girls state meets

Sophomores Cailyn Biegalski and Lexi Weltin and junior Abbey Hoh of the Glenbard East girls track and field team qualified for the IHSAA Class 3A girls state meet with strong performances in Friday's sectional at Lake Park High School. Biegalski earned state-meet berths in two events—the 800-meter run and the 400-meter run. She turned in a third-place finishing time of 2 minutes, 17.99 seconds in the 800-meter run. Biegalski placed second in the 400-meter dash, which she completed in 1:00.59. The top two finishers in each sectional event automatically qualify for the state meet. Additionally, all athletes who meet a state-qualifying standard also advanced to the state meet, which takes place Friday and Saturday at Eastern Illinois University.

Weltin earned her state-meet trip with her fifth-place sectional finish

in the 800-meter run. Weltin crossed the finish line in 2:18.53, about half a second behind Biegalski.

Hoh qualified in the high jump with her third-place effort at the sectional. She cleared 5 feet, 3 inches.

Willowbrook junior Kyla Denwood earned a trip to the state meet with her third-place showing in the discus throw at the Lake Park Sectional. Denwood's best throw of the sectional traveled 119 feet, 6 inches.

Montini's girls track and field team earned multiple berths in the IHSAA Class 2A state meet when it competed in Thursday's sectional in Lisle. The Broncos' 4 x 400-meter relay team won the sectional title with a finishing time of 4 minutes, 6.89 seconds. Seniors Emma Makowski and Gianna Salzbrunn joined juniors Jenna Weidacher and

Dejah Amos on the winning relay team. Makowski, Salzbrunn and Weidacher all ran on Montini's state-champion 4 x 800-meter relay team one year ago.

Makowski won two individual titles at the sectional, running to victories (and state-meet berths) in the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. She won the 800-meter run in 2:16.87 and claimed the 1,600-meter race in 5:14.10. Weidacher earned a state-meet spot in the 800 by finishing second to Makowski in a time of 2:22.29.

Salzbrunn gained a state-meet berth in the long jump with a third-place sectional effort. She traveled 17 feet, 3 1/2 inches on her best jump. Junior Lauren Mikolajczak earned a trip to this week's state meet with a second-place finish in the discus throw. Her best throw sailed 101 feet, 2 inches.



Montini rugby in action...

SENIORS RYAN WILLIAMS (above, left) and Caleb Stevenson (right) of the Montini rugby team are pictured during last week's regular-season finale against Glen Ellyn. The Broncos defeated Glen Ellyn 14-10 on May 11 in Lombard. Montini completed its regular season with a record of 5-0-1. The Broncos will play a home playoff match on Thursday. They will face Lake County in a match in the Rugby Illinois Boys High School Division 2 level. Montini will need to win two post-season matches to advance to the Rugby Illinois state championship match, which will take place near Rockford during Memorial Day weekend.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

Teacher's aide at Willowbrook charged with sexual assault Woman, 28, allegedly had sex with a 16-year-old student

By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent

Last week, the Independent learned that a teacher's aide working at Willowbrook High School is facing sexual assault charges after a 16-year-old male student revealed they had sex.

"At no time was the safety and security of our students, staff or community a concern."

— Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause

According to police authorities, Elyse V. Snyder, 28, of Bolingbrook, was arrested on Thursday, May 12 at Willowbrook and has been charged with three counts of felony aggravated criminal sexual assault (position of authority) and two counts of felony criminal sexual abuse (more than five-year age difference).

Bolingbrook police reported that the victim and Snyder both admitted to having sex on two separate occasions in Bolingbrook last month.

Snyder was being held in the Will County Adult Detention Facility, police said.

Willowbrook Principal Dan

Krause announced on the school's website that Snyder has been placed on administra-

tive leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

"We take all allegations very

seriously, and we are cooperating with local officials on this case," Krause wrote. "At no

time was the safety and security of our students, staff or community a concern."



Willowbrook Warrior football players (center, from left) Dylan Worden, Zach Walenga and Kevon Dobbins are flanked by John Barsanti, Lions Club Zone Chair for District AA (far left) and Villa Park Club member Kurtis Klein (far right), as they serve spaghetti dinners during the Villa Park Lions Club's annual fundraiser on Thursday, May 12.

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State Rep. Conroy pushes Community College reforms

SPRINGFIELD — State Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, continues her efforts to prevent abuse of taxpayer dollars by pushing a package of reform legislation for community colleges.

"As a mother of former and current College of DuPage students, I share the community's frustration and disappointment in the recent revelations about the college's administration," she said. "My children received an excellent education at the College of DuPage, and I know that this institution has the potential to be the gold standard for community colleges in Illinois. As state Representative, I am

focused on reforms that would prevent future abuse of taxpayer dollars and help to restore integrity to our local institutions of higher education."

Conroy is co-sponsoring a package of higher education reform legislation that was recently approved by the House Higher Education Committee. The four reform bills include:

- Senate Bill 2155 requires a peer review of community colleges conducted by the Illinois Community College Board to ensure compliance with state and federal laws in regards to bonus payments, transparency laws, the Open Meetings Act and contract provisions.

- Senate Bill 2157 requires community college trustees to complete four hours of professional development leadership training that includes ethics, audits and financial oversight.

- Senate Bill 2158 prevents lame duck community college boards from renewing or signing a contract with the college's chief executive before a new board is sworn in.

- Senate Bill 2159 limits employment contracts of community college presidents and makes information more accessible to the public, including requiring public notice of contract renewals, extensions or terminations.



courtesy photo

Pictured is Dave Raymond, creator of Sweet Baby Ray barbecue sauce, who visited Willowbrook High School on April 28. Better known as "Sweet Baby Ray," Raymond spoke with Willowbrook male students who are members of the school's MENTORS program.

Restaurateur 'Sweet Baby Ray' visits Willowbrook MENTORS

VILLA PARK — On April 28, Dave Raymond, creator of Sweet Baby Ray barbecue sauce, spoke with Willowbrook students.

Raymond, who is better known as "Sweet Baby Ray," met with male students who are members of the school's MENTORS group, a program designed to train upperclassmen to mentor underclassmen through being mentored by adult men. The group meets

once a week during lunch, and community members provide motivational and educational presentations. MENTORS is sponsored by Willowbrook Social Worker Erik Engel.

During his visit, Raymond brought pulled pork and his sauce for the students to enjoy. Raymond shared with the group how he grew up on Chicago's west side with a single mom and four siblings and how his family struggled financially.

He told the students he considers himself to be an "average" person, and even a "regular" person can be successful with a lot of heart, hard work, big dreams and faith.

Raymond also focuses on giving back to the community through mentoring at inner-city programs for fatherless youth, donating meals to the DuPage-Pads homeless shelter at First Presbyterian Church of Itasca and more.



courtesy photo

Conroy collects Cell Phones For Soldiers

Pictured is State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) displaying a box of cell phones donated by helpful constituents to support Cell Phones For Soldiers, a not-for-profit group dedicated to bring free communication services to active-duty military and to veterans. "I want to thank the community members that came together to [donate] old and used cell phones," Conroy said. "I will continue to help support our troops and their families who have sacrificed so much for our country."

OBITUARIES

Antonietta Forty, 93

Antonietta Forty, of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late John Forty. Loving mother of David Forty, Richard Forty, Diane (Keith Anelli) Murray and Susan (Robert Battles) Forty. Dearest grandmother of Teresa (Adam) Carver and Alicia Rhodes-Condon. Dear great grandmother of seven. Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at St. John the Apostle Church, 300 N. Westmore Avenue, Villa Park. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Morton Arboretum Memorial Tree Program appreciated. Donate online at mortonarb.org. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or

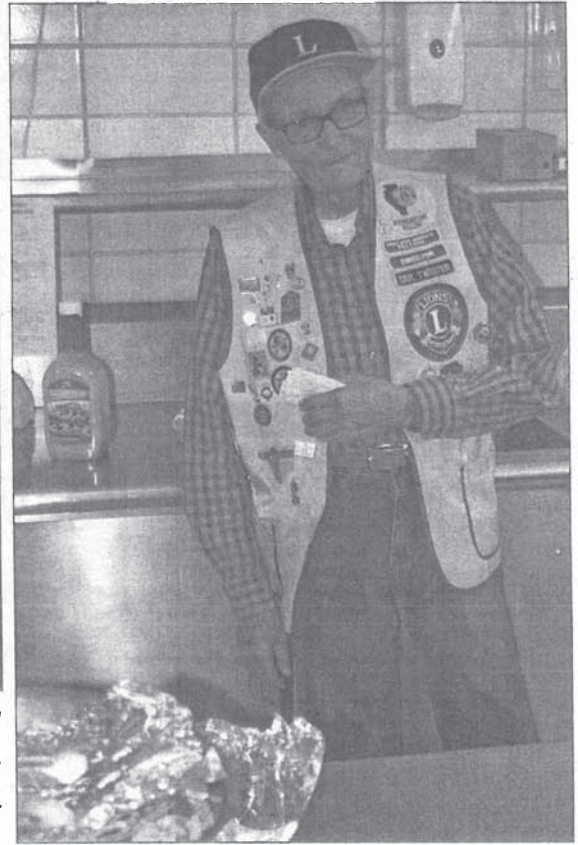
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Jon Van Ewyk, 53

Jon Andrew Van Ewyk, formerly of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 53. Beloved son of James and the late Janice Van Ewyk; loving brother of Jeff and Julie (Ryan) Pardoski. Dear uncle of Jordin and Jared Pardoski, cousin of Deanna and Dale McFarland, Pat, Tim and Carey Gleason, nephew of Pat and Deanna Gleason. Memorial service will be held on Saturday May 28, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Interment private. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.



photos by Paul DelGuidice



Meeting of friends

Above: Lion Pat Prusa talks with a guest at the Lions Club spaghetti dinner on Thursday, May 12 at Willowbrook High School.

Right: Long-time Lions Club member Bob Arpp takes a well deserved break during the spaghetti dinner. Arpp helped plan, set-up and even cooked sausages for the event.

PARK ART CENTER CLASSES SCHEDULED

To register for any of the classes below, call 630-501-1455.

Wednesday, May 24 Exploring Mixed Media Class

Explore with acrylic, mediums, gels, pastes and glazes. Mixing different painting techniques layer by layer. You will learn proper surface preparation techniques, how to work with acrylic and textural techniques. Supplies included.

Ages: 10-Teens Time: 4 - 5 p.m. Fee: \$60

Thursday, May 19, May 26 Figure Drawing Class

The human figure is one of the most enduring themes in the visual arts. Enjoy drawing the human form in a variety of poses each week from live models. Bring your inks, pencils, charcoals, etc., to draw the human form in any of its various shapes and postures with professional instruction. Recommended list of supplies upon registration. Ages: Adults Time: 7-9 p.m. Fee: \$60 or one time drop in fee \$25

Friday, May 20, May 27 Beginning Drawing Class

This class teaches even com-

plete beginners fun pencil techniques that allow you to create amazing cards, paper art projects, zentangle art and more! You will learn techniques like strike stroke, shading and cross-hatching. All supplies included.

Ages: 10-12 yrs. Time: 4-5 p.m. Fee: \$60

Friday, May 20 Open Studio/BYOB Class

Enjoy painting while cleansing your palette. Invite your friends or come solo and make new ones! Limited seating, so sign up ASAP.

Ages: Adults Time: 7 - 10 p.m. Fee: \$35

Saturday, May 21, May 28 Intro to Sewing - Level 1 Class

Get step-by-step assistance in learning all the basics around machine sewing. Threading the machine, utilizing its features, and understanding how to apply those will be covered. You will learn how to read and cut patterns. Supply list and machine rental agreement will be provided before the start date of the class. The basic tools will be provided except for fabric. Class limited to 5 students, so book fast!

Ages: Teen/Adults Time: 3 -

5 p.m. Fee: \$120

Monday, May 23, May 30 Fun with Poly Clay Class

Learn the basics of working with poly clay and fun techniques. Make a poly clay charm and cute clay animal buddies. Supplies included.

Ages: 8-10 yrs. Time: 4 - 5 p.m. Fee: \$60

Conroy introduces legislation to protect those with Alzheimer's

SPRINGFIELD — "Families dealing with the impact of an Alzheimer's diagnosis deserve the peace of mind of knowing that their loved one will receive the expert care that they seek," Conroy said. "I am meeting frequently with local advocates, care providers and impacted families to ensure that our most vulnerable receive a higher quality of care."

Conroy recently introduced Senate Bill 2301, which sets a minimum standard of care by requiring caregivers with direct access to Alzheimer's patients to complete a specialized train-

Wednesday, May 25 Watercolor Workshop

Have you ever wanted to learn to paint with watercolor and found it too overwhelming? In this workshop, you will be able to explore watercolor techniques from a highly experienced artist. Supplies included. Ages: Adults Time: 1:15-3:30 p.m. Fee: \$30

Saturday, May 28 Cartooning Workshop

An awesome afternoon well spent learning the basics of cartooning drawing techniques, character development and face expressions. All supplies included.

Ages: 10-Teens Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Fee: \$30

ing program. Currently, long-term care facilities may advertise their ability to care for clients with Alzheimer's and related dementias but there is not a standard of care in Illinois that would ensure staff who deal directly with clients have the necessary training. Conroy's legislation received unanimous approval in the Senate and awaits consideration before a House committee.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, someone in the United States is diagnosed with Alzheimer's every 67 seconds. With an aging Baby Boomer population, diagnoses

are expected to rise by an estimated 25 percent in the next decade. Conroy has worked with local Alzheimer's advocates and the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to confront the growing need for reforms in the care for those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

"Currently there are over 200 thousand Illinoisans affected by Alzheimer's or related dementias," Conroy said. "With that number expected to rise in coming years, we have to be sure that we are prepared to properly care for our loved ones in their time of need."

VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 Lombard. 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.

Saturday, June 4 Free ACT practice test at the Library

Come to the library from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to get ready for the ACT with a free practice test. Choose to take the ACT either with the essay section (4 hours) or without the essay section (3 hours). Bring pencils and calculator. To register, you must live in or attend a high school in Villa Park or Oakbrook Terrace. All registrants must arrive at the library promptly at 9 a.m. Registration is required for this program. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Ongoing events

• Summer Reading Program at the Library

Summer means summer reading at the Villa Park Public Library. This year's theme, Fizz, Boom, Read!, highlights STEAM principles (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and will run from June 5 to Aug. 6. Summer reading will officially kick off on from 12 noon-4 p.m. with the library's Summer Reading Tee Off, which is free and open to everyone. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

• Summer Storytimes at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold storytimes throughout the summer months.

Popular storytimes at the library will include Marvelous

Mornings (first and third Saturdays each month, 10-10:45 a.m.), Babies and Books (Tuesdays, 9-9:30 a.m.), and Toddler Time (Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m.). The library also will host special outdoor storytimes this summer, including Family Storytime at the Gazebo (Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.) at the Ruggard Gazebo near Ardmore Avenue and Central Blvd., and Picture Book Picnic from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Lufkin Park (June 22, July 6, July 20) and at the Iowa Community Center (June 29, July 13). Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

• Free Summer Lunch program

In partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the Villa Park Public Library will serve free summer meals to children ages 18 and under on Wednesdays, from 12 noon-1 p.m. June 8-Aug. 10. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

• Summer Camp registration under way

Villa Park Parks and Recreation is now accepting registra-

tion for Summer Camp for kids ages 5-12. Summer Camp runs 10 weeks from June 6-Aug. 12 and meets daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. Children can be registered for all 10 weeks or just the weeks and days needed. All activities are included in the camp fee. Each week of camp has a different theme that is celebrated on Theme Fridays. Register for all 10 weeks in any camp by June 12 and pay camp fees in two installments. Info: call 630-834-8970

• Travel Kids camp program

Sign your children ages 5-12 up for Villa Park Recreation's Travel Kids program. Kids get to be a summer camper for the day and join in the summer camp program by attending the weekly camp field trip. All trips are supervised by camp staff and generally leave the Iowa Community Center at 9 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Kids can sign up for all Travel Kids trips or just the ones they want. Fee: \$33 per trip, which include visits to Lincoln Park Zoo, Haunted Trails, Sea Lion Aquatic Center and Classic Cinemas York

Theatre. For a full list of Travel Kids trips call 630-834-8970 or visit vppl.info.

• Mini Adventure Camps for ages 3-5

Villa Park Parks and Recreation is offering a program for kids ages 3-5 to keep them busy this summer. Mini Adventure Camps are available as a Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday option. The two camps can be combined as a full week if needed. Weekly themes will create a fun-filled camp atmosphere to keep kids active. Campers must bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Drop off is at the Iowa Community Center at 9 a.m. and pick-up will be at 1 p.m. at the entrance of Jefferson Pool, 341 N. Harvard. Info: call 630-834-8970 or visit vppl.info.

• Gymnastics program

Parks and Recreation has announced a new gymnastics program that is a partnership with Tumbling Times Gymnastics, 400 Rohlwing Road. A wide variety of gymnastics classes are available for all ages and age levels. Info: visit vppl.info or call 630-834-8970.

• Yoga for babies and toddlers at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library is hosting fun and simple monthly yoga sessions for parents and young children from 10-10:45 a.m. June 8, July 13, and Aug. 3. These sessions are for babies and toddlers ages 6-30 months old, accompanied by an adult. There is a maximum of two children per adult. All participants must bring their own mats and sign a waiver at each session. Registration is required. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

• Sign up for Pickleball for Seniors

Villa Park Parks and Recreation is offering Pickleball for Seniors at the Iowa Community Center from 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays June 1-July 6, and June 13-Aug. 17. Pickleball is a game that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Two levels of beginner classes are available for seniors who want to play this easy-to-learn game.

Fee for the 6-week programs is \$78. Info: visit vppl.info or call 630-834-8970.



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Willowbrook hosts sendoff for State-bound math team

Pictured are Willowbrook students who competed in the ICTM High School Math Contest held May 7. Willowbrook hosted a State sendoff celebration for the students on May 6. They are (back row, from left) Victoria Palma, Ethan Rojek, Noah Kamm, Galen Bergsten, Vineet Patel, Kala Terselic, (front row, from left) Max Polanek, Michael Danielson, Syed Quadri and Nida Sultana. Not pictured: Zach Wolski, AJ Agin.

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Teacher's aide at Willowbrook charged with sexual assault Woman, 28, allegedly had sex with a 16-year-old student

By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent

Last week, the Independent learned that a teacher's aide working at Willowbrook High School is facing sexual assault charges after a 16-year-old male student revealed they had sex.

"At no time was the safety and security of our students, staff or community a concern."

— Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause

According to police authorities, Elyse V. Snyder, 28, of Bolingbrook, was arrested on Thursday, May 12 at Willowbrook and has been charged with three counts of felony aggravated criminal sexual assault (position of authority) and two counts of felony criminal sexual abuse (more than five-year age difference).

Bolingbrook police reported that the victim and Snyder both admitted to having sex on two separate occasions in Bolingbrook last month.

Snyder was being held in the Will County Adult Detention Facility, police said.

Willowbrook Principal Dan

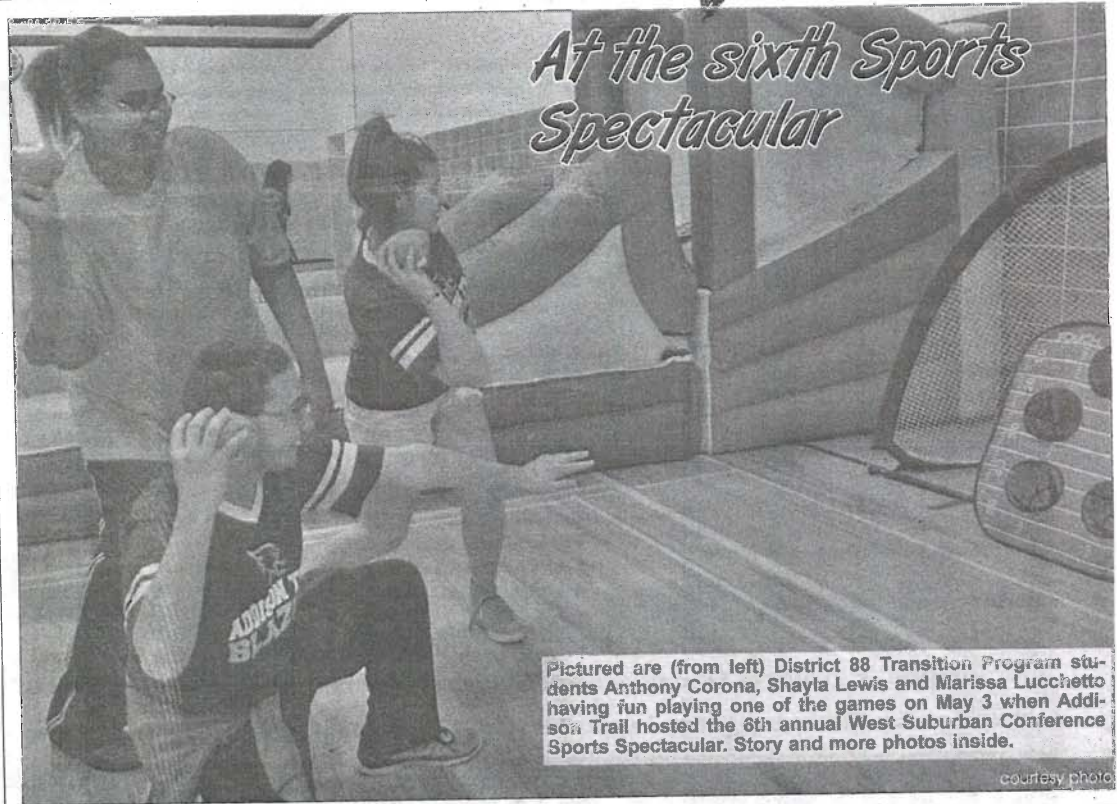
Krause announced on the school's website that Snyder has been placed on administra-

tive leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

"We take all allegations very

seriously, and we are cooperating with local officials on this case," Krause wrote. "At no

time was the safety and security of our students, staff or community a concern."



At the sixth Sports Spectacular

Pictured are (from left) District 88 Transition Program students Anthony Corona, Shayla Lewis and Marissa Lucchetto having fun playing one of the games on May 3 when Addison Trail hosted the 6th annual West Suburban Conference Sports Spectacular. Story and more photos inside.

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Addison Trail recognizes outstanding students

ADDISON — On May 3, 13 students were recognized as Students of Second Semester for the 2015-16 school year and were presented by the staff member who nominated them. Those students are:

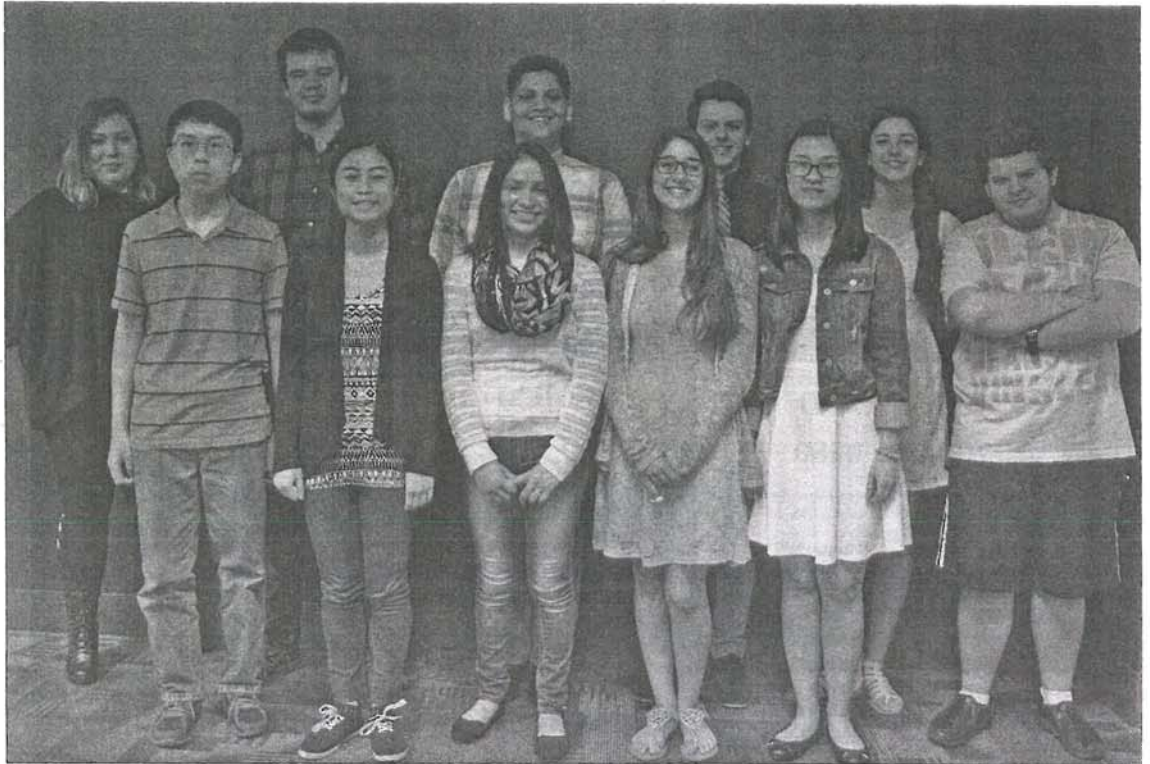
Art: senior Lauren Zanin
CTE business: senior Nicholas Stamatopoulos
CTE family and consumer: junior Marie Baumgartner
CTE industry and technology: senior Alex Melani
English: freshman Benny Zhao
Literacy: senior Jamie Dang
Math: senior Michelle Diaz
Music: sophomore Danielle Cusumano
Physical education: sophomore Brandon Olea
Science: sophomore Robessa Llanto
Social studies: freshman Mercedes Lopez
Student services: senior Aleks Iskali
World languages: senior Ricardo Salazar



MICHELLE DIAZ



RICARDO SAKAZAR



Pictured are the Addison Trail students who were honored with Student of the Semester recognition during a breakfast on May 3. They are (top photo, back row, from left) Lauren Zanin, Alex Melani, Brandon Olea, Nicholas Stamatopoulos, Marie Baumgartner; (top photo, front photo, from left) Benny Zhao, Robessa Llanto, Mercedes Lopez, Danielle Cusumano, Jamie Dang, Aleks Iskali.

all photos provided

Stone fifth graders study national parks

ADDISON — Stone School 5th grade classrooms have been converted into national parks as the students prepared their exhibits for the school's Celebration of Learning Night that was held Thursday, May 12. Each 5th grader researched an animal or artifact that is found in a specific national park and created models, using a variety of materials to bring them to life. Families visited the school Thursday and students had the opportunity to share information about the national park that they were assigned to.



Stone kindergarteners visited Ms. Hahn's 5th grade classroom to see the animals the older students had made, such as this speckled beast.



Above: Fifth grade students in Mrs. Ragucci's room are pictured here giving presentations, describing their animals and parks.

Right: Fifth graders at Stone School each researched animals found in national parks and made models of them. Pictured here is a moose made from paper maché and other materials.



TCD inducts eight D-88 students to Honor Society

VILLA PARK - ADDISON
— On April 28, five Willowbrook students and three Addison Trail students were inducted into the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) chapter of the National Technical Honor

Society (NTHS).

The Willowbrook seniors who were honored are Joseph Egan, Meghan Koterba, Calvin Milas, Shilpa Satsangi and Nicholas Schmiegelt. The Addison Trail seniors who were honored are

Kristen Freke, Kayla Paz and Cecilia Benitez.

To become a member of the NTHS, students must:

Earn an A grade in their program area

Maintain excellent atten-

dance (fewer than four days of nonattendance for the semester)

Have no discipline referrals

Receive a teacher recommendation for exhibiting the seven attributes of the NTHS, which are leadership, scholarship, skill, honesty, citizenship, service and responsibility.

TCD organizes/participates in at least two service projects during the year, and NTHS students serve as TCD Ambassadors, assisting with TCD's Explore Days, Seventh-Grade Career Fair, Open House and Expo. For more information, visit NTHS.org



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Pictured are Addison Trail seniors Kayla Paz (left) and Cecilia Benitez, who were inducted into the Technology Center of DuPage chapter of the National Technical Honor Society on April 28.



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Willowbrook baseball team improving

Warriors had won six of last nine games

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team has turned the corner in the month of May.

Through late last week the Warriors had won six games in a recent nine-game stretch to improve their record to 13-15 overall. Willowbrook was 10-7 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action through late last week with one game against Downers Grove South remaining.

In a recent 14-0 conference victory against Proviso East, the Warriors had nine hits. TJ Geritano went 4-for-4 with a home run, three runs scored and three RBI. Cam Zunkel had a hit, two runs scored, a double and two RBI, as did

Kyle Ferguson.

MJ Ranieri went 1-for-2 with two runs scored. Matt Garbacz went 1-for-2 with two RBI. Willowbrook stole seven bases in the game. Ranieri had two steals.

Garbacz was the winning pitcher. He struck out eight and allowed only three hits.

Willowbrook then dropped the first two games of a three-game series to Downers Grove South. In a 4-0 loss, Kyle Martyniuk had a double among his two hits. Zunkel took the loss. He struck out five and gave up four hits in six innings.

In a 2-1 loss to Downers Grove South, Jon Kelso went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Geritano had a hit and Mike Dembowski had a hit and scored a run. Matt Pizur took the loss. He struck out 10 in 6 1/3 innings, allowing only one earned run and six hits.

Willowbrook coach Vic Wis-

ner has seen his team do a number of things better during the latter stages of the regular season. "We are doing the little things such as moving runners along. We've been able to score more runs," he said. "We had a little issue with scoring runs before. Now, we're bunting better, getting the big hits and stealing bases. We're getting that extra 90 feet. It adds up to more runs."

Wisner has been thrilled with the efforts he's received on the mound this spring. "The pitching has been outstanding," he said. "It's been like that throughout the year. Cam, Matt Pizur and Matt Garbacz have been throwing strikes. Ronnie Reitz has come in and done a nice job. We're getting ahead of hitters and throwing strikes. Will Hines is a reliever who has stepped up and gotten some more innings and even some conference innings. Pizur and

Zunkel were all-conference last year and Garbacz pitched well for us last year. Pizur and Garbacz have thrown no-hitters this year. They have been better than advertised."

Wisner noted Pizur and Garbacz had ERAs in the 1s through late last week while Zunkel was in the 2s.

Geritano, Martyniuk, Ferguson and Kelso have been offensive cogs of late. "TJ had the four hits against Proviso East," said Wisner. "Kyle Ferguson has been consistent with hitting the ball. Kyle Martyniuk has been pretty consistent and Jon Kelso has increased his batting average 50 or 60 points in the last two weeks."

The coach has been impressed with the team's spring turnaround. "That's kind of been our M.O. the last four or five years," said Wisner. "We get to May and we start playing our best baseball. May is kind of

the second season for us. We feel pretty good about it."

Willowbrook earned a No. 12 sectional seed and will open up postseason play in the Lake Park regional against No. 5 seed Wheaton St. Francis.

"We like the draw we have, but we know we have to go out there and win," said Wisner. "Our pitching is strong enough to set us up in a two-game tournament every week. We have three quality arms in Matt Pizur, Cam Zunkel and Matt Garbacz. If we can play good defense and do the things we are capable of offensively, I think this team could put a run together here."

Willowbrook was scheduled to close out its conference season Monday against Downers Grove South. The Warriors play Proviso West Thursday and host Glenbrook South Saturday at 10 a.m. for Family Day at Willowbrook.

For Willowbrook's Wisner, it's all about family

Saturday's regular-season finale a special one for Warriors' baseball program

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team's non-conference games against Glenbrook South this Saturday is much more than a tune-up for next week's playoffs.

It's Family Day at Willowbrook's field (10 a.m. start)—a special gathering coach Vic Wisner put together several years ago.

On Family Day, Willowbrook players have the opportunity to play catch in pre-game warm-ups with a family member. The players' parents/family members are allowed in the dugout to see what team members do during games. Tours of the team's unique clubhouse directly behind home plate will be conducted and a cookout occurs between games of the doubleheader. The JV game follows the varsity game.

Wisner put together Family Day in honor of his brother Michael, who died several years ago.

"We were in Georgia watching his son, Kevin, play college baseball (at the University of the South),"

"You get to go out there before the game and play catch with your family.

We're giving back to our parents for everything they've done for us over the years."

— Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner

Wisner said. "I knew he was pretty sick at the time. On that trip he said, 'Wouldn't it be great to be able to play catch again with your kid.' He joked that us high school baseball coaches get them once they get to high school. I did this to honor my brother. It's amazing as parents when your kids are younger you do everything with them and once they hit high school, all of a sudden some of those things are gone. This is a good way to remember how much parents have helped you in life. It's a good opportunity to celebrate the season with everybody."

Parents even are announced over

the public address system when their son goes to bat.

"It's a neat thing to see," said Wisner.

Willowbrook pitcher Matt Pizur loves the concept of playing catch with a family member. "It's awesome," he said. "You get to go out there before the game and play catch with your family. We give them a tour of our clubhouse and you get to hang out and have a blast. We're giving back to our parents for everything they've done for us over the years."

Fellow pitcher Cam Zunkel likes the fact family members can see

what is going on in the dugout during the game. "They get to see how we work," he said. "It's not just throwing a ball to the first baseman or center fielder between innings. Somebody is on the scoreboard, somebody is on a chart and somebody else is on a different chart. Somebody always is doing something."

Pitcher Matt Garbacz added: "They get to see what we do every day. I think it's awesome that our parents and family members are involved like this."

Zunkel admits time spent doing something as simple as playing catch with mom or dad becomes sparse as one gets older. "When you are younger you always are out with your dad or mom or both playing with them and going to the park," he said. "Once you get to high school and are doing different things, you don't have as much time. Everybody has a family. Now we have the opportunity to go out there and play catch with them. This gives us a chance to realize how important family is."

Addison Trail's Kroll qualifies for girls state track finals in two events

Blazers place third in a pair of relays

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail junior Lauren Kroll turned her own double play of sorts at the recent Class 3A Lake Park girls track and field sectional.

Kroll qualified for this week-end's state meet in two events. She won the 100 dash with a time of 12.50 and also won the 200 dash with a time of 25.96.

Addison Trail finished seventh as a team in the sectional with 33 points.

Also at Lake Park, Addison Trail's Klea Gjonaj was 12th in the 100 with a time of 13.49. She also placed ninth in the 200 with a time of 27.63.

Freshman Alexandra Nava

was 14th in the 400 with a time of 1:05.33. Freshman Mercedes Lopez was 19th in the 100 hurdles at 19.25. Lopez also placed ninth in the 300 hurdles at 50.87.

The Blazers were third in the 400 relay with a time of 49.82. That team included Gjonaj, Lynnette Banuelos, Suhei Valbuena and Kroll. State-qualifying time was 49.50. Addison Trail was the sixth seed in the 400 relay and coach Dave Pytko noted seven-tenths of a second separated the Nos. 2-8 seeds.

The Blazers also were third in the 800 relay at 1:46.23 with the same four girls. State qualifying time was 1:45.82.

Addison Trail placed sixth in the 1,600 relay with a time of 4:15.02 with Banuelos, Briceyda Vivero, Valbuena and Nava.

The Blazers were 14th in the 3,200 relay at 11:27.20 with Diana Grinyuk, Natalia Krajew-

ska, Karla Regalado and Lizbeth Valbuena.

Freshman Maggie O'Connell was 17th in the shot put at 30.5. Senior Alyssa Viera was 13th in the discus with a throw of 103.3.

Addison Trail also recently competed in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet.

Kroll was second in the 100 with a time of 12:40, which was a new personal record. Gjonaj was fifth in the 100 at 13.21.

Kroll established another personal record after finishing second in the 200 with a time of 25.24. Gjonaj was sixth with a PR of 27.59.

Maria Ramos took 12th in the 800. Yeksaly Moztezuma was 11th in the 1,600, while Lidia Soto was 12th.

Moztezuma was eighth in the 3,200. Vivero was seventh in the 300 hurdles at 53.77.

The Blazers were second in the

400 relay at 50.47 with Gjonaj, Jessica Garcia, Suhei Valbuena and Kroll.

Addison Trail won the 800 relay in 1:46.63 with Gjonaj, Banuelos, Suhei Valbuena and Kroll. Downers Grove South was second only eight-tenths of a second behind Addison Trail.

The Blazers were fourth in the 800 relay at 2:00.13 with Nava, Garcia, Melissa Krefft and Katerina Surjancev.

Addison Trail placed sixth in the 1,600 relay with Suhei Valbuena, Banuelos, Luz Dominguez and Vivero. The Blazers were sixth in the 3,200 relay with Moztezuma, Ramos, Veronique Robins and Soto.

Viera was fifth in the shot put at 31-8 1/4. Robins was 11th at 25-4 1/2. Viera was third in the discus at 98-7. Robins was ninth at 70-7.

Dominguez tied for ninth in

the long jump at 13-2. Vivero was seventh in the triple jump at 30-2 1/4.

At the frosh-soph level, Lopez was fourth in the 100 hurdles at 18.85. She took second in the 300 hurdles at 52.07.

Lopez, Katerina Surjancev, Nava and Krefft were third in the 400 relay at 55.19. The Blazers were fourth in the 800 relay with Nava, Garcia, Krefft and Surjancev. The team of Lizbeth Valbuena, Natalia Krajewska, Lopez and Nava was fourth in the 1,600 relay, while Grinyuk, Lizbeth Valbuena, Krajewska and Karina Martinez were fifth in the 3,200 relay.

O'Connell was fifth in the shot put at 27-4 1/2 and fourth in the discus at 73-5. Natasha Olivera was sixth in the triple jump at 26-4 1/2.

Willowbrook's Sousa logs two top three finishes at state

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook sophomore boys gymnastics standout Adam Sousa walked away with plenty of hardware at the recent IHSA state finals meet at Hinsdale Central High School.

Sousa logged a pair of Top 3 individual finishes and also finished fourth in the state in the all-around competition.

Sousa finished second on horizontal bar with an 8.80 score. He also placed third in the state on vault with a 9.35 score.

Sousa, who advanced to the final round in every individual event, also tied for seventh on floor exercise with a 9.10 and placed seventh on pommel horse with an 8.60.

He added a pair of 10th place finishes on still rings (8.35) and parallel bars (8.30).

In the preliminary round, Sousa was second on vault (9.50) and horizontal bar (8.90), took third on floor (9.50) and was fourth on horse (8.80). He tied for fifth on parallel bars (8.80) and tied for eighth on still rings (8.95).

A day earlier, Sousa placed fourth in the state in the all-around competition with a score of 52.4. That score included a 9.35 on floor, a 7.60 on horse, an 8.45 on rings, a 9.50 on vault, an 8.75 on parallel bars and an 8.75 on horizontal bar.

Sousa was making his second state finals appearance in a row. He took fourth last year in the all-around at 51.7 and also finished fifth on horse, tied for sixth on both floor and parallel bars and tied for eighth on horizontal bar.

"I've probably improved all-around," Sousa said earlier last week. "I've gotten cleaner with my routines and my form is better. I've added a couple new tricks to different events and that's helped out."

Sousa said his biggest advancements this season came on floor exercise or on horizontal bar.

"There was a whole element group taken care of on high bar," he said. "My dismount is cleaner. I'm usually sticking it now and that helps out a lot. My difficulty on floor is higher. I'm doing a double back and a front double full. The front double full overall is one of the highest passes I've seen in high school value-wise."

Still rings, he said, is an event that still is a work in progress. "Rings is the event I get the most deductions on," Sousa said. "I'm missing an element group there. I need to keep working on my strength. When my strength improves, I will get a higher score. The older guys are bigger and more developed than me. I'm still a pretty small dude."

Sousa said his confidence level this season has taken a step forward.

"I enjoy doing this," he said. "I hold myself to a very high standard. If I slip up on one thing, I'm not frustrated, but I'm disappointed because I feel I can do better. Now in the bigger meets, I'm more relaxed. I've done these routines hundreds of times. I just relax and do the routines throughout the season."

Sousa admits there is some surprise regarding the level of his improvement this season.

"With hard work does come suc-

cess," he said. "I'm proud of what I've done, but a little surprised by how much better I am doing this year than last year. I'm four whole points better than last year."

Sousa's high all-around score this season was in the 54s. A

Level 10 club gymnast out of the Bartlett Academy of Artistic Gymnastics (with his longtime club coach Alex Kadar), Sousa also said he's humbled by the fact he's consistently competing with gymnasts a year and two years older than him.

"To see other guys who are older than me being right up there, that's very special to me and it's very exciting to be able to compete with them," he said.

Teammate Zack Zeffiro, a junior, tied for 39th in the state on floor exercise with an 8.55.

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Willowbrook's Denwood qualifies for state track finals in discus

Warriors win multiple conference titles at frosh-soph level

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook junior Kyla Denwood is headed to the girls track and field state finals.

Denwood qualified for state after placing third in the discus throw at the recent Class 3A Lake Park sectional with a throw of 119-6. She'll compete this weekend in Charleston at state.

Denwood's throw of 119-6 was better than the 116-8 state-qualifying standard.

Also at Lake Park, Isabella Pennebaker was 18th in the 100 with a time of 13.93. She's a freshman. Sophomore Evelyn Yao was 16th in the 400 with a time of 1:05.88.

Senior Shannon Jones took 20th in the 800 at 2:33.00. Sophomore Damaris Garcia was 20th in the 100 hurdles at 19.29.

Willowbrook was 11th in the 800 relay with a time of

1:56.37. That team included Garcia, freshman Ashleigh Gushiken, sophomore Betty-Ann Garrett and sophomore Alexis Simmons.

The Warriors were ninth in the 3,200 relay with a time of 10:36.39 with Sophomore Catherine Pegler, Jones, junior Grace Guthrie and senior Melissa Johnston.

Shantel Powell was 13th in the shot put with a throw of 33-5.

Willowbrook was 15th as a team at the sectional.

Earlier, the Warriors competed in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet.

Jessica Taylor was ninth in the 400 at 1:12.53, while Melea Banaszak was 10th at 1:13.09.

Jones was third in the 800 at 2:28.31. Johnston was eighth in the 1,600 at 5:55.62. Gabriela Rios was ninth in the 3,200. Samantha Garcia was eighth in the 100 hurdles and Messina Trimper was ninth.

Olivia Pennebaker was eighth in the 300 hurdles at 55.07. The Warriors were seventh in the 400 relay with Elizabeth Amador, Khalilah Brooks, Alannah Ferris and Zaakirah Mujid.

The 400 relay was sixth with Carter, Angelina Curcio, Palma and Alyssa Lavery. The 1,600 relay was seventh with Savannah Ryan, Marketta Mitchell, Victoria Cheng and Catherine Carey.

The 3,200 relay team placed fifth, with Jones, Johnston, Grace Guthrie and Kimberly Cervantes.

Powell won the shot put title at 35-6, while Josie Zabrán was second at 35-0 1/2. Denwood won the discus with a throw of 122-6. Courtney Cager was fifth at 87-8.

Claudia Kovac and Munazia Ali tied for seventh in the high jump at 4-2.

Imani Alexander was ninth in the long jump at 13-2. Ali was ninth in the triple jump.

At the frosh-soph level, Gushiken was fourth in the 100 at 13.98. Isabella Pennebaker was fifth at 14.05.

Gushiken was fourth in the 200 at 29.53, while Jennifer Williams was fifth at 30.03.

Evelyn Yao was fourth in the 400 at 1:06.71. Pegler was third in the 800 at 2:40.61. Victoria Palma placed third in the 1,600 with a time of 5:57.81.

Brianna Jones was fourth in the 3,200 at 13:50.43. Garcia

was fifth in the 300 hurdles at 55.07.

Willowbrook was fifth in the 400 relay at 55.99 with Betty-Ann Garrett, Garcia, Isabella Pennebaker and Alexis Simmons.

The Warriors were second in the 800 relay with a time of 1:55.81. That team included Garrett, Gushiken, Simmons and Isabella Pennebaker.

Pegler, Isabella Pennebaker, Ashley Tegtmeyer and Yao were second in the 1,600 relay

with a time of 4:26.19.

Pegler, Yao, Tegtmeyer and Palma won the 3,200 relay in 10:40.61.

Miani Blackwell won the shot put title at 31-2. Cecilia Lizasuain was second at 29-4. Blackwell won the discus title at 93-3. Anna Christiansen was sixth in the high jump at 4-0.

Gushiken was fourth in the long jump at 13-0 1/2, while Teresa Zaldivar was fifth at 12-9 1/2. Zaldivar was fifth in the triple jump at 28-4.

Terrific trio

Willowbrook pitching staff fueled by veterans Garbacz, Pizur and Zunkel

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Quality pitching is a valuable commodity in high school baseball.

The Willowbrook baseball team has that in spades this spring thanks in large part to the performances of college-bound seniors Matt Garbacz, Matt Pizur and Cam Zunkel.

The three have been mainstays on a Willowbrook squad that begins post season play next week against Wheaton St. Francis.

"We have a lot of dedication to the game," said Pizur. "We've bought into the Willowbrook baseball program as a whole. We all care about baseball. It's our main priority."

Zunkel added: "We have a lot of returning pitchers who have a lot of experience. As we are coming to the end of the season, we're getting even better."

Pizur, who is headed to North Park University in Chicago, recently threw a no-hitter where he allowed only two base runners. "Mostly everything was working for me," he said of the no-hitter. "My curve and splitter were working the best they have been. I knew early on that I felt really well. Before the game I felt like it was something different. I didn't even realize I had a no-hitter until the seventh inning."

Pizur said his success this season has been bolstered by improved velocity and command. "My velocity has gone up and I have better command of pitches," he said.

Zunkel will continue his

career at the University of Illinois at Springfield. "My curve and changeup have gotten better, mainly my curve ball," he said. "I'm able to control my curve better and throw it for strikes so teams can't expect a fastball. I have a little more movement on the fastball as well and am able to control it a little more."

Garbacz, headed to Roosevelt University, said he's been working hard on pitching out of the stretch. "I'm pitching a lot better out of the stretch since last season," he said.

Garbacz also has a no-hitter to his credit this season against West Chicago. He struck out 12 in that game. "In warm-ups (pitching) coach (Curtis) Hudson helped me with my curve ball and that was my go-to pitch that day," he said.

Garbacz said the team is looking forward to the upcoming playoffs. Willowbrook started off 6-1 in May.

"We feel we are right where we need to be," he said. "We would like to make a good run in the playoffs."

Pizur added: "It's a good time for us. The way our rotation goes, we have good starters who all could pitch the first game. Any of us can hold our own."

Zunkel recalls when the team was 7-12 at one point. "We thought we were going to get a low seed and have to have a play-in game," he said. "We're still a 12 seed in the playoffs and that's not what we wanted, but we like where we are. I feel with the pitching staff we have and the talent we have that we can make a run."

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Willowbrook's Chantos wins two matches at state badminton

Warriors' girls soccer team enjoying strong season

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook girls badminton player Grace Chantos won a pair of matches at the recent IHSA state finals meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Chantos opened the tournament with a 21-6, 21-10 win over Andrew's Kira Maciejewski. She then lost 21-9, 21-13 to Neuqua Valley's Arthi Cunkari.

Chantos came back to score a 21-4, 21-13 win over Buffalo Grove's Sarah Altieri and then dropped a 21-9, 21-14 match to Hinsdale Central's Honor Crandell in the third round of the consolation bracket.

Willowbrook girls soccer

Through late last week the Willowbrook girls soccer team sported an 11-7-3 overall record and a 4-2 mark in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

Coach Victor Marquez noted this is the second time in the last four years the team has placed second in the WSC Gold. Willowbrook also surpassed the 10-win mark for the

second time in the last four years (highest in program history).

The team is captained by senior defender Alyssa Spada, senior midfielder Samantha Wozniak and senior goalie Allie Jones.

Marquez lauded the performance of the team's "very strong defensive unit." That group includes senior Erin Owen, Spada, sophomore Jessica Ragucci and junior Valen-

tina Poggi.

Willowbrook also features six girls who are four-year varsity players. All six are starters. That group includes Owen, Spada, midfielder Bridget Garner, Wozniak, midfielder Maria Aparicio and Jones.

Marquez is assisted by Pete Montgomery, Brian Shanahan and Julio Del Real. The Warriors opened postseason play earlier this week against York. **Addison Trail boys volleyball**

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team recently scored an 18-25, 25-21, 28-26 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory against Leyden.

Jacob Grygo had 21 assists, five digs, two kills and one ace. Alex Murillo added eight kills and five blocks. Kannon Nelms had five kills and three blocks, while Arlind Rojba had 12 digs. The win improved the Blazers to 11-17 overall and 3-2 in WSC Gold play.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for York Township, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at York Township, 1502 S. Meyers Rd., Lombard from and after April 29, 2016.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:30 P.M. on June 14, 2016, at York Township 1502 S. Meyers Rd., Lombard and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held on June 14, 2016 immediately following public hearing.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2016

Daniel J. Kordik
York Township Clerk
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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 Docu-

ment 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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U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AR1

PLAINTIFF

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Many contributors responsible for success of soccer team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep girls soccer team has turned its best performances at the right time of the season.

The Knights were 11-6-3 overall and had won six of their last seven contests heading into the Class 1A state playoffs last week.

IC Catholic Prep closed out the regular season with wins against St. Edward (3-1), Guerin Prep (4-0) and De La Salle (3-0). The Knights also lost 2-1 to Timothy Christian.

In the win against De La Salle, Olivia Hurt (a freshman), Grace Fuller and Tessa Langan each had a goal.

Hurt had two goals in the team's win against Guerin. Fuller and Katie Hendricks each added a goal.

Fuller had two goals and Hurt added the other in the St. Edward win. Fuller had the only goal in the loss to Timothy.

"We're finally healthy," said IC Catholic Prep coach Tom Schergen. "This is the first time in four weeks that we've had the entire team healthy and ready to go. We were able to make the substitutions we wanted to and that was the first time we've been able to do that in a long time. Being healthy helps. We're able to get the right players out there and have a bench ready to give players breathers. Keeping players fresh helps immensely, especially in the game of soccer."

Scherger said season-long development has helped move the Knights to the next level. "It's definitely been the maturation process of the players,"

he said. "They are hard-working girls who have motivated themselves to be there every day and work hard to get better. This is the fruition of their work. They are playing good team soccer. They have a willingness to get better."

IC Catholic Prep went 3-3 in the Metro Suburban Conference West Division. "Since we've been in the MSC, that's by far our best finish," said Schergen. "We were 1-5 last year. We've definitely shown improvement in the conference games as well."

The team's defense has played a key role. "We've held our own back there," said Schergen. "Our defense keeps us in games. We are able to do a lot to help our offensive players stay where they need to be. Our offensive players are not dropping back as much. They are able to stay in position, receive the ball and do something with it. We've had some kids put in new positions who have become acclimated with them and are doing well and understanding their roles."

Scherger lauded the contributions of Hurt and Liz Maloney.

"Olivia has been a force for us," said Schergen. "She's our leading goal scorer. She's been very impressive as a freshman. Her teammates realize what she can do with finishing. She has been getting the ball more. She's earned her stripes. She's proven she can finish and the ball is coming to her a lot more."

"Liz stepped into the midfield and has solidified that position next to Tessa Langan."

Hurt was leading the team in goals with 19 through late last week.

Postseason nears for baseball, softball teams

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SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

The first pitch of the softball and baseball playoffs for Class 3A and 4A schools will soon be delivered as teams from across the state aim to make a season-long goal come true with a trip to the state finals. Here's the outlook for Glenbard East, York and other area schools:

BASEBALL

Glenbard East

Regional: Glenbard West

Sectional: Schaumburg

Sectional seed: No. 2

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 25 vs. No. 13

Glenbard West/No. 18 West Chicago

Outlook: Illinois State-bound Michael Sebbly, Jake Heyman and Ryan Schefske give East the kind of powerful pitching that is key to postseason success, and Heyman, Schefske, Phil Abruzzino, Richard Masciopinto and Joey Moore are part of a lineup that is dangerous at nearly any spot in the order. A win May 25 sends East to the regional final May 28.

Montini

Regional: Montini

Sectional: Fenwick

Sectional seed: No. 2

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 25 vs. No. 15 Noble Street Charter/No. 15 Noble Street-Pritzker

Outlook: Challenges game in and game out in the Chicago Catholic League should have Montini battle-tested ahead of the Class 3A play-

offs. The Broncos will be favored to win the postseason opener May 25 and move on to the regional final May 28.

Willowbrook

Regional: Lake Park

Sectional: Schaumburg

Sectional seed: No. 12

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 26 vs. No. 5 St. Francis

Outlook: The Warriors have the talent to make a run in the Class 4A playoffs. Cam Zunkel will play collegiately at Illinois-Springfield and is dangerous in the batter's box, at shortstop and on the mound. Kyle Ferguson, Matt Garbacz, TJ Geritano and Matt Pizur also are standout players.

St. Francis, a state finalist in Class 3A last season, will provide a stiff test, but if Willowbrook wins it would play in the regional final May 28.

York

Regional: Lane

Sectional: Loyola

Sectional seed: No. 8

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 26 vs. No. 10 Lane

Outlook: Though consistent results in terms of wins and losses have eluded the Dukes, they are a team to look out for in the Class 4A playoffs. In Cole Miller and Joe Polowsky, York has two pitchers capable of taking over a game. Catcher Josh Hovance, shortstop Michael O'Malley, second baseman Frank Romano and center fielder Cam Fowler provide steady defense, and the Dukes have a balanced lineup.

A win May 26 would likely bring

a showdown against No. 1 seed Oak Park-River Forest in the regional final May 28. The Dukes topped OPRF 10-2 and 5-1 during the regular season.

SOFTBALL

Glenbard East

Regional: Bartlett

Sectional: Schaumburg

Sectional seed: No. 18

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 23 vs. No. 15 Glenbard West

Outlook: The Rams got a boost of momentum ahead of the Class 4A postseason when they split a doubleheader against playoff foe Glenbard West. East also topped Class 3A powerhouse Glenbard South 6-4 on May 13 and has won six times since May started.

West will host the playoff game May 23, and if East wins it moves on to the regional semifinal May 25.

Montini

Regional: Montini

Sectional: Glenbard South

Sectional seed: No. 1

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 24 vs. No. 16 Noble Street-Golder/No. 17 North Lawndale Charter

Outlook: Isabell Alexander, Amy Bukovsky, Courtney Kline, Emily Lezcano and Alyssa Scalfini lead a potent lineup that can put up big numbers on the scoreboard. Kline recently went 3 for 3 with three doubles and five RBIs in a 20-0 win against Aurora Christian.

Montini will be heavily favored to win May 24 and reach their Class 3A regional final May 28.

Willowbrook

Regional: Larkin

Sectional: Schaumburg

Sectional seed: No. 12

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 24 vs. No. 5 Elk Grove

Outlook: Based on seeds, the Warriors will have a challenge ahead of them against Elk Grove, but they have been tested this season by some of the best, including Downers Grove South and Glenbard South. A win against Elk Grove sends Willowbrook to the regional final May 27.

York

Regional: Leyden

Sectional: Maine West

Sectional seed: No. 3

First match: 4:30 p.m. May 24 vs. No. 13 Maine West/No. 19 Proviso West

Outlook: A schedule that has included Downers Grove North, Oak Park-River Forest, Montini (May 20) and Downers Grove South (May 21) will have the Dukes prepared for the postseason, and that's not the only reason they are a dangerous team in the Class 4A field.

A potent lineup led by seniors Amanda Karnatz, Sarah Maciejewski, Gabrielle Magnifico and Abby Solem can put up big numbers (10 games with 10 or more runs), and pitchers Julia Derkowski, Andrea Meagher and Lauren Wojcik have all seen plenty of action.

York will be favored to win May 24 and move on to the regional final May 28.

PREP ROUNDUP

York boys lacrosse wins conference; Dukes send four to girls state track

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

York's boys lacrosse team clinched its second straight West Suburban Conference title May 17 with a 10-7 win against Lyons Township. The Dukes improved to 13-5 on the season and will open postseason play May 24.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

IC Catholic

Kiersten King was the 200-meter dash champion with a time of 26.15 seconds at the Class 1A Marshall sectional May 13 to earn a state meet berth.

King anchored Kerry Mulligan, Jaida Smith and Katie Harvey on the second place 4x100 relay (52.07) that

made state, and Smith added a state meet berth in the triple jump (34 feet, 4.25 inches).

Timothy Christian

Olivia Hoekstra, Rachel Stoll, Valerie Hoekstra and Hannah Bosman teamed up to win the 4x400-meter relay in 4:23.99 at the Class 1A Marshall sectional May 13. The 4x100 and Olivia Hoekstra, Zoe Stanton, Alyse Schnurr and Bosman on the 4x200 (second, 1:50.83) also earned state berths.

York

The Dukes had two champions and earned two additional state meet berths at the Class 3A Lake Park sec-

tional May 13. Sarah May won the 800-meter run in 2:15.64 and Jeanette Morley cleared 5 feet, 5 inches to win the high jump. Elizabeth Hagstrom was second in the 1,600 run (5:04.52) and ran in front of Katherine Tomaska, Julie Biggins and May on the 4x800 relay that was second in 9:25.98.

BOYS WATER POLO

York

The Dukes knocked off Fenwick 10-9 on May 14 to take home the title at their own sectional and book a spot at the state finals for the first time since 2008. Tim Evelyn (101 goals), Isaac Marlott (64 goals) and Tyler McKenna (307 saves) have led the way for York (23-7-2).

BADMINTON

York

Julia Dierksheide made it to the quarterfinals of consolation play in singles action and Irin Abraham and Grace Mazzocco advanced to the fifth round of consolation action in doubles at the state tournament May 14. Catherine Novak and Rosie O'Connor competed in two doubles matches.

GIRLS SOCCER

York/Willowbrook

The Dukes defeated Willowbrook 6-1 on May 17 in a semifinal of the Lyons Township regional and will face LT in the championship game at 6 p.m. May 20.