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Twins make their individual marks at Willowbrook

By Chris Fox
FOR VILLA PARK REVIEW

Andrew and Eugene Ciesla of Villa Park have been classmates for a long time.

Before attending Willowbrook High School, the fraternal twins attended St. Alexander School from kindergarten through eighth grade. The Ciesla brothers both graduated from Willowbrook last month. Each brother earned an academic ranking within the top 5 percent of the school's Class of 2016, which includes about 475 students.

In August, they will head to separate schools. Andrew will attend Dominican University in River Forest, where he intends to study civil engineering. Eugene will go to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb to study business management. He will also be a member of the school's marching band.

"It will definitely be different," said Andrew of not attending the same school as his brother. He noted the two siblings are accustomed to a friendly battle to determine who reached a higher grade in a particular exam or class.

"The competition with him isn't going to be there as much," added Eugene, who is one minute older than Andrew. "There was a level to it where we were pushing each other. It was fun, but at the same time, we wanted to see who was better."

The brothers received nothing but As and Bs—not a single C—during their time at Willowbrook. The school requires students to earn 44 credits to graduate. Andrew and Eugene each earned 58 credits. They weren't often in the same classroom at once. They took several of the same courses, Eugene said, but it happened that those classes took place at different times of the school day.

In addition to excelling in the classroom during their four years at Willowbrook, the Cieslas participated in music, athletics and numerous other extracurricular activities. They also achieved Eagle Scout status—the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America's scouting program.

They reached the Eagle Scout rank during their freshman years at Willowbrook. Eugene's main service project in his pursuit of the ranking was collecting and recycling used American flags. Andrew's service project involved the cleaning and redesigning of a storage room for the St. Alexander parish.



Eugene Ciesla was a drum major for the Willowbrook High School Marching Band. He is pictured during one of the band's halftime performances at a 2015 football game. Ciesla, who graduated from Willowbrook in May, will attend Northern Illinois University. He plans to study business management and be a member of the school's marching band.

The brothers somehow managed their hectic daily schedules at Willowbrook, which might have included a meeting before school, athletic practices and competitions after school and band practice in the evening. At the end of a typical day, the Cieslas went to their respective bedrooms to tackle an hour or two of homework.

"Time management is huge," said Andrew in describing how the brothers juggled their schedules. "It's what gets you through the day."

"Because we have so much going on, it's just a mental set that the time we are going to spend on something has to be to the best of our ability because you're not going to have forever to do it," added Eugene.

Each brother prefers a different academic subject. Andrew's favorite is math, while Eugene named English as one of his favorites. In athletics, Eugene participated in three sports during each of his years at Willowbrook. He was a four-year member of the boys cross country and swimming teams. He spent his freshman and sophomore spring seasons with the boys volleyball program before joining the track team for his junior and senior years. Andrew took part in golf and volleyball as a freshman. He was a member of the cross country and track and field teams during his sophomore, junior and senior years. Eugene competed in running events on the track and field team, while Andrew took part in the discus throw and the shot put.

Both Cieslas were heavily involved in Willowbrook's music program. Eugene was a drum major for the marching band. Andrew, who was also a member of the marching band, was the band president during the 2015-16 school year. Both brothers were members of the school's concert and jazz bands.

The brothers both traced their musical histories back to the fourth grade when they began playing the alto saxophone. Eugene eventually switched to the tenor sax before picking up the baritone sax. He said he might switch back to tenor sax at Northern Illinois University. Andrew moved from alto sax to tenor sax before switching back to alto sax for his senior year.

While each individual sports season takes up a portion of the school year, marching band is a year-round activity. The band's schedule includes Lombard's Lilac Parade in the spring and Villa Park's Fourth of July parade in the summer, as well as an appearance at the Ki-



Andrew Ciesla of Willowbrook High School's Class of 2016 is pictured during the school's May 22 graduation ceremony. His twin brother Eugene is in the background. Before attending Willowbrook, the fraternal twins attended Villa Park's St. Alexander School from kindergarten through eighth grade.



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Twin brothers Eugene (left) and Andrew Ciesla of Villa Park recently graduated from Willowbrook High School. Both brothers placed within the top 5 percent of the academic rank of the school's Class of 2016. Eugene will attend Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Andrew will attend Dominican University in River Forest.

wanis Club of Villa Park's summer concert series. The band practiced during the summer and performed at halftime of Willowbrook's home football games in the fall. During the fall of 2013 and 2014, the band took part in a high school band competition at Northern Illinois University.

Andrew and Eugene, who are the only children of John and Joyce Ciesla, noted that their parents weren't particularly involved in music or athletics.

When asked about some of their favorite teachers at Willowbrook, both brothers spoke highly of Jonathan Bogue, who has been the school's band director for three years.

"He's a phenomenal guy," said Eugene of Bogue. "He's changed the whole band. He's brought the band to be more of a close-knit group."

"He pushed Willowbrook to be its best," added Andrew of Bogue.

Eugene also mentioned English teacher Brett Blair as one of his favorite teachers at Willowbrook.

"He helped the whole class," said Eugene of Blair, who is the head of the school's English department. "He was there to lead us to success."

"I have been immensely impressed with the simple fact that Eugene will not be stifled," stated Blair. "He has an old soul, and that maturity will be a wonderful foundation for future successes."

Andrew named science teacher and track

and field coach Mike Warren as his favorite teacher at Willowbrook. Andrew took Warren's biology class during the 2015-16 school year. The two first met when Andrew joined the track and field team as a sophomore.

"He's just a great person, friend and role model," said Andrew of Warren, who also served as the school's Science Olympiad coach. The school's Science Olympiad team earned a 16th-place finish in the state competition during Andrew's junior year. Andrew earned first-place honors in one of the competition's individual trial events.

Both of the standout students were members of six honor societies at Willowbrook. They were involved in the National Honor Society and the English Honor Society, as well as the honor societies in math, social studies, music and world languages.

"I'll miss my friends, and the teachers as well," said Eugene in discussing his memories of his high school. "A lot of the teachers are down to earth and really helpful. They are more than just educators."

"I'm going to miss all the friends we're leaving behind," added Andrew.

The brothers say it will be a little strange adjusting to not living together and going to the same school when they head to college in August.

"There will still be some form of communication," said Eugene. "We're going to see each other and pick up right where we were because that's how it is."

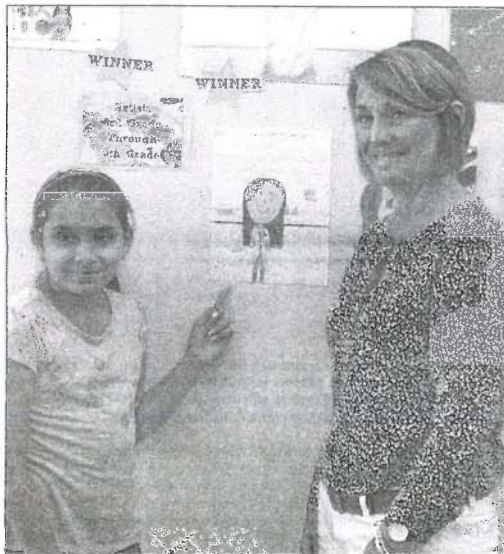
**Montini's softball team
defeats Washington
to capture the Class 3A state crown.
See story in Sports on page 8.**



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First meet as a Mariner

Penelope Dean, age 6, took part in her first meet as a member of the Villa Park Mariners during the swim team's June 8 home meet against Addison. She is pictured as she cheers for one of her teammates during the 100-meter freestyle relay in the 8-and-under girls division. Her mother, Caryn Dean, is on the far left. Pictured on the right are Melanie McGinnis and (far right) another 6-year-old Mariner—Olivia Palutkiewicz. Villa Park defeated Addison 337-304 in the overall team standings.



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Pointing to the future

State Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, welcomed constituents to her annual ice cream social last week. The event took place Thursday evening at her constituent services office at 28 S. Villa Ave. Conroy represents the 46th District in the Illinois House of Representatives. The district includes all of Villa Park, all of Glendale Heights and portions of several other municipalities. One of the visitors to the ice cream social was 11-year-old Khushi Patel, who stopped by with her family. Patel will soon begin sixth grade at Marquardt Middle School in Glendale Heights. Conroy recently held an art contest for students from the 46th District. The theme was "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Patel is shown pointing to her submission, which states her desire to become a doctor. Patel told Conroy she would like to be a pediatrician. Conroy invites residents of the district to join her for coffee and conversation at Funky Java, located at 40 S. Villa Ave., from 9-10 a.m. on Thursday, June 16.

The 10th annual Kiefer run set for Saturday 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. The Village of Villa Park has declared June 18 as Lauren Kiefer Day.

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.

Pre-registrants can pick up their race packets from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, 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.



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Montini's prom king

Villa Park resident Jacob Stiles was named the prom king at Montini Catholic High School's 2016 prom. The school's prom was held at The Carlisle in Lombard in April. Akayna Calkins of Wheaton was voted the prom queen. Stiles and Calkins both graduated from Montini on May 22.

Kiwanis Club's Summer Concert Series begins July 6

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will present its annual summer concert series next month. This year's concert series features four Wednesday-night performances in July.

Each concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. near the Rugaard Gazebo, located west of Ardmore Avenue and just south of the Illinois Prairie Path. Residents are invited to bring their blankets, lawn chairs and appetites to the four concerts. The concession stand, which will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, soda and more, will open at 6 p.m. on the night of each concert.

The Willowbrook High School Band and vocal impressionist John Truncali will perform during the July 6 concert. The StingRays, whose repertoire includes rock and roll from the 1950s, 60s and 70s, will headline the July 13 concert. The July 20 concert will feature the contemporary Christian music of the St. John's Praise Team from Lombard's St. John's Lutheran Church and School. Generation, a rock group from Bartlett, will provide entertainment at the final concert of the series on July 27.

Villa Park resident Charles "Sid" Bergh will celebrate his 90th birthday later this month. Residents are invited to Bergh's birthday party, which will take place from 5-9 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801, located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. "No gifts," insisted Bergh. "I'm trying to get rid of things, not accumulate them," he joked last week. Bergh was born in Lombard. He and his parents moved to Villa Park in 1931. Bergh served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a radio operator and gunner on a U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo bomber aircraft in the Atlantic Ocean. Bergh has been a member of the Villa Park VFW post for decades, and has been the master of ceremonies at numerous post events. He is pictured before a balloon release at a Veterans Day ceremony at the post. Bergh served as a trustee on the Villa Park Village Board in the 1980s. Last month, the Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission named him its 2016 Senior of the Year.



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Season in review: Rams win conference badminton title

By Chris Fox
FOR LOMBARDIAN/VILLA PARK REVIEW

The 2016 Glenbard East badminton team captured the Upstate Eight Conference championship with an unblemished conference record. In addition to going 5-0 in dual meets against their fellow schools in the conference's Valley Division, the Rams won all three of their cross-over dual meets against teams from the River Division. Glenbard East also won the title at the 12-team Upstate Eight Conference Tournament, which featured teams from both divisions.

"Conference-wise, we had a tremendous year," said Glenbard East coach Brad Lundline, who noted that this season's team included several underclass players. "Winning a conference championship is something we've been trying to do for a long time. "It was a really enjoyable year."

Two years ago, the 2014 Glenbard East team placed second at the DuPage

Valley Conference Meet during the school's final season in that conference. One year ago, the Rams placed to Nequa Valley in the Upstate Eight Conference Meet.

Eight Rams advanced to the finals of the 10 singles flights at the conference meet, which took place at East Aurora High School. Junior Molly Camp won the championship in the No. 5 flight, while junior Hena Farooki claimed the No. 7 singles title. Sophomore Jessamy Villaroza won the No. 8 singles championship. The Glenbard East players who earned runner-up singles finishes at the conference meet included junior Sam Katsikas in the No. 2 division, sophomore Abby Ekstrand (No. 4), sophomore Aisha Kamran (No. 6) and juniors Aileen Morales (No. 9) and Lea Markovich (No. 10).

Ekstrand and Villaroza teamed up to win the No. 3 doubles championship at the conference meet, which featured five doubles flights. Senior Sophie Young joined Camp to place second at No. 2 doubles. The Rams'

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— Glenbard East coach
Brad Lundline

No. 1 doubles team of Katsikas and senior Nicole Lijstrand earned a third-place finish.

Glenbard East sent two singles players and a pair of doubles teams to the six-team Metea Valley Sectional. Camp and Katsikas played singles at the sectional. Lijstrand and Young formed one of the Rams'

sectional doubles teams, while Ekstrand joined Villaroza on the other. The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams from each of the state's 16 sectional meets qualified for the IHSA state meet, which took place May 13-14 at Eastern Illinois University. Metea Valley and Hinsdale Central shared the Metea Valley Sectional title with 14 team points apiece. Waubonsie Valley placed third with 7.5 team points. The Rams, who weren't able to earn any state-meet berths, earned 6 points at the sectional and placed fourth.

"We played very well at the sectional," said Lundline. "We got caught up in a very tough sectional. There were a lot of very good players. Both of our doubles teams played really well. They lost some close matches." Hinsdale Central, which sent two

singles players and two doubles teams to the state meet, earned a fifth-place tie in the team standings at the state event. Metea Valley, which sent one singles player and two doubles teams to Charleston, placed eighth at the state meet.

Lundline noted that both of the Rams' sectional doubles teams fell one win short of advancing to the state meet.

The duo of Ekstrand and Villaroza lost a consolation-round match to a Hinsdale Central team. The pair of Lijstrand and Young lost to a Metea Valley team in the same round of the consolation draw.

"I think we represented ourselves pretty well," Lundline said. "Our girls played hard. We've got a lot of young kids, so it's exciting to look to the future with this group."

Waves' season begins with narrow loss to Carol Stream

The Lombard Waves started their DuPage Swim and Dive Conference season with Saturday's meet against the Carol Stream Dolphins at the Carol Stream Park District's indoor pool at the Fountain View Recreation Center.

The Dolphins edged the Waves by a razor-thin margin in the overall team standings. Carol Stream outscored Lombard 319-316.

Lombard's Elissa Haake won three individual races in the 15-18 girls level. She swam to first-place finishes in the 100-yard individual medley, the 100-yard freestyle and the 50-meter freestyle. Haake also participated on one winning relay team.

The Waves' two-time individual champions in Saturday's meet included Zola Nowicki (25-yard freestyle and 25-yard breaststroke) of the 8-and-under girls level, Benjamin Czarnowski (50-yard freestyle and 25-yard butterfly) of the 8-and-under boys division, Katelyn Czarnowski (100-yard individual medley and 50-yard butterfly) of the 9-10 girls level and Libby Haxton (50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke) in the 11-12 girls division.

Christopher Bajda won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle races in the 11-12 boys level. Allyson Griffith (100-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke) earned two victories

in the 13-14 girls division, while Daniel Bajda (50-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley) and Kyle Haake (100-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke) each won two events in the 13-14 boys level. Anna Christiansen contributed two wins in the 15-18 girls division. She won the 50-yard butterfly and 50-yard backstroke races.

Lombard's nine winning relay teams in Saturday's meet at Carol Stream included the 11-12 girls foursome of Haxton, Claudia Schwantner, Ava Banaszak and Lauren Jones, which won the 200-yard medley relay. Haxton, Schwantner and Jones joined Eva Pieta to win the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Harrison Forsberg, Daniel Bajda, Evan Kale and Kyle Haake won the 200-yard medley relay in the 13-14 boys division. Forsberg, Kale and Haake joined Matthew Gollins to win the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Elissa Haake teamed with Christensen, Maggie Kwak and Mary Kate Klasi to win the 200-yard medley relay in the 15-18 girls division. Christensen and Kwak joined Melea Banaszak and Sophia Perez to earn a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The Waves will continue their season with this week's meets against Addison and Itasca.



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Chantos plays at IHSA state meet

Willowbrook junior Grace Chantos earned a berth in last month's IHSA state badminton meet when she placed fourth in the singles competition of the Hinsdale South Sectional. The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams at each of the state's 16 sectional events advanced to the state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Chantos played four matches at the double-elimination state meet. She won her opening match before losing in the second round. Chantos picked up one win in the consolation round before losing her next match.

LEGAL NOTICES

F16040216
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS
Champion Mortgage Company
Plaintiff

vs.
Laura J. Henriott; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Clifford H. Henriott; Richard Kuhn Special Representative; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.
16 CH 686
622 North La Londe Avenue, Lombard, Illinois 60148

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Clifford H. Henriott, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
LOT 15 IN BLOCK 8 IN LOMBARD HEIGHTS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING

TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 28, 1953 AS DOCUMENT 704195 AND CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION FILED JUNE 9, 1955 AS DOCUMENT 760296, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N.: 06-05-202-013

Said property is commonly known as 622 North La Londe Avenue, Lombard, Illinois 60148.

and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Laura J. Henriott and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number F2006-127087 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at DuPage County on or before July 8, 2016, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Steven C. Lindberg
ANSELMO LINDBERG OLIVER LLC
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120, Naperville, IL 60563-4947
630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax)

foreclosure@ALOLawGroup.com
THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 0074242 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JUNE 6, 2016, wherein the business firm of MONARCH PAINTING, 1295 BRIARBROOK DRIVE, WHEATON, IL 60189-8617 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:
Adam Doerfeld, 1295 Briarbrook Drive, Wheaton, IL 60189-8617.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 6TH day of JUNE, A.D. 2016.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 0074237 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JUNE 3, 2016, wherein the business firm of ALMARAZ TRANSPORT, 320 N YALE AVENUE,

VILLA PARK, IL 60181 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:
Omar Almaraz, 320 N. Yale Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 3RD day of JUNE, A.D. 2016.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE - VILLAGE OF LOMBARD TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY

The Village of Lombard (the "Village") has established a Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") District Interested Parties Registry relative to the Village's three (3) TIF Districts: (A) the Downtown TIF District; (B) the St. Charles Road TIF District I (West); and (C) the St. Charles Road TIF District II (East) (the "Existing TIF Districts"). Residents of the Village and organizations active in the Village may register with the Village to receive information on any proposed designation of the redevelopment project area or the approval of the redevelopment plan for a new TIF District, as well as

information regarding any changes proposed for the Existing TIF Districts. Registration forms are available from the Director of Community Development, at the Lombard Village Hall, 255 East Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, except on Holidays. Rules to implement the registration process have been adopted by the Village Board and may be obtained at the same location.
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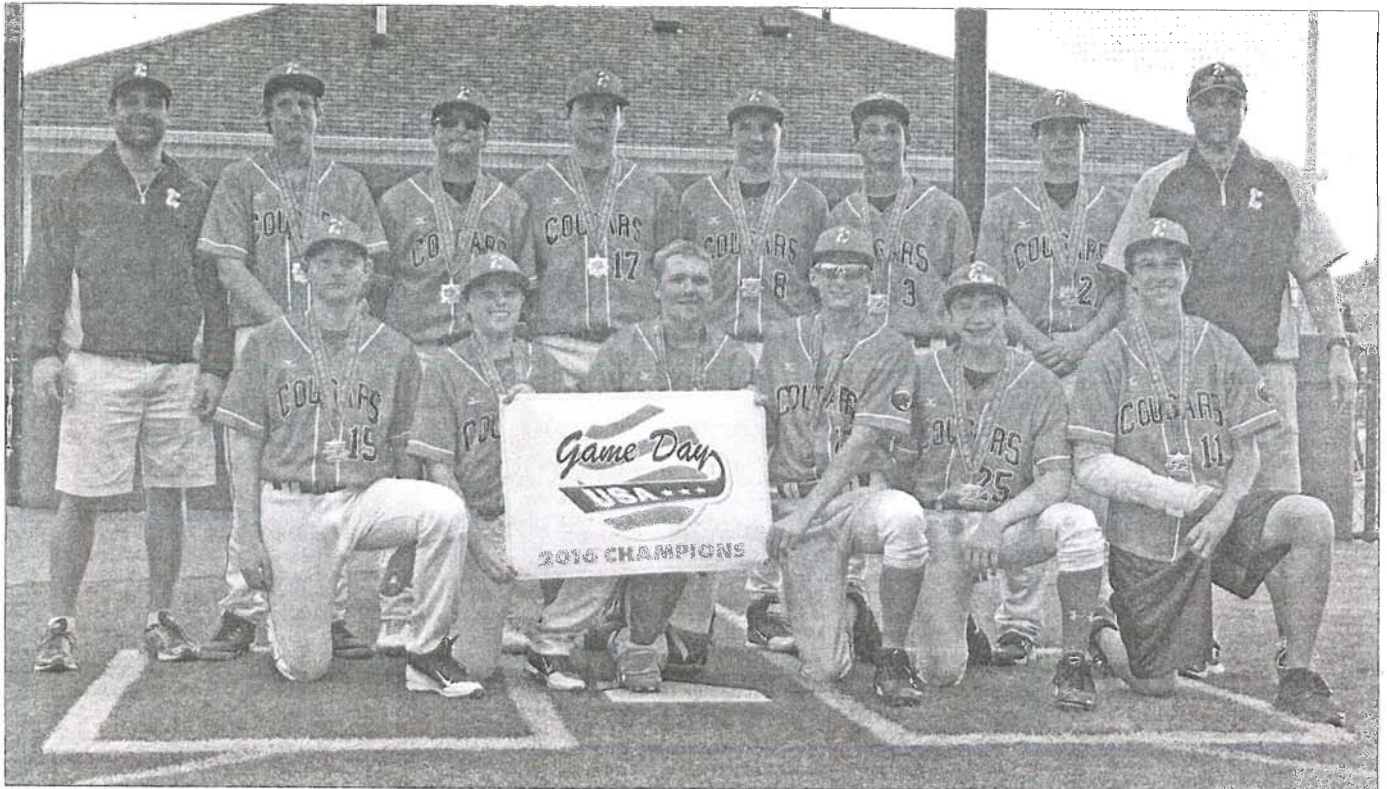
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CERTIFICATE NO. 0074252 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JUNE 9, 2016, wherein the business firm of FOTOPHAB, P.O. BOX 1084, WESTMONT, IL 60559 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:
Brett J. Buhman, 230 S Lewis Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 9TH day of JUNE, A.D. 2016.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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SPORTS



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Cougars on the prowl

The 16U Cougar Baseball team recently went 4-1 in the Cheesehead Championship, held in Milwaukee on June 3-5. The Cougars squad, with players from Elmhurst and Addison, defeated the Orange Crush in the title game by a 10-7 count.

Addison Trail softball coach Olson happy with 2016 season

Napoli, McMahon earn all-conference honors

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail softball team's win-loss record was not the most sightly this season.

The Blazers finished 8-21 overall and won a pair of West Suburban Conference Gold Division games.

But coach Mark Olson said records need to be thrown out the side window when assessing his team's efforts this spring.

"My goodness, we made unbelievable progress," he said. "It was the greatest thing to see. It was a great group of coachable young la-

dies. We didn't see it in the win column, but we saw it in the progression we made and everything we accomplished. It was great to see."

Olson fielded a younger team this season. "We knew going in that we would have some growing pains to go through," he said. "We still had a good season. I really thought the attitudes of the girls and the way they approached every play was great. The approach was great throughout the season and heading into the playoffs. We saw good things from our pitchers. We're not at that point yet where we have that dominant pitcher. We still have to try and get 21 outs in the field. We played some new girls at new positions. We only had three varsity seniors. We know we will have a good group coming back. It's nice to have the returners we do so we can hit the ground running."

Olson said an important factor going forward is the development of pitchers Ally Polhad and Marie Baumgartner. "A key will be Ally's development from a pitching standpoint and the same with Marie," he said.

Addison Trail graduated seniors Nicolette Napoli, Alyssa McMahon and Julia Liace.

"It's going to be a challenge filling the shoes of Nicolette and Alyssa," said Olson. "You talk about leadership with those two. Nicolette is more of a vocal leader and a person who brought a positive attitude. Alyssa leads by example. She has a toughness to her and gave us a lot of life. She is a fun player. Julia helped as well. She had a tough role coming in and doing the little things on the base paths. She's another girl who had a positive attitude and set a great example for the younger kids."

Coach Gillie (assistant coach Steve Gilliam) and I were talking and we probably haven't seen that great of senior leadership in our 20 years coaching together. Their legacy will be shown in two or three years in what this group will do. We'll see those dividends."

Olson said he had so much fun coaching this Blazers group. "It was a lot of fun," he said. "At our banquet you would have thought we won 30 games. We had such great chemistry. The girls meshed well and got along great. This was a group that wanted to continue to go out and learn. We were getting comments from umpires and from other teams' parents on how hard our girls played. That's all you can ask for."

Polhad, a freshman, and classmate Sophia Hawkins made immediate contributions at the varsity level for Olson.

"You are talking about 15 year-olds getting thrown right into the competitive fire and they were tremendous for us," he said.

Napoli and McMahon earned all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division honors. Olson also lauded the efforts of players such as Jessica Bach, Nicolette Scorza, Baumgartner, as well as Gianna Sarli, Katie Lacni, Vincenza Zaccaro and Gianna Trippedi.

"Jessica played another solid third base for us as a junior," said Olson. "She will be a three-year starter next year. Nikki Scorza batted cleanup and played second and a little first and had some great growth. Gianna (Sarli) came out of nowhere for us. And played well. Marie stepped up for us as a pitcher and we had a ton of sophomores contribute. A lot of girls got a lot of valuable experience this season."

Saving the best for last

Addison Trail's Carr-Jones reflects on his state track performance

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

In the three to four weeks prior to the Class 3A boys state track and field meet, Addison Trail's Jordyn Carr-Jones said he was running the 110 hurdles in the low 15-second range.

At the state meet, Carr-Jones saved his best for the most important race. He ran 14.83 in the finals to earn seventh place in Class 3A. Carr-Jones is Addison Trail's first boys track state medalist since the late 1970s.

"It was absolutely amazing," Carr-Jones said of the state meet. "I loved the competition. As a whole, I loved everything about the experience."

Carr-Jones was pleased with his running in Charleston, but with an asterisk by it. "I felt like I did the best I could, but there still is more I felt I could complete," he said. "That was some of the best competition I've seen all year. It helped push me to where I ended up being."

Carr-Jones noted he goes into

each race with the same thought. "Every meet I'm in I think to myself I have to be the best," he said. "I made sure I had that mentality at state and sure enough it led me to do what I did."

Carr-Jones admits the fact he medaled at state took some time to sink in. "I was shocked," he said. "At first I didn't understand. It didn't hit me what I did until I got back to the hotel."

Big-stage nerves, he added, also played a role. "I was extremely nervous," he said. "That's the most

people I've seen watching at a meet all year."

During races, Carr-Jones said he takes things one hurdle at a time. "I would say the first thing you have to do is keep enough confidence," he said.

"And then with every hurdle you think about leaning forward and getting your form down to where it needs to be. I always believe that the competition is way better than I am and I push myself even harder that way."

This spring was only Carr-Jones'

second season in the sport. "Funny enough, I had a friend back in Bolingbrook who told me to join track," he said. "At first I was too lazy and then I said let me try this out. Now, I love everything about the sport."

Carr-Jones, who plans to train over the summer, is using the medal he was given at the state meet as further motivation.

"I look at the medal every day," the senior-to-be said.

"Hopefully I can change that bronze into gold."

Wozniak, Betts named Willowbrook outstanding athletes

Three Warriors' girls soccer players earn Chicago Fire academic distinction

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club recently hosted its annual senior athletic banquet at Venuti's Italian Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Addison.

During the event, highlights and successes of each athletic team were shared and Willowbrook student-athletes were recognized for their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom.

Samantha Wozniak was named the Athletic Booster Club outstanding female athlete, while Lucas Betts was named the outstanding male athlete.

Josie Zabran was the recipient of the Helen Carpenter most valuable female athlete honor.

Matt Rowland was named the John A. Fischer most valuable male athlete.

Athletic Booster Club scholarships were given to Zabran, Rowland, Melissa Johnston, Meghan Koterba, William Degnan and Kyle Martyniuk.

Degnan, Rowland, Emily Isaacson and Will Karcz were named Lauren M. Kiefer Memorial Scholarship winners.

Betts, Bridget Garner, Eugene Ciesla and Danielle Velasquez were the recipient of Susan Jurkonis scholarships. Rowland and Garner earned John Hamann scholarships.

Degnan and William Devens earned Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer scholarships.

Three Willowbrook soccer play-

ers honored

Three members of the 2016 Willowbrook girls soccer team earned all-state honors from the Chicago Fire soccer club.

Garner was named to the Chicago Fire's all-state all-academic first team. Garner was selected for her accomplishments in soccer and in the classroom.

Alyssa Spada was named to the Chicago Fire all-state all-academic second team and Wozniak was named to the all-state all-academic special mention team.

Willowbrook boys gymnastics

In addition to Adam Sousa and Zack Zeffiro's individual success this season (both qualified for the state finals meet), the Willowbrook

boys gymnastics team also enjoyed success as a team.

Willowbrook won both the West Suburban Conference Gold Division varsity and junior-varsity titles.

Willowbrook won the varsity title by 1.85 points over Downers Grove South (139.75 to 137.90).

Sousa won the all-around conference title and took first on the horizontal bar, vault, still rings and pommel horse. He tied for first on floor exercise and took third on parallel bars.

Willowbrook's JV team won the title with a 116.55 score. Sophomore Matt Smith won the JV all-around conference title.

Both teams won the overall conference title based on also going undefeated during the conference dual-

meet season. Both teams went 4-0 in Gold dual meets.

Willowbrook's freshman team also won the conference freshman meet.

Willowbrook announces fall sports start dates

Willowbrook recently announced all fall sports except football will begin on Aug. 10. Football starts two days earlier on Aug. 8.

Willowbrook offers football, girls volleyball, boys soccer, boys and girls golf, boys and girls cross country, girls tennis, cheer, girls swimming and poms during the fall season.

Student-athletes can register for

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IC Catholic Prep girls soccer team places four on all-conference team

Knights win 13 games and advanced to regional championship game

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

IC Catholic Prep's success in girls soccer was recognized via four players earning a spot on the all-Metro Suburban Conference West Division team.

The Knights placed freshman Olivia Hurt, Tess Reardon, Tessa

Langan and Kaitlyn Grady on the all-conference team.

IC Catholic Prep finished the season 13-8-3 overall and lost to eventual Class 1A state-champion Wheaton Academy in the regional finals.

"We had a great season overall," said IC Catholic Prep interim coach Tom Schergen, who also is

the school's athletic director. "I was very pleased with how we performed and what we did. We had a tough draw in the regional against the eventual state champion. We're a young team. If you look at our lineup in that regional championship game, nine of the 11 girls are coming back. We're looking forward to next year and building on the youth that we have."

Schergen saw that youthful roster gel together as the season wore on. "Throughout the year we played more and more as a team," he said. "We learned how to move the ball and play together. We learned some important skills and lessons that we know will carry into next year."

Hurt led the Knights in goals with 21. Grace Fuller added 15 goals. "The four all-conference players and Grace are some of the girls who really stepped up for us," said Schergen.

Freshman Gabby Smola was cited

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— IC Catholic Prep interim coach Tom Schergen

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fall sports any time throughout the summer at <https://willowbrook-8to18.com>.

Girls golf starts Aug. 10 on the varsity girls softball field on the east side of the school at 3 p.m. Boys golf starts Aug. 10 at Sugar Creek at 3 p.m. Cheer meets Aug.

10 in the fieldhouse at 3 p.m. Poms starts Aug. 10 in the auxiliary gym at 3 p.m.

Boys and girls cross country starts Aug. 10 at Willowbrook Park at 3 p.m. Girls tennis starts Aug. 10 on the south tennis courts at 3 p.m. Boys soccer begins Aug. 10 at Ardmore Field at 3 p.m.

Girls volleyball starts Aug. 10 in the main gym at 3 p.m. Girls swimming begins Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Family Aquatics Center on Oak St. in Addison.

Football begins Aug. 8 in the stadium and west practice fields at 3 p.m.

Student-athletes must have passed five academic subjects in the prior high-school semester (spring/summer) to participate in sports the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year. No such

Overall, Schergen likes the direction the program is headed.

"The program is in good shape," he said.

Out of the 22 players listed on the IC Catholic Prep roster at the beginning of the season, only four were seniors (12 were either sophomores or freshmen). That senior group included Maeve Gillette, Ashley O'Brien, Emma Hendricks and Courtney McCarthy.

for her strong play in goal. "She is a freshman who stepped into the goal in the second half of the season and did a great job," said Schergen. "We're looking for great things from her moving forward. She kept us in games."

Schergen said no decision has been made yet on the girls soccer coaching position at the school. Coach Tod Privett took the spring off to focus on watching his two children play athletics at York.



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