

Addison Trail students hatch, raise ducklings

Learn about animal behavior, sustainability

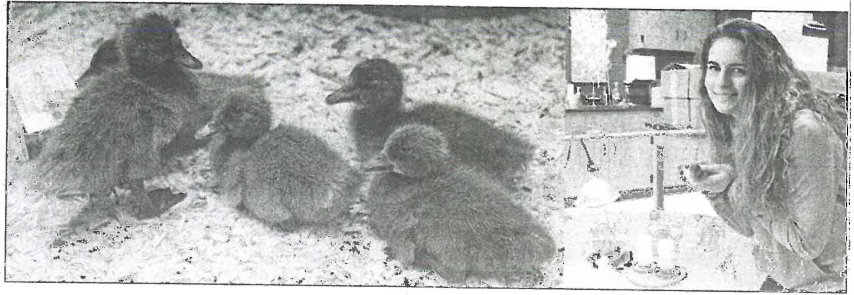
When walking into the Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level Environmental Science class at Addison Trail, five ducklings meet you at the door.

Those ducklings hatched on April 18 and are part of a new school-owned flock at Addison Trail to teach students about biology, as well as sustainability. Marlo Rivera, who teaches the course, said students are tracking the behaviors of the animals and evaluating the economics involved with raising them. Members of the Addison Trail Environmental Club will help with the project as well, and the Environmental Sustainability class will get involved next year. The babies are Khaki Campbell Ducks and are descendants of a domestic, genetically diverse line from

a farm in Iowa. Rivera added the goal is to have the ducklings be sustainable and live on school grounds.

Addison Trail senior Christina Sanchez said she has enjoyed participating in the project.

"It has been an amazing experience to watch the cycle of life," she said. "We also have learned a lot about what it takes to successfully raise a clutch."



(left): Pictured are ducklings who are part of a new school-owned flock at Addison Trail to teach students in the (AP)/college-level Environmental Science class about biology and sustainability. (right): Addison Trail senior Christina Sanchez works with one of the ducklings.

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Addison Trail hosts third annual Job Expo

On April 22, about 200 people attended the third Addison Job Expo, which took place at Addison Trail.

During that event, participants were able to meet face to face with 17 local employers and College of DuPage and submit their résumé. The expo was an initiative of the Addison Workforce Development Committee, which is comprised of the Village of Addison and local businesses and organizations. The focus of that group is two-fold:

offer programs such as internships and job shadowing)

2. Develop a directory of local businesses (including contact information, open positions and skills employees need to have)

The committee's goal is to discover the needs of employers and train local students and adults to meet those needs.

The Job Expo was one way to meet that goal. For more information about the Addison Workforce Development Committee, contact Mary Heneghan at 630-693-7510 or mheneghan@addison-il.org.

Obituary

DALE A. BARTLETT, 52

Dale A. Bartlett, formerly of Addison, passed away recently at the age of 52. Loving son of the late Albert and Dolores, fond brother of Brenda (Steve) De Rosia, Kathy (Jim) Murphy, the late Rhonda and Albert D. Bartlett, dear uncle of Christine Kieta, Chuck (Ashley) Kieta, Jim Murphy and Rob Murphy. Visitation took place at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 330 E. Fullerton in Addison. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Funeral arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. For more information, call 630-832-4161.

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On April 22, the Village of Addison presented a Job Expo, which took place at Addison Trail. (top left): (From left) David Allen, Franchise Owner with Firehouse Subs, interviews Addison Trail senior Brandon Schulz and sophomore Kevin Krause. (top middle): Dana Greco of Bloomingdale (left), a 2008 Addison Trail graduate, shares a laugh with (bottom left): Claudia Badillo of Addison visits the Men's Wearhouse booth and chats with General Manager: Erick Krautkramer. (bottom middle): Ruta Jonusaitis with College of DuPage (left) shares information with Juana Bera of Bensenville. (bottom right): Anna Cobb (right) with JD Norman Industries speaks with Karen Grant (left) and Betsy

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(above): During the April 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting, Addison Trail senior Annalise Morrone was named as a recipient of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. She's pictured with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden. (left): Willowbrook senior Vineet Patel (left) also was named as a recipient of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for the 2016-17 school year during that meeting. He's pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause.

Two District 88 students earn David Koch Board of Education scholarships

During its April 24 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education named Addison Trail senior Annalise Morrone and Willowbrook senior Vineet Patel as the recipients of the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship for the 2016-17 school year.

Since spring 1984, the David Koch Board of Education Scholarship has been given in honor of former District 88 Superintendent Dr. David Koch. Koch retired as superintendent in June 1983 and completed 35 years of service to the district. He also was the first principal of Addison Trail.

Scholarship recipients are chosen from the 18 students named as 88's Best during the school year. The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to highlight students' success. That award recognizes nine Addison Trail and nine Willowbrook students each school year for reaching their personal best in various areas. Recipients are honored during a District 88 Board of Education meeting in one of the following areas: academics, highly improved performance, extra-curricular activities, service work or performing arts/electives.



Six students named as District 88 Art Scholarship recipients

(left): During the April 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting, Addison Trail seniors Uriel Martinez (left) and Tracy Pham (right) were named as recipients of the District 88 Art Scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. They are pictured with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden. Addison Trail senior Zachery Michaliska (not pictured) also was a recipient.

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(right): Also at the April 24 Board meeting, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) and Art Department Chair John Epple (right) congratulate the Willowbrook 2016-17 District 88 Art Scholarship recipients (from left): seniors Nicole Nitti, Kevin Lobdell and Jacob Leazott.



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Addison Trail Student Council names 2017-18 officers

The following students have been named as Addison Trail Student Council Officers for the 2017-18 school year.

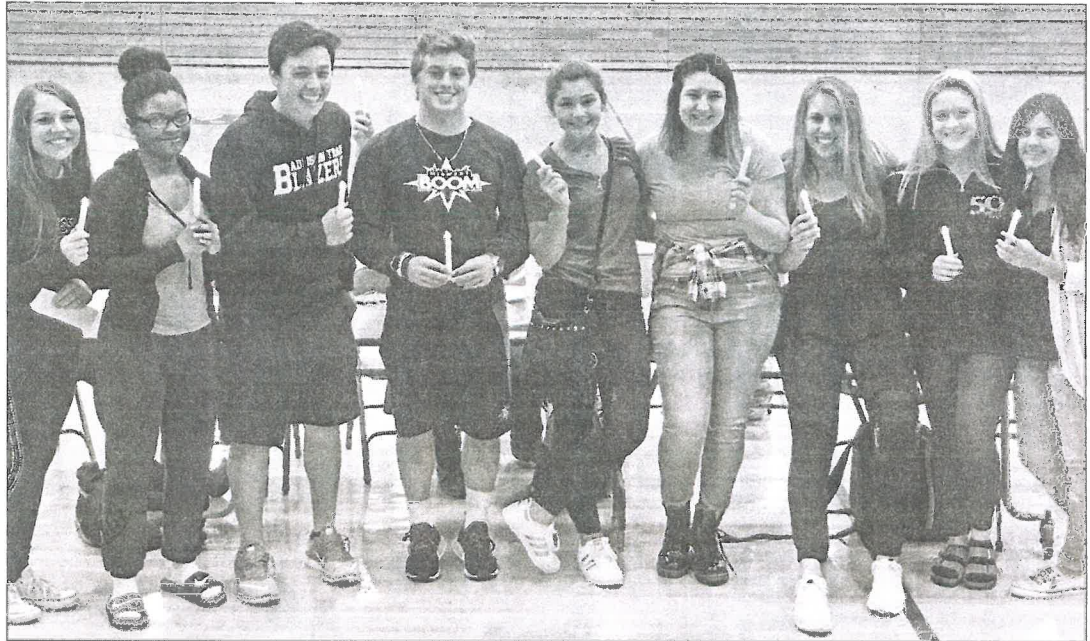
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Student Council is the school's student-body government, which gives students a voice in Addison Trail functions. Members work on various projects throughout the school year, including Homecoming, Turnabout, Mr. AT and service projects. Eligibility requirements to join Student Council include getting a petition signed by 25 peers, submitting three teacher recommendations, answering a leadership question and maintaining a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

For more information about Addison Trail's Student Council, contact sponsor Sheri D'Ambrose at sdambrose@dupage88.net or 630-458-4270.



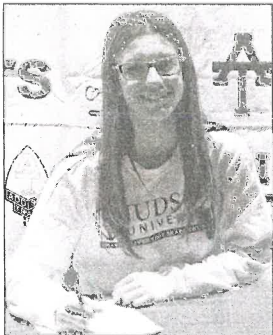
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Pictured are the Addison Trail students who have been named as Student Council Officers for the 2017-18 school year.

Women's Club of Addison all fired up

An evening of fun and friendship was held recently by the Women's Club of Addison at Empress Banquets. Members and friends enjoyed dinner and "Hot Shots" at a photo booth with informal and spirited photos they could take home as a memento. In addition, restaurant gift cards and fashionable clothing, jewelry and home decorations were raffled to attendees.

Proceeds from "Women on Fire" will be distributed in May—as scholarships to local students and as grants to local charities chosen by Women's Club members. In the last five years, the Women's Club of Addison has raised over \$70,000 for student scholarships and donations to local charities. The Women's Club is open to all women in Addison and surrounding communities. For more information on club activities and membership, visit our Facebook page.



MARIE BAUMGARTNER



DIAMOND PIKULYK

National Letter of Intent signing day held for AT student-athletes

On April 25, Addison Trail hosted a National Letter of Intent Signing Day for two seniors who have committed to compete in their sport at the collegiate level.

The student-athletes celebrated with classmates, friends, administrators, staff members and family members.

The students who committed to compete at the collegiate level are Marie Baumgartner: Basketball, Judson University; and, Diamond Pikulyk: Basketball, Edgewood College.



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From left to right: Marilyn Lambros, Pat Tinman, Ann O'Brien, and Rose Coyle prepare to sell raffle tickets at "Women on Fire" at the Empress last week. Proceeds will benefit the scholarships and grants the club bestows on local students and charities.

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Addison Trail girls badminton team qualifies three for state Blazers boys volleyball team defeats Lyons Township

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Three's company for the Addison Trail girls badminton team.

The Blazers qualified three players out of the Fremd sectional for this weekend's state finals meet in Charleston.

Junior Mary Grace Mutia took fourth in the singles division and earned a state berth. She'll be joined at state by the doubles team of senior Athena Kakolires and junior Kasia Czepiel, which took third in the doubles division.

Mutia won her first match at sectionals by a 21-14, 21-15 count and then

lost in the second round. She came back to win her third match 21-13, 21-9 before losing in the third-place match, 24-22, 23-21.

Kakolires and Czepiel won their first match 21-15, 21-12 and then lost in the second round before coming back to win 21-17, 20-22, 21-15 in their third match and 21-15, 21-4 in the third-place match.

Addison Trail girls soccer

Addison Trail girls soccer coach Sergio Nunez has seen his team progress this spring beyond the team's win-loss mark.

"We have had improvement on our tactical play yet sometimes we are paddling up stream in our technical play," he said. "Defensively, we play solid but that can only hold us for so long. We need to keep working to get our offensive play up to par. We still struggle with finishes."

Nunez is proud of the way his team competes in light of it recording only one win and two ties thus far.

"My girls stay positive throughout the game and never give up," he said.

Individually, Nunez lauded the work of goalies Priscilla Vega and Jessica Cosio. "Priscilla and Jessica have

played to their best potential," he said. "They deserve a lot of credit. I'm proud of them for not taking blame on our losses."

Defender Aryana Carrera also has excelled. "Aryana has played consistently well," said Nunez. "I am pleased with her style of play. She reads the ball well."

Addison Trail continues to work on consistency in games. "We've had great moments of play where our 'mojo' was there," said Nunez. "The end result was not an indicator of our play. I need to see consistency game after game. I'm very proud of the 19 girls I've had here

at the varsity level for sticking together and working hard to learn the game I love. They understand where they are at in regard to their competitive level and I respect that about them."

Addison Trail boys volleyball

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team recorded a recent 25-20, 26-24 West Suburban Conference crossover victory against Lyons Township.

Jacob Grygo had 19 assists, five kills and five digs. Mikey Strycharz had eight kills and three digs, while Colton Noel had seven kills and three blocks.

Addison Trail moved to 14-13 overall with the win.

Willowbrook boys volleyball team bolstered by contributions of many

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys volleyball is benefitting from contributions of the whole court.

Through the team's first 18 matches (8-10 overall, 1-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play), senior Brendan Waldorf was leading the team in hitting percentage at .339. Junior outside hitter Tim Keefe was leading the way in kills with 99 and in service aces with 14. Senior Pete Alessandri was leading the Warriors in blocks with 35, while senior Calvin Linnig and junior Nick Cookingham were tied for the team lead in assists with 176 each. Junior libero-defen-

sive specialist Buddy Martens was top in digs with 140.

Warriors coach Ryan Bazon has been particularly impressed with the recent contributions of Martens and Keefe.

"Buddy is a great addition to our defense," he said. "This is his first year on varsity and he has quickly adjusted to the speed of the game. He continues to get better every match and is becoming more vocal and more of a floor leader. Tim has improved his hitting efficiency and has worked hard on his passing game."

Willowbrook has 10 juniors and only three seniors on the roster. "We are a relatively young team," said

Bazon. "Many players are new to the speed of the varsity game. We continue to work on fundamentals at practice. We have become a better passing team and our serve-receive has improved since the first few matches. That is something we talk about in practice. Ball control is a high priority. This has led to a more effective attack."

Willowbrook was serving at a 92.1% clip through those first 18 matches.

"Our serving has improved," said Bazon. "We have served at a very high percentage, which has put pressure on the other side of the net."

Bazon also has seen progress on

the offensive side of the net. "I feel like our pin hitters (Waldorf, Keefe, right-side hitter Jacob Entwistle and right-side hitter/setter Cookingham) have improved," he said. "We still are working on consistency with our setters and hitters. Our setters (Linnig and Cookingham) are effective leaders on the court and make great decisions."

Middles Aleesandri and Andy Shreckengost also are key parts to the team. "I would like to involve them more in our offense," the coach said. "Both hit a very high percentage and using them also would open us up at the pins. We will continue to work on getting them involved more in the of-

fense."

Bazon also lauded the team's defensive mindset. "Exceptional effort," he said. "We have many conversations about defensive expectations. In practice we work a lot of drills that require players to get their hands on everything. JT Beausoliel (junior) and Buddy anchor our defense. JT brings a spark to our team with his defensive effort."

Additionally, Bazon is a big fan of the group in general. "Most importantly, this has been an extremely enjoyable year," he said. "These are great kids who are very coachable. I have seen a ton of improvement so far this year."

Willowbrook girls badminton team sending two to state

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls badminton team placed second at the recent Hinsdale South sectional.

The Warriors had 11.5 points, while host Hinsdale South won the sectional title with 17 points.

Willowbrook did qualify two players for this weekend's state finals meet in Charleston.

Senior Grace Chantos took second in the singles division, while sophomore teammate Hanna Konrath took third.

Chantos won her first match 21-12, 21-16 and then won her second contest 21-14, 21-13 before losing to Hinsdale South in the sectional-championship match.

Konrath won her first match 21-7, 21-6 and then lost to Hinsdale South in the second round. She came back to score a 21-7, 21-13 win in her third match and then defeated another player from Hinsdale South 22-20, 21-15 for third place.

Addison Trail boys gymnastics

The Addison Trail boys gymnastics team was seventh at the recent Glen-

bard West sectional.

The Blazers finished with a team score of 126.750.

Addison Trail senior Alex Komynowski earned an automatic state-qualifying bid after taking second on floor exercise with a 9.350 score.

The state at-large qualifiers were to be announced earlier this week.

Willowbrook boys gymnastics

The Willowbrook boys gymnastics team took sixth at the recent Glenbard West sectional. The Warriors finished with a 127.650 team score.

The Warriors did not have any automatic state individual qualifiers. The list of at-large state qualifiers was to be released earlier in the week.

In other recent action, the Warriors took third at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet.

Willowbrook's JV team won the conference title by 15 points.

At the varsity level at conference, Zack Zeffiro tied for third on floor at 9.2. Matt Barrantes was fourth on pommel horse with a 7.2, while Nick Donaldson took fifth at 6.9.

Donaldson was seventh on rings with a 7.1. Zeffiro tied for fourth on vault with an 8.35. Isaiah Lewis was

eighth on vault at 7.95, while Dylan Leska was ninth at 7.7.

On parallel bars, Miguel Portilla tied for third at 7.45 and Matt Smith was eighth at 7.1. On horizontal bar, Portilla was third at 7.2 and Smith took sixth at 6.6, while Leska was 10th at 5.7.

At JV Conference, Matt Foley won the floor exercise with an 8.55. Saad Omar won pommel horse with a 6.4. Brendan Bailey won still rings at 6.8. Foley won vault with a 7.2, while Bailey won parallel bars with a 7.55. Bailey also won the horizontal bar at 5.4. Bailey also won the all-around competition with a 39.95. Sean Luner was second at 35.85.

In other recent action, the Warriors dropped a 151.4-135.0 WSC Gold meet to Downers Grove South and also lost 137.8-129.0 to Hinsdale South. Both Willowbrook's JV and freshman teams won both meets to stay undefeated in conference.

"Our team mainly is just trying to clean up the routines we have now," said Willowbrook coach Caleb Strejc after his team had competed in the conference meet. "We really need to work on sticking landings on floor passes

and then dismounts on everything. That has been a weakness this year. Only a few guys will be adding new skills to routines (at sectionals), mostly on high bar."

Strejc said the team improved throughout the season on parallel-bar routines. "I have seen specific growth in the execution of the guys' parallel routines," he said. "They have gotten much better at that and cleaner, resulting in higher scores."

The Warriors also have excelled on floor and vault. "Floor and vault continue to be bright spots," said Strejc. "Most guys consistently hit their floor routines and score in the 8s and Zack has been getting in the 9s sometimes. Also, vault is a bright spot with the difficulty of the skills, but guys haven't been landing consistently. Once they all land though, it will be a really great vault team score."

Strejc said he's quite proud of his roster for stepping up when needed. "So many guys are able to step up and fill spots on varsity and JV when we need them," he said. "I have not been able to have consistent lineups this year because of a lot of sickness, injuries and other random reasons, but

there always have been guys who are working hard and ready to compete."

Bailey has made strides with his parallel bar routine. "His routine over the past few weeks has been extremely consistent and clean and he actually would have gotten third place if he would have competed varsity for conference," the coach pointed out. "He will be a huge asset to the p-bar sectional team as a sophomore."

Sophomore Isaiah Lewis also was praised for his recent excellence. "Isaiah has been working extremely hard on floor and vault," said Strejc. "He improved his vault score by getting a flipping vault which makes him a very important part of our vault team."

Strejc has no qualms about the effort he's received and the progress he's witnessed this season. "Each season is different, but I have really loved the tenacity the guys have shown this year having to step up and build a new team identity as we move forward from last season," he said. "The progress has been good as guys improve their gymnastics by getting better form and execution, which will make transitioning to harder skills a lot easier over the off-season and leading into next year."

Many stepping up for Addison Trail boys track team

Throws events showing improvements for Blazers

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys track team has been competing without injured returning state qualifiers Darrion Conrad and Jordyn Carr-Jones.

In their absence, Blazers coach Bruce Kelsay has been thrilled with

what he's seen from numerous athletes.

"Our two state qualifiers from last year are injured so the rest of the team has really stepped up and performed very well," said Kelsay.

Junior Luis Vargas has thrived in the 1,600, while sophomore Angel Rodriguez and senior Jonathon Cabrera have done well in the 400 and the 1,600 relay.

Junior Mike Renc has been strong in the shot put and discus, as has ju-

nior Kevin Jacob in the sprints.

Kelsay has seen the team's throwers take the next step forward this spring. "The throws have made the biggest improvement," he said. "In addition to Mike Renc, juniors Ryan Sheehan and Randall Petrbok have consistently scored high."

Junior Kevin Jacob is doing well in the 100 and 200. "Kevin has become a force in the 100 and 200 in place of Darrion Conrad, scoring first or second in those events the

last three weeks," Kelsay noted.

Junior Chris Purdy has overcome injuries and is starting to jump in the long jump "like he did last year," said Kelsay.

Addison Trail has enjoyed success in its relay events as well. "Our 4-by-400 relay is dominating in the meets so far this year and the 4-by-800 consistently scores first and second," Kelsay pointed out. "Our 4-by-100 and 4-by-200 have been inconsistent due to injuries."

Overall, Kelsay has seen the team overcome injuries throughout the season. "We struggled at the end of indoor season and early in the outdoor season as we were adjusting from injuries," he said. "Now we are getting healthy and the experience gained by the underclassmen has allowed them to improve and really help the team."

Addison Trail competes in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet today.

Willowbrook baseball team sweeps Addison Trail in season series

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The District 88 baseball season series goes to Willowbrook.

The Warriors swept a recent three-game West Suburban Conference Gold Division series from their district neighbors Addison Trail.

Willowbrook won the opener at home 10-0 behind Ryan Mintz's one-hit five-inning shutout.

The Warriors led 2-0 after the first inning and then scored eight runs over the third through fifth innings to invoke the 10-run rule. The Warriors had 13 hits.

Ben Espinoza was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Jon Kelso went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI. MJ Ranieri went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI. Mason Kamp was 2-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI. Kyle Ferguson went 1-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI. Mike Dembowski was 1-for-3 with two RBI.

Kelso had two doubles, while Fer-

guson, Ranieri and Kamp each had a double.

Mintz needed only 66 pitches to toss the one-hitter. He struck out three and walked two.

The Warriors then headed to Addison and won 5-4. Willowbrook led 5-2 after four innings. The Warriors had 12 hits.

Kelso was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Ranieri was 3-for-4 with an RBI. Kamp had a hit and an RBI. Jack Hines went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Marshall McDonnell went 2-for-3 with an RBI. One of his hits was a double.

Jack Nilles pitched the first four innings and allowed three hits while striking out two. He picked up the win. Vince Ruchala pitched the fifth and struck out one, while Scott Kohrt pitched the final two innings and allowed no hits to pick up the save.

Willowbrook pitchers limited Addison Trail to three hits.

In the finale played at Benedictine

University in Lisle, Willowbrook was an 8-4 winner. The Warriors trailed 4-2 heading into the bottom of the fifth. Willowbrook scored three in the bottom of the fifth and three more in the sixth to pull out the win. Willowbrook had 10 hits.

Espinoza was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Kelso was 2-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI. Ranieri was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Alex Michaelson had an RBI. Kamp had a hit and two RBI. Dembowski had two hits and two RBI, while Jack Hines had a hit and an RBI.

Dembowski and Espinoza each doubled, while Kelso had a home run.

Michaelson was the winning pitcher. He went five innings and allowed three hits, while striking out eight. Will Hines pitched the sixth and struck out one. Ruchala pitched the seventh and also struck out one to pick up the save.

Addison Trail ace Nick Villaseor pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed only two earned runs and struck out seven.

In other recent action, the Warriors lost 9-6 to York in a WSC crossover game. York trailed 5-2 heading into the sixth, but scored seven runs over the final two innings.

Against the Dukes, Kelso had a run scored and a hit. Michaelson scored two runs. Ranieri had two hits and an RBI. Ferguson had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Dembowski had a hit and an RBI. Michaelson doubled, while Kelso tripled.

Eric Grunst, Will Hines and Ruchala pitched in the game. Ruchala took the loss. He allowed no earned runs over the final 1 2/3 innings. Willowbrook pitchers struck out six and gave up four earned runs.

Also, Willowbrook lost 5-2 to Downers Grove North in another WSC crossover game. Downers led 5-0 after three innings.

Willowbrook was limited to three hits in the contest. Michaelson had a hit, as did Trevor Jaloszynski and McDonnell. Willowbrook did not strike

out in the game and drew two walks. Jack Hines and Jaloszynski each scored a run. Willowbrook had no RBI, but Downers North committed five errors.

Kohrt took the loss. Jack Hines and Will Hines pitched the final four innings and allowed no runs on three hits.

In the JV game, Willowbrook won 3-1 against Downers North. The Warriors had only three hits in the form of two from John Taylor and one from JT Ceh. Taylor, Mintz and Ruchala each scored a run. Nick Sabatino had the team's only RBI. Taylor and Ceh each had a double.

Brandon Shissler was the winning pitcher. He went three innings and allowed four hits. Grunst started the game.

Willowbrook was 18-6 overall after the Downers North varsity loss. The Warriors were 10-2 in Gold Division play heading into this week's action against Proviso East.



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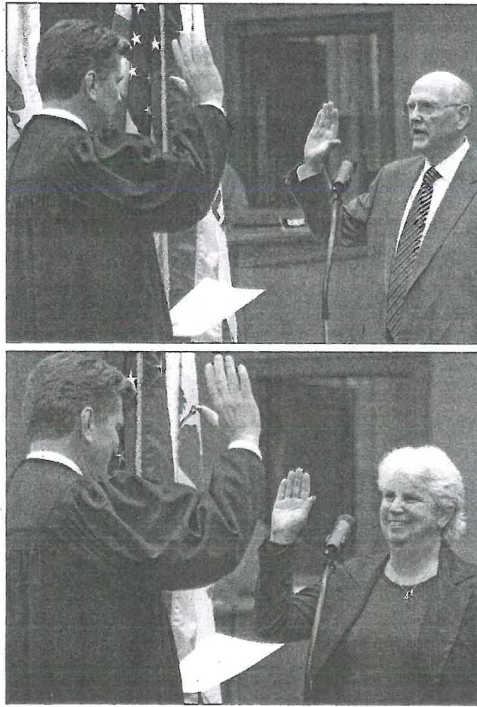
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A change at the top

Monday night's Villa Park Village Board meeting featured the inauguration of Albert Bulthuis as the new village president. Bulthuis won a three-way race for the post in the April 4 election. The top right photo from Monday's meeting shows DuPage County Circuit Judge Robert Kleeman (left) administering the oath of office to Bulthuis (right), who will serve a four-year term. Bulthuis succeeds Deborah Bullwinkel, who spent the last four years as village president. Bullwinkel did not run for re-election this year. Shortly after he was sworn in, Bulthuis presented a shadow box of recognition to Bullwinkel. She is pictured (far right) with that shadow box, which notes her four years as a village trustee (2009-13) as well as her four years as village president. Kleeman also swore in the three residents who won four-year terms on the village board in last month's election. Pictured at bottom right is Cheryl Tucker, a newcomer to the board. She replaces outgoing Trustee Robert Taglia, who finished second to Bulthuis in last month's election for village president. Bulthuis, who spent the last 10 years as a village trustee, had two years remaining in his current term. His ascension to the village presidency creates a vacancy on the board. Bulthuis and the rest of the board will review applications from residents interested in serving as a trustee for the next two years. Bulthuis said he will make an appointment after the board reaches consensus on a selection.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Villa Park Review

Park Art Center's new exhibit opens on Friday

Artist's iPhone pictorial work on display

The Park Art Center in Villa Park will present "Paul Elledge, iPhone Once a Day, Everyday," from May 12 through July 1. An opening reception for the exhibit will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 12. The Park Art Center is located at 9 E. Park Blvd. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Paul Elledge

The Park Art Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit devoted to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts. All of the center's events are free and open to the public.

Elledge is a Chicago based photographer with solo exhibitions at several galleries across Chicago, and numerous national and international group exhibits.

Elledge's clients include Warner Brothers Records, Leo Burnett USA and many celebrities.

Elledge established rules for his "iPhone Once a Day, Everyday" project, which started on Jan. 1, 2009. The rules required him to shoot black and white photos, in a vertical

orientation, every day. He edited the photos using only his iPhone's app network. Every day since he began the project, Elledge uploaded an image from his iPhone to his website—iphoneonceaday.com—as well as to Facebook and Tumblr.

"I am not a writer, thus I have chosen the camera as a tool to create a pictorial diary," stated Elledge in speaking about his project. "I photograph every day to capture an image that mirrors and emotion, an experience or a feeling that illustrates my state of mind for that day."

The exhibit at the Park Art Center will feature a small representation selected from over 3,000 photos.

"It is our privilege to display the beauty and power within Paul Elledge's pictorial diary," stated Wendee Goles, co-curator of the Park Art Center. "With the touch of a button, Paul is able to share his understanding of our connected culture by utilizing his iPhone camera tools and his incredible talent. He is absolutely clever and creative in joining the viewer to both the physical and mobile tech world. This exhibit is unique; a must see."

For more information, visit parkartcenter.org, or call 630-501-1455.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Villa Park Review

Photographer Paul Elledge's work will be on display at the Park Art Center beginning Friday, May 12. Elledge's exhibit—"iPhone Once a Day, Everyday"—will run through July 1. Starting in 2009, Elledge began taking daily pictures with his iPhone. The exhibit will feature some of those photographs. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday. All events at the Park Art Center are free to the public. The center is located at 9 E. Park Blvd., Villa Park.

Villa Park briefs

Village is collecting submissions for its May photo contest

The Village of Villa Park is holding its inaugural photo contest this month. The theme is "May Flowers," and photos can be submitted by tagging the village on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Photos can also be submitted by e-mail to Kylie Cerk, the village's public information officer, at kcerk@invillapark.com. The deadline for May submissions is the end of the day on Wednesday, May 31. The photo must be of something in Villa Park. The photographer must be from Villa Park. Submissions of obscene content are not allowed.

VP Recreation accepting preschool registration

Villa Park Recreation is accepting registration for preschool for the 2017-18 school year. Preschool is held at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave. Class options include morning classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3-year-olds (must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2017) and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 4-year-olds (must be 4 by Sept. 1). The preschool classes will help children discover the fascinating world of learning and play as they gain the skills needed for kindergarten. Call 630-834-8970 for more information.

Village invites residents to sign up for CivicReady alerts

The Village of Villa Park encourages its residents to sign up for CivicReady, an emergency preparedness and notification program. Village residents who sign up can learn about what to do in case an emergency occurs. They can also sign up for local alerts. CivicReady allows local officials to connect directly with residents through text messages, calls and e-mails. To register for the alerts, go online and visit il-villapark.civicready.com.

Garden Club of Villa Park holds annual plant sale on Friday and Saturday

The Garden Club of Villa Park will hold its annual plant sale on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13. The sale will take place each day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Villa Park Community Recreation Building, located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave.

Pool passes are on sale now; early-bird rates run through June 10

Villa Park pool passes for the 2017 season went on sale at early-bird rates on May 1. Passes may be used to attend both Jefferson Pool (341 N. Harvard Ave.) and Lufkin Pool (1000 S. Ardmore Ave.) throughout the 2017 season. The passes will be on sale at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave., and at the Com-

munity Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. The early-bird rates, which run through June 10, offer the same prices as last year; resident passes for ages 3 to 59 are \$53. The pass rate for senior residents 60 and older is \$48.

For more information, call the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department at 630-834-8970. Jefferson Pool opens for the season on June 3. Lufkin Pool opens for the season on June 10.



STEVE SPODEN PHOTO Villa Park Review

Queen Kyla

Kyla Denwood, a senior at Willowbrook High School, was named the Village of Lombard's 2017 Lilac Queen during Saturday's coronation ceremony in Litaclia Park. Queen Kyla is the daughter of Catherine Douglas. The queen and her court will be the guests of honor at the annual Lilac Ball on Friday, May 12, at The Carlisle. They will also be honored in the Lilac Parade on Sunday, May 21. Willowbrook's Class of 2017 will hold its graduation ceremony on the day of the parade.



STEVE SPODEN PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Crowning moment for the royal court

This year's Lilac Court posed for their first photographs following Saturday's coronation of Lilac Queen Kyla Denwood in Lilacia Park. Pictured are (top photo, left to right) Princess Liana Pavese, Princess Taylor Balsitis, Queen Kyla Denwood, Princess Amanda O'Brien and Princess Emma Peca. Queen Kyla is pictured in the bottom photo as 2016 Lilac Queen Hadley Hill presented the new Lilac Queen her royal crown. Members of the Lilac Court will be the guests of honor at the Lilac Ball on Friday, May 12, and in the Lilac Parade on Sunday, May 21.



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Sports

**LOMBARDIAN
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Warriors sweep a three-game series against Addison Trail

Next week's series against DG South should decide the conference champion

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook baseball team closed out a three-game sweep of West Suburban Gold Conference rival Addison Trail with Friday's come-from-behind 8-4 win at Benedictine University in Lisle. The victory gave the Warriors a 10-2 conference record and an overall mark of 18-5. Willowbrook dropped to 18-6 with Saturday's 5-2 non-conference loss against Downers Grove North.

Addison Trail scored three runs in the top of the first inning to take a quick 3-0 lead over the Warriors in Friday's series finale. Willowbrook cut into the Blazers' lead when senior Jonathan Kelso drilled a solo home run over the left-field wall in the bottom of the third inning.

Kelso, who went 2-for-4 in Friday's game, completed the series with seven hits in 12 at-bats.

Willowbrook scored a single run in the bottom of the fourth inning to

trim the Blazers' lead to 3-2. Addison Trail then scored one run in the top of the fifth inning, but the Warriors responded with three runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 5-4 lead. Senior Mike Dembowski hit a two-run double during the inning to give the Warriors the lead.

Willowbrook piled on three more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Kelso and junior Mason Kamp both supplied RBI singles during the inning.

Senior M.J. Ranieri, who singled and scored during both the fifth and the sixth innings, was one of four Warriors to produce two hits in the game. Senior Ben Espinoza, Kelso and Ranieri, who make up the top three hitters in the team's lineup, each turned in a 2-for-4 evening at the plate. Dembowski went 2-for-2 with a walk.

Senior Alec Michaelson pitched the first five innings on his way to earning the victory. Michaelson allowed three hits and three earned

runs. He struck out eight batters and issued four walks. Senior Will Hines and junior Vince Ruchala both pitched one scoreless inning in relief. Neither reliever allowed a hit.

Willowbrook opened its three-day, three-game series against Addison Trail with a 10-0, five-inning win in Villa Park on May 3. Sophomore

Ryan Mintz pitched all five innings for the Warriors, allowing just one hit and two walks. Mintz recorded three strikeouts.

Ranieri went 3-for-3 and drove in a pair of runs. Kelso went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Espinoza went 2-for-4. Kamp added two hits and two RBI for the Warriors, who fin-

ished the day with 13 hits.

The Warriors hung on for a 5-4 win over the Blazers in the second game of the series, which took place on May 4 in Addison. Ranieri accounted for three of Willowbrook's 12 hits. Kelso and sophomores Jack

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CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Willowbrook baseball team finished a sweep of its three-game West Suburban Gold Conference series against Addison Trail with Friday night's 8-4 victory at Benedictine University in Lisle. Addison Trail took an early 3-0 lead with three runs in the top of the first inning. Senior Jonathan Kelso provided the Warriors' first run when he hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third inning. Kelso is pictured above connecting for the homer, which sailed over the left-field fence. Pictured below is senior pitcher Alec Michaelson (No. 15), who threw five innings and earned the victory.



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Firebirds win tournament title

The Firebirds Soccer Club's U-14 Black girls' soccer team won the championship in its division of the recent Sockers FC Chicago's Spring 2017 Nike Classic Cup. The Firebirds won three matches at the event, which took place April 28-30 in Schaumburg. They defeated a team from Wisconsin 1-0 on April 28. One day later, the Firebirds earned a 2-0 victory over a Midstate SC team. The Firebirds closed out the tournament with a 3-1 win over Mahomet-Seymour on April 30. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Allie K. and Audrey H.; (middle row) Coach Stuart Mattison, Brynn C., Lauren H., Sophia H., Mackenzie P., Haley T., Coach Mike Weltin and Coach Laura Vandergift; (back row) Brooke V., Erin F., Makayla A., Gracie T., Keell D. and Maddie W. Not pictured are Lina J. and Lizzie M.



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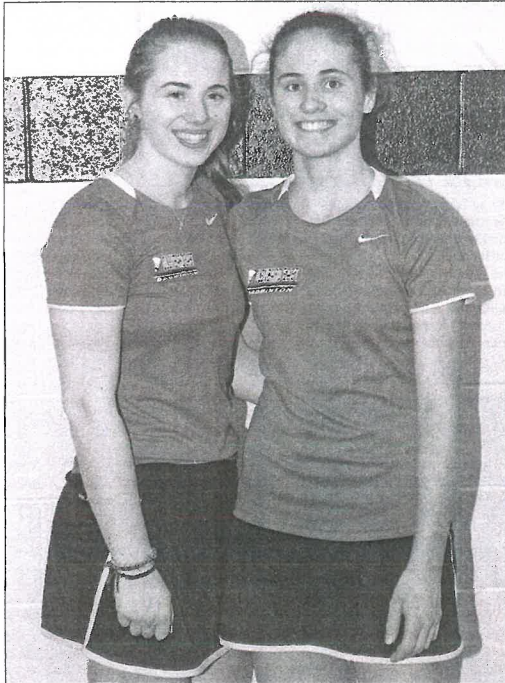
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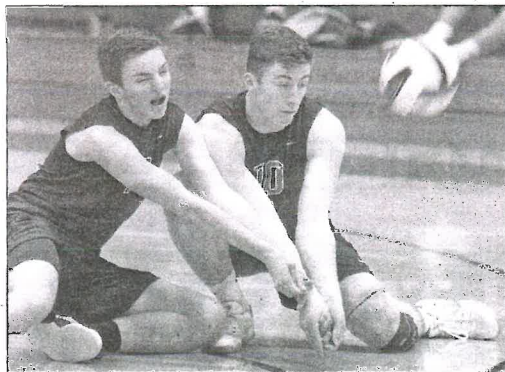
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State meet qualifiers

The Glenbard East duo of senior Sam Katsikas (left) and junior Bailey Ekstrand (right) earned a berth in the IHSA state badminton meet with their fourth-place finish in the doubles competition of last week's Hinsdale South Sectional. The top four singles players and the top four doubles teams from each of the state's 16 sectionals qualified for the state meet, which takes place this week at Eastern Illinois University. Katsikas and Ekstrand lost their first match at the sectional but rallied to win their next three matches before losing the third-place match to the Glenbard South tandem of senior Patryn Schabes and junior Ryan Largosa. Ekstrand and Katsikas will enter the state meet with an overall season record of 32-24. Glenbard East's sectional lineup also included senior Hena Farooki and junior Annie Carani, who both competed in the singles competition. Juniors Abby Ekstrand and Jessamy Villaroza represented the Rams in the doubles bracket. Hinsdale South won the team title in the six-team sectional. Willowbrook finished second, while Glenbard East finished third.



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The Rams are rolling

Sophomore Jacob Bojan (left) and senior Justin Murphy (right) of the Glenbard East boys volleyball team converge during a point in the second game of last week's Upstate Eight Conference match against St. Charles North. The Rams won the point on their way to a 25-20, 25-20 victory on May 2 in Lombard. Murphy made a team-leading 12 digs for Glenbard East, which improved to 20-5 overall and 6-0 in conference play. Seniors Mason Arnold and Adrian Cebula both contributed six kills for the Rams. Cebula (also pictured, No. 9) also supplied three blocks and three service aces. Arnold handed out 12 assists and made eight digs, while senior Jake Eagan provided 11 assists. Senior Brandon Banks and junior Filip Kwidzinski both connected for four kills. The Rams moved to 21-5 overall and 7-0 in the conference following a 21-25, 25-14, 25-17 win at South Elgin on May 4. Arnold provided 17 assists, 11 digs, nine kills and six blocks. Eagan had 14 digs and 11 assists. Glenbard East's schedule this week includes conference matches against West Chicago and Streamwood.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Glenbard East's Marc Le heads to the state meet

Junior Marc Le of the Glenbard East boys gymnastics team qualified for the IHSA state meet with his performances at last week's Glenbard West Sectional in Glen Ellyn. The top five finishers in each sectional event automatically qualified for the state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at Hinsdale Central High School. Le is pictured (above left) during his sectional performance on the still rings. He secured a third-place tie in that event with his score of 8.6. Le earned another automatic berth to the state meet by tying for third on the parallel bars with a score of 9.05. In addition to earning automatic berths in the still rings and parallel bars, Le also secured at-large berths to the state meet in the floor exercises, vault and high bar events. Le turned in sectional scores of 9.1 in floor exercises, 8.9 on the vault and 8.3 on the high bar. He also earned a berth in the state meet's all-around competition with his sectional score of 50.75. Glenbard East sophomore Sean O'Hara earned an at-large berth in the state meet with his sectional score of 8.75. Glenbard East placed fourth in the team standings of the nine-team sectional with a total of 135.45. Willowbrook claimed sixth place with its total of 127.65. Senior Zack Zeffiro of the Warriors is pictured (above right) approaching the vault at the sectional. He earned a score of 8.5, good for 16th place. None of the Willowbrook gymnasts who competed at the sectional earned a berth into the state meet. Some of the team's top performers at Glenbard West included senior Matt Barrantes (6.95 on the pommel horse; 17th place overall); sophomore Isalah Lewis (8.5 in floor exercises; 22nd place); sophomore Sean Luner (6.8 in the still rings; 21st place); and junior Matthew Smith (6.95 on the high bar; 16th place; and 7.4 on the parallel bars; 20th place).



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Making a save

Sophomore goalkeeper Zoe Ericson of the Willowbrook girls soccer team deflects a shot during Saturday's non-conference match against York. The visiting Dukes scored one goal in each half on their way to a 2-0 win over the Warriors in Villa Park. The loss sent Willowbrook's overall record to 6-11-1. The Warriors lost a pair of West Suburban Gold Conference matches earlier in the week. They dropped a 1-0, double-overtime battle at Morton on May 2. Two days later, Willowbrook completed its conference season with a 3-0 loss at Downers Grove South. The Warriors ended the conference season with a 3-3 record. Willowbrook's injuries continued to mount up in Saturday's match against the Dukes. Freshman Julianna Paulsen had to leave the field after suffering an injury. The Warriors were already missing two other starters—junior Sarah Poirer and sophomore Kaleigh Rugg—due to injuries. The Warriors are finishing the regular season with this week's home match against Glenbard South. Willowbrook will open the IHSA Class 3A post-season with a match against Fenwick at the York Regional on May 17.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Warriors (Continued from page 15)

Hines and Marshall McDonnell each collected two hits.

Sophomore Jack Nilles, who pitched four innings and earned the victory, allowed three hits and three runs. Ruchala worked the fifth inning, while senior Scott Kohrt pitched the sixth and seventh innings to earn a save. The Blazers scored one unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Willowbrook's schedule this week includes a three-game conference series against Proviso East. The Warriors will finish the conference season with next week's three-game series against Downers Grove South. The Mustangs held an 11-3 conference record following last week's sweep of a three-game series against Proviso East.

Rams win series against West Chicago

Glenbard East won two of three games in last week's Upstate Eight Conference series against West Chicago. The Rams closed out the week with Saturday's 8-5 conference loss at St. Charles East. That loss moved Glenbard East to 16-11 overall and 9-5 in conference play.

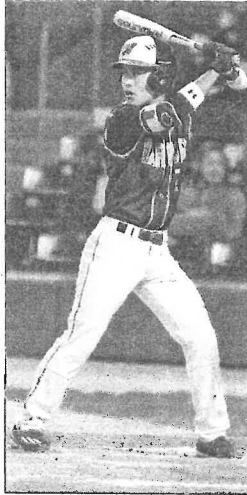
The Rams opened their three-game series against the Wildcats with a 5-3 loss in West Chicago on May 2. The Wildcats scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a quick 4-0 lead.

Junior Jack Oberli and senior Tommy Wilkans provided two hits each for the Rams, who scored single runs in the second, third and fourth innings.

The Rams evened their series against the Wildcats with a 9-1 victory in Lombard on May 3. Senior Conner Grzenia pitched a complete game for Glenbard East. Grzenia gave up just two hits and no earned runs in seven innings on his way to the victory. He struck out four batters and gave up three walks. West Chicago scored an unearned run in the sixth inning.

Grzenia also supplied some offensive production by going 3-for-4 and driving in a pair of runs. Junior Jared Rech also drove in two runs, as did senior Alex Deli.

Glenbard East closed out its series against West Chicago with a 6-2 win in Lombard on May 4. Senior Nathan Bertuca pitched four innings and earned the victory. Senior Steve O'Brien recorded the final four outs.

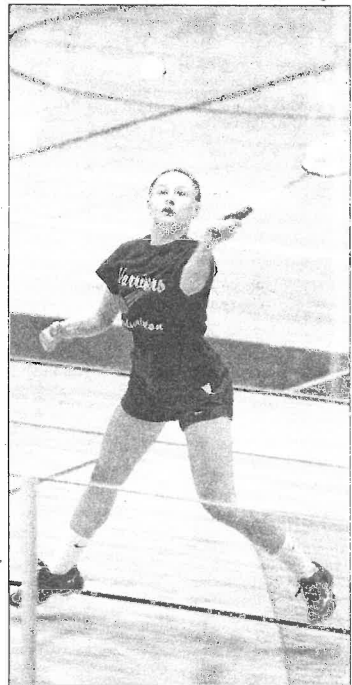
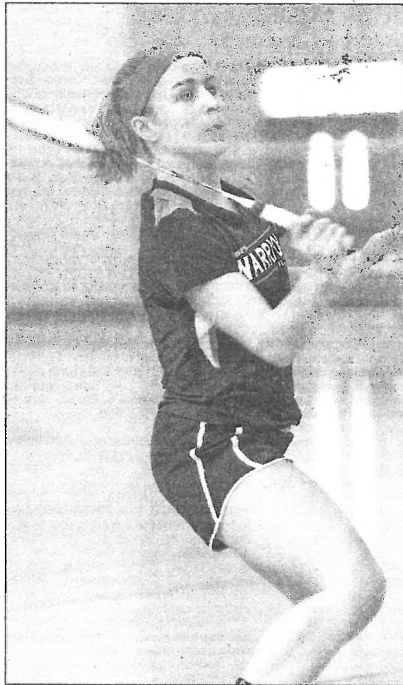


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Senior Ben Espinoza contributed two hits on Friday night. Willowbrook opened the series against Addison Trail with a 10-0 win in Villa Park on May 3. One day later, the Warriors edged the Blazers 5-4 in Addison. Willowbrook improved its conference record to 10-2 with Friday's victory. The Warriors will play a three-game conference series against Proviso East this week. Willowbrook will wrap up its conference season with next week's series against Downers Grove South. The Mustangs improved their conference record to 11-3 with last week's three-game sweep of Proviso East.

The Rams, who fell to an early 4-0 deficit in the first game of the series, turned the tables on the Wildcats in the third game. Glenbard East scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning to grab a 4-0 lead in the series finale.

Senior Austin Novak went 3-for-3 and drove in one run in Saturday's 8-5 loss at St. Charles East. Senior Jacob Behrendt drove in two runs for the Rams, who held a 4-1 lead through four innings. St. Charles East erupted for four runs in the fifth inning and three runs in the sixth inning.



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Warriors earn state-meet berths

Senior Grace Chantos (above left) and sophomore Hanna Konrath (above right) of the Willowbrook badminton team will compete in this week's IHSA state meet at Eastern Illinois University. Chantos and Konrath both earned their trips to the state meet by securing top-four finishes at the Hinsdale South Sectional on May 4. Chantos won a pair of matches to advance to the championship contest, which she lost to Hinsdale South senior Judy Yang. Konrath won her first match at the sectional before losing to Yang in the next round. Konrath then won her next two matches. Chantos will make a return trip to the state meet; she won a pair of singles matches in Charleston last year. Willowbrook's sectional lineup last week also included a pair of doubles teams. Senior Samantha Asher and junior Hailey Vogt made up one of the Warriors' doubles duos; the other team consisted of seniors Hannah Hewitt and Milena Sogura. The Warriors finished second to Hinsdale South in the team standings of the six-team sectional. The Hornets won the sectional title by amassing a total of 17 points. Willowbrook earned 11.5 points.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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York sends five to state gymnastics meet

IC soccer into regional final; six Dukes to state badminton tourney

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

WESTERN SPRINGS – York's boys gymnastics team had to settle for second as a team at the Lyons Township sectional meet, but the Dukes sent a large contingent to the state meet May 12 and 13 at Hinsdale Central.

John Gill was the sectional champion on rings with a 9.3 score that was good for the third-best sectional score in the state, and Kelvin Stevens got to state in the same event by finishing third (8.95).

Stevens also earned automatic state berths on vault (third, 8.95) and parallel bars (third, 8.95).

Gill was fifth on high bar (8.7) to earn an automatic state spot, Charlie Cripe was second on high bar (8.95) and fourth on vault (8.9) to get to state, and Dominic Milazzo (tied for second on floor, 9.45) also earned an automatic state spot at the sectional.

After the sectionals were completed, Cripe picked up an at-large state berth on floor, and Stevens and Jake Anderson were at-large qualifiers on high bar.

BADMINTON

Glenbard East

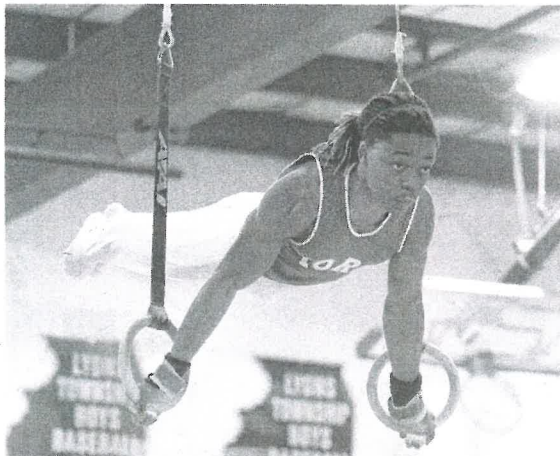
Junior Bailey Ekstrand and senior Sam Katsikas finished fourth in doubles action May 4 at the Hinsdale South sectional to move on to the state tournament. The state meet takes place May 12 and 13 at Eastern Illinois University.

Willowbrook

Senior Grace Chantos was second in singles action, and sophomore Hanna Konrath won her third-place singles match at the Hinsdale South sectional to earn berths to the state tournament.

York

All six York athletes who competed May 4 at the Thornton Fractional South sectional



Bill Ackerman - For Shaw Media

York's Kelvin Stevens competes on still rings May 3 at the boys gymnastics sectional at Lyons Township. Stevens earned four state meet berths, including rings, at the sectional.

moved on to the state tournament.

Seniors Irin Abraham and Grace Mazzocco outlasted a TF South duo 9-21, 21-14, 30-29 to win the doubles title. The junior duo of Jenna Gallichio and Samantha Reed finished fourth in doubles to move on to the state meet May 12 and 13 at Eastern Illinois University.

Junior Linnea Dierksheide was second in singles, and junior Laura Hyink placed fourth to make their way to the state meet.

BASEBALL

IC Catholic

Brendan Russ drove in Matt Sutton and John Hoffman in the first inning, but that was as good as it got for the Knights in a 13-2 loss May 9 against host Glenbard South.

That loss came on the heels of Russ' pitching gem May 8 in a 2-1 win against the Raiders. Russ allowed just one hit and needed just 96 pitches to get through seven innings for the win. Sutton scored both runs, and Austin Reed had an RBI.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans grabbed the lead in the first inning and never let it go in a 15-3, five-inning win against St. Edward on May 8.

Josh Anderson drove in four runs, Jimmy Allen and

Brian Schiff each plated three runs, and Noah Marrera had two RBIs. Allen and Anderson each scored four times and Marrera had three runs.

Jonny Strube pitched all five innings for the win.

York

Andrew Deardurff and Nick Lee each drove in a run as part of a sixth-inning rally, but it wasn't enough in the Dukes' 5-2 loss May 9 at Lyons Township.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Glenbard East

Junior Marc Le booked state meet berths in five events plus the all-around May 4 at the Glenbard West sectional.

Le was an automatic qualifier on parallel bars (9.05) and rings (8.6) and later picked up at-large berths on floor, vault, high bar, and the all-around.

Sophomore Sean O'Hara also earned an at-large state berth on vault and will compete at state May 13 at Hinsdale Central.

GIRLS SOCCER

IC Catholic

The Knights made quick work of Wells in a 10-0 win May 9 in a Class 1A regional semifinal at Plunkett Park. IC faces Noble Street Charter in the regional final at 5 p.m. May 13.



Sarah Minor - For Shaw Media

Timothy Christian's Shaun Van-Tholen fields a ball in right field April 24 during a game against Ridgewood. The Trojans won 15-3 against St. Edward on May 8.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans' Class 1A regional semifinal game against Noble Street Rauner on May 10 was scoreless seven minutes in when the match was suspended because of weather. It was scheduled to resume May 11.

SOFTBALL

IC Catholic

Natalie Murillo was 3 for 3 with two RBIs and a run, Kaitlyn Falduto drove in two runs, and Tea Carpanzano scored twice in a 6-1 win against Fenton on May 8 that pushed IC Catholic's record to 15-9.

The win came on the heels of Kayla Faber-Cournane's no-hitter in an 11-0 win against Addison Trail on May 5. She struck out seven and walked none, and two errors were all that stood between her and a perfect game. Falduto, Kayla Cervantes and Josie Lytton all had two RBIs.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

IC Catholic

Jordan Rowell won all three of his events in the Class 1A portion of the Carlin Nalley invite at Bolingbrook on May 6.

Rowell took the long jump with a mark of 21 feet, 1 inch, won the 100-meter dash in 11.04 seconds, and anchored Luke Calles, Luke Ricobene and Khalil Saunders on the

winning 4x200 relay (1:33.68).

Timothy Christian

Xavier Ross was a three-time champ in the Class 1A portion of the Carlin Nalley invite at Bolingbrook on May 6.

Ross won the 200-meter dash in 22.52 seconds, and then captured both the 110 hurdles (15.74) and 300 hurdles (39.70). All of the times were personal records.

York

Four event champions helped the Dukes place second at the DuPage County meet at Lake Park on May 5.

In the field, Cal Widener won shot put with a mark of 56 feet, 3.5 inches.

On the track, Charlie Kern was part of two event wins. He clocked a 49.97 to win the 400-meter dash and anchored Jackson Bode, John Rosak and Sean MacGregor on the 4x800 relay that won in 7:58.51.

Tim Stevenson was the 3,200 run winner with a time of 9:45.11.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

IC Catholic

Jaida Smith won long jump (14 feet, 9 inches) and took third in triple jump (32-6.5) for the Knights' best showings at the Metro Suburban Blue meet at Fenton on May 5.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans won two events and finished second as a team at the Metro Suburban Red conference meet May 5 at Ridgewood.

Olivia Hoekstra won the 400-meter dash (1:02.95) and anchored Rachel Stoll, Valerie Hoekstra and Jill Forgac on the winning 4x400 relay (4:24.52).

York

Jeanette Morley's second-place high jump (5 feet, 3 inches) and third-place finishes by Jenny Diamond (97-8 in discus) and Julie Biggins, Katherine Tomaska, Lydia Hickey and Sarah May on the 4x800-meter relay (9:40.35) were the best showings for York on May 6 at the West Suburban Silver meet at Glenbard West.

York, Willowbrook battle despite injuries

By **MATT LE CREN**
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VILLA PARK – York and Willowbrook have been hit hard by the injury bug this season, but better days may lie ahead for their girls soccer teams.

In a possible playoff preview, the visiting Dukes beat Willowbrook 2-0 in a West Suburban Conference crossover game May 6. Both sides were missing three starters because of injury.

“We’ve been really, really hurt,” York coach Don Vana said. “We’re missing three starters again.”

“We’ve been short [players] and kind of moved people around and they’ve all had to adapt to new spots. As they’re learning and getting better at it, the team is playing better.”

Indeed, the Dukes (10-8 before a senior night game May 11 against Downers Grove South) won their third straight game as juniors Allison Bassing and Maggie Bleyer scored goals to highlight a dominant effort that saw York outshoot the host Warriors 22-1.

Bassing scored on a rebound with 13:16 left in the first half. Bleyer buried an 18-yard shot at the 37:24 mark of the second half to finish the scoring.

“It puts us in a good spot,” Bleyer said. “It gives us our motivation back because we’ve been in a slump for a little bit, but then we won our last three games. It makes us want it and push for results in the playoffs.”

The Dukes, who are seeded fourth in the Class 3A Downers Grove North sectional, have high hopes for the postseason because they host their own regional.

“That gives us a pretty good advantage, but we still can’t [take that for granted],” Bleyer said. “We still have to play as we would at any other place, but I think it will work well for us.”

The Dukes could end up playing

“I think as a team we probably play defensively as well as anybody.”

Julio Del Real
Willowbrook coach

the Warriors (6-11-1) in the regional final if both win their opening games. Willowbrook, the No. 12 seed, would have to upset fifth-seeded Fenwick to get there, but that isn’t an impossible task for a squad with a tough defense.

“I think as a team we probably play defensively as well as anybody,” Willowbrook coach Julio Del Real said. “The girls kept together and they complement each other pretty well.”

“But since we’re young, we’re still making mistakes and the thing that stinks about it is when the opposition makes mistakes we’re not able to capitalize on it. And when we play against somebody, especially the good teams like York, if you make a mistake in front of the goal they’re going to make you pay for it.”

Willowbrook’s hopes took a huge hit when speedy forward Julianna Paulsen, who is tied with fellow freshman Lizzy Florey with a team-leading four goals, suffered a serious knee injury in the first half.

But the play of sophomore goalie Zoe Ericson, who made nine saves, gives the Warriors hope.

“We’re very fortunate, very blessed we have her back there,” Del Real said. “She does add a couple of the white hairs I have with the way she plays, but I wouldn’t have her change anything.”

“If we play very well I personally like the way the cards are stacked right now because if we do apply ourselves and play the way we’re capable, our chances are very good.”

Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



GRACE FULLER
IC CATHOLIC
Junior | Girls soccer

Why Fuller was selected:

Fuller netted two goals out of her midfield spot in a 10-0 win against Wells in a regional semifinal game May 9.

It was only the start of the postseason, but Fuller and the Knights got the playoffs going in fine fashion with a 10-0 win against Wells at Plunkett Park. Fuller, who typically assists on goals for an IC team that scored five or more goals in 11 of 23 games this season, put two in the net to send the Knights to the regional final May 13 at Plunkett. Fuller, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney Real Estate Group, spoke with sports editor Jason Rossi about scoring her goals, the momentum from the big win, and more. Here’s an edited transcript:

Rossi: How did it feel to score a couple of times in a big playoff win like that?

Fuller: It felt good. Since I play midfield I usually pass it up to our forwards like Olivia [Hurt] or Tessa [Langan] because they make such good runs, so it felt good to score because usually I’m setting up goals.

Rossi: It’s win or go home in the playoffs now. What is that like?

Fuller: It’s really nerve-wracking, but if we can continue to come out and play good from the beginning it will be better. If we don’t come out strong then we make it harder on ourselves, so we all have to work together to come out good.

Rossi: Did the team build some momentum with the win?

Fuller: Yeah, but we can’t overlook any team in front of us. We need to go into every game with a good mindset, but it is good to have that momentum.

Rossi: What’s it like being able to play at Plunkett for the regional and maybe the sectional?

Fuller: It’s awesome. It’s the best atmosphere. Students that are in other activities like baseball can come out and watch us, so we have more support behind us.

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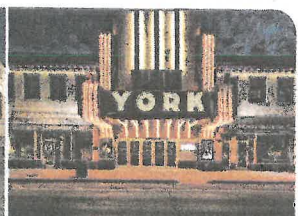
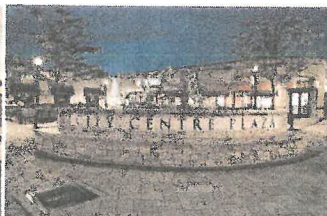
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rote, "but in order to stay on the ATP World many years to come, best to skip the clay on this year." second year in a row pulled out of the Open, where mainly begins in Paris on le won the title at the t major in 2009 to a career Grand Slam. sence a year ago,

his third title of 2017 at the Miami Open and improved his record this year to 19-1, all on hard courts, his best start in more than a decade. At the time, he said he would be taking a break from the tour and did not commit to returning in time for the French Open.

"The start to the year has been magical for me but I need to recognize that scheduling will be the key to my

a mistake to look at them too much."

As for Paris, if there were those worrying about whether they might have seen the last of the Swiss superstar there, Federer offered a message about the future.

"I will miss the French fans, who have always been so supportive," Federer said, "and I look forward to seeing them at Roland Garros next year."

SCAR All-Star Race needs more n softer tires to boost excitement

A FRYER
ing Writer

OTTE, N.C. — This is time in NASCAR and often feels very close West. ime of rebuilding, the should be that any- s and nothing is off . NASCAR can tin- he rules and the reg- nd the formats until 3 absolutely clicks. day, less than two ay from the Coca- NASCAR went ahead d a fourth stage to its ce of the year. "The teams are constantly engineering their way around the boundaries that are set," Smith said. "That's part of the idea in throwing a challenge at these really smart race car drivers. The bonus tire is going to put on a new challenge for them, force them to bring their creativity and thinking, and it's going to produce a fantastic race."

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At a time when anything should go, softer tires were the best the industry could come up with for a showcase event. Here are some other

segment. The softer tire should be faster than the other option, but no one is certain how long the speed will last.

Teams are now challenged to decide if they will use the tires early to be one of the 10 cars advancing to the final shootout, or if they will save the tires for the final sprint to the \$1 million prize.

Gottit? Marcus Smith, the president and chief operating officer of Speedway Motorsports Inc., believes the "bonus tire" is going to add excitement to the race.

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ideas, some realistic and some ridiculous:

- Don't tell teams the rules — segment lengths, inversions, etc. — until the pre-race driver meeting. That gives them roughly 2 hours to figure out a strategy.

- Stage an iRacing online tournament for the drivers on the infield big screen to set the starting order.

- Make the drivers have a foot race to their car on pit road. They can begin the race whenever they climb in.

- Raise the purse to \$5 million. Put a playoff berth on the line. Somehow, raise the stakes to make it a meaningful race.

- Make it be a true head-to-head of short shootouts in which drivers advance until one is left standing.

- Let it be a true race of technology and drivers get to pilot whatever their team builds, ala "run what you bring."

Smith doesn't dispute that some of the notions are enticing. He personally favors something from a reality TV format, but doesn't know how workable it is just yet.

"I'd like it to be like the show 'Iron Chef,' and teams show up on Monday and get a secret part," Smith said. "There are no rules, whatever you can think of, just figure it out."

But for now, we've got softer tires. Hopefully, that's enough.

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ST. FRANCIS D. ST. LAURENCE 25-4, 25-11

St. Francis — McGuire (13 assists, 4 hits, 2 blocks, 14 service points, 4 aces, Kohnen (9 hits, 3 digs), Long (5 hits), LaManna (8 digs), Ingold (3 hits, 2 aces, 4 service points), Harper (3 hits), Carr (2 hits), Long (8 digs), Walker (5 service points), Brunmahl (4 service points)

St. Laurence — Sack (4 hits), Areola (6 assists), Evans (2 hits, 2 assists)

Saturday's late results

Willowbrook invite

CONSTITUTION BRACKET

Leyden d. Plainfield Central 25-27, 25-19, 31-29

Geneva d. Wheaton North 22-22, 25-19

Plainfield Central d. Wheaton North 25-22, 26-24

Leyden d. Geneva 25-12, 25-11

Plainfield Central d. Geneva 25-15, 25-15

Wheaton North d. Leyden 26-24, 13-25

Championship bracket

Lake Zurich d. West Aurora 25-16, 25-19

Riverside-Brookfield d. Willowbrook 25-19, 25-24

Hinsdale Central d. Glenbard East 22-25, 25-20, 25-23

Addison Trail d. Joliet Catholic 25-27, 25-19, 25-18

Riverside-Brookfield d. Lake Zurich 25-24, 25-17

Hinsdale Central d. Addison Trail 25-14, 25-20

West Aurora d. Willowbrook 25-21, 25-23

Glenbard East d. Joliet Catholic 25-10, 25-21

1st place: Riverside-Brookfield d. Hinsdale Central 29-27, 25-27, 25-23

3rd place: Addison Trail d. Lake Zurich 27-25, 18-25, 25-22

5th place: West Aurora d. Glenbard East 17-25, 25-19, 25-19

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Baseball Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Nequa Valley (28-1-1)	Top seed at Oswego
2. St. Charles N. (25-4)	19-game winning streak ends
3. Crystal Lake South (26-3)	Battling down the stretch
4. Huntley (25-5)	Rizzo walk off forges tie for FVC lead
5. Barrington (25-7)	Awaiting MSL East winner
6. Libertyville (25-6)	North Suburban champs
7. Buffalo Grove (24-3-1)	Top seed at Glenbrook South
8. Mundelein (25-5)	Third seed at Glenbrook South
9. South Elgin (16-4)	Won 5 of 6 UEC crossovers
10. Cary-Grove (21-7)	Snapped St. Charles North's 19-game streak
11. Willowbrook (22-6)	Downers S. series starts Monday
12. St. Charles E. (20-8)	No. 2 seed in Lake Park sectional
13. Benet (20-10)	Another 20-win season
14. Warren (23-8)	Having terrific second half
15. Leyden (17-5)	Fifth seed at Lane
16. Hinsdale Central (19-8)	Salvaged one vs. Downers N.
17. Downers South (21-8)	Eight straight wins
18. Naperville C. (19-8)	Underrated pitching staff
19. Prospect (16-10)	Courtney impresses each time out
20. York (19-10)	Two close losses to Lyons Twp.

Girls soccer Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Barrington (21-1-0)	Filles win record 6th straight MSL title
2. Geneva (18-1-1)	Top seed in Hoffman Estates sectional
3. St. Charles North (14-0-3)	Completed undefeated regular season
4. Naperville North (16-2-3)	Pursuing regional title No. 26 next week
5. Nequa Valley (10-3-4)	DuPage Valley Conference champion
6. Warren (18-1-2)	The No. 2 seed in sectional
7. Fremd (14-4-2)	Szyk is a first-rate defender
8. Metea Valley (13-3-4)	Senese is underrated
9. Downers North (15-2-2)	Nehls can finish
10. Conant (12-6-1)	Cougars look to home-field advantage
11. Lake Zurich (16-5-0)	A dark horse at Warren sectional
12. Wauconda (15-0-1)	A favorite at Class 2A Deerfield sectional
13. Crystal Lake S. (17-1-1)	Fpx Valley Conference champion
14. Batavia (12-3-2)	Scoreless in four matches
15. Naperville Cent. (10-7-4)	Dressler dominates in goal
16. St. Charles East (8-4-6)	Ready for a clean slate
17. Burlington Cent. (19-2-2)	Home cooking for regional
18. Palatine (10-8-1)	Don't sleep on the Pirates
19. Waubonsie Valley (10-8-1)	22 goals for Griffith
20. Hinsdale South (14-4-3)	West Suburban Glod champion

Local Focus



Spring sports

Your favorite team in action

The season is winding down for high school badminton, baseball, boys tennis, boys volleyball, girls soccer, softball, track and field, and water polo. You'll find the best suburban coverage at dailyherald.com/sports/prep.



Lutherbrook facilities in Addison to close

BY SARA HOOKER
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Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois announced Monday that the Lutherbrook Child and Adolescent Center and Lutherbrook Academy, both in Addison, will close by the end of June.

The facilities, which provide services for traumatized children, are among nine programs and about 100 positions throughout the state being phased out by the charity, according to a news release.

The other programs slated to close are Chicago UpTown Ministry, Financial Education in Chicago, Hardin Food Pantry, Little Village Food Pantry in Chicago, Nice Twice Thrift Shop in Mount Vernon, Senior Care Services in Chicago, and Veterans Assistance Program in Decatur.

The organization says trying to meet the needs of too many diverse groups and inadequate state funding created a funding gap that has led to the decision to cut programs and eliminate nearly 25 percent of its staff.

The Lutherbrook campus

— which includes a school, residential treatment center, playing fields and eight cottages where kids are placed according to age — typically cares for about 50 children ages 6 to 18 who have suffered a variety of traumas and are coping with emotional and behavioral challenges.

Originally an orphanage established in 1873, Lutherbrook Children's Center was officially opened in the 1960s. Kids there currently receive individual, group and family therapy, along with recreational opportunities for healing from traumas ranging

from physical and sexual abuse to witnessing violence and trauma related to being separated from family.

Throughout the years, Lutherbrook established deep roots in the Addison community — and faced its share of challenges, with the police and the Department of Child and Family Services regularly called to the facility.

Past Daily Herald reports include battery, assault, fights and disorderly conduct from incidents such as a teen who was chased down and beaten by four of his housemates, staff members being

threatened by a juvenile, and kids taking a center van for a joyride.

Police received more than 570 calls for service to Lutherbrook in 2011 and 2012, the Daily Herald reported previously. Among the cases investigated during that time were 13 batteries, three domestic batteries, an attempted suicide, three aggravated assaults, three assaults, one unlawful use of a weapon, 18 disorderly conducts, two fights/riots and 170 runaways.

Between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31 in 2015, there were 294 calls

for service to Addison police from Lutherbrook, authorities said. In comparison, there were 171 calls for service in that same period in 2014.

In 2015, a staff member was charged with misdemeanor battery after he was accused of smacking a teenage boy across the face during an argument.

Lutheran Child and Family Services is a nonprofit social service agency that nurtures and protects children, strengthens families and enhances communities of all faiths races, orientations and ethnic backgrounds.

Irvin names development expert to fill seat on Aurora city council

BY MARIE WILSON
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Sherman Jenkins, the former head of the Aurora Economic Development Commission, has been named alderman at large, filling a seat previously held by Mayor Richard C. Irvin.

Irvin was sworn in last week as mayor, leaving a vacancy in the post he had



Sherman Jenkins

oath for the position he will hold until spring 2019, the remainder of Irvin's unexpired term.

Irvin said Sherman Jenkins' economic development experience with major Aurora destinations

know him" for his passion and dedication to the entire city.

Jenkins, who lives on the west side of the city with his wife, Juliette, runs a digital media company and a consulting firm, both based in Aurora.

He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, a founding member of the Quad County African Amer-



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"We came into tonight really pumped up, because this was our Senior Night," said Lancers senior Justin Yost. "I think we took the adrenaline and we didn't overuse it. We really fought. I wouldn't say we played our best, but we played good enough."

For instance, the Lancers had a handful of serving errors, something that might have been caused by all that energy left over from pre-match ceremonies.

"I think it was," Yost said. "I think the adrenaline really went through those guys and

aline rushing as we go. We focused as a playofflike atmosphere tonight. It's the end of the season. We want to be playing well at the right time.

"We had a point of emphasis on the service line. I wouldn't say that we were where we needed to be on the service line, but we battled back at the right times and made the plays that we needed to make. Certainly in the next couple of days in practice we will be working on serving and the mental game at the service line."

Neuqua Valley (23-8, 6-2)

they were hitting errors, in both Games 1 and 2, a couple of serving errors. That was the difference."

The Lancers, ranked first in the Daily Herald Top 10, will try to complete an undefeated DVC slate when they meet Naperville Central on Thursday. Then they will focus solely on the postseason, which starts next week, and their goal of a state championship.

"I'm excited for it, really excited for it," Yost said. "I think everybody on the team is too."

Hilltoppers get their kicks

BY CHRIS WALKER
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Glenbard West senior Bailey Wallace is used to trying to stop goals rather than score them.

Her duties changed during Tuesday's Class 5A Geneva regional semifinal against Wheaton North.

Wallace scored during penalty kicks to help the Hilltoppers to a thrilling penalty kicks victory.

Glenbard West beat Wheaton North 5-3 in the shootout after neither team could find the net after 80 minutes of regulation and another 20 minutes in a pair of overtimes.

"When I was younger I used to play in the field and took penalty kicks so I was used to that," Wallace said. "The ref said to me that there was no pressure so I took a deep breath and soaked it all in. Usually when the keeper dives, she goes to the right. She went that way so I went to the left and just kicked it

Girls soccer

as hard as I could."

Wallace, whose role is normally that of a goalkeeper, helped extend the Hilltoppers (10-8-3) season with a dramatic victory after double overtime.

"It was a wonderfully played game," Glenbard West coach Morgan Kasperek said. "It's hard to look at that other team because they fought as hard we did. Our defense played great and so did theirs, but we couldn't find anything on them and in an 8 (seed) versus 9 game both teams played outstanding."

Glenbard West (10-8-3) peppered the goal late in regulation and into the overtimes but wasn't clean enough to jump ahead.

Wheaton North (8-10-1), which was tested seemingly every week with a difficult DuPage Valley Conference

schedule, was challenged once again. The Falcons created their fair share of scoring chances but also couldn't find the net.

"I think we could've played another 100 minutes and wouldn't have given up a goal," Falcons coach Tim McEvilly said. "They weren't getting behind our defense at all and any shots were from 30-yards out so they weren't going to score. But we also weren't doing much scoring-wise, and when we did they shut it down."

It was a disappointing end for the Falcons, who were trying to put together a nice playoff run to close out their spring.

"We had a nice run of play to start the second half and that first 25 to 30 minutes we got behind them a few times but we couldn't connect on those crosses," McEvilly said. "We had chances but they stepped in front of us and slowed us down and against tough competition like this, it happens."

Downers South tops Willowbrook

BY KEVIN SCHMIT
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Baseball

You could sense Downers Grove South's frustration after coming away empty-handed from a bases-loaded, nobody out situation in the first inning of Tuesday's baseball game against Willowbrook.

The Mustangs made sure it didn't happen again.

They loaded the bases in each of the last three innings, and scored each time while rallying for an 11-4 West Suburban Gold victory over the visiting Warriors.

Downers South (23-8, 13-3) trailed 4-3 heading to the bottom of the sixth before exploding for 8 runs behind Brett Riegler's 2-run single and Alex Hanek's grand slam. Mustangs starting pitcher Cameron Crowley, after a rough beginning, closed out the complete game with a 1-2-3 top of the seventh.

"We're just resilient," said Hanek, who also singled and doubled. "We've been in that situation before where we've trailed and come back. We just flipped the switch and got the bats going."

The Mustangs and Leyden are now tied atop the Gold standings, and Willowbrook's a game back in the loss column. Downers South and the Eagles play a continued game on Wednesday with the score

knotted 7-7 in the top of the eighth. The winner clinches a share of the Gold title.

To have a chance at its own share of the crown, Willowbrook (22-8, 13-4) — which led 4-0 after three innings on Tuesday — needs Downers South to beat Leyden and the Warriors need to beat the Mustangs in Thursday's Gold finale.

"We just didn't take advantage of our opportunities," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "They were able to hit the ball and we gave away freebies. They were able to take advantage more than we did."

Willowbrook broke out to a 3-0 second-inning lead sparked by Marshall McDonnell's 2-run single. Kyle Ferguson's solo homer boosted the lead to 4-0 in the third.

Mikey Palenik singled in 2 runs for Downers South in the fourth and Michael Greco's run-scoring infield single in the fifth narrowed the gap to 4-3.

"I give Cameron a lot of credit for hanging in there and battling on the mound," said Downers South coach Darren Orel. "And when we needed the big hits and the quality at-bats at the end, we got it done."