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Student creations on display at Willowbrook's annual art show

By Chris Fox
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More than 250 pieces of artwork were on display during Willowbrook High School's annual student art show, which took place at the school last week.

The reception on May 10 featured the announcement of 48 inductees into the school's art honor society.

To receive that honor, students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in art classes, be enrolled in an art class during the current school year and demonstrate the Warrior Code.

Senior Jacob Leazott was recognized as the art department's outstanding senior of the 2016-17 school year. Leazott will attend Valparaiso University, where he will study mechanical engineering. He hopes to one day work in aerospace engineering.

"I still want to pursue art, but more from a freelance standpoint," said Leazott at last week's reception. He also noted that his inter-

est in engineering and computer work are reflected in his art creations.

The pieces in last week's show were judged, and two Best in Show honors were presented. The Best in Show 3-D ribbon went to senior Lisa Wallace for her ceramics piece. The Best in Show 2-D award went to junior Stephanie Quaver for her photographic piece.

Senior Kaitlyn Mainz received the Geri Greenman Art Scholarship, which is named in honor of the retired Willowbrook art teacher. Greenman attended last week's show to view the pieces on display.

Mainz will attend the Art Institute of Chicago next year. In addition to receiving the Greenman Scholarship, Mainz earned another scholarship to attend the institute.

Seniors Nicole Nitti and Kevin Lobdell joined Leazott in receiving the District 88 Art Scholarship.

Last week's reception also included a release party for the school's "Mindprints," a magazine displaying pieces of art and literary works created by students.



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Last week's student art show at Willowbrook High School featured more than 250 pieces. Pictured above during the art show's May 10 reception is senior Jacob Leazott, who was recognized as the art department's outstanding senior of the school year. Also pictured at left is Lisa Wallace, who won the event's Best in Show 3-D award for her ceramics piece. Another picture (below left) shows the photo of junior Stephanie Quaver, which earned the Best in Show 2-D honor. The photo below shows senior Kaitlyn Mainz, who received the Geri Greenman Art Scholarship. That scholarship is named after a retired Willowbrook art teacher. The bottom picture shows the pastel piece of senior Nicole Nitti, which won a first-place ribbon. Nitti, Leazott and senior Kevin Lobdell were recently honored with District 88 Art Scholarships.



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Lilac Parade hits Main Street Sunday

The Glenbard East Marching Band will be the first musical group in the 63rd Lombard Lilac Parade to be held Sunday, May 21. The band is pictured above in last year's parade. "Who is YOUR Hero?" is this year's parade theme and Ralph Van Dorpe is the parade's Grand Marshal. The parade, which will step off from Main Street and Wilson Avenue at 1:30 p.m., will feature groups that include the Willowbrook Marching Band, Midlothian Scottish Pipe Band, South Shore Drill Team, the Jesse White Tumblers, the Barefoot Hawaiians, floats, horse troops and clowns.

District 89 welcomes new board members, leaders

On Monday, May 1, the Community Consolidated School District 89 Board of Education welcomed two new members and elected three board members to new leadership positions.

Jay Lerch and La Sridhar were officially seated on the board. Beth Powers was elected as board president, Haydee Núñez as vice president, and Scott Pope as board secretary.

Glen Ellyn residents Lerch and Sridhar took the oath for their Board seats during a brief organizational meeting Monday night. Lerch and Sridhar were both elected in April to serve four-year terms. Lerch and Sridhar fill the seats of retiring board President Mike Nelson and retiring board member Jeff Hume. Núñez and Powers were also re-elected to the board. All four board members were unopposed in the April election.

Lerch has lived in Community Consolidated School District 89 for 11 years. He and his wife Julie have a son, Max, in first grade at Arbor View Elementary School. Lerch earned a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois. He is an assistant vice president at First Bank/ Illinois in Palatine.

Lerch has long been drawn to volunteer work, from Boy Scouts to Alpha Phi Omega (a national service fraternity). He has been involved in the Arbor View PTC, where he served as treasurer. He was interested in running for the board to continue to positively contribute to his community.

Sridhar sees the board of education as an opportunity to give back to a school district that has been valuable in driving her son's education and growth since preschool. Sridhar and her husband have one son, Param, who is in sixth grade at Glen Crest Middle School.

Sridhar has lived in Glen Ellyn since 2003. She has been active in the Glen Ellyn community as a board member with Glen Ellyn Newcomers Club, Glen Ellyn Juniors and Teen Parent Connection. Sridhar was also active in the Park View Elementary School PTC, as the co-chair for their book fair for five years.

Sridhar earned a bachelor's degree from Delhi University, an MBA from Michigan State University, and Master's Degree in Food Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is the global director of strategy and insights for Molson Coors in Chicago.

Powers has lived in Glen Ellyn for more than a decade. She was appointed in June 2012 to fill an unexpired term on the board. Before becoming a board member, she served from 2010-12 as the co-president of the Park View Parent Teacher Council. She is a former member of the district's Community Finance Committee. She is the mother of two boys. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Elmhurst College.

Núñez was appointed to the board of education in September 2015. She has one child attending Briar Glen School. She is director of Adult, Veteran and Commuter Student Affairs at DePaul University. She earned both a Master's Degree in social work and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

Núñez has served on the board of directors the United Way of DuPage/ West Cook since 2006 and chaired the Community Impact Committee. She also chaired the Latino Outreach Committee for United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, where she has been active since 2004.

Pope was elected in April 2015. He has been active in a variety of PTC-sponsored events and as a parent volunteer at Westfield School. He has degrees in electrical engineering and an MBA. He is employed as an engineering group leader at Argonne National Laboratory.

Prior to the meeting, there was a reception to celebrate the service of Nelson and Hume. In honor of Beatles-fan Nelson's 12 years on the board, the Glen Crest choir performed "Let It Be" and the orchestra played "Eleanor Rigby" and "Yesterday".

Glenbard schools among 'most challenging'

For the seventh consecutive year, all four high schools in Glenbard District 87 have been named to the *Washington Post's* list of America's Most Challenging High Schools. Approximately 12 percent of high schools nationally make the list.

The list ranks schools through an index formula that uses the following ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year.

In releasing the list, the *Washington Post* also notes the percentage of students who come from families who qualify for lunch subsidies and the percentage of graduates who passed at least one college-level test

during their high school career.

Superintendent David Larson said, "Our instructors, staff and administrators believe all students can grow academically, and they instill this belief in students. They encourage all students to take Advanced Placement classes. 'We are preparing students to excel in higher education or the career of their choice. Experiencing college rigor in the supportive high school setting is so important. I am proud of our students for breaking out of their comfort zone and taking more rigorous classes. They understand that with hard work they can be successful in college and the workplace.'"

Even with having more than doubled the number of students taking AP exams in the past 10 years, Glenbard District 87 students have maintained an above average passing rate on AP exams.

Last year, Glenbard District 87's AP passing rate was 72 percent, which exceeds the state and national averages of 62 percent and 58 percent, respectively. "This is a testament to students' hard work and the support of their teachers and families," Larson added.

Through a partnership with Equal Opportunity Schools, Glenbard District 87 also has seen an increase in the number of traditionally under-represented students taking Advanced Placement classes. Glenbard South High School has earned national recognition for closing its enrollment gap, joining less than 1 percent of high schools nationally that have closed their gap. Glenbard South is one of only three high schools in Illinois to close its AP enrollment gap, and Glenbard District 87's other three schools are on track to do the same.

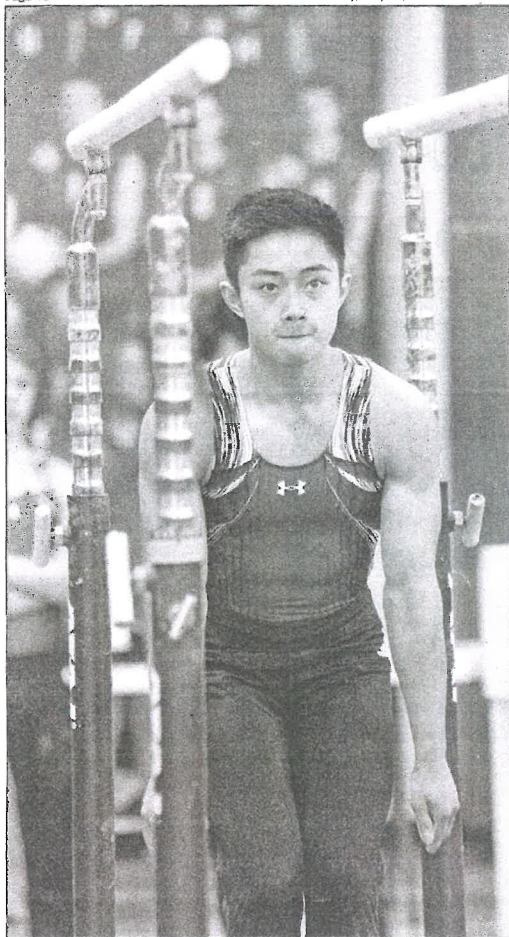
Out of approximately 682 public high schools and 146 nonpublic high schools in Illinois, 78 Illinois high schools were named to the *Washington Post's* list. The following is where Glenbard high schools appear in the 2017 Illinois ranking of high schools on the *Washington Post's* list: Glenbard West, No. 12; Glenbard South, No. 30; Glenbard North, No. 54; and Glenbard East, No. 60.



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Queen Kyla's royal court

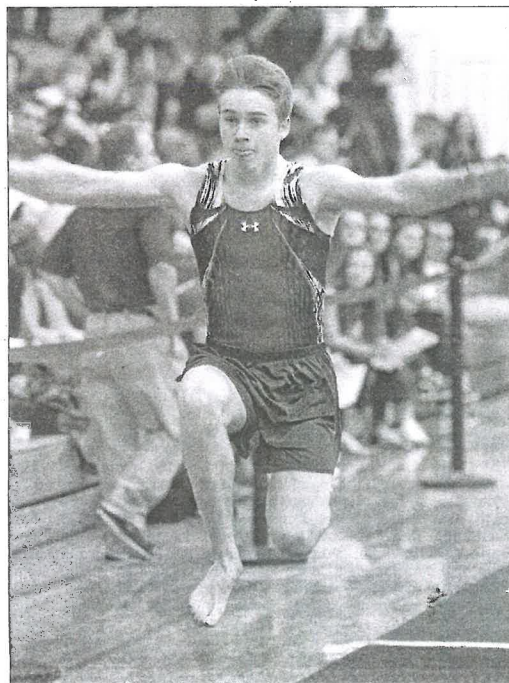
Lilac Queen Kyla Denwood and her court were the center of attention Friday evening during the 58th annual Lilac Ball held at The Carlisle Banquets in Lombard. Queen Kyla's court is pictured moments before being introduced to the ball's guests. Pictured (left to right) are Princess Emma Peca and her escort Steve O'Brien, Princess Lianna Pavese and her escort Henry Wallace, Princess Amanda O'Brien and her escort Dylan Goodale, and Princess Taylor Balsitis and her escort Nicholas Johnson.



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Rams compete at state meet

Junior Marc Le (above) and sophomore Sean O'Hara (below) of the Glenbard East boys gymnastics team both participated in the IHSA state meet, which took place Friday and Saturday at Hinsdale Central High School. The two Rams competed in Saturday's individual preliminaries. Le, who earned state-meet berths in multiple events, advanced to Saturday evening's finals in the parallel bars competition. The top 10 finishers in each individual event advanced to the finals. Le's preliminary routine on the parallel bars earned a score of 9.0, which secured a tie for 10th place. Le's routine in the finals also earned a 9.0; that score was good for seventh place in the finals. Le did not advance to the finals in the still rings; he turned in an 8.85 in the preliminaries, which was good for 14th place. He added preliminary scores of 9.3 in floor exercises (26th place), 8.6 on the vault (tied for 38th) and 7.25 on the high bar (44th). O'Hara competed in the vault event at the state meet. He earned a score of 8.4 in the preliminaries and did not advance to the finals. Le and O'Hara are both pictured during the Glenbard West Sectional on May 4. The two Rams earned their state-meet berths with their performances at the sectional.



Improving Broncos win Class 1A regional title

Two shutouts lift the team to its first regional championship since 2013

The Montini girls soccer team won an IHSA Class 1A regional championship at Aurora's Rosary High School with a pair of 1-0 victories. Both of the Broncos' post-season wins avenged a regular-season loss.

Montini opened the regional with a 1-0 win over Rosary on May 10. Junior Emily Detmers scored the match's only goal in the middle of the first half.

Earlier in the season, the Royals defeated Montini 1-0.

The Broncos edged Westmont 1-0 in Saturday's regional final. Junior Alondra Holler scored Montini's goal early in the first half. Senior Anna Martinello assisted Holler's

goal.

Senior goalkeeper Emily Crotty guarded the goal for Montini in both shutouts. Crotty made 10 saves against Rosary and provided six saves against Westmont. The Sentinels, who were the regional's No. 1 seed (the Broncos were the No. 5 seed), defeated Montini 3-1 in a regular-season meeting.

"As the season has gone on, the girls have improved tremendously," said Montini coach Sue Brown after Saturday's victory. "Not one of our players let us down. Everyone stepped up. The whole team won that game today."

Brown noted juniors Sonia Finch, Kate Crotty and Nina Franklin as

three of the team's many key contributors in the regional victory.

The Broncos improved their overall season record to 10-9-2 with Saturday's victory.

Montini won the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) championship during the regular season with a 5-1-1 record.

Rosary handed the Broncos their only conference loss. Montini's tie in the GCAC season came against Regina Dominican.

Montini will face Chicago's University High School in this week's Class 1A sectional semifinal match in Chicago.

See photo on page 17.



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Warriors rally to win

The Willowbrook baseball team improved its overall record to 22-6 with Saturday's 15-5 non-conference win over Glenbard West in Villa Park. The Warriors trailed the Hilltoppers 3-1 through three innings. Willowbrook scored three runs in the fourth inning and added three more runs in the fifth inning. Glenbard West scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning to cut the Warriors' lead to 7-5. Willowbrook scored eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to end the game. The photo above shows junior Vince Ruchala, who pitched the final two innings for the Warriors. Sophomore Jack Nilles pitched the first four innings. The photo below shows senior Mike Dembowski connecting for a run-scoring single in the sixth inning. Dembowski and senior Jonathan Kelso both produced 3-for-4 efforts at the plate. Dembowski, Kelso, sophomore Marshall McDonnell, senior Alec Michaelson and senior Kyle Ferguson provided hits during the sixth inning. The Warriors improved their West Suburban Gold Conference record to 13-2 with last week's three-game sweep of a series against Proviso East. Willowbrook will conclude its conference season with this week's three-game series against Downers Grove South. The Warriors and Mustangs both enter the series with a chance to win the conference championship.



20-year-old man charged in Addison shooting

Bail set at \$4 million for suspect

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW

Last week, Jorge Vargas, 20, of Addison, was charged in connection with a shooting that took place in Addison on Saturday, May 6.

A judge had set Vargas' bail at \$4 million.

The suspect was charged with what law enforcement officials are referring to as a "targeted" shooting that resulted in the deaths of two men and an attempt at the life of a third. Vargas had been charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

According to a report from the DuPage County State's Attorney's

Office, Addison resident Kevin Bustos, 17, Villa Park resident Alberto Rios, 20, and a third person had parked outside an apartment building on Elizabeth Drive in Addison with the intent of visiting Rios' children.

Vargas reportedly fired eight rounds with a handgun from a third-story window of Rios' ex-girlfriend's apartment, where she lived with Rios' two children.

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin's office reported that Bustos apparently tried to drive away but crashed his vehicle into a tree. When officials arrived, Bustos and Rios were inside the vehicle both unresponsive with gunshot wounds. Both were pronounced dead at area hospitals where they were taken.



Jorge Vargas

Authorities have not yet named the third man who reportedly told police he ran away when the gunfire started. He also told police that Rios fired one shot back at Vargas.

Vargas was taken into custody on Sunday evening after police tracked him to Fairmont City, just outside East St. Louis, where he was reportedly staying with relatives.

Officials brought Vargas back to DuPage County, on Monday, he reportedly gave a videotaped confession.

The relatives told police Vargas had arrived unexpectedly at their residence. Vargas told his relatives he was planning to leave for Mexico on Monday morning; in fact, he had already purchased a bus ticket under a false name.

Vargas' next court appearance is scheduled for May 22 in front of Judge George Bakalis. If convicted on both counts, Vargas faces a mandatory sentence of natural life in prison.



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Villa Park's Senior of the Year

Villa Park resident William Nolden recently received the Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission's Senior of the Year award for 2017. Nolden, who was nominated for the honor, has been a crossing guard for about nine years. He started at North Elementary School and now works at Ardmore Elementary School. Villa Park Village Clerk Hosanna Korynecky (left) visited Nolden on the job—outside of Ardmore School on Friday afternoon—to inform him that he'd won this year's award. In addition to working as a crossing guard, Nolden participates in the Villa Park Police Department's drug take-back program, which allows citizens to safely dispose of prescription drugs twice per year. Nolden has been on the village's fire pension commission for about 10 years. He is also a member of the police department's Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), and he volunteers for several village activities, including the Sunday movie matinee at the Villa Park Library.

Vineet Patel represents Willowbrook's Class of 2017

Class president will speak during Sunday's ceremony

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

Senior Vineet Patel will be the graduation speaker during Willowbrook High School's commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 21. The Class of 2017's graduation service will begin at 1 p.m. in the school's main gymnasium. This year's graduating class includes about 450 students.

In addition to serving as the class president, Patel holds the top academic ranking in Willowbrook's Class of 2017.

"Obviously it's an honor," said Patel of speaking to his fellow graduates. "I think it's a great way to end my high school career."

Patel's speech is entitled "Moving Forward with Finesse." He plans to begin his speech by looking to the past before focusing on the future.

"I'm going to talk about how we should make the best of life, and how we should move forward," said Patel, who is the son of Chhaya and Rajesh Patel.

"You should try out anything," added Patel in previewing his remarks. "Don't be afraid to test the boundaries, and don't set limits for yourself."

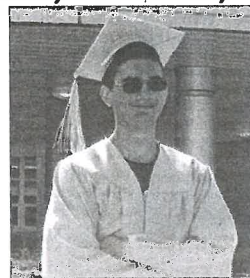
Prior to attending Willowbrook, Patel attended Westmore Elementary School and Jackson Middle School.

Patel will continue his education at the University of Illinois-Chicago, where he plans to major in computer science.

He intends to pursue a career in software development. Patel said he became interested in computer science while taking related classes at Willowbrook.

Patel completed 12 Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses during his high school career. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction and has been named to Willowbrook's Distinct Honor Roll in each of his semesters at the school.

He is a member of the math team, chess club, Key Club, student council and boys tennis team. Patel is also one of five Willowbrook students who attended last week's Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Villa Park Review

Senior Vineet Patel will address his fellow members of Willowbrook High School's Class of 2017 during Sunday afternoon's graduation service. Patel is the class president, and he holds the highest academic ranking in the class, which includes about 450 students. His graduation speech is titled "Moving Forward with Finesse." Patel will attend the University of Illinois-Chicago, where he will study computer science with the hope of pursuing a career in software development.



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Villa Park Review

Villa Park's new village board

The May 8 Villa Park Village Board meeting featured the inauguration of a new village president and new village trustee. Albert Bulthuis, who spent the last 10 years as a village trustee, was sworn in as Villa Park Village President last week. He succeeds Deborah Bullwinkel, who served as village president for the last four years. Last week's meeting also included the swearing-in of Villa Park Trustee Cheryl Tucker, a newcomer to the board. Incumbents Nick Cuzzone and Robert Wagner were also sworn in to four-year terms last week. Bulthuis, Cuzzone, Tucker and Wagner won their seats on the board during the election of April 4. Villa Park Village Clerk Hosanna Korynecky was re-elected to her post last month. The photo from last week's board meeting shows the new village board. Pictured left to right are: Tucker, Trustee Don Kase, Trustee Chris Aliello, Korynecky, Bulthuis, Wagner and Cuzzone. Bulthuis had two years remaining in his current term as a trustee. His ascension to the village presidency creates a vacancy on the board. Bulthuis and the rest of the board will review applications from residents who are interested in serving as a Villa Park trustee for the next two years. Bulthuis said he will make an appointment after the board reaches consensus on a selection. Members of the new village board attended Saturday's meet-and-greet event at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801.

Villa Park briefs

Easter Seals run/walk raises over \$55,000

Easter Seals DuPage and Fox Valley's recent Run for the Kids: Superhero Hustle run/walk raised over \$65,000 for children and adults with developmental disabilities. The 14th annual run/walk took place May 6 outside of the Easter Seals DuPage and Fox Valley facility, which is located at 830 S. Addison Ave., Villa Park. More than 600 people participated in this year's event. One of the country's largest pediatric outpatient rehabilitation centers, Easter Seals DuPage and Fox Valley serves about 3,200 infants, children and adults with therapy and audiology services each year. For more information, visit eastersealsdvr.org.

Passport to Adventure is under way at the Historical Museum and the Park Art Center

The 2017 Passport to Adventure Program—for children ages 4 and up—began May 1 and runs through Aug. 31 at the Villa Park Historical Museum and the Park Art Center. The museum is located at 220 S. Villa Ave. The art center is at 9 E. Park Blvd. Admission is free to both Villa Park facilities. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The art center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association (KDRMA), the Passport to Adventure program is a guide to museums and nature centers in Kane and DuPage counties. Similar to a real passport, children have their passport stamped when they visit a participating site. After visiting six locations, they can send their completed entry form (located inside the passport) to be entered into a drawing to win a \$20 gift card. Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 18. Visit kdrma.org for more information.

Village collecting submissions for 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.

Pooi passes on sale now

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 Community 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.

Pools are available for evening rental

Villa Park Recreation has announced that Jefferson and Lufkin pools are available for private rentals for parties, fundraisers and other occasions. Both pools are available on evenings when special events aren't scheduled, from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, or 8:15 to 9:45 p.m. on weeknights. To reserve a date, contact Jefferson Pool at 630-832-5632, or Lufkin Pool at 630-279-6286.

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.

York girls earn three spots at state meet

By BILL STONE

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ELMHURST – York junior Molly Evans approached her final preliminary triple jump at the Class 3A York sectional trying to reach the eight-person finals as well as her personal record of 33 feet, 9.5 inches.

She did surprisingly better.

Evans qualified for her first track and field state meet. Her fifth-place 36-0 beat the 35-11 state-qualifying standard at the May 12 sectional.

"I'm very surprised. I came into this not really expecting much," Evans said. "I cried. I was shocked. But I'm very happy."

York senior Jeanette Morley tied for second in high jump (5-3) and the 4x800-meter relay of senior Julie Biggins, junior Katherine Tomaska, freshman Lydia Hickey and sophomore Sarah May took second in a season-best 9:23.94 to both advance to state again.

Hickey's previous track experience had been sprinting before moving over to the distance relay.

"I tried cross country. I liked it, so I did track, too," Hickey said. "We've been talking about [state] since the beginning of the season."

At the 2016 state meet, Morley's 5-3 missed the 5-4 finals cut after she cleared 5-5 at sectionals. The 4x800 relay was 18th (9:31.67) after its 9:25.98 sectional time.

"We learned you can't really take anything for granted," Tomaska said. "This time we're definitely better prepared to handle that stress."

Biggins contributed a lifetime-best 2:19 opening split in her final home meet.

"I actually thought it my last 300 [meters]. It was really cool," Biggins said of running on a state-qualifying relay at her last home race.

Immediately after the relay, May got sick and was hindered in her attempt to qualify in the 800 run. She tried, but her 2:24.77 missed the 2:19.88 state cut.

"We're focusing on the 4x800 and I'm excited for that," May said. "I still know that I have more and hopefully that'll come out at state."

In March, Morley was diagnosed with a borderline stress fracture in her plant leg, and her willingness to rest paid off. In her return April 13, she cleared 5-3.



Sarah Minor - For Shaw Media

York's Sarah May runs the final straightaway of the 800-meter run May 12 at the Class 3A York sectional. May just missed making state in the event but anchored the 4x800 relay to a state meet berth.

"That just kind of restored my confidence," Morley said. "I want to hit 5-5 [at state]. If I work it right, I definitely can see myself even higher."

Glenbard East

Kionnah Weaver won the 100-meter high hurdles at the Class 3A York sectional in 15.18 seconds to move on to the state meet.

Weaver earned another state berth in the 300 hurdles (second, 46.08), and

Abbey Hoh in high jump (third, 5 feet, 3 inches) and Cailyn Biegalski in the 800 run (third, 2:17.07) were individual state qualifiers.

The 4x400 relay of Lexi Weltin, Biegalski, Brenna Peters and Emily Anderson made state by finishing fourth (4:03.53).

IC Catholic

Three sectional titles were part of eight state meet berths the Knights

If you go

- **WHAT:** Class 1A, 2A and 3A state track finals
- **WHEN:** 10 a.m. May 20
- **WHERE:** Eastern Illinois University, Charleston
- **INFO:** www.ihsa.org/SportsActivities/GirlsTrackField.aspx

earned May 11 at their own Class 1A sectional.

Jaida Smith in long jump (16 feet, 6 inches), Nailah Landon in high jump (4-10) and the 4x200-meter relay (1:52.82) were sectional champs.

Smith in triple jump (33-11.75), Mia Venezuela in high jump (4-8), Gabi Zanon in shot put (31-9) and the 4x100 relay (52.32) placed second to advance to state.

Kiersten King was third in the 200 dash (26.86) to make state.

Montini

The Broncos won three events and earned an additional four state meet berths May 11 at the Class 2A Glenbard South sectional.

Senior Lauren Mikolajczak won shot put (32 feet, 11.25 inches), and Joslyn Boyer, Maggie Connelly, Erica Holway and Dejah Amos comprised the winning 4x100-meter (50.33 seconds) and 4x200 (1:46.44) relays.

Mikolajczak in discus (115-11) and Boyer in triple jump (33-5.75) finished second to advance to state.

Connelly in the 300 hurdles (46.75) and Jenna Weidacher in the 800 run (2:20.34) placed third and reached state.

Timothy Christian

Elise Terpstra in the 800-meter run (2:35.10), the 4x800 relay (11:42.57) and the 4x400 (4:26.07) were champs for the Trojans at the Class 1A IC Catholic sectional.

Alyse Schnurr in the 100 hurdles (16.89), Olivia Hoekstra in the 400 dash (1:00.39) and the 4x200 relay (1:56.10) placed second to earn spots at the state meet.

Willowbrook

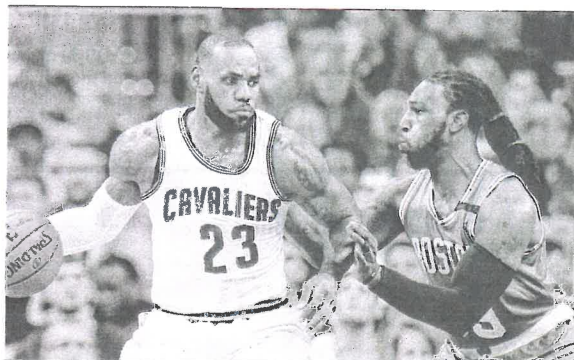
Senior Kyla Denwood won a discus sectional title at York with a mark of 125 feet, 2 inches to move on to the state meet.

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LeBron James looks to drive against the Celtics' Jae Crowder during the first half of the Eastern Conference finals Sunday in Cleveland.

'Human': Coach defends LeBron after 'weird' defeat

WITHERS

CLEVELAND, Ohio — James was nowhere near his usual level, staying behind the play, a low profile. He did in Game 3.

He did not address the media Monday, hours of the worst performance of his career, a 6-turnover, 17-pointing atrocity in loss to the Boston Celtics — for the time as made the Eastern Conference finals interesting. The case with a superstar, the performance prompted speculation and Is he hurt? Was it a message to his fans? What in the name of basketball happened?

A "weird game," Cavs coach LeBron James said. "A weird game," Cavs coach LeBron James said. "A weird game," Cavs coach LeBron James said.

James' play wasn't stunning enough, Cavs forward J.R. Smith said his celebrated teammate lacked confidence.

at least 30 in eight straight playoff games and imposed his will on the overmatched Celtics in the series' first two games.

But James wasn't himself Sunday night, not by a long stretch. He passed up shots and made mental and physical mistakes normally reserved for others.

For a superstar who regularly seizes the biggest moments and makes them his own, it was strange to see James basically look like one of Cleveland's reserves. He took just 3 shots and didn't attempt a free throw in the fourth quarter.

Incredibly, he went scoreless over the final 16 minutes.

James accepted responsibility afterward, saying simply "I didn't have it" during a post-game news conference that was preceded by a run-in with a heckling fan in the hallway.

If James' play wasn't stunning enough, Cavs forward J.R. Smith said his celebrated teammate lacked confidence.

What's that? A three-time champion, four-time MVP, two-time Olympic gold medalist, global icon, billion-dollar-business-in-sneakers, wasn't confident?

"He's got to be aggressive, get downhill, play like he's been playing, play confident," Smith said. "That's what I always think, when people of his stature or people like him, you've got to play confident the whole night and play aggressive."

"It's the Eastern Conference finals. It's not enough for him. For what he does, what he brings, it's not enough."

"He knows that. We know that. Just expect him to be better in Game 4."

The series resumes tonight at Quicken Loans Arena before returning to Boston on Thursday for a Game 5 that didn't appear necessary until the Celtics stormed back from 21 down and won when Avery Bradley's 3-pointer danced an Irish jig on the rim before falling with 0.01 seconds left.

Separate Senators trying to avoid elimination by Penguins

Addison Trail's Villaseñor shuts down West Chicago

Daily Herald Reports

Addison Trail senior pitcher Nick Villaseñor was mobbed by teammates Monday after completing his third inning with a strikeout.

Villaseñor was just as thankful about the bottom of the first inning.

When the Blazers opened with a 4-run burst, that set the tone for their 11-1, six-inning victory over West Chicago in the opening round of the Class 4A Addison Trail regional.

"The bats on offense helped out a lot. We're not used to getting 11 runs in a game," Villaseñor said. "We're more of a 4, 5-run team. If we can get to 11 runs, we can minimize the other team's performances."

Addison Trail (13-16), the No. 12 seed of the Lake Park sectional, will host No. 5 Geneva in Thursday's regional semifinal.

This was the Blazers' first playoff victory since the 2013 regional opener and Villaseñor (5-1) made it more special.

The left-hander had 11 strikeouts — including 7 of the first 11 batters — with one walk, one hit batter and four singles allowed on 104 pitchers. The No. 21 Wildcats (5-23) previously were shut out by Villaseñor 3-0 March 23 in Addison.

Promoted midway through his freshman season, Villaseñor will play at Black Hawk (Community) College in Moline.

"He's been outstanding and a pleasure to watch. His work's not done with us, but he definitely is a special pitcher," Addison Trail coach Mike Kennedy said. "And to get some run support. He hasn't gotten a lot, so throwing with a big lead, it's exciting."

The Blazers collected 11 hits with doubles by Simon Marinelli, A.J. Parnell, Bobby Daniels, George Neri and pinch-hitter Brayan Hidalgo.

The big excitement came with Villaseñor's seventh strikeout to end the third. It was his 100th of the season

Baseball roundup

— and all of the Blazers knew.

"That was nice of them to all come out and greet me like that," Villaseñor said. "The team's been giving me count-downs. Since last week, they'd be like, '94, 95, 96.' I don't know if that helped or hurt me, but I got it."

Kennedy said Villaseñor would not have returned for the seventh. Amazingly, his walk with two outs in the sixth was only his 11th to accompany an earned-run average around 0.80.

"He's unreal, unreal. Crazy margin (of strikeouts to walks)," senior center fielder Ricky Perez said.

"I've had a breakout season. I'm very happy with the way it all worked out," Villaseñor said. "Hopefully, we get a regional title because that's all that matters at this point."

West Chicago scored in the fourth behind singles from senior Cam Taylor and junior Mike Sawicki, as well as senior Chris Bangert being hit by a pitch. All five seniors started.

"Just the feeling of losing 23 games in a season is a tough pill to swallow," first-year West Chicago coach T.J. Nall said. "There were times where we didn't quit. And that's kind of what we're trying to preach here. The game's not over until the umpire tells us to go home. As long as you have a uniform on, you have a shot."

— Bill Stone

Timothy Christian 2, St. Joseph 1:

The Trojans (18-10) scored twice in the top of the seventh to rally to victory in the Class 2A Timothy Christian regional final. Nick Huisman struck out 12 and allowed 2 hits in 6 innings to earn the win, and Jimmy Allen got the save with a scoreless seventh.

Metea Valley 9, Waubesa Valley 6:

After Waubesa Valley

(16-17) took a 6-5 lead with a 4-run bottom of the sixth, Metea Valley (16-17) took control with 4 runs in the top of the seventh. Cade Sullivan went 3-for-3 with 2 doubles and 4 RBI. Mitch Reyes was the winning pitcher in relief. Nick Lamoso and Zach Laws each drove in 2 runs for the Warriors.

Wheaton Academy 3, Genoa-Kingston 0:

Winner Payton Sowa pitched a 4-hitter with 4 strikeouts and a walk for the Warriors (8-14) in the Class 3A Burlington Central regional quarterfinals. Jake Koslosky had 2 RBI and Jimmy Paganis went 2-for-3.

Bolingbrook 4, Naperville North 3:

Jack Ginzkey homered and drove in 2 runs and Brendan Lacey went 2-for-4, but the Huskies (13-18) fell in the Class 4A Oswego East regional quarterfinals.

Conant 8, WW South 2:

The Tigers (13-21) were eliminated in the Class 4A Bartlett regional quarterfinals. Joe Adamek went 4-for-4 while Brad Novak had 3 hits and 2 RBI.

Downers North 4, West Aurora 3:

Nolan Young's 2-run single in the bottom of the seventh inning gave the Trojans (18-15) a walk-off victory in the Class 4A Plainfield South regional quarterfinals. Winning pitcher Tyler Rosen struck out 11 and allowed no earned runs in a complete game.

Hinsdale South 2, Romeoville 1:

A walk-off RBI single by Mike Stoltz in the bottom of the seventh advanced the Hornets (17-13) into the Class 4A Hinsdale South regional semifinals. Charlie Klemm was the complete-game winning pitcher.

Baseball

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Page County Academic Team honorable mentions

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management, economics
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Scholar with Honor, Illinois
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Sophie Bair

2 on a
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with Distinction, National
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Ryan C. Cabildo

Addison Trail High School

Hometown: Addison

Parents: Conrado and
 Maria Leni Cabildo

Sponsor: Dana Marine,
 guidance counselor

GPA: 4.7544 on a
 weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major: Math
 major, music minor

Awards, honors:
 National Merit commended scholar,
 honor roll, National Honor Society, AP
 Scholar with Distinction, Illinois State
 Scholar, student government



Ryan C. Cabildo

Eric Chang

Hinsdale Central High

Hometown: Willow-
 brook

Parents: Clayton and
 Wei Chang

Sponsor: John
 Marinier, counselor

GPA: 5.9767 on a weighted 5.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 36

Planned major: Undecided

Awards, honors: Rotary Merit Scholar,
 National Council of Teachers of English's
 Certificate for Superior Writing Award,
 first place in Illinois Association of
 Teachers of English's poetry and prose
 Contest, National Merit finalist, honor
 roll, National Honor Society, AP Scholar,
 Presidential Scholar candidate, student
 government



Eric Chang

Robert Falconer

Downers Grove North

High School

Hometown: Downers
 Grove

Parents: Jeff and Lisa
 Falconer

Sponsor: Joel Kapita-
 niuk, world language
 teacher

GPA: 4.8182 on a weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major: Mechanical engineer

Awards, honors: National Merit finalist,
 honor roll, National Honor Society, AP
 Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, two-time
 math team state qualifier



Robert Falconer

Kiara M. Gallagher

Benet Academy

Hometown: Lockport

Parents: Kevin and
 Kathy Gallagher

Sponsor: Amy Wesley,
 counselor

GPA: 100.66 on a 100
 percent scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major:
 Pre-health biological sciences

Awards, honors: National Merit
 commended scholar, honor roll, National
 Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, First
 Honors for four consecutive years



Kiara Gallagher

Kathlyn Grady

IC Catholic Prep

Hometown: Elmhurst



roll, second at speech regionals 2017;
 second place in state for Biomedical
 Debate 2017; Top 10 at Nationals
 Biomedical Debate 2016

Noah Helm

Benet Academy

Hometown: Geneva

Parents: Scott and
 Trish Helm

Sponsor: Laura
 Lundstrom, counselor

GPA: 99.47 on a 100
 percent scale

Test scores: ACT: 34

Planned major: Engineering — biomed-
 ical, mechanical or aerospace

Awards, honors: National Merit finalist,
 National Honor Society, Illinois State
 Scholar, honor roll



Noah Helm

Hannah Hewitt

Willowbrook High School

Hometown: Villa Park

Parents: Paul and
 Marilyn Mast Hewitt

Sponsor: Cindy
 Zamora-Failla

GPA: 4.6364 on
 weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major: Linguistics

Awards, honors: National Merit
 commended scholar, honor roll, National
 Honor Society, AP Scholar, Illinois State
 Scholar



Hannah Hewitt

Ridas Jagelavicius

Glenbard East High School

Hometown:
 Bloomingdale

Parents: Valdas & Rasa
 Jagelavicius

Sponsor: Brad Podraza,
 math

GPA: 5.7083 on a
 weighted 5.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 31

Planned major:
 Computer science

Awards, honors: United States Achieve-
 ment Academy, Illinois State Scholar,
 National Honor Society, AP Scholar



Ridas Jagelavicius

Lori Kipp

Metee Valley High

School

Hometown: Naperville

Parents: Lyle Kipp &
 Sandra Kipp

Sponsor: Bob Vozza,
 counselor

GPA: 4.680 on a weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major: Mechanical engineering

Awards, honors: Ecybermission
 National Finalist, \$5,000 Grant; Seal
 of Biliteracy, Spanish; AP Scholar with
 Distinction, National Merit finalist, honor
 roll, Illinois State Scholar



Lori Kipp

Katie Kubik

St. Francis High

School

Hometown: West
 Chicago

Parents: Jim and
 Jeannine Kubik



Lake Park High School

Hometown: Bloomingdale

Parents: Mary Lang,
 Michael Lang

Sponsor: Taylor Severi-
 no, school counselor

GPA: 5.6818 on a
 weighted 5.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major:
 Psychology

Awards, honors:
 National Merit commended scholar, 5.0
 Scholar, honor roll, student government



Caitlin Leng

Eshan Mehrotra

Fox Valley Academic team winner

Illinois Math and Science Academy

Hometown: Naperville

Parents: Ashish and
 Seema Mehrotra

Sponsor: David
 McGovern, counselor

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major:
 Physics

Awards, honors:
 National Merit Com-
 mended Scholar, Illinois State Scholar



Eshan Mehrotra

Annelise Morrone

Addison Trail High School

Hometown: Addison

Parents: Lisa and
 Joseph Morrone

Sponsor: Paul
 Anderson, teacher

GPA: 4.7407 on a
 weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 32

Planned major:
 International Relations
 and Political Science

Awards, honors: Honor roll, National
 Honor Society, AP Scholar with Honors,
 Illinois State Scholar, District 88's Best
 Recognition, all-conference math team



Annelise Morrone

Sarah Mueller

Wheaton Warrenville

South High School

Hometown: Wheaton

Parents: Richard and
 Teresa Mueller

Sponsor: Cindy
 Budzikowski, math
 department chair

GPA: 4.766 on a
 weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 34

Planned major: Computer science

Awards, honors: Three-year Academic
 All Conference, swimming; IHSA
 Academic Achievement recognition,
 swimming; Spanish Honor Society, AP
 Scholar with Distinction, National Honor
 Society



Sarah Mueller

Timothy Nielsen

Glenbard West High

School

Hometown: Glen Ellyn

Parents: Erik and
 Elizabeth Nielsen

Sponsor: Natalie
 Rubino, counselor

GPA: 5.7209 on a
 weighted 5.0 scale



Timothy Nielsen

Stream

Parents: Sanjay & Ila
 Patel

Sponsor: Kevin Erday,
 teacher

GPA: 5.8571 on a
 weighted 5.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 33

Planned major: Pre-medicine, biology

Awards, honors: Illinois State Scholar,
 AP Scholar with Honor, Congress of
 Future Medical Leaders delegate, honor
 roll, National Honor Society, AP Scholar,
 Illinois State Scholar



Ravi Patel

Shivangi Patel

Lisle Senior High School

Hometown: Lisle

Parents: Harshida and
 Ashok Patel

Sponsor: Kathy Sally,
 teacher

GPA: 5.476 on a
 weighted 5.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 34

Planned major:
 Biochemistry with a
 pre-medicine track and minor in Spanish

Awards, honors: Illinois State Scholar,
 High Honor Roll, Academic Excellence
 Award, National Honor Society, Illinois
 State Scholar



Shivangi Patel

Lillian Rodriguez

St. Francis High School

Hometown: Bartlett

Parents: Kathleen
 Rodriguez and Esteban
 Rodriguez

Sponsor: Trudy Rigney,
 director of guidance

GPA: 5.33 on a
 weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 35

Planned major:
 Engineering

Awards, honors: National Hispanic
 Recognition Program 2016-17 Scholar,
 National Merit commended scholar,
 honor roll, National Honor Society, Illinois
 State Scholar, student government



Lillian Rodriguez

Katherine Rogers

Wheaton North High School

Hometown: Wheaton

Parents: Michael and
 Linda Rogers

Sponsor: Joshua Coan,
 counselor

GPA: 4.80 on a
 weighted 4.0 scale

Test scores: ACT: 32

Planned major:
 Mathematics

Awards, honors: Illinois State Scholar,
 National Honor Society, AP Scholar with
 Distinction, honor roll



Katherine Rogers

Brandon Sakas

Montini Catholic High

School

Hometown:
 Westchester

Parents: Christine and
 Roman Sakas

Sponsor: Maryann
 O'Neill, principal

GPA: 4.74 on a weighted 4.0

Test scores: ACT: 35



Brandon Sakas

District 88 receives INSPRA awards for Distinguished Service

On May 5, District 88 was honored with two Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) from the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA).

Alarmed by the epidemic of opioid use by preteens and teens in DuPage County, Willowbrook High School, the Villa Park/Lombard Clergy Association, the Villa Park Police Department and local governmental officials came together to develop a program that would provide students in sixth through eighth grades with a safe place where they could relax with their peers and take part in exciting activities to help them make positive decisions.

That initiative, called Friday Night Connect, launched in October 2016 and takes place one Friday a month during the school year. Along with games and food, each session also consists of a seasonal "secret topic," where the students come together and complete an activity based on a given theme. Topics have included appreciation, gratitude and setting goals. Participants are mentored by a group of about 15 Willowbrook students, who help guide each meeting (along with adult supervision).

When walking into a Friday Night Connect session, there is an atmosphere of inclusion – high-schoolers sharing a pizza with middle-schoolers, clergy leaders chatting with students and police officers playing games with participants. The impact of Friday Night Connect is immediately clear – participants truly connect and build a support system to guide them toward a successful future.



Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose accepts a Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA). D'Ambrose won an Award of Excellence in the Faculty/Licensed Staff category.



Nan Marcum with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Villa Park and Willowbrook Social Worker Erik Engel accept a Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA) on May 5. Marcum and Engel are part of the Friday Night Connect group, which won an Award of Excellence in the Team category.

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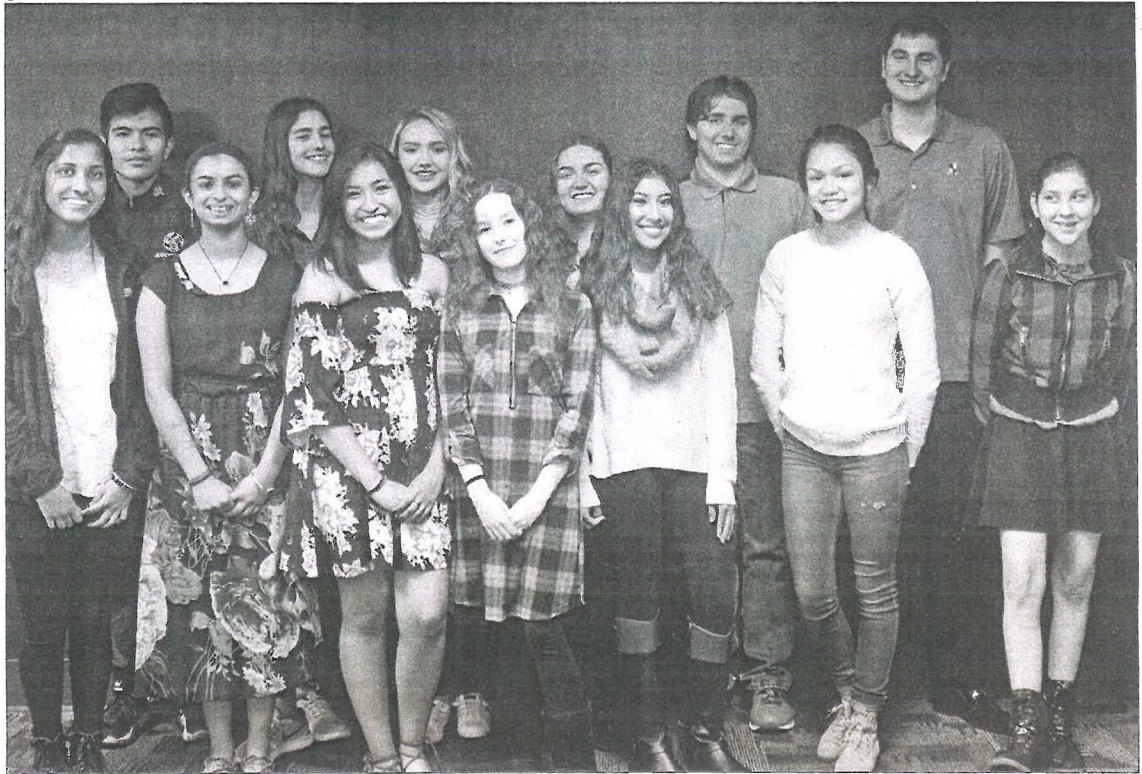
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Pictured are the Addison Trail students who were recognized as Students of Second Semester during a breakfast in their honor on May 2. They are (back row, from left) freshman Noel Lopez, senior Marie Baumgartner, sophomore Ashley Madrigal, sophomore Breanna Trejo, senior Benjamin Bekielewski, junior Peter Werderitch III, (front row, from left) freshman Pratibha Bhalla, freshman Parvathy Nair, senior Leslie Tolentino, senior Jacklyn Erker, junior Viviana Valderrama, sophomore Allison Diego and senior Isabella Chaidze.

Addison Trail honors outstanding students

On May 2, the Students of Second Semester for the 2016-17 school year were presented during a breakfast in their honor by the staff members who nominated them.

Those students are:

Art: Senior Jacklyn Erker

CTE business: Senior Leslie Tolentino

CTE family and consumer: Sophomore Allison Diego

CTE industry and technology: Senior Benjamin Bekielewski

English: Freshman Parvathy Nair

Literacy: Freshman Noel Lopez

Math: Sophomore Ashley Madrigal

Music: Sophomore Breanna Trejo

Physical education: Senior Marie Baumgartner

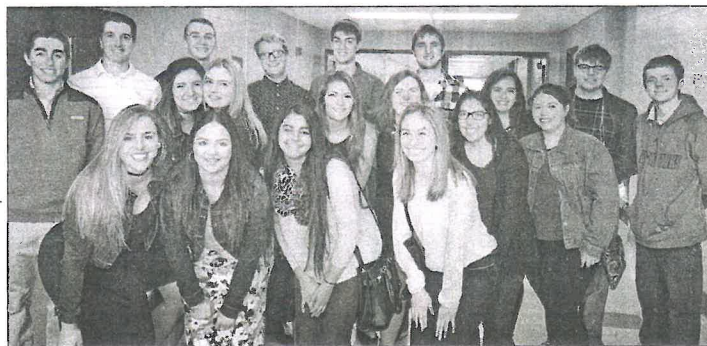
Science: Freshman Pratibha Bhalla

Social studies: Junior Peter Werderitch III

Student services: Senior Isabella Chaidze

World languages: Junior Viviana Valderrama

ATHS students honored at NISPA Conference



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Pictured are staff members of Addison Trail's newspaper and yearbook, who attended the Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association Conference on April 21. They are (back row, from left) junior Michael Ruffolo, junior Ryan Glatchak, junior Lucas Walsh, junior Nicholas Savinos, senior Trevor Yurek, (middle row, from left) junior Evangelos Pahopos, junior Bianca Piscopo, junior Patrycja Sawina, junior Angela Addante, senior Hannah White, senior Lizbeth Herrera, senior James Krause Jr., senior Dan Simon, (front row, from left) junior Nicolette Scorza, junior Andrea Susa, senior Rabia Amin, senior Katherine Castellano, senior Carolina Herrera and senior Amy Cortes. Both groups received several awards during the conference.

On April 21, Addison Trail students who are members of the school's newspaper and yearbook staffs received several awards during the Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association (NISPA) Conference, which took place at College of DuPage.

The newspaper (Torch) and the yearbook (Attribute) earned Bronze Certificates based on the strength of their publications throughout the past year. Members of the Torch Editorial Board were awarded a Blue Ribbon, and Attribute staff members received an Honorable Mention for overall coverage.

Below are individual awards earned by the students.

Senior Lizbeth Herrera: Blue Ribbon for Review Writing and Blue Ribbon for Feature Writing

Senior James Krause Jr.: Honorable Mention for Sports Writing

Senior Dan Simon: Honorable Mention for Column Writing

During the conference, participants had the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker Charlie Meyerson, a radio and Internet journalist. Meyerson spoke about how he was able to achieve success in the field with very little money. Students also attended breakout sessions, where multiple presenters discussed various aspects of journalism.



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Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden and Addison Trail physical education teacher and Student Council co-sponsor Sheri D'Ambrose enjoy the school's first Blazer Color Run on April 29.

Addison hosts inaugural Blazer Color Run

Classes, staff choose their own beneficiaries

On April 29, more than 80 people participated in Addison Trail's first Blazer Color Run.

During the event, racers completed a 5K course and were doused with colored powder along the way – including a final color celebration at the finish line. Not only were participants able to enjoy being outdoors with other members of the Addison Trail community, but they also raised funds to help those in need. Each class at the school raised money for a chosen charity, and the event raised nearly \$1,500 for the groups below. Addison Trail's Student Council also made a donation.

Freshmen: A local family afflicted by childhood cancer

Sophomores: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Juniors: Autism Speaks

Seniors: MidAmerica Service Dogs' Foundation, Inc.

Staff and community members: Addison Community Switchboard



(From left) Addison Trail senior Andrew Felix, D'Ambrose, senior Alyssa Ramir and senior Darrion Conrad smile during the event.



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District 4 holds 'Alphabet Countdown'

At many District 4 elementary schools, students and staff participated in an Alphabet Countdown to the last day of the school. For each of the last 26 days of the school year, a letter of the alphabet is highlighted, started with A and ending with Z. On the first day of the countdown, Ardmore students dressed for Aloha day. Second graders in Ms. Nihill's class wore Hawaiian leis.

On "C" day, Wesley School staff and students wore capes to school. On "H" day, Lincoln students

wore Hats to school. In a stroke of good timing, the 1st graders in Mrs. Mexicano's class celebrated Hat day by making and wearing chick hats in honor of the hatching of the classroom's baby chicks.

Some of the letter days that the Addison Early Learning Center has planned include Kindness day, Mismatch day, Pajama day, and U.S.A. day.

The countdown will continue until Wednesday, June 7, which is the last day of school for students in ASD4.



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On the first day of the Alphabet Countdown, Ardmore students dressed for Aloha day. Pictured here is one of Ms. Nihill's 2nd graders wearing an Hawaiian lei.



Boys after-school running club forms

Above: Challenge Warriors is an after-school running club for boys that is modeled on the school's Girls on the Run Club (for girls only). The club's sponsors work with the participating students to teach lessons of goal setting, communication, making good choices, and team building—while developing wellness and moral skills that can transfer over to the classroom.

Left: Army Trail School's Challenge Warriors Club participated in a service project on Tuesday, packing care baskets for pediatric cancer patients. Challenge Warriors received a large donation for their service project from State Farm, which provided 50 of each item that the boys used to create baskets for cancer patients at Rush Hospital.



During the May 1 District 88 Board of Education meeting, four individuals were officially sworn in as members of the Board and took the Oath of Office after being elected on April 4. Left: Donna Craft Cain takes the Oath of Office. Right: (From left) Thomas Edmier, Blanca Jessen and Jay Irvin take the Oath of Office.



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District 88 welcomes new Board members

During the May 1 District 88 Board of Education meeting, the following four individuals were officially sworn in as members of the Board and took the Oath of Office after being elected on April 4.

Donna Craft Cain (unexpired two-year term)

Craft Cain has served on the

Board since 2004 and has been President since 2011. She also served as Secretary from 2009 to 2011. She graduated from Willowbrook in 1981, and her children attended District 88 as well.

Thomas Edmier (full, four-year term)

Edmier has served on the Board

since 2009. He graduated from Addison Trail, as did his wife and children (one is currently a student).

Jay Irvin (full, four-year term)

Irvin has served on the Board since 2005 and has been Vice President since 2009. He is a lifelong resident of District 88 and is an alumnus of the district. His wife,

children, brother, sister and nieces graduated from District 88 as well.

Blanca Jessen (full, four-year term)

Jessen was appointed to the Board in 2015 to fill an open term. Jessen's husband, Dennis, graduated from Willowbrook in 1986, and their two children attend Willow-

brook.

They join Board members Timothy Gillen, Sharon Kucik and Lisa Lullo. Also during the meeting, the following Officers were elected for a two-year term.

Donna Craft Cain (President)

Jay Irvin (Vice President)

Sharon Kucik (Secretary)

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Three Addison Trail girls badminton players compete at state

Trio caps off successful season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls badminton team had three players compete in this past weekend's IHSA state badminton finals in Charleston.

In the singles division, Mary Grace Mutia won two matches at state. She won her first-round match over a player from Hersey and then lost to Naperville North in the second round. Mutia then beat a player from York in the second round of the consolation tournament before losing to Glenbrook North in the third round.

The Addison Trail doubles team of Athena Kakolires and Kasia Czepiel went 1-2 in the doubles tournament. They lost their first match to Neuqua Valley but came back to beat a Downers Grove South team in straight sets in the first round of the consolation bracket. Kakolires and Czepiel were eliminated after a loss to Hinsdale South in the second round of the back draw.

Earlier, Mutia earned the No. 4 seed in the sectional tournament. She beat Schaumburg's No. 1 player in the first round, but lost to Fremd's top singles player.

In the back draw, Mutia again faced the same Schaumburg player and won again. Mutia then lost to a player from Elgin in the third- and fourth-place match. Mutia clinched a state spot in her previous match



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Addison Trail qualified three players for the recent IHSA state badminton finals. Left to right: Lindsey Bugajasky (assistant coach), Eric Norberg (head coach), Athena Kakolires, Mary Grace Mutia, Kasia Czepiel and Marissa Iles (assistant coach).

against Schaumburg.

Kakolires and Czepiel played Schaumburg's No. 1 team in their first sectional match and won and then dropped a match to Fremd's top team. Like Mutia, they faced the same Schaumburg team in the back

draw and won before beating Schaumburg's No. 2 team for third place, thus earning them a spot in the state tournament.

The last time Addison Trail qualified players for state was two years ago when Izy Kantor and Alyssa

Lombardo made it. Prior to that it was 15 years ago.

"I was very proud of the whole team," said Addison Trail coach Eric Norberg of the sectional meet. "You could hear the girls who lost matches earlier cheering for their teammates.

This was my third state qualifier in singles, but my first doubles team. I spent a lot of time learning the doubles game so I could help them out. Jeff Nellesen and Marissa Iles, a volunteer coach, helped teach and coach the girls."

Willowbrook baseball team scores four more wins

Streak moves Warriors to 22-6 overall

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook baseball team continued its domination with four more wins. The victories move the Warriors to 22-6 overall and 13-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Willowbrook swept a WSC Gold series from Proviso East. In an 11-2 win in Maywood to open the series, the Warriors scored eight runs in the first inning.

Ben Espinoza was 2-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI. JT Ceh went 1-for-2 with a walk. Jon Kelso was 1-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI. MJ Ranieri went 3-for-4 with a run scored and three RBI. Alex Michaelson scored a run and walked twice, while Sam Pelsor had a hit and a run scored. Kyle Fergus-

son went 2-for-4 with a run scored and two RBI. Mike Dembowski went 2-for-3 with a run scored. Jack Hines went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Ryan Mintz had an RBI, while John Taylor had a hit and a run scored. Dan Gusel had a run scored, an RBI and two walks. Willowbrook took advantage of eight walks in the game.

Ferguson and Pelsor each doubled, while Espinoza and Ferguson each had a triple and Kelso homered. Dembowski stole two bases.

Eric Gunst was the winning pitcher. He went five innings and allowed four hits and one earned run, while striking out eight. Vince Ruchala pitched the final two innings and fanned four.

Three Willowbrook pitchers then combined to throw a four-inning perfect game in Willowbrook's 22-0 win over Proviso in Maywood.

Willowbrook scored eight runs in the first inning and nine more in the fourth. The Warriors needed only nine hits to score those 22 hits, tak-

ing advantage of 11 walks.

Espinoza had a run scored, an RBI and a walk. Ceh had a run scored, an RBI and a walk as well, while Nick Sabatino scored two runs and had an RBI and a walk. Mintz hit a grand-slam home run, while Ranieri had two runs scored and two hits. Dembowski had two runs scored, a hit and an RBI. Mason Kamp had a run scored and two walks.

Ferguson had two runs scored, two hits and two RBI. Jack Hines scored three runs, had a hit, drove in five RBI and drew a walk. Trevor Jaloszynski had two hits, a run scored and two RBI. Gusel had an RBI and two walks.

Jaloszynski had two doubles, while Ranieri had a double as well. Jack Hines tripled, while Ferguson stole two bases.

Michaelson (5 strikeouts), Mintz (3 strikeouts) and Scott Kohrt (3 strikeouts) combined for the perfect game.

The trio faced only 12 Proviso East batters and combined to strike-

out 11 batters.

Willowbrook won the finale 20-2 in Villa Park thanks to 13 hits. The Warriors scored 14 runs over the first two innings.

Espinoza went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Ranieri had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Mintz had a hit and two RBI. Kamp had two hits, two runs scored and three RBI. Ferguson had a hit, two runs scored and an RBI. Jack Nilles had two runs scored. Dembowski had a hit, two runs scored and two RBI. Pelsor scored two runs, while Jaloszynski had a double, two runs scored and three RBI. Ferguson also doubled in the game, while Espinoza had a triple.

Will Hines was the winning pitcher. He went three innings and struck out four. Brandon Shissler pitched the final two innings and struck out three.

Willowbrook wrapped the week with a 16-5 WSC crossover win against Glenbard West.

The Warriors found themselves

down 3-0 early, but scored three runs in the fourth, three more in the fifth and nine runs in the sixth to end the contest.

Espinoza had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Kelso went 3-for-4 with a run scored and two RBI. Ranieri had two runs scored and a walk. Michaelson had a hit, two runs scored and an RBI. Ferguson had a hit, two runs scored and an RBI. Dembowski had three hits, two runs scored and three RBI. Jaloszynski had two runs scored and an RBI. Mintz had a hit, a run scored and two RBI. Marshall McDonnell went 2-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI.

Kelso doubled and Dembowski tripled.

Nilles was the winning pitcher, going four innings and allowing five hits, while striking out three. Ruchala pitched the final two innings and struck out two.

Willowbrook was slated to play its final WSC Gold series of the year against Downers Grove South this week.

A true leader

Willowbrook's Grace Chantos ends her badminton career by winning three matches at state

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook senior Grace Chantos ended her high-school badminton career on a high note.

Chantos, making her second state tournament appearance, won three

matches this past weekend at the IHSA badminton finals in Charleston, helping to continue the decades-long excellence of the Willowbrook badminton program.

"I had a way easier time making it to state this year than last year. It

shows how much I've improved," said Chantos. "I worked really hard all summer and in the other two seasons I play sports to improve in badminton."

Chantos took private lessons in the summer and played in a club that was run by the Downers Grove North coaches.

"The club was a bunch of girls working on different drills," she said. "I worked on my backhand and my footwork. I would say it definitely was my footwork that helped me improve and get better this year. I would say the best part of my game this season has been being able to move and put my opponent in a place that will set me up for winning shots. I got quicker and my conditioning was a lot better than last year."

Chantos recalls the reason she originally tried out for badminton freshman year at Willowbrook.

"I tried out for fun," she said. "I thought it would be an easy sport. I

play volleyball and basketball as well and I thought badminton would be a break. It wasn't. It's the hardest sport I play by far. We are held to high standards. Willowbrook always has had a good badminton team. We put in a lot of work and do a lot of conditioning. We really push each other and ourselves. I was the only girl who went downstate last year. That really meant something to keep the tradition going and compete down there."

Chantos, who finished second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division this season and beat a Downers Grove South player for the first time in four years at the conference tournament, enjoys the sport for several reasons. "I like that it was something new to me," she said. "I like to challenge myself. It's the only non-team sport I play. It's all up to me. The pressure is on myself."

Chantos has played three sports all four years at Willowbrook. "It's been hard doing that, but I've always been

into sports," she said. "I've done three sports since I was in fifth grade and I've always had to do well in school if I wanted to play sports. It's all about time management."

Chantos is headed to the University of Illinois this fall and is looking into studying agricultural and biochemical engineering. "I want to work with the environment," said Chantos, who noted Illinois does have a club badminton team.

Looking back, Chantos, who has a 3.9 grade-point average, said her time at Willowbrook has been well-spent beyond just sports.

"Willowbrook has done so much for me," she said. "I've written so many scholarship essays with the same question. Willowbrook helped me as a student and as a person. I've made great relationships here with teachers who have totally prepared me for college. I think I had the best high school experience I could have hoped for."



Willowbrook girls badminton state qualifiers Hanna Konrath (left) and Grace Chantos show off their medals.

The future

Sophomore Hanna Konrath makes her first state badminton tournament appearance

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

While the high-school career of Willowbrook girls badminton standout Grace Chantos came to a close this past weekend at the IHSA finals in Charleston, another kept gaining momentum.

Willowbrook sophomore Hanna Konrath competed in her first state tournament where she won two matches. Combined, Chantos and Konrath won five matches in Charleston.

"I started playing badminton last year," said Konrath. "Grace recruited me to try out for the team. We went to the same elementary and middle school together and know each other from that. She told me the sport and the team are a lot of fun. She said she got the hang of it pretty quickly. Plus, we kind of work the same way. I said I would give it a shot. I had fun the first couple days of tryouts."

And then Konrath got moved up to the JV team last year. "It got intense really fast," she said. "But that was even better for me. I like the intensity of it."

Konrath agrees with Chantos assessment that badminton is the hardest of the three sports she plays. Like Chantos, Konrath also plays volleyball and basketball.

"I agree 100 percent," she said. "The conditioning is really hard and you are constantly moving out there front to back and side to side. The conditioning we do helps tremendously. It keeps me in good shape

throughout the year."

Konrath, who steadily moved up Willowbrook's singles depth chart this season and ended up taking third place at No. 2 singles at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division tournament, said her badminton game has seen a complete improvement this season.

"Since I'm still young, I've been improving at everything and learning more," she said. "One thing I've noticed is I don't get tired or exhausted. My conditioning has been pretty good."

Konrath also has picked up on the nuances and finer points of the sport. "At first I was out there kind of playing backyard badminton," she said. "I've changed pretty quick. (Willowbrook coach Brandon) Murphy has really helped me this year. He is an amazing coach."

And Konrath has benefitted greatly from Chantos' tutelage. "Grace has helped me from the start," she said. "She helped me last year and she's not only helped me with badminton, but with basketball and volleyball. She's always been there for me. She's probably the best role model anybody could ask for."

Making the state tournament this year wasn't something Konrath took for granted.

"Ever since I've been young I've competed with older girls," she said. "This is an amazing accomplishment that means a lot. I've played a lot of sports and I always want to do the best I can."

Addison Trail baseball team working through tough stretch

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail baseball team hit a recent rough patch.

Through late last week the Blazers had lost five games in a row, that included a recent tough 11-inning loss in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action to Leyden.

In the Leyden loss, Addison Trail standout pitcher Nick Villasenor threw 7 2/3 innings and allowed no runs, while striking out 10.

Leyden scored three runs in the ninth inning, but Addison Trail came back to score three in the bottom of the ninth to tie it. Leyden came right back and scored five runs in the 11th inning.

"It was a tough way to lose," said Addison Trail coach Mike Kennedy.

Kennedy again had high praise for Villasenor's performance.

"Nick is still by far and away leading the area in strikeouts," he said.

Villasenor, who has committed to

play at Black Hawk College next season, lowered his ERA to 0.95 after the Leyden game and had 87 strikeouts on the season.

"Nick is a lefty who doesn't walk batters and hits his spots," said Kennedy. "He's out there competing. Against Leyden he was outstanding. For a while he didn't have his best stuff and then he got people up and tuned it up. He was very impressive in the late innings. He's starting to get people to garner some interest in him. He's piling up the strikeouts. He's getting more attention."

Kennedy also has been pleased with the performances of Trevor Fulmer, Matt Crandall and Simon Marinelli of late.

"Trevor has thrown the ball well for us on the mound. He's out there competing," he said. "Matt and Simon are swinging the bat real well."

Kennedy said Addison Trail's recent struggles have boiled down to

one main factor. "It's the elusive big hit," he said. "That's it. We're looking for the big hit with runners in scoring position. When we need the big hit we don't get it. It was the same thing in the second and third games against Willowbrook and the first two against Leyden. We need to get that big hit and that big play and we're not getting it right now."

"The good thing is our energy is good and we are competing. The only thing is that timely hit is not coming through right now. Our pitching has been pretty good and it has been keeping us in games."

Addison Trail was scheduled to play a three-game WSC Gold series with Morton this week. Looking ahead, the Blazers will play against West Chicago in a Class 4A regional opener with the winner moving on to face Geneva.

"We'll keep working hard," said Kennedy. "We just need to finish these games."

Addison Trail's Kominowski finishes seventh in state on floor exercise

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail senior Alex Kominowski ended his high-school gymnastics career in style.

Kominowski finished seventh in the state on floor exercise at the recent IHSA state finals meet. Kominowski scored a 9.25 in the finals. He tied for fifth in the preliminary round on floor with a 9.600 score.

Kominowski also took 11th in the state on vault with an 8.900 effort in the finals. He was fifth on vault in the preliminary round with a score of 9.25.

Kominowski also tied for 34th on parallel bars with an 8.45 and tied for 36th in the state on horizontal bar with a 7.70.

Addison Trail girls track

The Addison Trail girls track team has representation at the upcoming Class 3A state finals meet this weekend in Charleston.

Senior Lauren Kroll won the 100 dash with a time of 12.42 and also won the 200 with a time of 25.36.

The Blazers also qualified their 400 relay team for the state meet after taking fourth at the recent Class

3A York sectional with a state-qualifying time of 49.43. That team includes Klea Gjonaj, Katrina Surjancev, Julia Swierzb and Kroll.

Willowbrook girls track

Willowbrook senior Kyla Denwood is headed to the Class 3A state track and field finals after winning the discus sectional title at the recent Class 3A York sectional.

Denwood won the title with a throw of 125-2. Her next closest competitor was 122-11.

Denwood will compete this weekend at the Class 3A state finals in Charleston.

ATHS hosts 7th annual Sports Spectacular

On May 2, Addison Trail hosted the 7th annual West Suburban Conference Sports Spectacular.

During the event, more than 700 students with special needs filled Addison Trail's field house, gyms and black box studio theatre. The students were from 14 schools in the West Suburban Conference, and they participated in track and field events, as well as basketball, volleyball and floor hockey games. They also enjoyed carnival-style games, moon jumps, karaoke, tasty treats and more. The event began with a walk around the track to introduce the students, as well as the singing of the National Anthem by Addison Trail students Lucio Delgado and Nina Vargas.

The Sports Spectacular was founded in 1994 by a group of West Suburban Conference athletic directors. Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose wanted to continue the event to offer students an atmosphere of fun. For her leadership and passion and commitment to this event, D'Ambrose has been named as a Distinguished Service Award recip-

ient by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPPRA). She was honored with that award on May 5. Be sure to check the May 12 District 88 Newsletter for more information about that recognition.

D'Ambrose said it takes the following to make the Sports Spectacular a success each year.

More than 100 volunteers (including Addison Trail students, staff and parents)

Donations from local businesses for food and refreshments

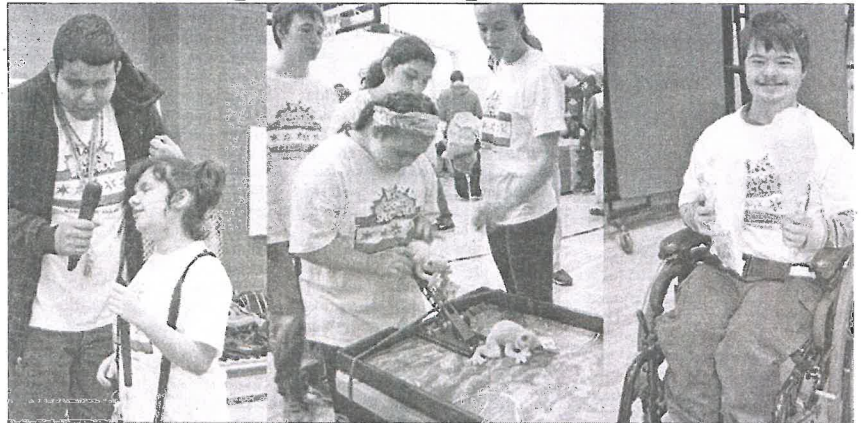
Donations from Great Lakes Apparel for T-shirts

Donations from Trophies By George for participant awards

Donations from A Moon Jump 4U Free disc jockey services provided by BOOM Entertainment

Support from the District 88 and Addison Trail administration, as well as Addison Trail's Student Council and Art Club

Support from NovaCare Rehabilitation (which provides athletic training services to Addison Trail)



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On May 2, Addison Trail hosted the 7th annual West Suburban Conference Sports Spectacular. Each year, that event invites more than 700 students with special needs from 14 schools in the West Suburban Conference to enjoy a day of sports, games, food, friendship and more. (top row, left): AT students Lucio Delgado and Nina Vargas sing the National Anthem to start the day. (top row, middle): AT student Gualupe Garcia plays a game. (top row, right): District 88 Transition Program student Pasquale Ciarfaglia enjoys a snack.

Community calendar

Ongoing events

• Homework help K through 12 available at the Library

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5 p.m., come get help with your homework from librarians, teachers, college students, and volunteers at the Addison Public Library.

Free snacks provided. Info: Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

• Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for work-

force entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

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

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at

6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information,

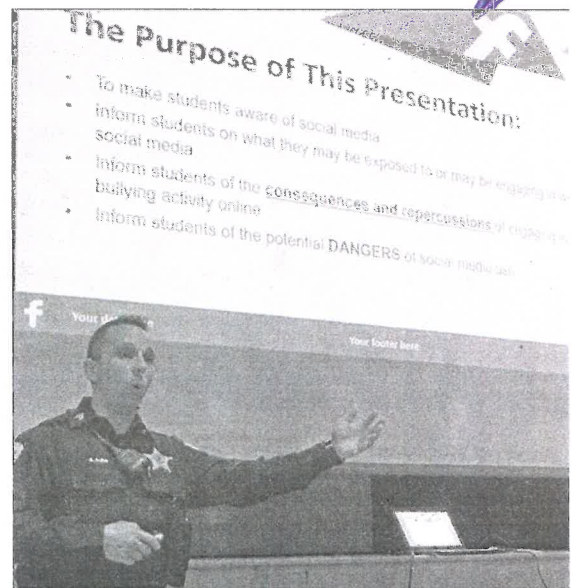
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Wesley students raise almost \$500 for Lazarus House

Students at Wesley School participated in a fundraising drive for Lazarus House, a 365-day emergency crisis homeless shelter in St. Charles. Wesley's Student Council chose Lazarus House as their spring community outreach focus. The school had a previous partnership with Lazarus House in December when Wesley students created placemats for Lazarus House's community Christmas dinner. The change drive raised \$466.71 for the shelter. Pictured here is the class that raised the most money -- Ms. Kirk's 3rd graders who won a pizza party for their efforts.



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Police Department talks to students about cyberbullying

On May 4, Sgt. Stefan Bjes with the Addison Police Department, pictured here, spoke with Addison Trail students about cyberbullying. Bjes discussed the need to be aware of what you're posting and where you're posting it on social media; the consequences of engaging in illegal or bullying activity online and the potential dangers of social media. He also stressed the importance of reporting incidents to local authorities and answered questions from students.

Willowbrook girls soccer team opens postseason play

Ragucci, Poggi, Ericson leading the defensive charge for the Warriors

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls soccer team opened play earlier this week in the Class 3A York regional against Fenwick.

Heading into the final stretch of the regular season, Warriors coach Julio Del Real's squad defeated District 88 neighbor Addison Trail 4-0 in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division game and also scored a 2-0 non-conference win against Glenbard North and tied Glenbard East 2-2 in another non-conference contest.

The Warriors also lost 1-0 in double overtime to Morton and 3-0

to Downers Grove South in a pair of WSC Gold games.

Through 16 games, the Warriors were 6-9-1 overall and finished with a 3-3 mark in conference.

Del Real lauded in particular the recent play of Jessica Ragucci and Valentina Poggi. "Jessica and Valentina have been doing an outstanding job of keeping the team together and playing very well defensively," he said.

Del Real noted the team's defense has excelled despite injuries affecting the lineup. "Our team defense has been playing outstanding," he said. "We have been hit by the injury bug and it has really hurt us. However, we have found other individuals who have stepped up to get the job done. We are an outstanding defensive team. As a team they are doing a great job preventing the other teams from reaching our goal."

That strong defense includes

goalie Zoe Ericson. "Zoe is a unique individual who plays an odd style of goalkeeping," complimented Del Real. "She is very exciting to watch and is a great team player. She has come up with a good number of great saves that have kept us in a few games."

Del Real said the team continues to work on the offensive part of the game. "We are struggling at creating opportunities for our forwards and have been working to find ways to improve as we get ready for the postseason," he noted.

Del Real added he's been impressed with his team's willingness to adapt to different situations. "We have been able to overcome some injuries and we continue to find individuals who step up to meet the challenge" he said. "This team adapts very well to game situations and that enabled us to put a great streak together in the middle of our season. With the continued

improvement on defense, we are looking for a great run in the state playoffs. I'm very proud of the great effort, our defensive play, the teamwork and the ability to overcome adversities."

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