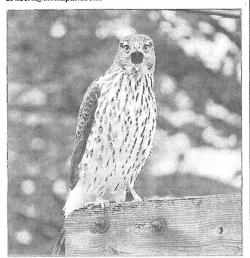
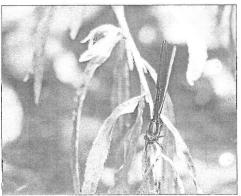


Monthly contest winners

The Village of Villa Park's second monthly photo contest, which took place in June, featured a theme of "Wildlife Around Town." The contest called for Villa Park residents to submit photos that had been taken in the village. Renee Kohl earned first-place honors in the June contest for her photo of Eastern Screech Owls (above), Lisa Hagerman received second place for her Cooper's Hawk photo (below), while Rachel Wiedman won third place for her dragonfly photo (bottom). The village began its photo con-test in May with a theme of "May Flowers." The theme of the cur-rent July contest is "Summer Activities." Submissions are due by Aug. 2. 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.





County offers navigation tools for trail system

DuPage County launched a new web-based application that will pro-vide navigation tools and information about the DuPage County trail

The DuPage Trails App showcases all trail routes in DuPage County. The app allows users to pinpoint parking lots, rest areas, restrooms, popular destinations, bike shops emergency assistance facilities

The web app can also link to the county's Citizen Reporter app, which can be used to highlight damage, problems or issues on the trails. The web app can be accessed directly at www.dupageco.org/trailmap or through the county's Navi-

gate DuPage app, which is available for iOS and Android devices. "This application will make it

easier for users to learn about trail features around them. And, it provides an easy way to report unsafe conditions on the trails. We hope the app makes it easier for DuPage residents to plan outings and take advantage of the more than 500 miles of trails in our County," said DuPage County Transportation Committee Chairman Don Puchals-

The web app was developed in ternally through a cooperative effort between the Division of Transportation and the Geographic Information Systems Department.

Villa Park briefs

Chamber of commerce's Burgers, Bags and Business event takes place Aug. 9

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Burgers, Bags and Business event on Wednesday, Aug. 9. The event will run from 4 to 8 p.m. near the Rugaard Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard, Individual food and drink tickets are \$40 per person (\$25 for chamber members). Tickets featuring food, drinks and entry into the bags tournament are \$75 for non-members and \$50 for members. A team tournament entry—offering food, drinks and tournament entries for two—is \$80. For more information, contact the chamber at 630-941-9133.

Police to conduct roadside checks in August

The Villa Park Police Department will conduct three roadside safety checks in August. The checks will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 5, Aug. 11 and Aug. 19. Each of the upcoming checks is scheduled to run for four hours, until 12:30 a.m. Police will conduct the checks at 807 W. North Ave. According to the police department, the checks promote the safety and well-being of the motoring public, as well as providing a deterrent to those who might violate the law. The safety checks will be held according to guidelines set by the courts.

Movies at Cortesi Park in August
Villa Park Recreation will offer a free "Movies in the
Park" program this summer at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 320 E. Kenilworth Ave. The movies will begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7, and Monday, Aug. 14. "Frozen" will be presented on Aug. 7. Monay, Aug. 14. Prozen will be presented of Aug. 7. The Aug. 14 film is "The Lego Batman Movie." Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Concessions will be available for purchase. The movies will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. The event is co-sponsored by the recreation department and the Villa Park Library. For more information, call the library at 630-834-1164.

VP Recreation offers free fitness week

Villa Park Recreation is offering a free fitness week from July 31—Aug. 4. Attendees can take part in any Fitness Easy Pass class at the Iowa Community Center (338 N. Iowa Ave.) for free during the week. No Easy Pass punch card is necessary; just sign in prior to attending each class. Call 630-834-8970, or visit invillapark.com

Free August Summer Concert Series begins Aug. 3

Villa Park Recreation will present a free August Sum-mer Concert Series at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. The series will kick off with a

concert by the C.J. Stanley Band on Thursday, Aug. 3 Concessions will be available at 6 p.m. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Villa Park BREWFEST

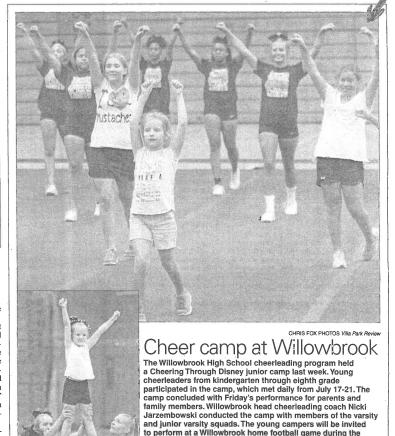
scheduled for Sept. 23
The inaugural Villa Park BREWFEST will take place from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. The event will take place at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. BREWFEST will feature craft beers from area breweries. Tickets are available for purchase, online only, at \$59 for a Gold Pass. The Gold Pass provides early entrance from 1 to 2 p.m., as well as a food ticket, use of indoor bathrooms and a commemorative tasting glass. General admission tickets are \$40 (through Aug. 18), and include entrance from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and a tasting glass. The general admission tickets will cost \$45 as of Aug. 19. Tickets for designated drivers, which will provide soda and bottled water, are \$15 per person. Designated drivers must be at least 21 years old. Several food trucks will offer a variety of food items for purchase. There will be free shuttles running from the Villa Park Metra Station, Jefferson Pool and Lufkin Pool. BREWFEST is a 21 and older event. Visit villaparkbrewfest.com for more

Pools are available for evening rental during the summer season

Villa Park Recreation has announced that Jefferson nd 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

Swim lessons and agua fitness classes offered at Villa Park's public pools Villa Park's Parks and Recreation Department offers

swim lessons throughout the summer at both Jefferson Pool and Lufkin Pool. Lessons are available for all ages and skill levels. The lessons include parent/tot sessions. Private lessons for children as young as 5 years old are tailored to specific needs, such as learning how to swim, improving a certain stroke and overcoming a fear of water. In the aqua fitness classes, participants can pay the drop-in fee of \$7 (cash only) at the pool on the day of the class. The Deep Water Workout class meets Satur-days from 8 to 9 a.m. at Lufkin Pool. The Aquacize class at the same location, from 9 to 10 a.m, follows it. The Churn the Water class is held at Jefferson Pool on Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The Aqua Zumba class runs from 7:15 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at Lufkin Pool. For more information, call 630-834-8970.





Best times of the year

The Villa Park Mariners who swam personal-best times for the season during Saturday's Red Division "B" Meet in Addison included Mary Fiebrandt (above), Jackson Benedict (below) and Izzle Evenson (bottom). Fiebrandt achieved personal-best times in four individual events at the 11-12 girls level. Benedict, who competes in the 13-14 boys division, achieved three personal bests. Evenson reached her personal-best times for the season in three events at the 9-10 girls level.







National wrestling champion

Villa Park's Jack Jessen won the 182-pound championship at Villa Park's Jack Jessen won the 182-pound championship at the recent U.S. Marine Corps Junior Greco-Roman National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota. Jessen pinned Cameron Caffey of Carbondale in the first period of Saturday's championship match. Days before winning the national title in the Greco-Roman competition, Jessen placed second in the event's freestyle tournament. Jessen, who is about to begin his senior year at Williowbrook High School, finished second in the 182-pound weight class at the IHSA Class 3A Individual state meet earlier this year. He finished his lumpy year with the Warmeet earlier this year. He finished his junior year with the War-riors with a record of 50-1. As a sophomore, Jessen placed third in the 182-pound class at the individual state meet. He earned second-place honors at the 170-pound level at the individual state meet as a freshman. Jessen helped the Willowbrook football team to an 8-4 record and a berth in the IHSA Class 7A quarterfinals last season. A running back and linebacker with the Warriors, Jessen was named to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) All-State team. Jessen has committed to attend Northwestern University. He will be a member of the Wildcats' wrestling team.





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