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Saluting those who made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day



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Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 held its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday morning at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. One photo shows members of Willowbrook High School's choir. The singers performed "America the Beautiful" at the beginning of the ceremony. They sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the end of the service. Another photo (below) shows Villa Park Village President Albert Bultuis (center), who delivered remarks during the service. At the far left is Christine Seagrave, a veteran and member of West Chicago's VFW Post No. 6791 who also spoke at the service. At the far right is longtime VFW Post No. 2801 member Sid Bergh, a World War II veteran who served as the president of the auxiliary at VFW Post No. 2801—and VFW Post No. 2801 Commander Rick Schwerdtner. Another photo (right) shows Emily McComb sounding "Taps" at the end of the ceremony. (Bottom right) Collin Chuk (left) joined McComb (right) in sounding "Taps"; the two Willowbrook students played from different locations in the park. Chuk just finished his sophomore year at Willowbrook, while McComb finished her junior year.



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Villa Park Briefs

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630-530-3972.

Incoming Willowbrook freshmen invited to take part in Progress program; deadline to register is June 1

Incoming freshmen at Willowbrook High School are invited to participate in the school's Progress program, which takes place from 8 to 10 a.m. between July 30 to Aug. 3. The dead-

line to register is this Friday, June 1. The program, which is limited to 180 participants, provides students with an opportunity to become acquainted with the school's surroundings and expectations, and what it means to be a Willowbrook Warrior. The cost is \$60 per student. Bus transportation will be provided to those who qualify. For more information, contact Jim White, Willowbrook English teacher and

Progress sponsor, at 630-782-2861, or at jwhite@dupage88.net.

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Jackson musicians earn honors

Jackson Middle School's symphonic band (above) earned a Superior rating at the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMA) State Festival. The 56 students in the band took the stage at Prairie View Middle School in Tinley Park for the festival. The students are pictured under the direction of Jackson band teacher Joseph Koppel during the recent Jackson Area Band Spring Concert. Jackson's concert orchestra (below) earned a Superior rating at the IGSMA State Festival. The orchestra, which consists of 35 students, took the stage at Joliet West High School for its competition. The students are pictured at a recent spring concert at their school under the direction of Jackson orchestra teacher David Farquhar.



Conroy looking to increase workplace safety for nurses

State Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, is sponsoring House Bill 4100, which seeks to improve workplace protections for nurses.

"Nursing is one of the most underappreciated professions in our society," said Conroy. "The nursing profession is one of the fastest growing occupations, and nurses play an integral role in our health care system. House Bill 4100 helps ensure that their work environments will be safe from violence and harassment."

House Bill 4100 was introduced in response to two incidents that took place last year when nurses were held hostage and assaulted by inmates being treated at suburban hospitals. This bill amends the Nurse Practice Act to require medical facilities to establish a workplace violence prevention program, whistleblower protections and protocols for the reception of potentially violent patients transferred from law enforcement.

The bill will also provide opportunities for nurses to participate in creating violence prevention programs and require facilities to offer mental health services to victims of workplace violence.

"There is no way to ensure that every workplace is completely hazard-free, but this legislation takes many steps in the right direction," said Conroy. "I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important legislation to show the thousands of nurses and health care workers in Illinois that we appreciate the invaluable care they provide and that fear of violence should never be part of their job."



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Eagle Scout

Villa Park resident Jack Wentworth, who just graduated from Willowbrook High School, recently earned Eagle Scout status—the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America. Scouts who earn Eagle Scout status must organize, plan and complete an extensive service project in their community. For his Eagle Scout project, Wentworth built and installed picnic benches in the courtyard at Willowbrook. Wentworth (center) is pictured with Carl Tankersley (left) and Joshua Tankersley (right), who helped him complete the project. Carl, who earned Eagle Scout status in November, is a member of Willowbrook's Class of 2018. Joshua just completed his sophomore year at the school. The Tankersleys are members of Troop 242.



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Cardboard regatta

About 200 students from Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools competed in a cardboard regatta on May 18 at Jefferson Pool. Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (center, wearing sunglasses) joined students to compete in the race. Participants built boats out of cardboard and tape and raced them from one end of the pool to the other and back. The students who took part in the cardboard regatta are in Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level Physics 1 and 2 classes at the two District 88 schools.



Wentworth, who is with Troop 54, joined Cub Scouts in 2006. He hopes to stay involved with Boy Scouts as an adult leader. Wentworth plans to serve a two-year church mission; he then plans to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

Sports

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Rams and Warriors capture regional titles

Neighborhood rivals will square off at the Bartlett Sectional

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East and Willowbrook baseball teams will square off in today's IHSA Class 4A sectional semifinal game at Bartlett High School. The Rams and Warriors advanced to the sectional by winning regional titles in exciting fashion. Glenbard East won the championship of the Elk Grove Regional, while Willowbrook won a regional title on its own field.

Glenbard East defeated York 4-3 in Saturday's regional final in Elk Grove. A few hours later, Willowbrook prevailed in its own regional title contest. The Warriors outlasted Wheaton North 8-5 in Saturday's nine-inning battle.

Glenbard East enters today's game with an overall season record of 24-12. Willowbrook enters the game with a 19-14 record.

Until Saturday, the Rams hadn't won a regional baseball title since 2005. Willowbrook, which endured a 39-year gap in regional titles from 1973 to 2012, has won three regional baseball championships since 2012. The Warriors captured a regional title last year.

The Rams trailed York 1-0 through four innings of Saturday's regional final. Senior Jack Crackel tied the game at 1-1 when he bashed a solo home run—his second homer of the season—over the left-field fence in the top of the fifth inning.

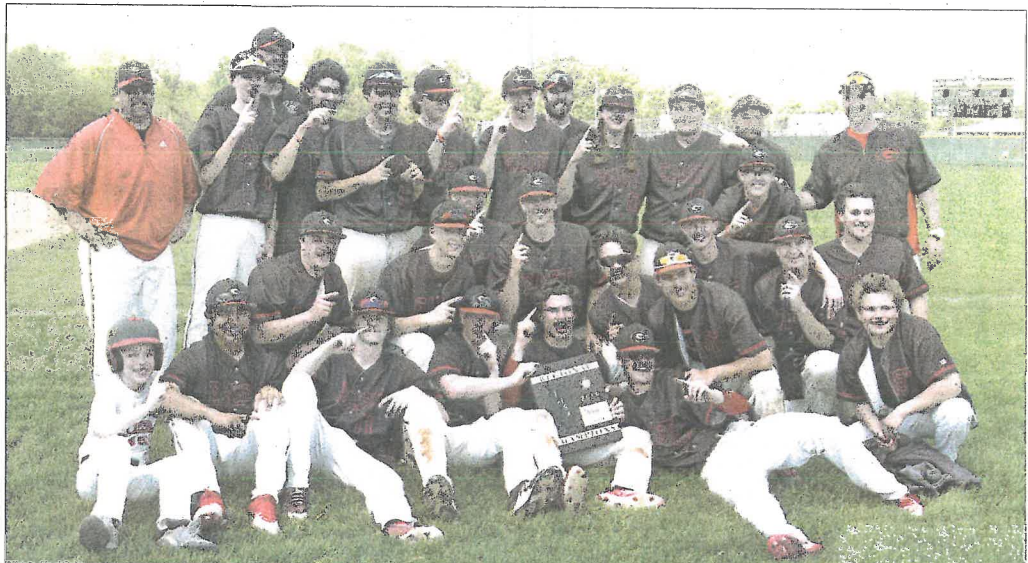
The Rams took a 2-1 lead when they scored a run in the top of the sixth inning. Senior Taylor Westerhoff reached base when he was hit by a pitch. He then stole second base and scored on a single by junior Mitch Glennon. York regained the lead by scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Facing the end of its season, Glenbard East delivered two runs in the top of the seventh inning. Senior Jack Oberli lined a double down the right-field line to tie the game. Oberli's double drove in senior Will Brown, who singled to lead off the inning. Moments later, junior Bret Bushka added another line-drive double to right field to give the Rams the lead.

Senior pitcher Jared Rech, who took the mound in relief of junior Jacob Bailey in the sixth inning, earned the victory. Rech recorded the first two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning before two runners reached base. Crackel then took the mound and secured a save. Crackel pitched to one batter and recorded a strikeout to end the game and set off a spirited celebration by the Rams and their fans.

"It felt amazing," said Crackel of the game-ending strikeout. "I really just wanted to get that last out. I knew it could be the last game of my career. I just wanted to close it out."

"We talked about what it means to have faith," said Glenbard East coach Joel Pelland in discussing the team's pre-game talk before Saturday's regional triumph. "We had faith that every guy at the plate was going to do the job for us. We had faith that everyone we put on the mound was going to do the job for us. I couldn't be more proud of the entire team. This is what this team has done all year. We battle. We never quit."

Glenbard East opened its post-season with a 3-1 victory over Glenbard West in a May 24 regional semifinal game in Elk Grove. Westerhoff fired a complete-game masterpiece for the Rams. He allowed four hits and two walks in seven innings. Westerhoff struck out seven batters and didn't allow any earned runs. The Hilltoppers scored their only run in the top of the sixth inning. Westerhoff ended that inning with a strikeout. He also struck out a Hilltopper to end the game. Glenbard West had the tying



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runs on base when Westerhoff recorded a strikeout to end the game.

"I was just trying to stay calm," said Westerhoff after the victory. "I know my defense has my back, so I've always got faith in them. I was just trying to put the ball over the plate for them."

"He's a competitor," said Pelland of Westerhoff. "He's been a workhorse for us all year."

The Rams scored all three of their runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Oberli was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Senior Ben Campos then singled. Bushka then delivered a sacrifice to advance the runners. The Hilltoppers then intentionally walked Westerhoff to lead the bases. Junior Jeremy Johnson followed by connecting for a two-run single. Glennon added a run-scoring single that brought in Westerhoff; Johnson tried to score on the hit but was thrown out at home plate.

Warriors win a pair of thrillers

Willowbrook's pair of post-season wins matched Glenbard East in terms of excitement. The Warriors began the playoffs by rallying from a 4-0 deficit to beat Addison Trail 5-4 on May 24 in Villa Park. The Blazers, who scored one run in the second inning, added three runs in the top of the fourth inning. Willowbrook evened the game at 4-4 with four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Junior Trevor Jaloszynski doubled to lead off the inning. Senior Dan Gusel



Senior Taylor Westerhoff (No. 8) is pictured above during the game against the Hilltoppers. Westerhoff pitched all seven innings to earn the victory. The Rams face Willowbrook in today's semifinal game at the IHSA Class 4A Bartlett Sectional.

The Glenbard East baseball program won a regional title for the first time since 2005 when it captured the IHSA Class 4A Elk Grove Regional championship. The Rams beat York 4-3 in Saturday's title game. One photo shows senior Jack Crackel (center) celebrating moments after he stuck out a York batter to end the game. Crackel connected for a solo home run earlier in the contest to tie the score at 1-1. The Rams advanced to the title game with a 3-1 win over Glenbard West on May 24.



then singled to drive in Jaloszynski. Junior Ryan Mintz added a single to put two runners on base. Senior Sam Pelsor then connected for a two-run double. Junior Scott Tumilty added a run-scoring single to drive in the tying run.

Junior Jack Hines led off the bottom of the seventh inning. He reached base when he was hit by a pitch. Mintz then walked to put two runners on base with no outs. Pelsor then stepped to the plate and cracked the first pitch for a single to right field. Hines rounded third base and sprinted home to end the game.

"The baseball gods came down and brought us a win," said Pelsor moments after his game-winning hit against Addison Trail. "We knew in the long run nothing was going to stop us. We don't give up."

Sophomore Dax Meyer pitched a complete-game victory for the Warriors. He allowed eight hits, one earned run and one walk over seven innings. He struck out three Addison Trail batters.

"We told these guys we were going to have adversity," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner after the May 24 win over the Blazers. "We hadn't responded so well this year; we lost a

couple of one-run games, and we let some close games get away from us. Today we just responded. It's awesome that we were able to do what we did to come back."

While the Warriors played Saturday's regional final on their home field, they were the visiting team, as Wheaton North held a better seed. The Falcons held a 3-2 lead going into the top of the seventh inning. A couple of Wheaton North throwing errors helped the Warriors load the bases. Gusel then belted a three-run double to left field to give Willowbrook a 5-3 lead.

Wheaton North tied the game on a bizarre play in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Falcons had the bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. The runners took off on a 3-2 pitch—a grounder to third base. The throw to second was late; the ensuing throw to first was also late. The ensuing throw from first to home was also late to catch the runner from second base, who scored to tie the game at 5-5.

Neither team scored in the eighth inning, but the Warriors scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning. Scott Tumilty singled, stole second and scored on a single to right field

by senior Mason Kamp. Junior Marshall McDonnell then doubled to drive in a run. Hines singled to bring in the Warriors' third run of the inning.

Jaloszynski pitched the final two innings to earn the victory. Junior Jack Nilles pitched the first seven innings for Willowbrook. He allowed eight hits and two earned runs. Nilles struck out three batters and gave up three walks.

Wheaton North loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning. The game ended on a soft grounder toward Jaloszynski, who ran off the mound to field the ball and flip it to first base for the final out.

"This team has been so bizarre all year," said Wisner after the win over Wheaton North. "We've barely put together back-to-back wins. We're at 19 wins, but it's been a grind to 19 wins. The regular season gets you ready for the playoffs. Our focus is to be playing our best baseball when we get to this point in the season."

"That was the most intense game I've ever played in," said Kamp, who delivered what turned out to be the game-winning run batted in. We just all came together; we got through it."



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Warriors win a regional title

The Willowbrook baseball team captured an IHSA Class 4A regional title on its own field with two exciting victories. Willowbrook rallied from a 4-0 deficit to beat Addison Trail 5-4 in a regional semifinal game on May 24. One photo from that game shows junior Jack Hines (above right) scoring the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Senior Sam Pelsor singled to drive in Hines with the winning run. Willowbrook defeated Wheaton North 8-5 in nine innings in Saturday's regional final in Villa Park. Junior Jack Nilles (pictured bottom right) pitched the first seven innings for the Warriors. Junior Trevor Jaloszynski pitched the eighth and ninth innings to earn the victory. Willowbrook is facing Glenbard East in today's sectional semifinal game in Bartlett. See story on page 13.



Huge rally propels Broncos to a regional championship

Eight-run eruption lifts Montini to a win over Glenbard South

The Montini baseball team rallied to win the IHSA Class 3A Glenbard South Regional title on Saturday.

The Broncos defeated Glenbard South 9-7 in Glen Ellyn. Montini, which was the home team by virtue of its better seed, trailed the Raiders 7-1 going into the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Broncos scored eight runs in

the sixth inning to seize the lead.

Montini, which improved to 20-13-1 on the season, advanced to this week's Class 3A sectional match-up against Nazareth Academy at Boomers Stadium in Schaumburg. A win over Nazareth would propel the

Broncos to a sectional final against either Ridgewood or St. Patrick.

Senior Alex Weisshaar connected for two hits for Montini during the sixth-inning rally. Senior Jake Karczewski, sophomore Michael Sclafani and senior Ben Steiner also

had hits during the inning.

Sclafani pitched the final two and two-third innings to earn the victory for Montini, which trailed Glenbard South 4-0 after one inning. Sclafani allowed one hit and no walks while striking out five batters.



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Glenbard East's girls soccer team finished its season with last week's 4-2 loss to Downers Grove North in a semifinal match at the IHSA Class 3A York Sectional in Elmhurst. One photo from the match shows Glenbard East senior Elizabeth Toledo

(No. 6), who scored the Rams' second goal of the match. Another photo shows senior Katie Hansen (No. 10) making a free kick. Glenbard East completed the season with an overall record of 16-5-3.

Rams' season ends with a sectional semifinal loss

Trojans erupt for four goals in the final 17 minutes

The Glenbard East girls soccer team's season ended with last week's 4-2 loss to Downers Grove North in an IHSA Class 3A sectional semifinal match at York High School in Elmhurst.

The Rams finished their season with an overall record of 16-5-3. Downers Grove North went on to win the sectional title by beating Lyons Township in a penalty-kick

shootout in Friday's sectional final.

Glenbard East held a 1-0 halftime lead over the Trojans in the May 22 sectional semifinal. Senior Mimi Camacho scored the Rams' first goal—her team-leading 20th goal of the season—with about 13 minutes left in the first half. Glenbard East maintained its 1-0 lead until Downers Grove North scored the equalizer with 17:03 left in the second half. The relentless Trojans took a 2-1 lead with 10:58 to play. They extended their lead to 3-1

with just 5:10 left in the match. The Rams cut Downers Grove North's lead to 3-2 about one minute later, when senior Elizabeth Toledo scored with 4:12 remaining. The Trojans sealed their victory when they scored their fourth goal of the half with 1:07 to play.

"I thought we were flawless in the first half," said Glenbard East coach Kent Overbey after the match. "We didn't have an answer for them [in the second half]. They were very well-organized."

This year's Glenbard East team includes 10 seniors, several of whom played on the 2016 team that claimed the third-place trophy in the Class 3A state tournament. The program had never won a regional title until 2016. The Rams have now won three straight regional championships.

"They're definitely disappointed," said Overbey of the team's seniors. "You can see the emotion on them. They've had tons of success over the last three or four years."



Rams and Warriors finish the season with regional losses

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team's season ended with a 25-14, 25-17 loss to Lake Park in a regional final in Roselle on May 23.

The Rams finished their season with an overall record of 20-18.

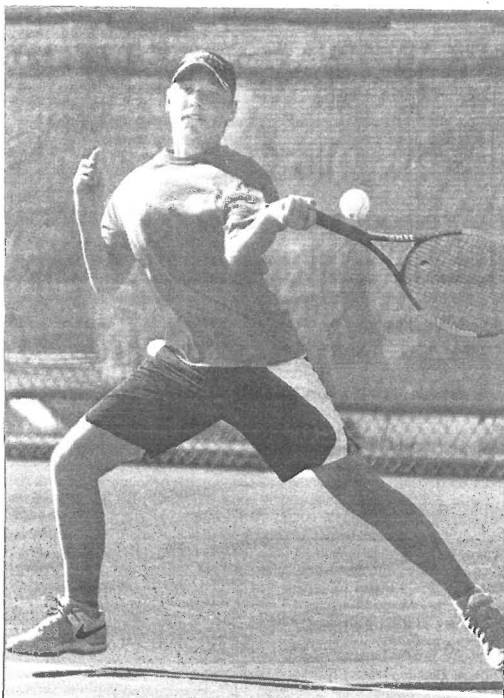
Junior Jacob Bojan made 12 digs for Glenbard East. Senior Matt Smith provided four kills and three digs. Junior Brenden Cardott contributed four assists and two digs, while sophomore Pat Campuzano had four assists and a pair of service aces.

The Rams were hampered by injuries to two of their players. Junior Carson Brandt suffered a sprained ankle during pre-match warm-ups and was unable to play. Senior Preston Cox sustained an ankle injury early in the first game.

The Rams advanced to the regional final with two post-season wins—a 25-14, 25-8 win over St. Edward and a 25-14, 25-20 victory over York. Brandt had 13 kills, four digs and two blocks in the win over the Dukes. Cox provided five blocks and four kills. Cardott handed out 12 assists, while Campuzano had seven assists. Bojan made seven digs.

The Willowbrook volleyball team's season ended with a 25-21, 25-19 regional semifinal loss to Wheaton North at the St. Charles North Regional on May 22. One day earlier, the Warriors opened the post-season with a 25-23, 25-17 win over Wheaton Academy.

Senior Nick Cookingham had 19 assists, four kills and four digs in Willowbrook's win over Wheaton Academy. Senior Tim Keefe delivered seven kills and six digs, while senior Buddy Martens made 10 digs. Senior J.T. Beausoleil had five kills, three assists and three digs. Junior Jevon Lowery added three kills and three digs.



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Area runners take part in state meet

Montini athletes competed in the finals of four events at the IHSA Class 2A boys track and field state meet, which took place Friday and Saturday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Montini's 4 x 100-meter relay team of junior Zach Olson, junior Nick Fedanzo, senior Matt Quaglia and senior Jalen Slater ran to an eighth-place finish. The foursome completed Saturday's final in 43.41 seconds. Quaglia also qualified for the final in the 100-meter dash. Quaglia turned in a fifth-place time of 11.01 seconds in the final.

Senior Jacob Mondschean of the Broncos ran to a ninth-place finish in the 1,600-meter run, which he finished in 4 minutes, 26.16 seconds. Junior Jayden Gertsen placed 16th in the 3,200-meter run, which he completed in 10 minutes, 12.03 seconds.

Willowbrook sophomore Liam Rieser competed in the 400-meter run in the Class 3A boys state meet at Eastern Illinois University. Rieser ran the one-lap race in 52.17 seconds during Friday's preliminaries; he did not advance to Saturday's final.

Broncos win regional title

The Montini softball team won an IHSA Class 3A regional championship on May 25. The Broncos defeated Chicago's Muchin College Prep School 15-0 in the regional final in Lombard. Montini advanced to this week's Glenbard South Sectional in Glen Ellyn.

Two straight state-meet appearances

Glenbard East sophomore Key-in Kruzel (pictured) competed in the singles draw of last week's IHSA Class 2A state tennis meet. One of 64 players in the Class 2A singles field, Kruzel won his first-round match. He then lost in the second round of the double-elimination tournament. Kruzel won one match in the consolation draw before losing his next match. One year ago, Kruzel competed in the Class 2A state singles tournament. He won one match in the consolation draw. Montini's tandem of senior Thomas Batka and sophomore David Batka reeled off five victories and claimed third-place honors in last week's Class 1A state doubles tournament. The Batkas won four straight matches in straight sets before losing a three-set battle in the semifinal round. The Montini duo completed the tournament with a 6-3, 6-4 win in the third-place match.

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Villa Park briefs

VP Warriors cheerleaders hold car wash on Saturday

The Villa Park Youth Warriors cheer organization will hold a car wash this Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. outside of Inland Bank, 305 W. St. Charles Road.

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Lifeguard certification training classes offered next week in Villa Park

If you are at least 15 years of age and able to pass a preliminary swim test, you could work as a lifeguard for the Village of Villa Park. Lifeguard certification training will take place next week—June 11-15—at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave., and at Jefferson Pool, 341 N. Harvard Ave. The training takes place each day from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Sue Earl at searl@invillapark.com.

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Headed to the Special Olympics state event

Four Willowbrook High School students will compete in the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games, which will take place June 15-17 in Bloomington and Normal. The students (pictured left to right) are: Jonathan Leal, Maria Gonzalez, Joseph Bertuca and Isabella lasillo. The students are pictured during a recent state send-off event at Willowbrook. Leal will compete in the 50-meter run, while Gonzalez will compete in two events—the 100-meter run and the 200-meter run. Bertuca and lasillo will both take part in the softball throw.



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO Villa Park Review

Summerfest entertainment

Next week's Summerfest 2018 in Villa Park will feature several live music acts. Performers include Meghan and Caitlin Foley, who are pictured during last year's festival. The sisters will perform at this year's event from 4:10 to 5:20 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. Meghan (left), graduated from Willowbrook High School in 2016. Caitlin (right) graduated from Willowbrook last month.

Cullerton, Conroy offer free shredding event on June 16

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) and State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) are joining Glendale Heights Village President Linda Jackson to conduct a free paper shredding event for area residents on Saturday, June 16.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside of the Glendale Heights Village Hall and Police Station, located at 300 Civic Center Plaza, Glendale Heights.

According to a statement issued by Cullerton, the event promotes the prevention of consumer fraud and identity theft. The statement added that residents can reduce the chance of identity theft by shredding bank statements, credit card offers and credit card convenience checks. Residents should also shred canceled

credit cards, canceled checks, pay stubs, old photo IDs and tax returns that are more than three years old.

To accommodate all participants, the June 16 shredding event is limiting residential shredding to two boxes per person. Boxes and bags will be returned. No business shredding and no electronics will be accepted.

Cullerton will also collect old cell phones at the event to help the DuPage County Domestic Violence Shelter. He will also accept eyeglasses to benefit the Lions Club.

For more information, call Cullerton's office at 630-903-6662.

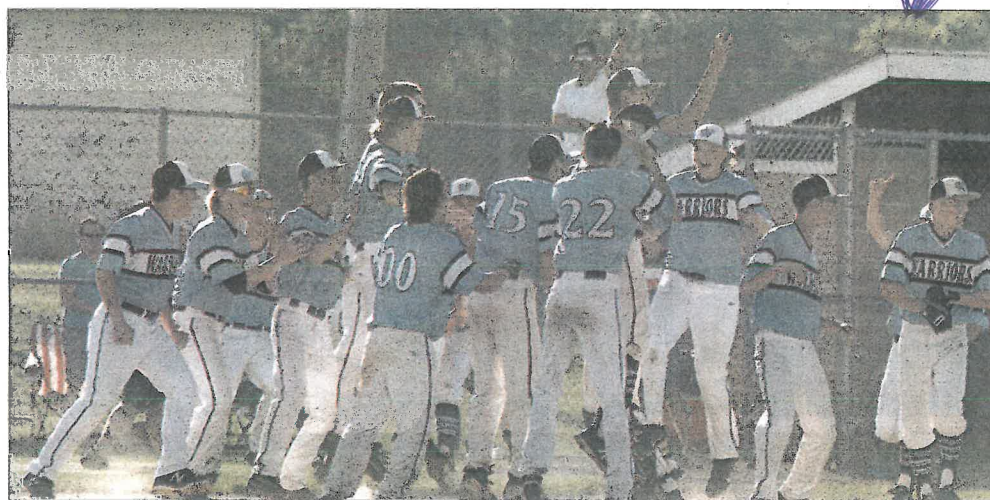
Conroy proposes to extend standard tax deduction

To help middle class families save more on their taxes, state Rep. Deb Conroy, is sponsoring legislation extending the standard income tax exemption for working families that is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year.

"Middle class families have been paying more than their fair share for years and we cannot allow that to continue," said Conroy. "Instead of cutting unnecessary spending, increasing government efficiencies or raising taxes on billionaires, Gov. Rauner has shown that he is willing to let tax exemptions for working class families expire to fund his budget proposal."

Rauner's budget proposal assumes the expiration of the standard income tax exemption in his revenue estimates, resulting in higher taxes for working families. Senate Bill 1437 would extend the current tax exemption that taxpayers receive, allowing Illinois residents to continue to save money each year. Without an extension, the standard income tax deduction would fall from \$2,175 to \$2,000.

"Working families depend on these exemptions to put a little extra money in their pockets each year, money that goes back in to the local economy," Conroy added. "This is an important savings that we need to keep in place for middle-class families, not use as a political tool."



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Happy Warriors

Members of the Willowbrook baseball team head toward home plate to congratulate their teammate—junior Jack Nilles—at the end of last week's IHSA Class 4A Bartlett Sectional semifinal game against Glenbard East. The teams were tied at 5-5 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Nilles led off the bottom of the seventh by hitting a pinch-hit home run to end the May 31 game. Willowbrook advanced to Saturday's sectional championship game against Lake Park. The Lancers defeated the Warriors 6-0. Willowbrook finished its season with a 20-15 record. See the sports pages for more about Willowbrook's baseball team.



Giant 'white elephant' sale starts today

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Lombard's Christ The King Parish invites the whole community to its annual giant White Elephant Sale that will be held in the parish's gymnasium, 115 E. 15th St. (Main and 15th Street). The sale starts today, June 7, and will run through Saturday, June 9. The hours of the sale are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Sale volunteers are pictured in the gym that is filled with great bargains that include toys, clothes, shoes, furniture, collectibles and much more. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the parish, which has been holding the event for over 30 years.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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Sudoku Puzzle Answers

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1	8	5	9	6	4	7	3	2
2	7	3	1	5	8	6	9	4



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Rotary Club of Lombard presents scholarships

The Rotary Club of Lombard recently presented six scholarships to graduating high school students representing three high schools. At the club's annual scholarship luncheon May 10 at Lombard's Maxfield's Restaurant, the students shared with club members their plans for college. Pictured with club Scholarship Chairman Shahe Bagdasarian and President Barb Kruser (left) are scholarship recipients (left to right) Glenbard East High School students Yenifer Cruz, Alison Liljestrand and Jared Rech, Montini Catholic High School student Peyton Schaefer and Willowbrook High School students Betty-Ann Garrett and Leah Gensel.

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Latoria, Cuchran power Montini back to state

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ROSEMONT – By now, Lauren Latoria knows the drill.

So when Lemont walked Latoria's Montini teammate, Nikki Cuchran, with runners on first and second and nobody out in the first inning June 4, she didn't bat an eye.

"No team is going to let Nikki Cuchran beat them," Latoria said, "because she will every time."

Latoria made Lemont pay.

Cuchran, as usual, got her licks in, too.

Latoria drove in three early runs with two singles. Cuchran also drove in three runs despite being intentionally walked twice and came inches away from a grand slam, and Montini advanced to state for the second time in three seasons with an 8-3 win at the Class 3A Rosemont Supersectional.

Montini (28-9), the 2016 state champion, will play Mount Zion at 12:30 p.m. June 8 in East Peoria.

"Freshman year, got a taste of No. 1. That's all we want," Latoria said. "Nothing is good enough after that. I'm not happy to be here. I'll be happy to be there."

The Lady Broncos were victims of a slow start in last year's supersectional loss to Nazareth.

They didn't let history repeat itself.

Emily Alexander singled to lead off Montini's first inning, and Alyssa Filkowski reached on an error. Cuchran was intentionally walked, and one out later Latoria lined a single to center, scoring two.

Latoria, who made two critical de-



Montini players celebrate their supersectional win against Lemont on June 4 in Rosemont.

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fensive plays in Montini's sectional final win over St. Francis, did it again with the bat in the second inning. She ripped an RBI single to left field, making it 5-0.

Montini took advantage of two Lemont errors and four hit batters over the first three innings, but also got the bit hit.

"She's stepped up at the right time, and you need that," Montini coach Mike Bukovsky said of Latoria. "If you want to be a special team, you have to have girls step up. Nikki has been doing it all year. Teams are not going to let Nikki beat them."

It's with good reason.

Cuchran, a DePaul recruit, has put up downright unheard of numbers this season. The sweet-swinging lefty was hitting .697 with 19 doubles, 15 homers and 75 runs batted in through Montini's sectional semifinal. She's also been issued 32 walks in 131 plate appearances.

"Nikki is a special player," Bukovsky said. "You have to pick and choose with her."

Cuchran, for her part, doesn't let the free passes get to her.

"I know the other girls have my back," Cuchran said. "I know they'll

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Nothing is good enough after that. I'm not happy to be here. I'll be happy to be [at the state tournament]."

Lauren Latoria

Montini junior on returning to state after winning the state title in 2016

make up for it. You never know, they could miss. You always have to be ready."

She remained ready against Lemont. Cuchran served a blooper into left her second at-bat, and it went for a triple when Lemont's left fielder unsuccessfully tried to make a shoestring catch.

Next inning, Cuchran drilled the first pitch she saw off the top of the fence in straight center, going for a 220-foot two-run single that made it 8-3. Lemont (25-10), which won its first sectional title in 29 years with a walk-off homer June 2, had closed to 5-3 but Cuchran had the answer.

"In those situations I'm looking for anything I can drive," Cuchran said.

Cuchran paused as she passed first, believing that the ball cleared the fence for a grand slam. She had to hold for a single as the runner at second was tagging up.

"I didn't really know if it was a home run, either," Cuchran said. "It worked out in the end, though."

Willowbrook baseball team bows out in sectional final

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BARTLETT – In the moments after a sectional final loss in which just about nothing seemed to go right, it might be hard to look at things with a wide lens.

So when Willowbrook dropped its second consecutive Class 4A sectional final on June 2 to Lake Park 6-0, it came as no surprise to see the program's five seniors overcome with emotion.

Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner wanted to make sure they knew they had plenty to be proud of.

"They're going to leave as the winningest class – as far as playoffs – in the history of the school," Wisner said. "They did a great job. Their leadership. It's really hard. There's only five of them, but it's hard to say goodbye

to those kids considering everything they've done for our program.

"No longer is it Willowbrook playing for the sectional for the first time since 1973, now it's like, 'Damn, there they are again and there they are again.' I'm hoping these seniors that we had, that's kind of the feel they've left around."

After walk-off heroics earned the Warriors a spot in the final, both Willowbrook (19-13) and Lake Park looked sharp early as the two teams cruised through two scoreless innings. However, mistakes started to mount for Willowbrook in the third.

A pair of Warriors errors in the inning helped spot Lake Park (17-12) with the game's first run. In the fourth, the mistakes piled up, with three more errors helping the Lancers churn out four

more runs. Willowbrook finished the game with eight errors, unofficially.

Down five runs heading into their half of the fourth inning, the Warriors still felt like they'd have opportunities to come back after overcoming a four-run deficit against Marmion in the semifinals.

But Lake Park starting pitcher Ryan Behling shut the door on a comeback bid by making key pitches every time it seemed the Warriors might have a chance to get something started.

Behling threw a complete-game shutout, surrendering just three hits and striking out nine.

"We know Willowbrook is a real gutsy team and that they're never going to give up," Lake Park coach Dan Colucci said.

Willowbrook's best chance of start-

ing a rally came in the sixth inning when senior Dan Gusel Jr. ripped a double to the wall in left field. The courtesy runner who replaced him was cut down trying to advance to third on a ground ball.

A single by Sam Tumilty gave the Warriors runners on first and second with two outs. Behling delivered yet again for Lake Park with a strikeout to end the inning.

Now Willowbrook will begin the process of finding a way to get over the sectional hurdle.

"We've got to realize that the season starts now. We've got to be ready to go in the summer. We've got to be ready to go in our winter workouts," Wisner said. "All that stuff matters before this. When you're really committed to those things, the wins will take care of themselves."