

Blue Island man sentenced to 15 years for robbery of 7-Eleven in Villa Park

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced last week that a Blue Island man charged with robbing a 7-Eleven convenience store at gunpoint of Illinois Lottery scratch-off tickets and approximately \$200 in cash has been sentenced to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Cameron Love, 20, appeared in court where he entered a plea of guilty to one count of aggravated robbery, a Class 1 Felony.

On July 28, 2017, Love appeared in bond court where bond was set at \$1 million with 10 percent to apply in accordance with a previously issued arrest warrant. He has been held in custody since that time.

The sentence was handed down by Judge John Kinsella.

On May 20, 2017, at approximately 5:09 a.m., Love and an unnamed accomplice entered the 7-Eleven convenience store located on Villa Avenue.

Once inside the store, Love and his accomplice stole Illinois scratch-off lottery tickets and approximately \$200 from the store.

An investigation into the matter led by the Villa Park Police Department led to Love. On July 21, 2017, a \$1 million arrest warrant was issued for Love. Love was ultimately identified through a fingerprint that police officers discovered on a lottery ticket that Love dropped as he

fled the store.

"I would like to commend the Villa Park Police Department for their outstanding work in apprehending Mr. Love once they identified him as a suspect in this case," Berlin said. "It is because of their efforts that Mr. Love now finds himself facing a significant prison sentence. This sentence sends the message that this type of violent behavior will not be tolerated in DuPage County and that if you are convicted of this type of crime you will be removed from society for a very long time."

Love will be required to serve 50 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole.



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Willowbrook alumni named as Golden Apple Scholars

Willowbrook High School alumni Kalyn Konrath and Ethan Wallace have been inducted into the 2018 class of Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois—a group of 229 aspiring educators. Konrath and Wallace both graduated from Willowbrook in 2016. Konrath currently attends Elmhurst College, while Wallace attends Eastern Illinois University. According to Golden Apple, the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois is a scholarship program that identifies high school seniors, as well as first- and second-year college students who have the promise and drive to be excellent teachers in high-need schools. The scholarship program provides four years of residential summer institutes, as well as mentoring from a Golden Apple teacher. Golden Apple is a non-profit organization that works to inspire, develop and support excellence among teachers and school leaders in Illinois.

Villa Park briefs

Police department announces three upcoming roadside safety checks

The Villa Park Police Department will conduct roadside safety checks from 8 p.m. to midnight on July 13, July 27 and Aug. 17. Police will hold all three of the safety checks on the 800 block of West North Avenue. The checks are part of the Click It or Ticket campaign that reminds all drivers and passengers to use their seat belts.

According to a statement issued by the police, the checks are being conducted to promote the safety and well-being of the motoring public, and to provide a deterrent for those who might violate statutes and ordinances. The statement added that safety checks will be conducted according to guidelines set by the courts.

Summer concert series continues July 11

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park and the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will present its annual Concerts on the Prairie Path series in July. Each of the free concerts begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Rugarud Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and the Illinois Prairie Path. The concession stand, which will offer sales of hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, soda and popcorn, will open at 6 p.m. The concerts usually take place on Wednesday evenings in July, but since the Fourth of July fell on a Wednesday this year, the series began with a concert on Monday, July 2. The concert series continues with a July 11 event featuring the St. John's Praise Team from Lombard will perform at the July 18 concert. The series concludes with the July 25 concert, which will feature Tropixplosion.

Willowbrook pom camp takes place July 9-13

The Willowbrook High School pom team will hold its summer camp for kids from July 9-13. The camp, which is for children ages 4 to 13, will include five daily sessions, with each session running from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school's main gym. The camp will conclude with a showcase for family and friends at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 13. Campers can sign up on the morning of the first session on July 9. For more information, contact Maggie Lamb, the Willowbrook pom team's head coach, at mlamb@dupage88.net.

Saint Genesius Productions to present "Titanic—the Musical"

Villa Park's Saint Genesius Productions will present a summer show this month at Willowbrook High School. "Titanic—the Musical" will feature a cast of area students in grade school, high school and college.

The performances on Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20, will begin at 7 p.m. There will be two shows on Saturday, July 21. One will begin at 3 p.m. The other will start at 7 p.m. General admission prices are \$12 per person and \$8 for seniors and children 12 and under. For more information, call 630-244-9406, or visit saintgenesiusproductions.com.

Founded in 2010, Saint Genesius Productions was created to bring the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic, grade schools throughout DuPage County. The organization has expanded to offer next month's production.

Police conduct holiday crackdown on drunk drivers and seat-belt law violators

Enforcement campaign runs through July 8

The Villa Park Police Department announced last week its traffic enforcement plans for the Fourth of July holiday period. The department's enforcement crackdown, which began on June 25 and will run through July 8, will focus on drunk and unbuckled drivers.

The Villa Park department is joining the Illinois State Police and more than 150 local police and sheriff's departments for the increased statewide enforcement effort, which is part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket campaign. Federal traffic safety funds fund the campaign.

The Illinois Department of Transportation administers the campaign, which is joined by a media outreach reminding motorists of the potential consequences of impaired driving.

"We encourage local residents to celebrate Independence Day safely," said Villa Park Police Sgt. James Cihak in a statement released by the police department. "If you're going to drink, don't drive. Too many people die behind the wheel each year because of those who choose to drive impaired by alcohol or other drugs. Our officers will be out in full force, showing zero tolerance for impaired drivers."

Cihak advises residents to designate a sober driver, and not to let

friends or family members drive while intoxicated. Cihak's other tips include:

- Give your designated driver your keys before you go out;
- If you are drunk or impaired by marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing service or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Use your community's designated driver program;
- Promptly report drunk drivers to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911;
- Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears his or her seat belt. It is their best defense against an impaired driver.

Willowbrook freshmen to receive Chromebooks

Devices for classroom and out-of-school use will be issued next month

Incoming freshmen at Willowbrook High School will receive a Chromebook mobile computer for instructional purposes. The incoming freshmen—Willowbrook's Class of 2022—will receive the devices during registration on Aug. 7.

According to information provided by District 88, the district will redirect funds currently used to buy Chromebooks that are checked out by teachers for student use; those funds will be redirected to provide each freshman with a Chromebook for in-school and out-of-school use for instructional purposes.

"Students are expected to bring their Chromebook to school every day," said Aaron Lenaghan, District 88's director of technology, teach-

ing and learning, in a letter mailed to parents and guardians last week. Students are directed to charge their device at home and bring them to school ready for classroom use. If charging is needed during the day, charging stations will be available in the commons, cafeteria and library media center.

Families in need of internet access in the home can contact Willowbrook or District 88 regarding the Sprint hotspot program, which provides a filtered internet connection to eligible families.

Lenaghan stated the annual fee for Chromebooks is \$54 per year. The full cost of each device will be divided over four years, and students will be able to own the device after they leave the district. Waivers will be offered to qualifying students.

Lenaghan's letter stated that each device will be individually assigned to each student and inventoried us-

ing a unique identifier. Students will set up their devices and obtain login and password information during the first week of school in August. Students will keep their devices over the summer between subsequent school years.

Students are directed to keep the devices secured in their lockers when not in use during the school day. Stolen Chromebooks should be reported to the dean's office for referral to police. Lenaghan's letter added that District 88 is not responsible for lost or stolen property.

Each Chromebook will have a content filter that will be in place in students' homes and at school. Lenaghan's letter noted that online activity will be tracked for safety purposes, and students will only have access to educationally appropriate sites in compliance with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act. Students will be permitted to add

applications to the devices, subject to administrative review.

District 88 will cover repairs, using a graduated fee scale. The first repair is free. The second repair will cost \$25, while the third repair will cost \$50, the fourth repair will cost \$100. Families will have an option to purchase insurance through a third party vendor to cover the cost of lost or stolen devices.

Students will be issued a District 88 owned Gmail account during registration in August. According to Lenaghan, the account will allow for creating and sharing documents, as well as electronic communication with teachers.

"This email system provides more opportunities for students and teachers to collaborate in a safe and secure online environment, with a spotlight on ease-of-use," said Lenaghan in his letter to parents and guardians.



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Spring standouts recognized

The District 88 Board of Education recognized dozens of students from Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools during its June 25 meeting. The students were honored for their state-level achievements in the 2017-18 school year. The honorees included the Willowbrook students who competed in the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games, which took place in Bloomington and Normal in June. Pictured left to right are: Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, Maria Gonzalez, Joseph Bertuca, Jonathan Leal and Willowbrook Special Olympics coach Tara Murphy. Gonzalez competed in the 100-meter run and the 200-meter run at the state event. Bertuca participated in the softball throw, while Leal competed in the 50-meter run.

Governor signs Breen legislation that protects taxpayers against public funds being used in frivolous suits

Gov. Bruce Rauner has signed taxpayer protection legislation sponsored by State Rep. Peter Breen (R-Lombard) that helps prevent public funds from being spent on unnecessary lawyer costs and fees.

PA 10-0595 cleans up the Counties Code and Municipal Code to ensure that neighbors bringing lawsuits against a zoning or building code violator sue the correct parties, and avoid filing suits that will ultimately be dismissed.

"When residents pursue legal action against their neighbors for violations of local codes, the unit of government setting zoning law is not supposed to be included in the suit," Breen said. "But residents continue to mistakenly attempt to add the county or municipality to their suit. This new law clarifies the matter, so governments don't waste taxpayer dollars

defending these frivolous claims."

The need for the bill was brought to Breen's attention by DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin, as a method of reducing the number of lawsuits improperly filed against the county, when the complaint concerns violations by another private property owner.

"At a time when the residents of the 48th District are desperate for tax relief, I want to ensure their tax dollars are not wasted on suits that will be tossed out of court," Breen said. "By eliminating some of these meritless suits that send taxpayer funds toward unnecessary lawyer costs, we can reduce the amount of money these governing bodies earmark for legal services and provide an opportunity for tax relief."

The provisions of the new law take effect immediately.

Applications available for Love Your Neighbor Day; deadline is Aug. 5

The Christian Church of Villa Park along with Calvary United Methodist Church in Villa Park and St. John's Lutheran Church in Lombard are hosting the fourth annual Love Your Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 22.

They are now accepting applications from homeowners in the Villa Park/Lombard area who are having difficulty keeping up with repairs or work around their homes because of financial or physical limitations and who could benefit from a group of people volunteering at their home for a day.

Work to be done may include minor home repairs, clean-up, and yard work. The work will be done by volunteers from the churches and the community.

Last year over 80 volunteers came together on the Love Your Neighbor Day to provide assistance to 22 homeowners in Lombard and Villa Park. In addition, a number of local businesses made contributions to make the work possible.

The number of applicants accepted will depend on the number of volunteers. Applications and more infor-

mation can be obtained on the church website at www.ccvonline.net, by sending an e-mail to loveyourneighbor15@yahoo.com, or by leaving a message at 630-833-7262. Photos and information can be seen on the Love Your Neighbor Day Facebook page.

The deadline for submitting homeowner applications is Aug. 5. Individuals interested in volunteering for Love Your Neighbor Day can also obtain volunteer sign-up sheets on the website or by e-mailing the above address.

District 88 announces a vacancy on its school board

Applications to fill the seat will be accepted through Aug. 1

District 88 released a statement this week announcing a vacancy on its board of education.

"Due to a board member resignation, a seat on the District 88 Board of Education is open until the next election in April 2019," said the statement.

Timothy Gillen has resigned from the board.

a familiar face at various athletic events and school activities. He truly believes in our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement, and his efforts will be reflected in the successes of our students for years to come. We wish Mr. Gillen the best in his future endeavors."

"Mr. Gillen has been a tremendous asset to our board of education and school community"

—Scott Helton, Superintendent

To apply for the position, go online to dupage88.net/BoardPosition2018 by Aug. 1. Board members will interview selected candidates in early August.

For information about qualifications, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3228.

For additional details, contact District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton at shelton@dupage88.net, or 630-530-3990.

In its statement, the district thanked Gillen for his years of service to the board. Gillen has been a board member since 2011. His two sons—Tim Jr. and Russell—are graduates of Willowbrook High School.

"Mr. Gillen has been a tremendous asset to our board of education and school community," said Helton. "His support of our students has been invaluable, and he was always

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West Suburban Symphony to perform at Cantigny Park

Evening symphony concerts have returned to Cantigny Park, after a two-year hiatus due to park construction. Tickets are now on sale for the July performance of the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra.

On Saturday, July 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m., join Maestro Peter Lipari and the West Suburban Symphony for "Heartland," a musical tour of America from Appalachia to the Wild West. Enjoy John Williams' music from the 2012 movie Lincoln in celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial, selections from Aaron Copland's Rodeo ballet, and medleys of favorite American songs.

Ticket information

A Symphony Passport (non-paper ticket) is required for each concert. Fee: \$30 in advance or \$35 the week of show; Cantigny Park members are \$25.

A Passport admits one car and passengers, up to four people total. Passports may be purchased at Cantigny.

org, in the Cantigny Shop or by calling 630-260-8162.

Picnics are encouraged for these Ravinia-style events, performed on the plaza outside the First Division Museum.

Gates open at 6 p.m. Blankets or chairs are recommended as seating is on the lawn.

Woodridge man sentenced to 23 years for gas station robbery

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced recently that a Woodridge man charged with robbing a Westmont Gas Station at gunpoint has been sentenced to 23 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

Michael Ingram, 30, of Dalewood Parkway, appeared in court for sentencing on one count of armed robbery with a firearm, a Class X Felony. On Oct. 3, 2014, Ingram appeared in bond court where bond was set at \$1 million with 10 percent to apply. He has been held in custody since that time. The sentence was handed down by Judge Liam Brennan.

On Oct. 2, 2014, at approximately 11:40 p.m., Ingram and his co-defendant, Martell Delgado, 31, of Chicago went to the Citgo gas station located on Ogdan Avenue in Westmont.

Once at the gas station, Ingram entered the station and ordered the clerk at gunpoint to open the register and stole several hundred dollars before fleeing the scene with Delgado.

Alerted to the robbery, nearby Westmont police officers encountered the men in their vehicle just blocks away from the gas station and initiated a traffic stop where they found the men in possession of a firearm and money stolen from the gas station. Both men were taken into custody at that time.

On June 29, 2017, following a jury trial, Delgado was found guilty of one count of Armed Robbery with a Firearm. Judge Brennan sentenced him to twenty-one years in the IDOC on Aug. 18, 2017.

Both Ingram and Delgado will be required to serve 50 percent of their sentence before being eligible for parole.

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Two new members join District 88 Administrative Team

As of July 1, District 88 welcomed two new faces, as Dr. LaTonya Wilks and Ryan Domeracki join the district's administrative team.

Dr. LaTonya Wilks

During its June 11 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to name Dr. LaTonya Wilks as the district's new Director of Student Services. Dr. Wilks will succeed Dr. Sam Bentsen in that position, who will serve as the new Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations at Fenton Community High School. Bentsen joined District 88 in 2006 and served as Director of Deans and Assistant Principal at Willowbrook and as Di-

rector of Student Services for the district. District 88 wishes him well in his new role.

Dr. Wilks has been in the field of education since 1999 and has served as an early childhood teacher, a special education teacher, a school counselor, a case manager and a dean of students. She received her associate degree in early childhood education from Moraine Valley Community College; her bachelor's degree, a master's degree in school administration and an endorsement in spe-



Dr. LaTonya Wilks

cial education (K-12) from Chicago State University; and a second master's degree in school counseling from Lewis University. She also is certified as a Learning Behavior Specialist I and received a Director of Special Education endorsement. Dr. Wilks earned her doctorate in special education from Nova Southeastern University and is pursuing her Chief School Business Official degree from Concordia University as she works toward her superintendent license.

"I was eager to join District 88, because I am very interested in working in a school district that is committed to community involvement and one that embraces the pivotal role in the inclusion of all children," Wilks said. "I hope to influence the growth and development of all students based on data-driven best practices in education. It is my hope as Director of Student Services that I will provide exemplary educational opportunities to students that lead to academic success."

Wilks lives in Country Club Hills with her husband of 20 years.

"My educational philosophy is based on the belief that all children can learn, but each learns in a different way and at different rates," Wilks said. "I believe with hard work and

perseverance, we can touch each child's life in a special way. Keeping the atmosphere positive is the key to success, as well as keeping the lines of communication open among staff, students and parents."

Ryan Domeracki

During its May 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to name Ryan Domeracki as the district's new Director of Business Services. Domeracki will succeed Bob Flemming in that position, who has retired after 14 years of service to District 88. Flemming also is the proud parent of six District 88 alumni (who graduated from Addison Trail), and he served as a District 88 Board of Education member from 1997 to 2004.

Domeracki earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Western Illinois University and his master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University. He also received his Chief School Business Official certification from Northern Illinois University. Prior to coming to District 88, Domeracki was the Assistant Director of Finance & Operations for North Chicago Community Unit School District 187 since July 2016 and was

a financial analyst and Operations Manager with Aon Hewitt from 2011 to 2016.

"After learning about District 88 and the communities it serves, I felt its educational system was one that best matched my experiences and abilities," Domeracki said. "The opportunities afforded to students in District 88 demonstrate a progressive district and one that is very attractive to me. I look forward to establishing a professional relationship with the staff to understand their needs and work collaboratively with all members of District 88."

Domeracki lives in McHenry with his wife, Amanda, and their two children, William and Charlotte.

"I'm very pleased with the Board's decision to approve our recommendations to appoint Dr. Wilks and Domeracki to these positions," said District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. "Their experience, work ethic and commitment to the students of District 88 will help ensure we accomplish our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement."



Ryan Domeracki

Community calendar

Tuesday, July 24

Free concert at the Gazebo
At 7 p.m., Concerts at the Gazebo feature The Associates (Motown and a variety of favorites).

Tuesday, July 31

Free concert at the Gazebo
At 7 p.m., Concert at the Gazebo features the Felix Pham Trio (smooth jazz).

Friday, Aug. 3

Flick 'n' Float
Bring your favorite floaty and a towel and enjoy watching the movie "Lilo and Stitch" on a big screen at the Centennial indoor pool. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$2 per person; free to members.

Saturday, Aug. 4

Touch-a-Truck and kids toys and garage sale

This is a great opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of several big trucks, including a fire truck, police car, tractor, school bus and many others. Kids will have the opportunity to ask Addison Police and Fire Department personnel questions. This event is free for the entire family. The kids' toys and outdoor garage sale will be held at the same time, with both events taking place in Centennial Park from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Monday, Aug. 13

Movies in the Park
Bring a blanket or a lawn chair for the family and enjoy watching the movie "The Little Rascals" on the big screen at Community Park. The Movie in the Park Series is free and the Addison Park District will have concessions available to purchase. All movies will begin at dusk the day of the event. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be moved inside the gymnasium.

Friday Aug. 17

Blue and White Community Night at ATHS

District 88 will host Community Night at the ATHS football stadium at 213 No. Lombard. Doors open at 6 p.m., activities and showcases begin at 6:30. Attendees are urged to don their Spirit Wear. Admission is free but donations to the District 88 Foundation will be appreciated. Info:

du-page88.net/foundation.

Ongoing events ...

• 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 workforce 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.

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to the 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, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

• TOPS meetings held on Thursday evenings, Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at the Addison Park District building at 120 E. Oak St. Weigh in from 6-6:30 p.m., and then meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Or there is a weight-in Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. followed by a meeting from 10-11 a.m. Info: for Thursday meetings, email Sandy at sand.smithandcats@yahoo.com; for Friday meetings, email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net.

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Addison Braves baseball team wins pair of games

Squad winding down 2018 season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Braves men's semi-pro baseball team recorded a pair of recent victories.

In Wisconsin State League action, the Braves were 3-2 winners against the DePere Dodgers. The Braves scored all their runs in the second and third innings.

Jake Bilotta went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Ryan Trokey, Chris Wido and Josh Dryden each had a hit. Wido and Matt Kostro each had an RBI.

Eric Ryan was the winning pitcher. He went five innings and allowed one earned run on five hits, while striking out five and walking one.

Ben Wessel pitched one inning and struck out two, while Chris Hawks pitched the seventh inning and struck out three to earn the save for the Braves.

The Braves also lost 14-0 to West Allis in Wisconsin play.

Back in Chicago Suburban Baseball League action, the Braves dropped an 8-4 game to the Crystal Lake Cardinals in a contest played at Judson University in Elgin.

In a 6-2 win against the Oswego Cats at Community Park in Addison, Austin Wright was the winning pitcher. He threw eight innings, allowing only two earned runs on four hits while striking out 16 and walking four. Hawks pitched the ninth inning and struck out two.

Earlier this season Wright set what is believed to be a CSBL single-game record when he struck out

24 Westmont Red Sox batters in a nine-inning complete-game effort.

On July 1, Wright threw a seven-inning no-hitter against the Hammond Lakers. He allowed one Hammond batter to reach base in the game (on a hit-by-pitch).

The Braves also dropped a 3-1 CSBL game to the Homestead Ranchers and lost 16-6 in the nightcap to the Ranchers.

Through late last week, the Braves were 5-14 in CSBL play and 12-15 in WSL action.

Mike Rostine was leading the team in hitting at .419 with 26 hits in 62 at-bats. He had two homers and 21 RBI through late last week. Diego Rincon was hitting .385 with five doubles and eight RBI. Bilotta had two doubles, two triples, one homer and 18 RBI in 105 plate appearances through late last week.

Wright was 4-2 with a 1.41 ERA in 51 innings of work. In those 51 innings he had 108 strikeouts and only 23 walks. Opposing hitters were batting only .115 against him.

Hawks was 4-0 with four saves and a 1.27 ERA in 21 1/3 innings of work where he had 41 strikeouts. Alexandro Cardoza was 4-2 in 36

1/3 innings of work.

The Braves are scheduled to face the Oswego Cats tonight in Oswego before heading to Joliet Catholic High School Saturday for a doubleheader against the Joliet Dirtbags. The Braves host the Beecher Muskies Sunday starting at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader.

Elmhurst American Legion baseball teams ready for postseason play

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Elmhurst American Legion Post 187 junior and senior baseball teams began play this week in their respective postseason tournaments.

The U19 Muddogs team started play Tuesday in the 11th District playoffs held at Carol Stream Legion Post 76. Elmhurst opened play against Elgin Post 57.

If Elmhurst won that game, it faced Wheaton on Wednesday in Carol Stream. If Elmhurst lost it played in the consolation bracket Wednesday against either Wheaton or Elgin.

This year, the 11th District features only three communities with American Legion baseball: Elmhurst, Elgin and Wheaton. The championship game is slated for tonight at 6 p.m. in Carol Stream with the if-necessary second game taking place at 8 p.m.

The U17 Elmhurst American Legion team opens play Friday in the 2nd Division Junior South playoffs held at Shabbona School in Morris.

Post 187 faces Wheaton at 4 p.m. in Morris. The winner advances to a Saturday 12 p.m. game against Steger Post 521. The loser returns at 8 p.m. Friday against either Morris Post 294 or Gardner Post 663.

The 2nd Division Junior South features five teams.

The U19 team finished the regular season with a 7-5 record. In recent action, Post 187 was a 9-6 winner against the Hammerheads 22U team in a game played at Stuart Sports Complex on U.S. 30 in Montgomery. Elmhurst trailed 1-0 in the second inning before scoring four runs in the bottom of the second and three more in the bottom of the third to take a 7-1 lead.

Vince Bilotti had two RBI. Joe Orrico had a hit and two RBI. Brendan Russ had an RBI. Mason Kamp had a hit and a run scored.

Tim Beecroft had a hit and two runs scored. Jose Alvarez had a hit and a run scored. Dan Gusel Jr. had a hit and two RBI.

Bryan Larsen had two hits, three runs scored and an RBI, while Taine Durr had two hits and a run scored. Ivan Lozada had a hit, a run scored and a walk. Kamp and Alvarez each doubled. Larsen stole two bases.

Russ was the winning pitcher. He went four innings and struck out five, while allowing three hits. Nick Lee pitched the final three innings and struck out three to earn the save.

Post 187 concluded the regular season with a trip north to face Fox Lake Post 703. Elmhurst came away with a 6-3 win.

Fox Lake led 3-1 after five innings, but Elmhurst scored five runs in the sixth to pull ahead for good.

Durr had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Kamp had two hits, a run scored and two RBI. Beecroft had an RBI. Jordan Vogel scored a run, while Lee went 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Larsen went 1-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI. Russ had a hit. Lee and Kamp doubled, while Kamp also homered.

Durr was the winning pitcher in relief. He pitched the final 2 2/3 innings and allowed one hit and no earned runs while striking out two. Vogel started and struck out two in 3 1/3 innings.

The Elmhurst junior American Legion team finished the regular season with a 14-10 mark.

In the final two games at the Junior Classic tournament at Wheaton, Elmhurst lost 6-5 to Moline Post 246.

Elmhurst led 5-2 but gave up four runs in the bottom of the seventh. The Muddogs had 11 hits in the game.

Tyler Gelsomino had three hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Alexis Cotto went 1-for-3 with a run scored. Dave Sykora had two hits. Alvarez had two hits and two RBI. Tommy Ryan had a hit. Jack Ryan also had a hit, while Alanzo Howard had a hit and a run scored. Andrew Pietrucha had two hits and a run scored. Gelsomino had two doubles. Cotto took the loss. He struck out six in six innings of work.

Elmhurst wrapped up tournament play with a 7-6 win over Alton Post 126. Alvarez was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Sykora had a hit and an RBI. Nathan Kriz had a hit and a run scored. Jack Schlitz had a hit and an RBI. Justin Lomax had a hit and an RBI. Sykora and Schlitz each had doubles. Nick DeSimone stole two bases.

Gelsomino was the winning pitcher in relief. He went the final 5 1/3 innings and allowed no earned runs.

Willowbrook summer baseball team wraps up season

Warriors' coach Wisner pleased with squad's accomplishments

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook baseball team recently wrapped up its summer season with play in the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Phil Lawler Summer Classic state tournament.

The Warriors were the No. 1 seed in their regional and dropped a 9-3 contest to Glenbard West in the second round of play.

"Glenbard West did a really good job hitting the ball," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "There were not a lot of walks and there were no mistakes. We had the bases

loaded a couple times and didn't get the big hit. Glenbard West had the big hits and took advantage of any mistake we made pitching-wise. They hit the ball very hard and you have to give them credit. We didn't make any errors."

Overall, Wisner labeled the summer season a success for reasons beyond the baseball itself. "It's still a successful summer," he said. "We didn't focus on the playoffs. This week (start of the playoffs), our younger guys were in East Cobb, Georgia for a travel tournament and the older guys are there (this week). We focused on the regular season and building camaraderie and establishing leadership. This group achieved all their goals for the summer that they wrote down. We realized all the guys weren't going

to be around in the playoffs. When we wrote up our goals we threw the playoffs to the side. We decided every game in the regular season has to be a playoff game. Our varsity first group together went 9-1.

"We also wanted to do more together in practice and outside of school. There was a lot of team building. The guys accomplished their goals. The chemistry has to be there first. That's the first thing that leaves when you lose. These guys trust each other and they care about each other. It's more than wins and losses for them. When you trust and care and do things the right way, good things start to show up."

Wisner saw plenty of good things from an individual standpoint during the summer, starting with Joey Guthrie on the mound. "Joey had a phenomenal summer," he said.

"All our pitchers caught my eye and did a really good job."

In limited duty on the mound, Dax Meyer also was a key contributor. "Dax only pitched three times for us and was unhittable," said Wisner. "I don't think he gave up a base hit in three outings."

Wisner saw significant development on the leadership front as well. "We have some great leaders," he said. "Ryan Mintz, Jack Nilles, Jack Hines, Marshall McDonnell and Trevor Jaloszynski played well and had great summers leadership-wise."

"Our guys took charge at practice. That was the best part of the summer. They were like mini-coaches. They were super-accountable. It was rewarding to see those guys step up. I saw a lot of accountability this summer. We have set ourselves up to compete really well."

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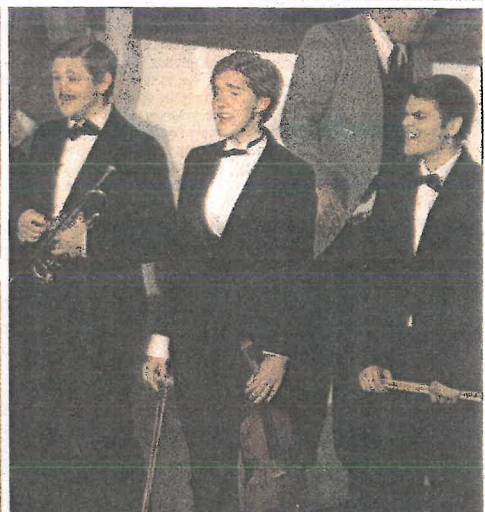
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Summer production at Willowbrook



Villa Park's Saint Genesius Productions presented "Titanic—the Musical" at Willowbrook High School last week. The cast and crew consisted of about 100 area students in grade school, high school and college. The students and an orchestra that included high school and professional musicians presented four performances—one each on Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20, along with two shows on Saturday, July 21—in the school's auditorium. Several current and former Willowbrook students took part in the production.

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Pictured above are (left to right) Tylor Pederson (Class of 2018), Genevieve Corkery (Class of 2018) and Sean Shepherd (Class of 2021). Saint Genesius was founded in 2010 to bring the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic grade schools throughout DuPage County. The organization expanded to offer last week's production.

The photo (above left) shows (left to right) Jessica Matasek (Class of 2019) and John DeAngelo (Class of 2018). The photo (above right) shows (left to right) Sasha Graf (Class of 2018) and Tim Wagner (Class of 2017).

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Villa Park briefs

Library remains open during construction and renovation project Summer Reading Finale and anniversary celebration on Aug. 3

While providing an update on the ongoing construction and renovation project at the Villa Park Library last week, Library Director Sandra Hill noted the library is remaining open during the project. "While it may be a little noisy sometimes while all this is going on, the library continues to provide services to the community," said Hill, who noted that summer programs including Summer Desserts with Gale Gand, Toddler Times and Family Storytime at the Gazebo have been well attended. Hill related last week that the library had nearly 1,000 registrants for its summer reading clubs. The clubs will end next week on Friday, Aug. 3. To celebrate all of the successful reading, the library will hold its Summer Reading Finale, along with its 90th anniversary celebration, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 3. Cake, ice cream and other refreshments will be served. The Friends of the Villa Park Library sponsor the Summer Reading Finale.

District 88 announces a vacancy on its school board

District 88 released a recent statement announcing a vacancy on its board of education.

"Due to a board member resignation, a seat on the District 88 Board of Education is open until the next election in April 2019," said the statement.

Timothy Gillen has resigned from the board.

To apply for the position, go online to dupage88.net/BoardPosition2018 by Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Governor signs Cullerton-sponsored laws to protect veterans

Gov. Bruce Rauner recently signed two new state laws sponsored by state Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) to protect veterans at state homes from deadly 'Legionnaires' disease outbreaks.

"Gov. Bruce Rauner's mismanagement and failed leadership killed 13 veterans, now he is trying to take credit for measures the General Assembly had to pass to address his mismanagement," Cullerton said. "Gov. Rauner does not deserve a pat on the back for attempting to govern in the 11th hour."

The first measure, House Bill 5683, will expand the list of facilities operated and maintained by the veterans home to include the Sycamore facility in Quincy, allowing for temporary housing of veterans.

Board members will interview selected candidates in early August.

For information about qualifications, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/item=3228.

For additional details, contact District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton at shelton@dupage88.net, or 630-530-3990.

Chamber's Burgers, Bags and Business event to be held Aug. 1

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Burgers, Bags and Business event from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The event will take place near the Rugard Gazebo, located by Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. An individual ticket for food and drinks costs \$25 for a chamber member and \$40 for a non-member. An individual ticket for food, drinks and entry into the event's bags tournament costs \$50. A team entry to the tournament, which includes food and drinks for two people, costs \$80. For more information, call 630-941-9133, or e-mail vpchamber@sbcglobal.net.

Sidewalk chalk party on Aug. 12

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission will hold its annual sidewalk chalk party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12. The free event takes place in front of Villa Park Village Hall, 20 S. Ardmore Ave. Residents of all ages are invited to decorate the sidewalk with art that shows what they love about Villa Park. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be provided.

Thursday concerts at Cortesi Park in August

The Village of Villa Park recently announced a series of concerts at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park

each Thursday in August. Residents are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and appetites. Each concert begins at 6:30 p.m. at the park, which is located at 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. Food will be available for purchase at the Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2801 concession stand, which will open at 6 p.m. on the night of each concert. The Aug. 2 concert will feature the music of Los Tequileros. Flat Cats will perform on Aug. 9, while Mason Rivers will headline the Aug. 16 concert. Rosie and the Ryvets will perform on Aug. 23. Mr. Myers will appear at the Aug. 30 concert.

Big Rigs and Kids at Cortesi Park on Aug. 18

The Village of Villa Park will hold its annual Big Rigs and Kids event from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. Children will be able to see and touch a variety of vehicles, including vehicles from the village's police, fire and public works departments. The Big Rigs and Kids event will coincide with the August Super Sensational Saturday Morning event at the park. Ken Schultz—"The Flying Fool"—uses audience participation to include children in his performance.

Movies in the Park on Aug. 6 and Aug. 13

The Villa Park Public Library and Villa Park Parks and Recreation will present their free Movies in the Park events on at 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, and Monday, Aug. 13, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. "Moana" will be presented on Aug. 6. "Toy Story" is the Aug. 13 movie. Concessions will be available for purchase. An adult must accompany children under 12. The movies will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

his hands while both sides of the legislature work together to remedy the Legionnaires' crisis," Cullerton said. "The Quincy veterans facility is a home for servicemen and women and their loved ones, not a photo op for the governor."

The second Cullerton measure Gov. Rauner signed, Senate Bill 3128, will save veteran lives by speeding up construction at the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy.

The measure will immediately authorize the Capital Development Board and the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to address the ongoing public health crisis that has already claimed 13 lives at the Quincy Veterans Home.

"Our veterans have dedicated their lives to keeping us safe," Cullerton said. "It's our job to ensure they are able to live their golden years in a safe environment with the best possible care. They laid their lives on the line to protect our democratic values. They should not live in harm's way because of the governor's incompetence."

The law takes the following actions among others:

- Gives the IDVA or CDB the authority to use the design-build procurement method to rehabilitate and redevelop the Quincy Veterans' Home.

- Prohibits CDB from charging a fee so that all of the funds are solely used for the rehabilitation and restoration of the home.

- Requires the Office of the Governor, CDB and the IDVA to provide the General Assembly with un-redacted copies of all communications with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs related to securing funding for the rehabilitation of the veterans home.

- Allows CDB to use federal funds directly for capital projects related to Quincy Veterans' Home, rather than requiring these funds be used for debt service.

Cullerton has made it his mission to help his service brothers and sisters.

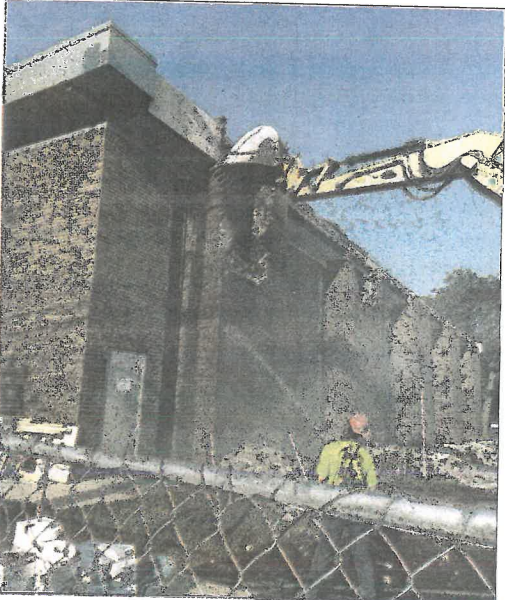
"Gov. Bruce Rauner has dragged his feet long enough," Cullerton said. "I implore him to work quickly to rid the Quincy Veterans Home of all risks so that we don't lose another veteran's life."



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Building work continues at library

Villa Park Public Library Director Sandra Hill stated last week that the renovation/construction project at the library is progressing well. Hill related that temporary interior walls were recently built on the north side of the library stacks. Once those temporary walls were completed, the north side of the existing building was demolished (pictured). The library's construction firm has begun to prepare the ground for the new foundation, Hill added. The library, located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave., owns the house on the north side of the building. Last week, the Villa Park Fire Department held training exercises in the house, which was demolished this week as part of the expansion of the library. In April 2017, Villa Park voters approved a referendum to allow the village to borrow up to \$10.6 million to pay for renovation and expansion of the library, which was built in 1969. The construction of a two-story addition on the north side of the building will add about 9,300 additional square feet to the library. The project will relocate the library's main entrance from the south side of the building to the north side. The overall renovation and expansion project should be completed by June 2019. The library is remaining open during the project.



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Principals named to state association's executive board

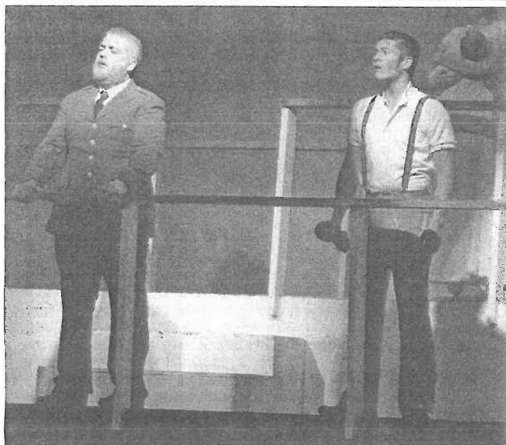
The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) recently announced its executive board, effective July 1 of this year. Willowbrook High School Principal Dan Krause (left) was named as president-elect, while Jefferson Middle School Principal Raul Gaston (right) was named to the association's board of directors for the DuPage Region. Krause, who is pictured during this year's commencement exercises at Willowbrook, will serve as the IPA's president-elect in 2018-19. He will then serve as the organization's president in 2019-20. Krause joined Willowbrook as an assistant principal in 2005. He became the school's principal in 2007. The IPA recognized Krause as its DuPage County High School Principal of the Year in 2013. Gaston joined Jefferson Middle School as an assistant principal in the 2010-11 school year. He began serving as the school's principal at the start of the 2012-13 school year. The IPA is a leadership organization that serves over 5,300 educational leaders throughout the state. Its mission is to develop, support and advocate for innovative educational leaders.



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Christmas in July

The Villa Park Mariners hosted the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference's Red Division "B" Meet on Saturday at Jefferson Pool. Three other teams—Lombard, Bartlett and Bloomingdale—joined Villa Park at the meet. The Mariners featured a "Christmas in July" theme for the event. They set up Christmas decorations around the pool, and their coaches and volunteers wore Christmas attire. One of those volunteers—meet announcer Tom D'Alessandro—sporting the Santa Claus look. See the sports pages for more about the Mariners.



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Students on stage

A cast and crew of about 100 area students took part in the Saint Genesius Productions presentation of "Titanic—the Musical" last week at Willowbrook High School. One photo (top left) from Saturday evening's performance shows (left to right) Lilly Nuss, who graduated from Willowbrook in May, and Jack Weaver, who will soon begin his sophomore year at Willowbrook. Another photo (left) shows (left to right) 2013 Willowbrook graduate Dominic Stryker and Tony Maggio, who's about to start his junior year at Glenbard East High School. One more photo (above) shows (left to right) Emily O'Brochta, Lee-la Wolgemuth, Kathleen Cicero, Jessica Matasek and Tim Wagner. O'Brochta will soon be a junior at Willowbrook, while Wolgemuth and Matasek are about to begin their senior years at the school. Cicero graduated from Willowbrook in May, while Wagner graduated from Willowbrook in 2017.

Sudoku Puzzle Answers

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