

Villa Park detective begins his role as Willowbrook's SRO

Glenbard East graduate looks forward to his new position

Willowbrook High School will begin the 2018-19 school year next week with a new School Resource Officer (SRO). Villa Park Police Det. Donald "D.J." Giammarino is succeeding Villa Park Officer Bryan Hruby, who had been the school's SRO since 2015.

Giammarino, who grew up in Lombard and graduated from Glenbard East High School in 2007, has been a member of the Villa Park Police Department for more than four years. He came to Villa Park after beginning his law enforcement career with the North Chicago Police Department approximately six years ago.

"As long as I can remember, I always wanted to have a career in law enforcement," Giammarino said. "From the influence of my uncle, who was an agent in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, to my parents [Jim and Mary], who taught me you should always help others in need. This made it easy for me to choose this humbling profession."

Giammarino applied for the detec-

tive and SRO position in February. After completing interviews with police department personnel and members of the Willowbrook administrative staff, Giammarino learned in May that he had been selected for the position. He spent the last three weeks of Willowbrook's 2017-18 year inside the school, shadowing Hruby and learning about the job.

"I was able to get adjusted to the role of the SRO," said Giammarino. "I still have a lot to learn but I am entering a place where the administrative staff, teachers and students are willing to help me be successful. I felt very welcome and a part of the Willowbrook family from the first day I stepped into my new role."

Giammarino will have an office inside of Willowbrook, where he will be stationed for the entire 2018-19 school year.

"I've always valued the position of SRO, not only since I became a police officer, but growing up and observing the SRO at Glenbard East High School [Lombard Police Det. Manny Carnoy]," Giammarino added. "I hold nothing but the highest re-

spect for the officers that have served in this position before me."

In addition to shadowing Hruby at the end of the last school year, Giammarino has been attending training for the past few months.

"I truly want to make a positive impact on students' lives," said Giammarino. "I want to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the children in the community. I want to not only help protect the entire school's student population, teachers and staff members, but get to understand the children and help put some on a path for success."

While he has spent the summer training for his role as an SRO, Giammarino has also been busy investigating criminal cases in his duties as a detective.

"I believe with this [SRO] position you need to be more than just a police officer," he said. "You need to become a teacher, an informal counselor and a mentor. I am truly blessed and honored to be in the position I am in. I am ready and extremely excited to start this new journey in my career."



Villa Park Police Det. Donald "D.J." Giammarino is Willowbrook High School's new School Resource Officer (SRO). Willowbrook's 2018-19 school year begins next week, on Aug. 15. Giammarino grew up in Lombard and graduated from Glenbard East High School. He began his law enforcement career six years ago with the North Chicago Police Department. He has been a member of the Villa Park Police Department for four years.

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Veterans homes' notification bill signed into law

A new Illinois state law sponsored by state Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) will protect veterans at state homes from epidemics like the deadly Legionnaires' disease outbreak at the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy.

Cullerton's legislation, which was signed into law on Friday, July 27, requires Illinois veterans homes to notify facility residents and their emergency contacts within 24 hours if two or more residents in the home have been diagnosed with an infectious disease in a period of one month or less.

"This new law will put the health of our veterans ahead of government bureaucracy," Cullerton said. "When your loved one is in harm's way, you have a right to know. Now that right is the law."

House Bill 4278 was pushed in response to Gov. Rauner's reported mismanagement of the Legionnaires' disease outbreaks at the Quincy Veterans Home. Despite signs of the spread of bacteria reaching epidemic proportions, the state did not notify the public about the deadly 2015 outbreak until nearly a week later, according to a release from Cullerton's office.

"In 2015, the families of the servicemen and women residing in the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy should have been notified of the Legionnaires' disease epidemic, but Gov. Rauner's administration left them and their loved ones in the dark," Cullerton said. "This is simply unacceptable and we can't let it happen again."

The new law also requires veterans homes to post notification of the incidence of the infectious disease in

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a visible place near the facility's main entrance. Once those requirements have been met, they must notify the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Public Health.

In Quincy, a workplace safety reprimand was issued by the state Department of Labor, which said the Department of Veterans Affairs failed to effectively notify all employees of the outbreak.

"Our veterans have put their lives on the line for us and it's our duty to protect theirs in their golden years," Cullerton said. "If the governor's administration is refusing to use commonsense, the General Assembly will put protocols in place to ensure our nation's heroes receive the best possible care and service we can offer."

House Bill 4278 was supported by the Better Government Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Illinois AMVETS. It goes into effect immediately.



Fundraising for a cure

Jocelyn Aho, 8, held a lemonade stand fundraiser on Friday, July 27, for childhood cancer research. Her twin brother Jacob is being treated for brain cancer, and last year, Jocelyn decided to raise money by having a lemonade stand. She raised \$600. This year, said her mom, Margaret Schmitt, Jocelyn decided to share the proceeds between the Lurie Children's Foundation brain tumor research and a non-profit called the Cameron Can Foundation. "It was a huge success—one we could not have imagined," Schmitt commented. She tallied up that Jocelyn's fundraising efforts "so far" included \$1,500 for Lurie and \$1,275 for Cameron Can. This was "definitely beyond her expectations," Schmitt related. Jacob, she added, said of his sister, "I'm so proud of her."

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Sidewalk chalk party on Sunday

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.

Movies in the Park on Aug. 13

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

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 series began with last week's concert on Aug. 2. Flat Cats will perform on Aug. 9, while Mason Rivers will headline the Aug. 16 concert. Rosie and the Rivets will perform on Aug. 23. Mr. Myers will appear at the Aug. 30 concert.

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to be okay and keep getting setbacks, and then finally everything IS okay. It's a huge relief."

How is she getting along now?

"It was amazing, I was up on my feet the same day [as the surgery], went home from the hospital the day after the surgery and two weeks later, I was at a White Sox game with my mother," she said. "My mother is a little Irish lady who doesn't drink but she had two shots of Bailey's that day and she was having a great time!"

Ask what surprised her about the procedure, Conroy said she found it easier than she expected.

"I couldn't believe I was feeling as good as I was," she said. "I was up and walking around the same day and left the hospital the following day."

"Sure I get worn out and get tired, but there's a lift, an energy you get from knowing this sick person that

you helped is now very likely going to live a long, full life."

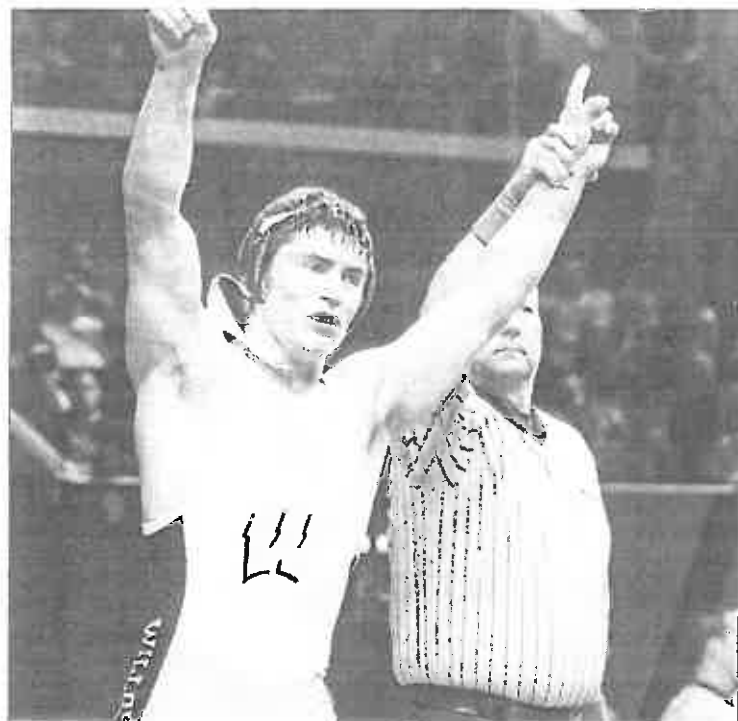
As far as Tim is concerned, needless to say his quality of life has greatly improved. His illness required to him to retire early—at age 55—but as a union laborer, he had a sound benefits package and pension for retirement.

Now that he's healthy and retired, he can pursue all the things he's ever wanted to," Deb said. "And I'm happy for him for that as well."

It is no surprise that Conroy recently backed legislation that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to donate organs.

"So many people are waiting," she said. "Hundreds of people die every year. Being a live donor means you save a life and it's not really even that taxing physically."

"But I feel like I actually saved five lives—my husband and my four sons."



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Willowbrook graduate wins national title

Jack Jessen, who graduated from Willowbrook High School in May, competed in the recent USA Wrestling U.S. Marine Corps Cadet and Junior National Championships, which took place last month in Fargo, North Dakota. Jessen won the Junior Freestyle national championship in the event's 182-pound division. He also earned a second-place finish in the event's Junior Greco-Roman competition. In March, Jessen won the USA Wrestling Folkstyle national championship in the 182-pound division; that event took place in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In February, Jessen capped his Willowbrook wrestling career by winning the championship in the 182-pound level of the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign. Jessen, who is pictured after his victory in this year's IHSA state-championship match, completed his senior season at Willowbrook with a perfect 51-0 record. Jessen earned second-place finishes at the individual state meet during his freshman and junior seasons. He placed third in the state meet as a sophomore. Jessen is continuing his academic and wrestling pursuits at Northwestern University.



In addition to excelling on the court as a setter, Lodewyk earned several academic honors during her collegiate career. She was a three-time College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-American selection. In 2017, she was named the Division III CoSIDA Academic All-American of the year in women's volleyball. Before attending Calvin, Lodewyk attended Timothy Christian High School. Both of Lodewyk's parents attended Calvin. Her mother, Kim (Laudenbach) Lodewyk, won the Kay Tanager Athletic Award in 1986.

Addison Trail alum named to District 88 school board

By Dani Brink

DuPage District 88

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A 2002 graduate of Addison Trail High School, Tina Haralambopoulos has been named to the DuPage High School District 88 school board.

She replaces Timothy Gillen, who resigned. She will serve until the April 2, 2019, election.

Haralambopoulos was a member of Addison Trail's varsity girls swim team, the Blazettes and the art staff. Many of her family members are alumni of Addison Trail, including her parents and sisters.

District 88 serves both Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools.

"There is no greater gift than giving back to the district that played a large part in my life," Haralambopoulos said. "I have been a resident of Addison for the majority of my life and attended Addison public schools for eight years -- including being an alumna of Addison Trail."

Haralambopoulos received her associate degree in science from College of DuPage, her bachelor's in elementary education from Northern Illinois University and her master's in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University, where she also is pursuing her doctoral degree in organizational leadership.

She began her career in education seven years ago as an elementary teacher at a private school in Schaumburg and now teaches English as a Second Language at a hybrid charter school in Chicago.

"My career is my passion, and this is a great opportunity to bring a teacher's perspective to the District 88 board of education," she said.

"I am looking forward to working with a great team to continue the district's work of focusing on creating the best school environment for students and staff.

"My personal philosophy with education always puts students in the driver's seat of their learning. I believe my philosophy of student education aligns very well with District 88's mission and vision."

Haralambopoulos will be sworn in on Aug. 27.

"It's always fulfilling and a great testament to the district to have alumni come home and step up to serve their alma mater," board President Donna Craft Cain said.

"She will expand our collective knowledge and perspective and will help ensure we remain student-focused."

Gillen has served on the board since 2011.

In addition to Craft Cain, the board includes Jay Irvin, Sharon Kucik, Thomas Edmier, Blanca Jessen and Mark Turk.

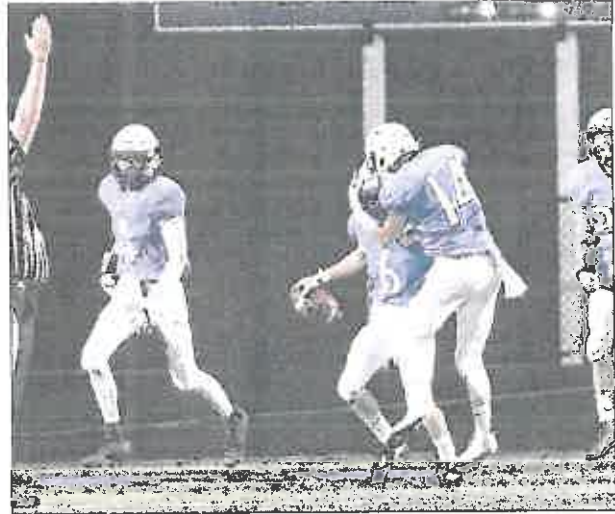
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21; St. Rita at Brother Rice, Sept. 26; Loyola at St. Rita, Oct. 12, Montini at Providence, Oct. 12; Brother Rice at Montini, Oct. 19.
Top players: Rory Boos, WR, Loyola; Jackson Brusciarelli, LB, Montini; Quinn Coghlan, OL-DL, St. Rita; Armoni Dixon, LB, Loyola; Hayden Ekern, QB, St. Rita; Nick Fedanzo, RB, Montini; Joe Fitzgerald, LB, Brother Rice; T.J. Galligan, OL-DL, Providence; DeWhon Gavin, RB, Providence; Jake Gonzalez, DB, Loyola; Noah Jones, WR, Loyola; Christopher Kelly, OL, Loyola; Evan Kirks, OL, Brother Rice; Mike McNicholas, OL, Montini; Jaysun Means, DB, Brother Rice; Gavin Mott, K-P, St. Rita; David O'Keefe, TE, Brother Rice; Max Pignotti, DB, Providence; Jake Renfro, OL, Providence; Matt Ross, WR-DB, Montini; Kempton Shine, DB, St. Rita; Jake Stefanski, WR, St. Rita.
Outlook: Annually vying for the unofficial title of Illinois' top prep football conference, after biennial adjustments the Chicago Catholic League swapped Montini in to the Blue for Mt. Carmel, which takes the Broncos' place in the CCL Green. A six-time state champion, Montini had either shared or owned outright the CCL Green title three of four seasons since the Suburban Christian Conference dissolved. The CCL Blue is a tougher nut to crack. Montini earned the Blue promotion primarily based on its crossover record, .500 against Blue foes. If the Broncos can go .500 against this crew it'd be a success. Loyola has reached title games each of the last three seasons and five of the last six, and despite Brother Rice coming off a 2-7 record each program is a household name. But Montini brings speed to the skill positions on both offense and defense, size up front, and sterling linebacker Franklin Brusciarelli. The Broncos must sort out the quarterback position among several candidates, but except for St. Rita's Hayden Ekern, who over took late in the Mustangs' 9-3 season, new starting quarterbacks are common. That includes Jack Fallon at Loyola, whose coach, John Holeczek, called the Ramblers' 7-on-7 results "pedestrian" and doesn't quite agree with those high rankings. Loyola, 12-2 last year, still has some experience on either side of the line and college recruits such as receiver Noah Jones, safety-linebacker Jake Gonzalez and linebacker Armoni Dixon. Ramblers returning all-CCL Blue receiver Rory Boos caught 45 passes for 827 yards, 11 touchdowns as a junior. Providence returns only six starters from an 8-5 team, but St. Rita has six back on either side of the ball, heavy on offensive linemen and defensive backs including Kempton Shine, a three-year starter with 5 interceptions last season. Though Montini has several early-season breaks in its schedule, playing crossover rivals Fenwick and Marmion in addition to the CCL Blue grinder means any missteps could jeopardize the Broncos' 25-year playoff streak.
Quotable: "I think it's quite an honor to play in the Catholic League Blue division this year. You're talking about a lot of tradition, a lot of success, a lot of championships won by teams in that division, so it's quite an honor for us to be deemed worthy to play in that division this year," said Montini coach Mike Bukovsky. — Dave Oberhelman

Scouting West Suburban Conference Gold Division football

Teams: Addison Trail, Downers Grove South, Hinsdale South, Leyden, Morton, Proviso East, Willowbrook.
Key games: Layden at Willowbrook, Sept. 7; Willowbrook at Addison Trail, Sept. 14; Downers Grove South at Hinsdale South, Sept. 14; Hinsdale South at Willowbrook, Sept. 21; Willowbrook at Downers Grove South, Oct. 19.
Top players: Jaelynn Blecke, DB, Downers South; Tyler Britten, QB, Leyden; Nick Daudelin, QB, Addison Trail; Marquese Garrett, QB, Hinsdale South; Ali Issa, DL, Downers South; Jayden Lambert, RB-WR, Downers South; Terrill McCray, WR-DB, Hinsdale South; Sam Tumilty, QB-DB, Willowbrook; Scott Tumilty, QB-DB, Willowbrook; Jake Zaborowski, OL, Addison Trail.
Outlook: With five different champions in five seasons, your guess is as good as ours. Defending champion Willowbrook was gutted by graduation, but that was the case last year also. The offensive personnel especially will look different. It'll start at quarterback with either Scott or Sam Tumilty, or Everett Stublefield. All three figure into the offensive scheme at a number of spots. Graduated running back-linebacker Jack Jessen is the biggest loss in the conference. It'll take a few players, including Franshun Jordan and D'onte Gholston, to try and replace his impact. Downers South is loaded with playmakers headed by Jayden Lambert. Last year he played quarterback as a sophomore up on varsity but with George Ross taking over behind center, Lambert is free to play running back or receiver. The defense is in good hands with linemen Ali Issa, Shawn Lee and Kendall Burrow returning. Hinsdale South's offense will be interesting



Willowbrook's Sam Tumilty (6), DeAndre Holiday (4) and Scott Tumilty (23) hope to celebrate many touchdowns this season.

to watch with Marquese Garrett, who last year rushed for 900 yards as a sophomore, shifting to quarterback. Addison Trail hopes to use its Gold slate as a springboard to return to the playoffs. Quarterback Nick Daudelin, who started four games last season, keys the offense. Leyden finds its motivation from the disappointment of missing last year's playoffs despite being eligible with a 5-4 record. Six

starters return on each side of the ball for the 2016 Gold champions including quarterback Tyler Britten.
Quotable: "Expectations are good," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth. "You want that kind of pressure. We'll use every week to gain that respect and prove we're a program capable of winning the title again." — Kevin Schmit

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Boys soccer

Tuesday's results
SOUTHGATE SOUTH vs. ADDISON TRAIL
Scoring — GS: Cohen (M); Cohen (M); Bergendorf (M); Nizam (S); Knight (S); Goalkeepers — GS: Lingo (2 saves).

Boys golf

Tuesday's results
WILLOWBROOK vs. PROVISO EAST
At Hinsdale Lakes, par 36
Hinsdale Lakes — Cyrus 40; Noma 42; Michelson 47; Bremner 48.
Proviso East — Entine 45; Marcou 49; Mathis 51; Kermy 51.

Girls tennis

Tuesday's results
WILLOWBROOK vs. PROVISO EAST
Singles — No. 1: Fitch (W) d. Vale (S), 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Wade (W) d. Fitch (S), 4-6, 7-5; No. 3: Moore (W) d. Joseph (S), 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles — No. 1: Bouchard (W) d. Hopp/Turner 6-1, 7-5(4); No. 2: Ambush/Tuck (S) d. Topich/Jessent 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Gaudin (W) d. Resman/Waters 6-4, 6-5; No. 4: Bouchard (W) d. Winkler/Schwarz 6-1, 6-0; No. 5: Joseph/Watson (S) d. Pinski/Thomas 6-0, 6-2, 10-3.

Girls volleyball

Tuesday's results
PROVISO EAST vs. WILLOWBROOK
Proviso East — Lizzy 14, 11-10, 20-13
Wilmington — Lizzy 17, 11-10, 20-13
Hinsdale South — Lizzy 17, 11-10, 20-13
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Girls golf

Tuesday's results
WILLOWBROOK vs. PROVISO EAST
At Naperville Country Club
Naperville Country — Lisa 11 (scratch); Vena 44; Zhang 44; Pang 45.
Hinsdale South — Nishard 46; Bucks 46; Fujikawa 51; Gabrielle 51.

Upcoming events

TODAY
Boys soccer
Downers Grove South, 4:30 p.m.
East Aurora at Gambard East, 4:30 p.m.
Larkin at West Chicago, 6 p.m.
Naperville Central at Pleasant Central, 4:30 p.m.
Boys golf
St. Ignace at Glenview North (Glenview Lakes), 5:30 p.m.
Glenview West at Bensenville, 4 p.m.
Loyola at Naperville North (Crescent Creek), 3:30 p.m.

Montini at Addison Trail, 4 p.m.
Palmyra at Wheaton North (Arrowhead), 3 p.m.
West Chicago at Lemont (Highland), 5 p.m.
York at Melrose South (Bishop Mackenzie), 4 p.m.
Boys cross country
Glenbard South, 8:30 a.m.
Dunwoody Prep at Elmwood Park Trail on the Trail, 4:30 p.m.
Jacks, Pleasant North at Downers Grove North (Green Valley), 5:30 p.m.
Girls volleyball
Hinsdale at Willowbrook, 5:30 p.m.
Seward, Glenbard South, Glenbard West, Montini, Naperville North, York at Wheaton North (Bishop Mackenzie), 4:30 p.m.
Mabel Valley at Glenbard East, 5:30 p.m.
Wheaton Valley at Oswego East, 5:30 p.m.
Girls tennis
Addison Trail at Glenbard North, 4:30 p.m.
Larkin at Downers Grove South, 4:30 p.m.
Mentri at Willowbrook, 4:30 p.m.
Naperville North at Wheaton North, 4:30 p.m.
Pleasant North at Naperville Valley, 4 p.m.
Rolling Meadows at Lake Park, 4 p.m.
Timothy Christian at Oak, 4 p.m.
Girls golf
Berkshire at Montini (Wheaton Acres), 4 p.m.
Brent at Joliet Catholic, 1:30 p.m.
Downers Grove South at Downers Grove North (Downers Grove P.O.), 4 p.m.
Glenbard West at Addison Trail (Pleasant Meadows), 4 p.m.
Hinsdale Central at Oak Park-River Forest, 4 p.m.

As good as it gets Villa Park resident earns a 36 on the ACT, scores a 1,570 on the SAT



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Villa Park resident Max Polanek, who's beginning his senior year at Willowbrook High School this week, recently earned the highest possible composite score—a 36—on the ACT. The ACT is a standardized exam used for college admissions. On average, only about one-tenth of one percent of the students who take the test in a given year earn the top score of 36.

By Chris Fox
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STAFF REPORTER

Villa Park resident Max Polanek, who is starting his senior year at Willowbrook High School this week, recently achieved the highest attainable composite score on the ACT.

Polanek earned a composite score of 36 on the standardized exam, which is used for college admissions. The ACT consists of tests in English, math, reading and science.

Polanek took the test on June 9 at Elmhurst College. A few weeks later, he received an e-mail informing him that his score was ready. Polanek then went online to find out his score.

"I was surprised, actually," said Polanek of his reaction to learning his score of 36. "I wasn't quite sure how well I had done on it. I was a little unfamiliar with the difficulty level."

Polanek said the only thing he did to specifically prepare for the ACT was to look at a practice book for the exam.

"I also feel that taking the SAT helped," said Polanek, who took the SAT twice—once in March and once in April. The SAT, like the ACT, is a standardized test used by colleges in the admissions process. "They [the SAT and ACT] were around the same difficulty

level, but the ACT was harder."

Polanek earned a score of 1,540 in his first attempt of the SAT, which he took at another high school. One month later, he took the test at Willowbrook and earned a score of 1,570. The highest attainable SAT score is 1,600.

Polanek's academic rank is not surprisingly near the top of Willowbrook's Class of 2019. The class includes about 500 students.

Polanek did not have to take both the SAT and the ACT. Most of the colleges that he is interested in will accept the results of either test in its admissions process.

"It was the end of the school year, and I thought I might as well take the ACT," said Polanek, who received a congratulatory letter from the ACT organization that noted his rare score of 36. The letter mentioned that in 2017, more than 2 million students took the exam. Only 2,760, about one-tenth of one percent of the students who took the test, achieved a score of 36.

"This score probably wouldn't have been possible without the support of the people around me, specifically my family and my girlfriend Victoria," Polanek said.

Polanek is the son of Stephen and Mona Polanek. His younger brother Lukas is starting his sophomore year at Willowbrook. Before attending Willowbrook, Polanek

attended North Elementary School, Ardmore Elementary School and Jackson Middle School.

"I have always been pretty good with grades," said Polanek of his academic background. "I just like to know more about the world around me."

Polanek said his favorite subject is science; chemistry and physics are two of his specific favorites. He is interested in becoming a chemical engineer. He is considering schools including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Michigan, Purdue University, Princeton University and the California Institute of Technology.

"I am a little anxious about the college application process, especially the essays," Polanek said. "But I am confident I will do well."

Polanek is the class president of the incoming senior class. He is also the secretary of Willowbrook's chapter of the National Honor Society. He's a member of Willowbrook's math and Science Olympiad teams. Additionally, he plays for the Addison Trail/Willowbrook hockey club—the Renegades. Hockey is Polanek's favorite sport. Some of the colleges he is considering have club teams, and he is interested in pursuing that opportunity.



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Villa Park's Community Pride Commission invites residents to its annual Paws on the Path pet adoption event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The event, which will feature information about adoptable animals, will take place near the Rugaard Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard.

There will be live music, games, vendors, a children's activity tent and a pet costume contest.

Attendees are invited to bring dog or cat food to donate to a drive for sheltered animals. For more information, send an e-mail to pride@invillapark.com.

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National Night Out in Villa Park

Like thousands of other communities around the country, Villa Park participated in the National Night Out event on Aug. 7. Members of the village's police and fire departments attended the free event outside of the Iowa Community Center. The mission of National Night Out is to heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The attendees included (pictured above left to right) Summer Scholten (age 8), June Koolima (age 6), Abby Scholten (age 6) and Natalie Koolima (age 7).



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Villa Park Police Det. Dennis Campos grilled hot dogs to serve attendees.

New District 88 board member

The District 88 Board of Education recently appointed Tina Haralambopoulos to fill a vacancy on the board. She replaces Timothy Gillen, who resigned from the board. Haralambopoulos will remain on the board through the consolidated election of April 2, 2019. She will officially be sworn in during the Aug. 27 board meeting. Haralambopoulos graduated from Addison Trail High School in 2002. Her parents and several other family members also graduated from Addison Trail. Haralambopoulos earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Northern Illinois University. She obtained a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University, where she is pursuing her doctoral degree in organizational leadership. Haralambopoulos teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) at a hybrid charter school in Chicago. Haralambopoulos joins District 88 Board of Education members Donna Craft Cain (President), Jay Irvin (Vice President), Sharon Kuckl (Secretary), Thomas Edmler, Blanca Jessen and Mark Turk.



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Sports

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Warriors and Rams tee off the fall sports season *Willowbrook begins with a fourth-place showing*

The Willowbrook boys golf team opened its 2018 season with a fourth-place finish in last week's 12-team St. Laurence Invitational at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete. Senior Joey Guthrie of the Warriors fired an 18-hole score of 77 on the par-71 course to finish seventh in the individual standings of the Aug. 9 competition. Junior Logan Rattana turned in a score of 79, while senior Jackson Hathaway carded an 81. Senior Taylor Sarovich turned in a score of 88. The Warriors' top four individual scores of the event (77+79+81+88) produced the team's score of 325. Senior Josh Lata (92) and junior Utah Keehner (93) also competed for Willowbrook.

One day after the St. Laurence Invitational, the Warriors took part in Friday's 20-team Addison Trail Invitational at Joliet Country Club. Willowbrook earned a team score of 344, good for 12th place.

Guthrie and Rattana both turned in scores of 83 on the par-72 layout in

Joliet. Sarovich posted an 84, while Hathaway shot a 94. The sum of those four scores gave the Warriors their team score.

Lata turned in a 102 on Friday, while Keehner shot a 104.

Glenbard East also competed in Friday's Addison Trail Invitational. The Rams posted a team score of 419, which landed them in 19th place in the event's team standings. Freshman Matt Guthrie—a cousin of Willowbrook's Joey Guthrie—shot a team-best round of 88. Junior Matt Zairaski fired a 103, while junior Jack Schendel shot a 106. Senior Nate Naborowski (122) and sophomore Ben Elias (124) rounded out the Rams' varsity lineup.

Glenbard East began its 2018 season at Thursday's 10-team varsity/junior varsity scramble event at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village. The duo of Guthrie and Elias teamed up to shoot a team-best score of 79. The Rams finished ninth in the event's team standings.



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The Willowbrook and Glenbard East golf teams both competed in Friday's 20-team Addison Trail Invitational at Joliet Country Club. Willowbrook finished 12th in the team standings, while Glenbard East placed 19th. Senior Joey Guthrie and junior Logan Rattana led the Warriors to their 12th-place showing. Both players posted 18-hole scores of 83 on the par-72 course. Senior Taylor Sarovich shot an 88. Here, Guthrie hits a shot near the green.



(Left) Glenbard East freshman Matt Guthrie, a cousin of Joey Guthrie, hits a putt on his final hole of the round. Guthrie shot a team-best score of 88 for the Rams.

(Below) Taylor Sarovich prepares to hit a drive.



Senior Josh Lata shot a 102.

Scouting DuKane Conference football

Teams: Batavia, Geneva, Glenbard North, Lake Park, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, Wheaton North, Wheaton Warrenville South.

Key games: Geneva at Batavia, Sept. 28; Glenbard North at Lake Park, Sept. 28; St. Charles East at St. Charles North, Sept. 28; WW South at Wheaton North, Sept. 28; Batavia at St. Charles East, Oct. 5; St. Charles North at Batavia, Oct. 12; Batavia at Wheaton North, Oct. 19.

Top players: Isiah Brown-Dietzman, DL, WW South; Peyton Brown, QB, St. Charles North; Michael Jansey, LB, Batavia; Justin Jett, RB, St. Charles East; Xander Mueller, LB, Wheaton North; Tyler Nubin, WR-DB, St. Charles North; Patrick Panasiuk, OL, Lake Park; Antowan Tolbert, RB, Wheaton North; Reilly Waldoch, RB, Geneva; Luke Weerts, LB, Batavia; Mike Wellman, LB-TE, Glenbard North; Alex Westendorf, OL, St. Charles North.

Outlook: It's a new conference with old problems. Problem No. 1? No weeks off. Glenbard North, Lake Park, Wheaton North and WW South left the brutal competition of the DuPage Valley Conference, but it's no easier here. For Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles East and St. Charles North, who left the Upstate Eight Conference, this is a definite step up in competition. The elephant in the league is Batavia, the defending Class 7A champion. The Bulldogs continue their defensive tradition with linebackers Michael Jansey, committed to Northwestern, and Luke Weerts. The Bulldogs' biggest challenger might be the only team to beat them last year, St. Charles North. The North Stars bring back 16 starters, including the DKC's top player, Minnesota-bound receiver and defensive back Tyler Nubin. Glenbard North, Lake Park and Wheaton North all made the playoffs last season, and it'll be interesting to see who emerges among the former DVC schools. WW South is an unknown but has two quality defensive players in lineman Isiah Brown-Dietzman and defensive back Cedric Rowzee. Wheaton North won't be able to pound the ball as efficiently as last season, but the Falcons still boast running back Antowan Tolbert, who accounted for 400 of last year's 2,500 rushing yards. Lake Park running back David Hardwick-Kirkpatrick has the benefit of working behind lineman Patrick Panasiuk, who holds a Navy offer. Glenbard North's bread-and-butter remains the ground game and a stingy defense. With Mike Wellman back at linebacker, the unit remains strong. St. Charles East returns one of the DKC's most productive players in running back Justin Jett, who last season rushed for 1,300 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Quotable: "It's an exciting time," said WW South coach Ron Muhitch. "It's a little bittersweet leaving the DVC, but this is a great opportunity for us. It's a new start in a new conference."

— Kevin Schmit



Waubonsie Valley's Bryce Logan (7) is a player to watch in the DuPage Valley Conference this season.

Scouting DuPage Valley Conference football

Teams: Metea Valley, Naperville Central, Naperville North, Nequa Valley, Waubonsie Valley.

Key games: Naperville Central vs. Naperville North, Sept. 28; Waubonsie Valley at Nequa Valley, Sept. 28; Naperville North at Metea Valley, Oct. 5; Nequa Valley at Naperville Central, Oct. 5; Waubonsie Valley at Naperville Central, Oct. 12; Waubonsie Valley at Metea Valley, Oct. 19.

Top players: Justin Agema, DB, Naperville Central; Jack Belskis, LB, Metea Valley; Kyle Borske, LB, Nequa Valley; Jake Boumans, LB, Nequa Valley; Sammy Caldarazzo, OL, Naperville North; Chris Carter, OL, Waubonsie Valley; Will Chevalier, RB, Nequa Valley; Luke Hallstrom, OL, Naperville Central; Jack Jopes, DB, Naperville Central; Bryce Logan, WR, Waubonsie Valley; Cade McDonald, WR, Naperville Central; Conor Murphy, DL, Metea Valley; Carson O'Donnell, LB, Waubonsie Valley; Matt Oliver, LB, Naperville Central; Matt Quinn, DL, Nequa Valley; Andrew Reinhard, LB, Naperville North; Bo Richter, LB, Naperville North; Avante Rogers, DL, Waubonsie Valley; Brandt Stare, WR, Nequa Valley; Jared Suchevis, WR, Naperville Central; Payton Thorne, QB, Naperville Central; Ameir Wilbourn, RB, Naperville North; Julian Wlodarczyk, WR-DB, Metea Valley.

Outlook: Students and communities may like it, but playing teams twice doesn't float everyone's boat. As Metea Valley coach Ben Kleinhans said, "It's hard enough to play one time against Naperville North, we've got to do it twice." In the wake of four teams' departures to the new DuKane Conference, such is the lot of the remaining teams in the DVC, which as a five-team league needed to petition the Illinois High School Association for playoff recognition. Naperville North actually plays both Metea Valley and archrival Naperville Central twice (first meetings don't count toward conference standings), and the conference-wide effort to fill nine games created brutal nonconference matchups against other teams nobody wants to play, from Batavia to Edwardsville to Lincoln-Way East. It'll be a struggle for those six wins and a guaranteed playoff berth. Each of the DVC teams should be pretty good if not very good, and although Metea went 1-8 last season Kleinhans believes a combination of strong returning defenders and athletic skill players may have the Mustangs turning the corner. The favorite would have to be Naperville Central, which returns Western Michigan-bound quarterback Payton Thorne, a three-year varsity starter who last season passed for 2,294 yards and 24 touchdowns in a Class 8A quarterfinal season. Behind a line that includes Air Force commit Luke Hallstrom, Thorne has solid receivers back and the Redhaws defense features a secondary that could be special, led by all-conference returner Jack Jopes. Except for Thorne and Metea's Patrick Straub, who got a couple late-season starts as an injury replacement, no other potential Week 1 starting quarterback completed more passes in 2017 than Naperville North's Cliff Wickers, who had just 1. Nequa Valley's Mark Gronowski won a tight QB competition and has quality skill around him with Brandt Stare and Will Chevalier, but the Wildcoats defense may begin ahead of an offense that returns one starting lineman. Alternately, Waubonsie's 6-foot-4, 280-pound Chris Carter paces a line with experience and size — all the better for new quarterback Jack Drow and new featured back Bryce Logan. Likewise, Naperville North's Sammy Caldarazzo heads a Huskies line with returning reps, though the squad graduated most of its offense from a 6-4 squad. Running back Ameir Wilbourn and receiver Matt Heinz hope to replace some of that yardage. Historically the DVC is a grind. This season brings a different type of grind. **Quotable:** "We're going to be able to build a nice, strong, five-team conference," said Nequa Valley coach Bill Ellinghaus. "But the fact of the matter is with only five teams your nonconference games become extremely important, and we are actively looking to get the right fit to join our conference."

— Dave Oberhelman

The top 50 football players in DuPage County

Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.
Jack Benish	Benet	6-3	235	DL	Sr.
Kylo Borske	Nequa Valley	6-2	238	LB	Sr.
Isiah Brown-Dietzman	WW South	6-3	238	DL	Sr.
Jackson Buscianelli	Moran	6-0	215	LB	Sr.
Brst Bulhka	Glenbard East	5-10	190	QB	Sr.
Kyle Cacoppo	Fenton	6-0	180	QB	Sr.
Sammy Caldarazzo	Naperville North	6-3	265	OL	Sr.
Will Chevalier	Nequa Valley	5-8	165	RB	Sr.
Kevin Cooke	IC Catholic	5-11	195	LB	Jr.
Jack Courtney	Benet	6-0	170	DB-WRSr	
Tyquan Cox	Glenbard West	5-9	170	RB	Sr.
Aidan Cruckshank	Hinsdale Central	5-11	185	LB	Sr.
Nick DeLuzo	Moran	6-0	206	RB	Sr.
Noah Gibson	Glenbard South	6-1	190	LB	Sr.
Luke Hallstrom	Naperville Central	6-2	290	OL	Sr.
Zane Hamsforth	York	6-5	230	LB	Sr.
Ben Hickoy	Benet	6-0	178	RB	Sr.
Kodie Jamison	Glenbard North	5-10	175	WR-DBSr	
Derek Joharik	Wheats Academy	6-0	250	OL-DL	Sr.
Jack Jopes	Naperville Central	5-9	170	DB	Sr.
Teyon Keith	Glenbard South	5-11	165	WR	Sr.
Hank Kiaz	Glenbard West	6-3	245	OL	Sr.
Jayden Lambert	Downers South	6-1	160	WR-RB	Jr.
Bryce Logan	Waubonsie Valley	5-6	160	RB	Jr.
Jay McGrath	Lisle	6-1	185	QB	Sr.
Mike McNicholas	Moran	6-5	310	OL	Sr.
Greyson Metz	Glenbard West	6-3	195	DB	Jr.
Isaac Moore	Lake Park	6-2	210	LB	Sr.
Xander Mueller	Wheaton North	6-3	205	LB	Jr.
Ricky Mychalwac	IC Catholic	6-3	310	OL-DL	Sr.
Carson O'Donnell	Waubonsie Valley	5-0	175	LB	Sr.
Patrick Panasiuk	Lake Park	6-3	290	OL	Sr.
Matt Quinn	Nequa Valley	6-4	235	DL	Sr.
Kemon Reese	IC Catholic	5-11	203	OL-LB	Sr.
Jayden Rodgers	Glenbard West	5-11	180	LB	Sr.
Avante Rogers	Waubonsie Valley	6-2	260	DL	Sr.
Matt Rush	Hinsdale Central	6-1	180	QB	Sr.
Khai Saunders	IC Catholic	6-4	220	WR-LB	Sr.
Anthony Shockey	Glenbard East	6-2	220	LB	Sr.
Luke Skolona	Hinsdale Central	5-9	170	RB	Sr.
Dan Skold	St. Francis	6-2	250	OL-DL	Sr.
Jacob Smit	Benet	6-4	225	DL	Jr.
Payton Thorne	Naperville Central	6-2	190	QB	Sr.
Ben Thorson	Wheats Academy	6-3	190	QB	Sr.
Antowan Tolbert	Wheaton North	5-10	265	RB	Sr.
Scott Turnity	Willowbrook	5-10	171	WR-DBSr	
Mike Wellman	Glenbard North	6-2	215	TE-LB	Sr.
Marky Winters	Glenbard West	6-2	235	DL	Sr.
Julian Wlodarczyk	Metea Valley	6-3	190	DB	Sr.
Mike Wymar	Benet	6-0	190	LB	Sr.

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Boys soccer

Wednesday's results
Naperville at Aurora Christian Academy (Naperville) 0-0, 4 p.m.
Sandwich at Lisle (Lisle) 4-10, 4 p.m.
St. Francis at St. Francis (St. Francis) 4-0, 4 p.m.
Waubonsie Valley at Waubonsie Valley (Waubonsie Valley) 4-0, 4 p.m.
Wheaton North at Wheaton North (Wheaton North) 4-0, 4 p.m.
York at York (York) 7-0, 7 p.m.

Boys golf

Wednesday's results
Naperville Central at Naperville Central (Naperville Central) 5-0, 8 p.m.
Naperville North at Naperville North (Naperville North) 4-0, 4 p.m.
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Girls volleyball

Wednesday's results
Naperville Central at Naperville Central (Naperville Central) 3-0, 8 p.m.
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Wheaton North's Antowan Tolbert (7) is a player to watch in the first season of the DuKane Conference.

St. Charles East shines in triumph

By John Lemon
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Girls volleyball

Plainfield North knew what was coming from St. Charles East senior setter McKenna Slavik Wednesday night. Stopping it was another matter. Slavik, a Clemson recruit, showed her court vision with one quick tip after another, repeatedly catching the Tigers out of position during the Saints' 25-11, 25-16 victory. Those heady plays were

sophomore Kayla Daros, which included a pair of aces, helped the Saints build a 13-5 lead. Emily Stallmann also served a pair of aces, one of them taking the Saints to set point at 24-10. Slavik closed the game with another quick push to an opening in the backrow. "I kind of look over real quick and see where people are moving and try to go the opposite of that," Slavik said.

Friday, August 24
Football
Naperville at St. Francis, 7 p.m.
Buffalo Grove at Downers Grove North, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Addison Trail, 7:30 p.m.
Coke at Willowbrook, 7:30 p.m.