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Former student accused of threatening teacher at Addison's Lincoln Academy

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Addison Director of Police Bill Hayden announced last week that a former Lincoln Academy student has been accused of threatening a teacher at the Addison school. The juvenile appeared at a detention hearing last Thursday where Judge Anthony Coco ordered that he be placed on home detention.

It is alleged that on April 11, 2018, at approximately 7:55 a.m., the 14-year-old juvenile called the school and threatened to shoot one of the staff members stating, "He is going to get it today, right in the head."

sponse and apprehension of the suspect in this case."

"The well-being of our children and those who teach them remains a top priority of my administration,"

Hayden said. "Because of this commitment, the Addison Police Department takes any threat, real or perceived, directed at our students and school personnel extremely serious-

ly. I would like to thank the officers who worked on this case for their efforts as well as the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office for their continued efforts in protecting our

schools from harm."

Members of the public are reminded that this complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the defendant's guilt.

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— Bill Hayden,
Addison Director of Police

Upon receiving the alleged call, authorities at the school contacted the Addison Police Department. Through their investigation, Addison police officers identified the juvenile as a suspect. He was taken into custody without incident from his home yesterday afternoon.

"Any threat of violence aimed at a school will immediately be investigated and if found credible, will be charged accordingly," Berlin said. "Teachers can't teach and students can't learn if they are in fear for their safety while at school. I would like to thank authorities at Lincoln Academy for alerting law enforcement to this incident as well as the Addison Police Department for their quick re-



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Addison Trail track and field help the hungry

Pictured are members of the Addison Trail Boys Track and Field Team who volunteered at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva recently, sorting and packing food for the less-fortunate.

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KC Council gives to D88 transition program

On March 3, the Knights of Columbus Damen Hildebrand Council #650 hosted its 48th Annual Awards and Communion Brunch at Medinah Shriners in Addison.

During that event, two District 88 groups were recognized and presented with proceeds from the Addison Knights of Columbus fundraising efforts. The District 88 Transition Program (which helps individuals ages 18 to 21 who have disabilities learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to life after District 88) and the Addison Trail Best Buddies club (which creates one-on-one friendships for people with intellectual disabilities) received monetary donations. Best Buddies assisted with the Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive this past fall, which raises funds to support individuals with disabilities.



Members of the Addison Trail Best Buddies club receive a donation from Knights of Columbus Damen Hildebrand Council #650 on March 3. Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail junior Alaisia Hunt, junior Victoria Toay, Grand Knight Mike Bruntz, Best Buddies club Sponsor Patty Hochheimer, junior Jessica Burback and junior Julia Swierzb.

SUBMITTED PHOTO Addison Independent

Federal investigators subpoena records of Tom Cullerton

State Senator has not been accused of any wrongdoing

By Dee Longfellow

FOR THE VILLA PARK INDEPENDENT

On Saturday, April 13, the Independent learned that the records of State Senator (IL-23) Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) are the subject of a subpoena by Federal investigators who are looking into alleged extortion charges against a former Team-

sters union boss.

On Feb. 5, the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago subpoenaed Senate records for Cullerton's emails, legislative attendance records, personnel files and other documents related to reimbursements for travel including lodging, meals and vehicle allowances from Feb. 1, 2013, through March 3, 2016.

Cullerton, 49, has served in the Senate since 2013 and has not been accused of wrongdoing. He declined to comment Thursday. His office di-

rected all inquiries to the U.S. attorney's office.

Records demanded to assist in indictment of Coli

The federal grand jury has indicted former Teamsters Joint Council 25 President John Coli Sr. on charges alleging he extorted a Chicago film studio of \$325,000 since 2014. Coli was indicted in 2017 on charges alleging he extorted the money by threatening labor unrest at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios, which films

the popular NBC shows "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago P.D."

Coli resigned from his union job when he was first indicted in July 2017. The former union boss was a high-profile supporter of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel and also weighed in on national politics. Coli pleaded not guilty and the next hearing in his case is set for May 3. According to Federal records, plea negotiations in the case have been ongoing.

Cullerton, who was a member of the Teamsters Union before becoming a State elected official, received

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State Senator Tom Cullerton (left) is pictured here speaking with a guest at a senior fair he hosted in 2017. Cullerton recently had his records subpoenaed by federal prosecutors regarding the indictment of Teamsters Union Boss John Coli Sr. Cullerton has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

SPORTS

APRIL 18, 2019 • 19

Pitching a major positive for Willowbrook softball team

Warriors also
excelling at the plateBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Softball teams with pitching tend to do good things.

Willowbrook's roster has plenty of pitching depth that has, indeed, done good things in the early going of the 2019 season.

Through the team's first seven games (Willowbrook was 4-3), sophomore Caroline Dooley had a win, while freshman Caitlyn Kulczynski had two wins against Schaumburg and Proviso West. She struck out 13 in her first game against Proviso West. Freshman Kayla Neff had a win against Schaumburg as well.

"With the exception of one game, pitching has been a strength of ours," said Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos. "Caitlyn has pitched really well for us. She has great movement on the ball, but more importantly she has a great attitude and leads by example on the field. She's also one of our leaders in batting average. Caroline Dooley has had to face some tough competition on the mound. She had a great first outing against Plainfield Central. She only gave up two hits and struck out nine. She also is consistent at bat and when she is

not pitching, she is doing a really nice job in the outfield."

Karos also has seen her team's bats warm up throughout the first seven games. "We had a little slow start with our bats this year, but with each game we are getting more runners in scoring position and now we just have to execute to get those runs in," she said. "We only are seven games in and I think the more we play the better we will be at fine-tuning the things we need to be successful going into conference play. With playing so few games so far, it's hard to say what we have improved on the most. Areas we are looking to improve on currently are cuts and relays, and we always are hoping to be stronger on defense."

"Our hope is to get better at all aspects of the game. I'm hoping to see our offense start getting us more runs to take a little pressure off the pitching staff. We are still young in some positions, so there will be times we make mistakes, but I'm hoping we can keep recovering and battling like we have been and get a little better each game."

Karos also had high praise for senior Amy Bussa, Neff and Annemarie Knudtson. "They have been consistent at the plate, providing us with either runs scored or RBI."

In recent action, Willowbrook dropped a 16-2 non-conference decision to Plainfield South. Caroline Dooley, Kulczynski and Katie Pettinger each had a hit. Dooley had two RBI. Kulczynski pitched the final 5 2/3 innings and struck out 10.

In a 17-1 West Suburban Conference crossover win in four innings against Proviso West, Willowbrook scored 10 runs in the second inning and had 14 hits.

Knudtson went 2-for-2 with three runs scored and four RBI. Bussa was 2-for-2 with three runs scored and an RBI, while Emma Barrington went 2-for-2 with two runs scored and five RBI. Mikayla Tomaszewski had two hits as well. Knudtson, Samantha Mishlove, Barrington, Kulczynski and Tomaszewski each had a double. Bussa tripled, while Barrington homered. Knudtson stole two bases.

Kulczynski pitched two innings and struck out five, while Neff did the same thing in her two innings of work.

The Warriors also scored an 8-2 win against Wheaton North in non-conference play. Willowbrook held a 3-2 lead through five innings before scoring three runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh. The Warriors had nine hits.

Bussa had two hits, two runs scored

and two RBI, while Barrington had two hits, a run scored and four RBI. Mishlove, Dooley and Bussa each doubled, while Knudtson, Bussa and Barrington each hit a home run.

Kulczynski was the winning pitcher. She struck out nine in seven innings, allowing four hits and no earned runs.

Willowbrook then swept a non-conference doubleheader against Burbank Reavis. The Warriors won the first game 17-0, thanks in part to 10 runs in the second inning. The Warriors had 19 hits in the contest.

Knudtson went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Dooley went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBI. Bussa was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI. Kulczynski had three hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Barrington had three hits, two runs scored and four RBI. Tomaszewski had two hits, a run scored and two RBI. Pettinger had two hits and two runs scored. All nine Willowbrook players had at least one hit and one run scored. Eight of the nine players drove in at least one run.

Knudtson, Mishlove, Dooley, Bussa, Barrington and Kulczynski each had a double, while Tomaszewski had two doubles. Dooley, Bussa, Barrington and Kulczynski each had

a triple, giving Willowbrook 12 extra-base hits in the game. The Warriors had 32 total bases in the game in 31 at-bats.

Dooley was the winning pitcher. She threw a four-inning two-hitter and struck out eight, while walking none.

In the nightcap, Willowbrook was a 15-1 winner against Reavis in six innings. The Warriors scored six runs in the sixth inning and had 17 hits.

Kulczynski had three hits, three runs scored and an RBI. Dooley had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Bussa had three hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Loren Perry had two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Tomaszewski had two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Barrington had three hits, a run scored and three RBI. Sabrina Edwards had a hit, a run scored and an RBI. Bussa, Tomaszewski and Perry each doubled. Mishlove tripled and Dooley and Barrington each struck home runs.

Kulczynski was the winning pitcher. She struck out 12 in six innings and allowed only one hit.

Willowbrook was 7-3 through its first 10 games and had West Suburban Conference Gold Division games scheduled this week with Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South.

Addison Trail boys gymnastics
teams hits 132 in meetSitko continues improvement on parallel bars;
Bastian helping in many different waysBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys gymnastics team reached a 132.0 in its recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division triangular meet win against Leyden and Downers Grove South.

Addison Trail was 2-1 overall and 2-1 in WSC Gold action through late last week.

Individually, Jakub Sitko scored an 8.5 on parallel bars recently. "Jakub continues to build on his routine as he attempts to make state," said Addison Trail coach Mike Galfi.

Galfi said his squad continues to add new wrinkles to its routines. "We have started to add in a number of new skills in many of our routines," he said. "The guys on the team have done a great job of including those skills into the routines without any loss of form."

Rings and pommel horse have been two events where key progress has been made. "Coach Kyle Padera has done an excellent job with the gymnasts on rings and pommel horse," said Galfi. "We have made a number of gains on those two events in particular."

Galfi said Jake Bastian has been another bright spot for the team. "Jake has continued to develop his routines and add new skills," he explained. "He has been the most improved gymnast for us this year, and as an all-around gymnast, is one of the most valuable on the team as well."

The coach noted team chemistry has been outstanding. "Our gymnasts have a strong bond with in the gym and do a great job of supporting each other while developing their own abilities," said Galfi.

Addison Trail battled Hinsdale South earlier this week in a WSC Gold dual. The Blazers head to Glenbard West Saturday for a meet.

Fenton softball team
getting it done with the sticksBison were 7-4
through first 11 gamesBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Hit the ball and good things tend to happen.

That's exactly what's occurring with the Fenton softball team. The Bison were 7-4 overall through their first 11 games and started 2-1 in Metro Suburban Conference Red Division action.

In recent play, Fenton dropped a 15-2 decision to Aurora Central Catholic, beat Chicago Christian 14-9, lost to Guerin Prep 15-11 and beat East Aurora 13-0.

Through late last week, Cynthia Ibarra was leading the team in batting average at .565, while Isa Lozada was hitting .486. Ibarra had a .697 on-base percentage, while Lozada was at .617.

Lozada was the team-leader in hits with 17, while Payton Pugliese and Gianna Saldana each had 15. Ibarra had five doubles, while Lozada and Saldana each had four. Lozada was the team-leader in triples with three

and was tied with Clair Panos for the team lead in home runs with two.

Lozada had a team-best 19 RBI, while Ibarra and Saldana each had 14 RBI. Lozada and Ashley Milano each had 19 runs scored, while Lozada had 12 stolen bases and Milano had five.

"We are swinging the bats really well right now," said Fenton coach Dave Mello. "We have a team batting average of .374 and have a lot of big hits from all nine spots in the order. We also have been doing a nice job of getting our bunts down."

In the pitching circle, Ibarra had three wins. Ashley Mitchell was the team leader in strikeouts with 21, while Panos had 19. Panos had a team-best 3.71 ERA.

Mello added further key improvement has come from the simple task of playing catch. "It has improved a lot," he said. "It has been a big focus from day one. It is still not at the level we would like, but the improvement has been really good. The high-level teams have no issues playing catch. If we are striving to get to that level, it needs to start with playing catch."

"We can continue to get better in

the field against the better teams on our schedule. We need to keep our focus and not let one mistake become a bunch of mistakes. We really have hurt ourselves with errors in the games against the better teams."

Mello noted Ibarra and Saldana, in particular, have been stepping it up of late. "Cynthia has moved into the cleanup spot in the lineup and has responded with big hits all season. She has pitched in four games and recorded a four-inning save against Chicago Christian. Gianna has given us some solid play in right field. Also, she has solidified the middle of the lineup from the five spot by ranking near the top in a lot of offensive statistics for us."

Fenton had games scheduled this week against Ridgewood, Elk Grove and Chicago Lake View.

"The willingness to work on improving and becoming better all-around softball players has been fun to watch," said Mello. "The girls realize the amount of talent we have this season and want to make sure there are no regrets at the end of the season."

Addison Trail boys volleyball team battling on court

Mosny major bright spot in the middle for Blazers

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail might have a 5-12 overall record, but coach Chad Grant has seen plenty of progress from this group.

"I like our versatility," he said. "Justin Werderitch, who was our kill leader

for the matches that he's played in, has missed the last seven matches. We are 1-6 in those matches and have had to move guys around a little bit. Our players have been very flexible and have responded well to the different lineups we have had to use. We are not seeing the results in the win column right now, but it should make us a better team in the long run when we get Justin back."

The Blazers had a 1-1 mark in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through their first two conference contests.

In a recent 25-23, 25-22 WSC Gold loss to Hinsdale South, Joe Mosny had seven kills, while Nico Nasti had 13 assists and six digs. Enzo Ciaccia had eight digs and two kills. Michael Tulke had seven digs.

In a 25-13, 25-11 WSC crossover loss to Glenbard West, Patrick Ptasznik and Mosny each had four kills, while Nasti had 13 assists.

Grant has seen particularly strong play from Mosny. "Joe Mosny has been outstanding for us in the middle all year," he said. "He is aggressive,

smart and has been nearly automatic for us."

Mosny was leading the team with 96 kills and was tied with Michal Zdanowicz with 10 aces. Tulke was leading with 91 digs and Nasti had 279 setting assists.

"Our serving is our best skill right now," said Grant. "Five of our six regular servers serve at over 90 percent so we do not give teams free points there."

Grant added the Blazers also are improving on the block. "We are small

and inexperienced so we have learned a lot about positioning, timing, blocking assignments and communication," he said.

On the youth front, Zdanowicz, a sophomore, and Ciaccia, a freshman, have been key varsity contributors. "Michal has been passing very well for us and Enzo has really been more aggressive with his attacking in Justin's absence," Grant noted.

Addison Trail had games earlier this week on the road against Proviso East (conference) and St. Charles East.

Willowbrook girls soccer team playing well

Florey leading team with 16 goals

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Through its first 11 games, the Willowbrook girls soccer team has a lot to be happy about.

"With the exception of a game against Plainfield East we lost 7-0, we have been playing very well and consistent," said Willowbrook coach Julio Del Real. "All 19 players are seeing a lot of action and everyone

has been contributing."

Willowbrook was 6-4-1 overall and 2-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through late last week. In recent play, the Warriors were 6-0 winners against Leyden in a WSC Gold game. The Warriors lost 3-0 to Naperville Central and 7-0 to Plainfield Central.

Through 11 games, Lizzy Florey was leading the team with 16 goals and four assists. Grace Tumilty had nine goals and eight assists, while Erin Fitzgibbon had four goals and three assists. Erinn Bell had four

goals and one assist.

"We are moving the ball around very well and have been taking care of a lot of scoring opportunities," said Del Real. "On defense, the team has come together very well and has been improving as the season goes on."

Del Real said a significant increase has occurred in the goal-scoring department. "Scoring has been a huge improvement from last year and the team is doing better because of the number of players getting playing time," he explained.

Del Real cited recent strong play from Tumilty and Florey. "Gracie and Lizzy have been the most notable players and it is due to the help that is being provided from the rest of the team," he said.

Del Real noted the team is working on continuing to improve its possession game and first-touch situations.

Del Real again cited the depth his team has as a key ingredient in the team's early success. "I like the fact all the girls are getting a lot of playing time compared to other years," he said.

The Warriors played District 88 neighbor Addison Trail earlier this week.

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Fenton badminton team making strides

Captains Naseer and Toldeo leading the way for Bison

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton girls badminton coach Brian Hastings isn't overly concerned about the team's win-loss record.

"We have been working hard and improving at a consistent rate," said Hastings. "Unfortunately, the results haven't always shown the improvement and work that has taken place."

Fenton is led by captains Sammen

Naseer, who has two wins in singles, and Joanna Toledo, who has a win in the singles division.

Marlin Quevedo, Fiza Anwar, Abby Mathew, Virginia Salazar and Susan Martinez all have competed at the varsity level in singles.

Hastings' top doubles teams have been Toldeo and Anwar, who have three wins at No. 1 doubles, Mathew and Salazar, who have three wins at No. 2 doubles, and Naseer and Marti-
nez, who also have three wins at No. 4 doubles.

At the junior-varsity level, Fenton has been paced by Justice Newsome

and Hailey Esposito in singles, and the tandem of Valerie Acevedo and Lilian Ulloa in doubles.

Freshman standouts thus far for Fenton include Alexa Toledo, Kina Patel, Marissa Warden, Jazmin Camacho and Ana Brito.

"We are excited about continuing to improve," said Hastings. "We want to finish the season off on a strong note."

Fenton returned to action earlier this week against Lemont. The Bison have a busy schedule this coming week with contests against Niles North, Lemont and Chicago Taft.

Senate OKs slightly different bill to raise minimum salary for teachers

By Grant Morgan
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A second bill raising the minimum annual salary for Illinois teachers to \$40,000 found legislative success this week.

Senate Bill 10, sponsored by Sen. Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill), passed on a 45-11 vote April 11.

It would provide a five-year ramp to increasing Illinois' minimum teacher salary, from just more than \$32,000 in 2020-21 to \$40,000 in the 2023-2024 school year.

The substance of the bill is the same as a House bill—HB 2078, sponsored by Rep. Katie Stuart (D-Edwardsville)—that passed earlier in the week.

But Manar's bill was approved with an amendment the House version did not have, which directs a state review panel to figure out how Illinois' most underfunded school districts can get extra state aid to comply with the minimum salary law.

Manar said the state's school funding formula must be "slightly adjusted" to make up the difference for the

cost of the bill, so that underfunded school districts could pay the minimum salaries.

He said initial estimates are that "just under" \$20 million would have to be added to the funding formula to help the neediest school districts comply with the law.

According to SB 10's amendment, the Professional Review Panel's recommendations must be made by Jan. 31, 2020.

Manar said an ideal timeline is that the recommendations are adopted in time for the governor's budget proposal in February 2020.

When that budget passes in May of 2020, Manar said, the school funding formula will have already kicked out the extra money to underfunded school districts, in time for the start of the school year's classes in August and September.

"We want to have a more level entry point for teachers across the state," Manar said of the proposed teacher salaries. "Depending on where you teach, where you live, and which districts have openings, your entry level

salary can fluctuate dramatically.

"A base rate would help reassure college students that when they graduate, they'll have a decent wage."

Opponents of SB 10 voiced concerns similar to the bill's House counterpart.

"This is a significant unfunded mandate," GOP Sen. Chuck Weaver, of Peoria, said. "School districts will be forced to lay people off."

Sen. Kimberly Lightford, a Maywood Democrat, emphasized that the salary increase to \$40,000 is not immediate, but phased in over four years—and still might not be enough.

"A \$40,000 starting salary for a teacher is not a lot of money," she said Thursday. "Yet, it would allow them the decency and respect to raise up our generations to come."

The state's current minimum teacher salary law of \$10,000 has been unchanged since the 1980s.

Manar said the first salary increase of SB 10—to just more than \$32,000 for the 2020-21 school year—is simply that same \$10,000 salary adjusted for inflation to the present day.

SPORTS

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IN GOOD HANDS

Jack Hines leads Willowbrook at plate, but biggest growth is his glove work at shortstop

By BOB NARANG
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Many times throughout his sophomore season, Willowbrook's Jack Hines wondered when he would grasp playing shortstop with more consistency.

At the time, Hines was thrust into the starting spot at one of the most difficult positions in the infield for a team with high expectations.

He struggled, like most underclassmen, finding the right balance between frustration and growth.

But the Warriors, loaded with experience and talent, needed Hines to adapt quickly to shortstop.

"Fielding was very hard," Hines recalled. "I made a lot of errors. There was a lot of pressure. But I needed that to get where I am today. I'm glad it happened. It made me stronger. I'm a lot more confident and really trust myself and my hands."

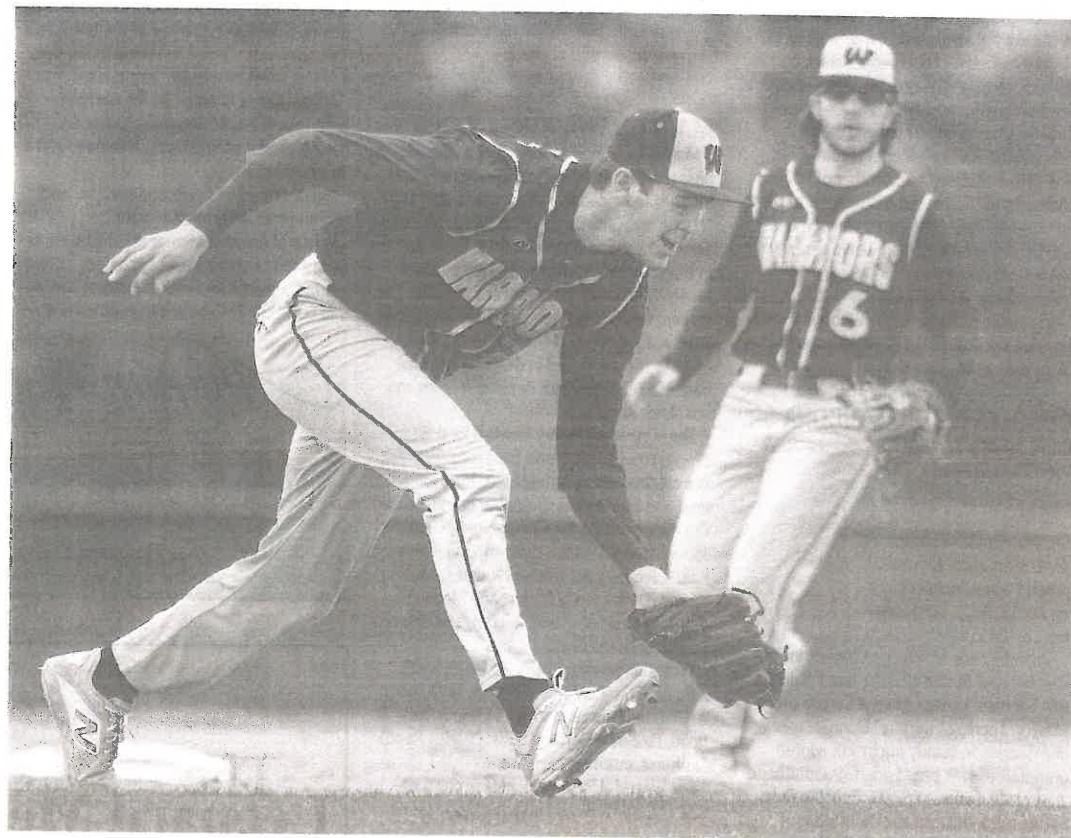
Hines, a senior, is a standout three-year varsity player for the Warriors. He's leading the team in hits (18), extra-base hits (11) and has driven in 16 runs to go with a .429 batting average from the No. 2 spot in the lineup. He's also 10-for-10 on steals and has scored 11 runs.

The best part of his evolution from sophomore to senior starter: He's only committed two errors.

Willowbrook coach Vic Weisner said Hines' development is a central reason for his team winning 11 of their first 14 games. As a sophomore, Hines eventually settled down and helped guide the Warriors to a 26-9 record and a Class 4A regional title.

"It was tough for Jack at first," Weisner said. "You get a lot of plays at shortstop. I just assumed it was pretty easy, but halfway through that season, you could see the nerves. We put him at designated hitter, and he just started hammering the ball."

Hines has become a major contributor for the Warriors, who won 20 games last season for the second year in a row. Hines opened the season with a two-run triple in Willowbrook's 16-0 win over Glenbard South. He drove in



Willowbrook shortstop Jack Hines fields a ground ball during a game against visiting Morton on April 11.

Jeff Krage for Shaw Media

two runs in an 8-5 win over Hinsdale South on April 2.

Hines, who also plays basketball, said he's a completely different player this season. He's one of five three-year senior starters.

Hines said the Warriors have lofty goals. Willowbrook returned eight starters and its entire rotation from last season. Senior hurler Trevor Jalo-szynski is one of the Warriors' leading two-way contributors, batting .333 with eight RBIs and a 1-0 mark with three saves. Senior second baseman Ryan Mintz is batting .290 with 13 runs scored.

"My main focus this offseason was cutting back on errors," Hines said. "I wanted to get more confidence fielding the ball and with my fundamentals. I'm also more aggressive on the bases. I try and take a base every time I can to get

us more runs and win games.

"The key for us is to keep pitching lights-out and hit the ball well. We have to keep on getting quality at-bats and rack them up and put some runs together."

SOFTBALL Willowbrook

Samantha Mishlove homered, drove in two runs and scored two runs for the Warriors in an 8-5 win over Glenbard West. Shannon Knudtson and Amy Bussa also had two RBIs for Willowbrook.

Lemont

Gia Maida went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored and winning pitcher Grace Re, who struck out three in four innings, went 3-for-3 with two

RBIs for Lemont (7-3, 5-1) in a 16-0 win over T.F. North. Richards beat Lemont 1-0 on April 11.

GIRLS TRACK Hinsdale Central

Hinsdale Central earned third place at its Devilette Track Invitational on April 13.

First-place finishers for the Red Devils in the meet included Taylor Wagner in the 3,200-meter run (11:43.74), Emma Watcke in the 800 (2:21.15), McKenna Revord in the 1,600 (5:10.41), Ellie Geier in the 300 hurdles (49.17) and the 1,600 relay team of Kayla Byrne, Geier, Bella Pisani and Watcke (4:06.29).

At the same meet, Hinsdale South's Andrea Stirling won the 100 (12.91) and the 200 (27.11).

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Board approves demolition of Lufkin Pool

Decision moved up two months from June tabling

By Paul DelGuidice
FOR THE VILLA PARK REVIEW

During a contentious board meeting held on Monday, April 8, the Villa Park Board of Trustees voted 4-3 to approve a contract to demolish Lufkin Pool.

This vote sealed the fate of the nearly 65-year-old south-side pool, which has been the subject of passionate debate for several years.

Just scheduling the vote proved controversial, and the "hot-topic" of Lufkin Pool's future prompted village staff to hold the meeting at the Iowa Community Center instead of Village Hall to better accommodate the large audience.

Nearly 100 people were in the audience, many identifying themselves as part of the "Save Lufkin Pool" group.

The pool has sat dormant since 2017, and Lufkin was closed through swimming season of 2018. Trustees tabled a resolution to demolish the site in order to give proponents of saving the structure time to explore alternatives and raise money privately to fund repairs.

A feasibility study encompassing all village park and recreation facilities was conducted. In order to get some guidance from the public, the board voted to add a question to the ballot for the April 2 election.

The Lufkin Pool advisory (non-binding) question, "Do you support the village of Villa Park, Illinois, spending up to \$1 million in new property taxes to fund repairs to Lufkin Pool, which would allow the village to safely reopen the pool?" was rejected by a vote of 1,059 (52.66 percent) to 952 (47.34 percent).

Once the advisory question lost at the polls, the question of demolishing Lufkin Pool was immediately added to the formal agenda.

This didn't sit well with many residents, as the original vote to fund the dismantling of the pool was tabled until June 2019.

Moving up the vote to April 8 was seen as a way to get the pool demolished before two newly elected trustees were installed in May.

"This is classic Chicago politics," said one resident, who identified himself as a member of the "Save Lufkin Pool" group. "Using the misleading advisory question vote to justify this 'back room politics' at its worst."

A common theme among the pro-Lufkin group was that the advisory question was misleading and designed to "scare" voters into thinking it was a tax increase. The \$1 million repair figure was also derided as too high, with various estimates from \$200,000 to \$600,000 deemed more realistic by some.

Not all residents agreed. "The referendum question didn't

mislead me," said one resident who spoke against funding pool repairs. "I too grew up going to Lufkin. But the reality is we cannot continue to spend money on (this facility), which is why I voted 'no.'"

Several other residents spoke in support of demolishing the pool.

"If you have this vote today, you will be putting politics over good public policy," said a representative of the Citizen's Advocacy Center, a government watchdog group. "If you care about the public's trust, it is imperative you delay this vote."

New trustees-elect weigh in

While Villa Park voters rejected the advisory referendum question, they also voted in two new residents as trustees, along with incumbent Dave Cilella. Trustee Don Kase lost his bid for re-election.

Cilella and Kase were on record as being against further funding of Lufkin repairs. Both new trustees, Kevin Patrick and Christine Murphy, have advocated for keeping Lufkin Pool open.

During the public input portion of the meeting, trustee-elect Kevin Patrick took the podium and turned around to address the crowd. He told the gathered residents to contact him any time with concerns.

Turning back to the board, Patrick said, "I feel it is important to reset the Lufkin Pool question to zero. Christine Murphy and I have some ideas that will be beneficial to [this question]. Please consider delaying the vote to demolish."

Murphy read a prepared statement decrying the decision to untangle the June vote.

Board responds

After residents and the two trustee-elect had their say, the board made their comments.

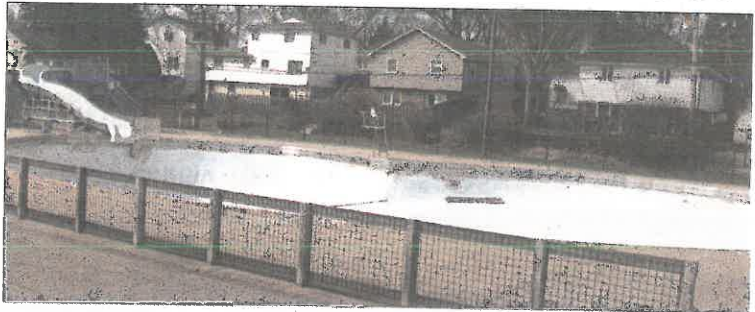
"I can't ignore the results of the referendum," Trustee Cheryl Tucker said. "I agree the vote should stay tabled until June as originally promised. However, in June, I will be voting to demolish Lufkin."

Trustee Nick Cuzzone echoed Tucker's reasoning.

"I didn't realize this was tabled until June," Cuzzone said. "For that reason, I'm voting against [un-tabled and demolition] tonight. I do think, though, that Lufkin Pool is beyond saving and will also vote to demolish in June."

Village President Al Bulthuis, who endured much criticism from the dozen or so residents who rose to speak during public comment, iterated his stance on funding Lufkin.

"Having two pools in town is nice," Bulthuis said, "but spending money to keep Lufkin open for three years, if we're lucky, is not fiscally responsible."



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Villa Park Review

The Villa Park Village Board voted 4-3 during its April 8 meeting to authorize a proposal to demolish Lufkin Pool at a cost of about \$78,000. The pool, which is located at 1000 S. Ardmore Ave., has been closed since the end of the 2017 season. In February of 2018, the board rejected a resolution to authorize up to \$200,000 in repairs that would have allowed the pool to open for the season. The pool, which reportedly opened in 1954, is in need of several major repairs. Villa Park Village President Albert Bulthuis joined three trustees—Chris Aiello, David Cilella and Don Kase—in voting last week to authorize the proposal to demolish the pool. Trustees Nick Cuzzone, Cheryl Tucker and Robert Wagner voted against the proposal. Cuzzone and Tucker both said the proposal to demolish the pool should remain tabled until June of this year. They said they would vote in June to demolish the pool. The vote to demolish the pool reportedly had been scheduled to take place in June, but was recently moved up to the April 8 meeting. Aiello and Kase will leave the board next month. Kevin Patrick, Christine Murphy and Cilella will be sworn in to four-year terms on the board at the May 13 meeting. Patrick, Murphy and Cilella won election to the board in the April 2 election. Kase finished fourth in the four-way race for three available seats on the board. Voters also voted on a non-binding referendum question about the pool in the April 2 election. That question asked voters if they supported spending up to \$1 million in new property taxes to fund repairs to the pool that would allow the village to safely reopen the pool. According to the unofficial results, 1,059 people voted "No" to that question, while 952 people cast "Yes" votes. Both Patrick and Murphy have stated the non-binding referendum question was poorly written and worded in such a way that it would fail.

We have other more important issues looming."

Bulthuis cited the sewer separation projects currently under way.

"There are residents whose water backs up during storms and sewage floods their basement," Bulthuis continued. He also mentioned growing pension payment liability. "That will cost us nearly our entire annual tax revenue by 2023."

Confusing vote

When the question was called, confusion took over the Board. The first question to be voted on was whether to "Take from the Table" the original resolution to authorize a contract with American Demolition Corp of Elgin. This vote was needed before the resolution to spend \$77,700 to hire American Demolition Corp could be taken.

The wording of the first item was misconstrued, with Trustee Dave Cilella initially voting "no" and then switching to "yes" to untangle. Hoots from the "Save Lufkin" members of the crowd could be heard. Even Trustee Bob Wagner, a staunch supporter of Lufkin Pool, was confused and voted "yes" to "untangle."

After clarification by the village attorney, the initial Motion to Take from the Table passed 4 votes to 3. Trustees Chris Aiello, Don Kase and Dave Cilella joined Village President Al Bulthuis in that vote. The same four board members then voted for the Resolution

to Demolish, with Trustees Cheryl Tucker and Nick Cuzzone joining Bob Wagner in voting against demolition at this time.

"That's Villa Park," one resident, who asked to remain unidentified, said after the meeting. "They could have just waited until June and the vote would have been the same, only the names of the voters would have changed. You would have had Al, Cuzzone, Tucker and Cilella voting against keeping Lufkin, and the two new trustees and Bob would have voted to pay for the repairs. Same result, less argument."

Aftermath

After the meeting, trustee-elect Kevin Patrick said, "Going forward I want to be the voice of the residents of Villa Park. I am going to encourage we [reopen] town-hall meetings. Arguments or discussions are healthy. We have to

allow our citizens a voice."

Asked how he felt about the evening's proceedings, Patrick said he was "upset."

"I feel that myself and Christine Murphy have a lot of good ideas and possible alternatives. By not allowing the feasibility study to come back, and by demolishing Lufkin, we are erasing the potential option—that we don't even know what the feasibility study will say."

When asked if he would have voted to save Lufkin Pool, he said "yes."

"We should find a way to bridge the gap between now and when that new recreation building (can be built)."

On Tuesday, April 9, village crews were already at Lufkin Pool taking out reusable items such as the pump (to use for parts as Jefferson Pool uses the same pump). No date for the actual demolition has been set, but early May is the target.

Villa Park briefs

Lauren's Bash set for April 26 at Anyway's Pub

The Lauren M. Kiefer Foundation will hold its kickoff party for its Remembering Lauren 5K run/walk on Friday, April 26. The kickoff party—also known as Lauren's Bash—will take place from 7 p.m. until closing at Anyway's Pub, 5 E. Roosevelt Road, Oakbrook Terrace. Guests who present the Lauren's Bash Flyer will allow 20 percent of their food and beverage purchase to be donated to the Lauren Kiefer Memorial Foundation. The flyer is available at rememberlauren.com. The 13th Annual Remembering Lauren 5K run/walk will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, outside of Willowbrook High School. Proceeds from that event will benefit the Lauren Kiefer Foundation, which provides funds to local families and groups. The foundation also provides scholarships to Willowbrook students.

Spring Sweep recycling event takes place May 18

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission and the Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission are teaming up to hold a Villa Park Spring Sweep recycling and shredding event on Saturday, May 19. The event will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Traffic for the event will flow down Home Avenue, entering at the intersection of Harvard Avenue and Home, and exiting toward Ardmore. (Use 42 W. Home Ave. as a general starting point). The event is free to Villa Park residents, although a fee will apply for paint recycling. Non-residents are welcome, but a fee will apply for document shredding, electronics recycling and paint recycling.

Volunteers will work to collect and sort all items straight from your car to ensure an easy and safe drop-off. Simply load your car, drive to the entrance of the event and volunteers will direct you from there.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, send an e-mail to pride@invillapark.com.

Kiwanis Club holds Vidalia onion sale

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park is sponsoring its annual Vidalia Sweet Onion Sale to benefit local charitable services. The club gives scholarships to Willowbrook Key Club students, supports Jackson and Jefferson Middle Schools' Builders Club, sponsors the summer concert series in partnership with the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department and gives assistance to Easter Seals DuPage Valley and the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA). A portion of this year's onion sales will go toward Easter Seals DuPage Valley.

A 10-pound bag of onions costs \$11. The deadline to order is Monday, April 22. Order forms are available through the Village of Villa Park's Twitter site at twitter.com/villapark_il. The pickup for the onions is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 545 S. Ardmore Ave.

To make an order, complete the form, along with a check payable to the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park Foundation, by April 22. Return the form and check to Villa Park Kiwanis Onion Sales, P.O. Box 6954, Villa Park, IL 60181.

For more information, contact Sandy Hill at 630-834-1164, Ext. 111, or at shill@vppl.info.



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Students compete at state event

Willowbrook High School held a state send-off event last week for six students who competed in the SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership and Skills Conference, which took place April 11-13 in Springfield. Pictured left to right are: senior Nicholas Noto, senior Matthew Kelly-VanMarter, senior Jenna Krenzler, senior Zachary Groleau, sophomore Cole Tucibat and senior Jordan Nolte. SkillsUSA Illinois is a state and national membership association serving students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, and for further education. SkillsUSA Illinois' mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible citizens.



Jane Charmelo

out & about

Comedian interviewed for A&E documentary

When Matt Kissane was interviewed for "Out and About" after earning a speaking role on the Jan. 5, 2017 episode of NBC's "Chicago Med," he said it was "cosmic" how he got the role, based on what appeared to be some odd coincidences at the time.

It seems that serendipity has struck again for the Villa Park resident, who recently experienced some coincidences that prefaced his being interviewed for an upcoming A&E special.

The comedian is known for his impersonation of the late Chris Farley, and as he tells it, "I got a call on Ash Wednesday" from an A&E representative, informing him that the cable channel is doing a documentary on the late Farley. Kissane is best known for his impersonation of the "Saturday Night Live" star's character, motivational speaker Matt Foley, who "lives in a van down by the river."

Kissane, a Montini Catholic High School graduate, earned a degree from the University of Maryland in 1988, planning on a career in broadcast communications, but found comedy to be his niche. He studied at Second City, just as Farley had, and began a career in stand-up comedy.

Matt Foley has become one of his best-known impersonations. They are similar in size, looks and build, and Kissane remembers finding a \$7 jacket at a thrift store that was a near-copy of the signature checkered sport coat Farley would wear in character, and for Kissane, "It was like a sign from above."

The comedian honed his Matt Foley character, and it took off; with him beginning to perform professionally for a variety of events such as weddings, sales meetings, trade shows and even bar mitzvahs. He also performed in Las Vegas.

Kissane said he is a huge fan of Farley's, having met him a few times before Farley was famous, one time being at a Second City rehearsal around 1989. He remembers thinking, "I'm trying to comprehend what I'm seeing!"

He said they share similarities—besides their physical appearance and having studied at Second City—such as having grown up in the Midwest and watching the comedy of John Belushi.

On the day of the phone call, the comedian recalled that he was out



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Comedian and actor Matt Kissane is known for his impersonation of Chris Farley's character, inspirational speaker Matt Foley. Producers from A&E interviewed the Villa Park resident as part of an upcoming documentary on the late Farley, who died Dec. 18, 1997. Kissane says it is "a real fun impersonation to do."

with a friend who had known Farley, actor Hugh Callaly, so that was one coincidence.

"I really thought somebody was goofing around," he chuckled, adding that he had no idea there was even a documentary being made. The phone call came "out of the blue."

Kissane said another oddity occurred the week before that phone call, when he was working out on a treadmill, and on the device's TV was a special about Farley.

"I'm laughing out loud watching Chris Farley do all this crazy shits!" he added.

view, with the representative saying, "We want a real Midwestern feel" ... [my] nice little house in the suburbs."

Kissane recounted how the crew did come to his house, and as it turns out, one of the crew members called a "grip" actually lives nearby and recognized the comedian's signature SUV.

In addition to interviewing him at home, the next day they continued the interview at Second City, where Kissane was filmed morphing into Matt Foley.

"It was so surreal; I got to finally play Matt Foley The Motivational Speaker on the actual stage Chris did it on back in the early 90s!" he stated.

The comedian had previously worked in radio, a few films, TV commercials and then as a distraught dad on "Chicago Med" and in 2017 summed up how he had become a true "RTVF" actor, or radio, TV and film. Now he will be again be seen nationally in the documentary, which is slated to be released later this year.

Kissane speaks casually and modestly about his show-business/RTVF career, but when it comes to his Farley impersonation, he emphasized, "That's the one thing I never get tired of doing."

He related that when he morphs into the motivational speaker, it becomes "a whole different vibe ... a



Besides his portrayal of Chris Farley's character Matt Foley, Lombard native Matt Kissane does other impersonations and has appeared in a few movies and on television; for example in an episode of "Chicago Med." He owns an entertainment company, Absolutely Entertainment Chicago.

very intense thing when I do Chris Farley, I become the guy!"

Kissane is also the owner of Absolutely Entertainment Chicago, which organizes DJs and other events and parties for children and adults. More information is available at 630-279-5088 or visit Facebook.com and type in Absolutely Entertainment Chicago.

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pened is because we didn't have revenue."

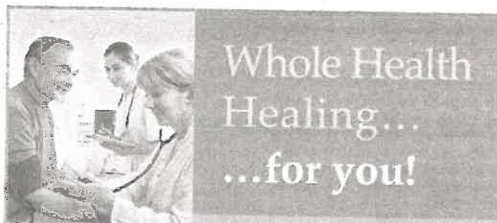
According to the nonprofit online political encyclopedia Ballotpedia, 37 states have higher per capita spending rates than Illinois. Harmon said the alternatives to a graduated tax were 15 percent spending cuts to all state departments, or a 20 percent increase to the current flat tax rate of 4.95 percent to a 6.95 percent rate.

But opponents, including Orphe Divounguy, chief economist of the nonprofit conservative think tank Illinois Policy Institute, said the state has a spending problem, not

a revenue problem. He said Pritzker's estimates "don't add up," and in order to raise the revenue necessary to close budget gaps, the middle class would have to pay higher rates if further measures such as pension reform are not enacted.

"It's not addressing the root causes of our state's problems. We know what the state's problems are, they're on the spending side, and no reforms have been introduced to deal with them," Divounguy said.

But Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes said specific legislative counterproposals from elected Republicans have not been brought to the governor.



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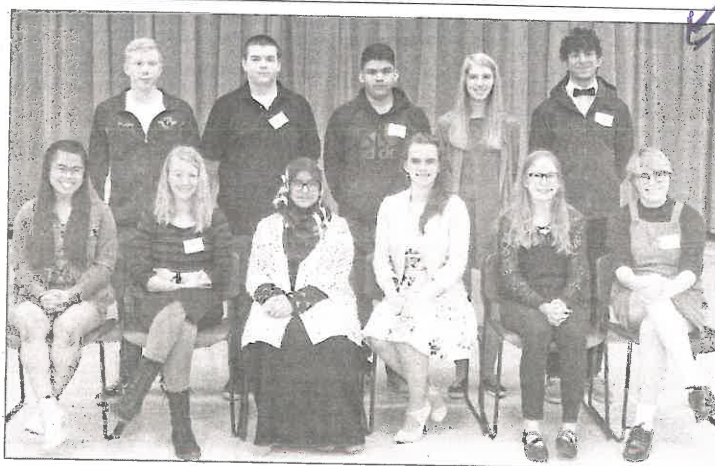
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Willowbrook students recognized

Eleven Willowbrook students received Outstanding Student awards during last week's breakfast in their honor. In order to be recognized for the Outstanding Student award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement, outstanding effort and commendable attitude. Additionally, students who receive the award must give a continuous exemplary performance and show the ability to overcome obstacles. Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and Assistant Principal Jamie Gourley welcomed the recipients and their families to the April 11 breakfast. The staff members from the school's various departments who nominated the students for the award also attended the breakfast. The honored students (pictured left to right) are: (front row) senior Faith Fabian (music), senior Stephanie Colby (English), junior Sadia Khaleel (math), senior Jenna Krenz (career and technical education), freshman Emma Wrzeszcz (science) and freshman Sydney Corpora (art); (back row) senior Brendan Bailey (world languages), sophomore Jason Cox (learning services), freshman Celso Robles (literacy), senior Annie Ross (social studies) and sophomore Mohammad Ayes (physical education).

Sports

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Warriors move to 6-0 in conference play

Strong pitching highlights a three-game sweep of Morton

The Willowbrook baseball team improved its West Suburban Gold Conference record to 6-0 after sweeping last week's three-game series against Morton. The Warriors, who opened the conference season by sweeping a three-game series against Hinsdale South, opened their series against Morton with a 6-0 win on April 8 in Villa Park. One day later, the Warriors earned a 12-5 victory at Morton. Willowbrook completed the sweep by edging the Mustangs 3-2 in an April 11 battle in Villa Park.

Senior Ryan Mintz provided five and two-third innings of shutout pitching in the first game of the series against Morton. Mintz gave up three runs and didn't allow any walks. He struck out 10 batters. Seniors Andrew Schellhorn and Josh Roucka each recorded two strikeouts in relief.

Senior Trevor Jalszynski gave the Warriors an early lead with a two-run double in the bottom of the first inning. Jalszynski scored on an error later in the inning to give the Warriors a 3-0 lead.

Junior Anthony Yannotti belted a grand slam to highlight the 12-5 victory at Morton on April 9. Yannotti stepped to the plate with the Warriors trailing Morton 5-4 in the top of the sixth inning. The bases-loaded blast—Yannotti's second homer of the season—gave the Warriors an 8-5 lead.

Willowbrook added four more runs in the top of the seventh inning to widen its lead.

Senior Jack Hines went 3-for-3 with two runs scored. Hines drove in one run. Junior Sam Tumilty drove in two runs.

Willowbrook pitchers flirted with a perfect game in the April 11 series finale in Villa Park. Senior Joey Guthrie pitched four perfect innings to start the game. Guthrie then left the mound as the Warriors tried to conserve their pitchers' availability for this week's conference series against Addison Trail. Senior Jack Nilles, who pitched a five-inning perfect game in his team's win

at Proviso West on April 6, relieved Guthrie and fired two more perfect innings. Morton broke up the bid for the perfect game with a double to lead off the top of the seventh inning. Trailing 3-1, the Mustangs had the bases loaded with no outs. Nilles responded with a strikeout. He then gave up a sacrifice fly that brought in a run to cut the Warriors' lead to 3-2. Nilles struck out the next batter to end the game.

"Our pitching has been great all year," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner after the third straight win over Morton. "Both Guthrie and Nilles were great today. Morton's a really good team. They battle; that's what they do."

Guthrie had five strikeouts in four innings. Nilles struck out six batters in three innings.

Willowbrook scored one run in the first inning and added two more runs in the second inning. Sam Tumilty went 2-for-3 and scored one run. His brother, senior Scott Tumilty, went 1-for-2, scored a run and drove in a run.

The Warriors improved their overall season record to 11-3 with Saturday's 12-4 non-conference home win over Oak Park/River Forest. The Huskies scored three runs in the top of the third inning. Willowbrook responded with three runs in the bottom of the third inning and five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Hines hit a two-run double in the third inning. Hines added a run-scoring single in the fourth inning. Mintz delivered a two-run single in the fourth inning.

Hines went 2-for-4 in the game with three RBIs. He scored one run. Sam Tumilty, Yannotti and Scott Tumilty each provided two hits.

Junior Dax Meyer pitched the first two and two-third innings for Willowbrook. Senior Ethan Pieniazek worked the next one and one-third innings, allowing no runs and one hit. Pieniazek earned the victory in his relief effort. Jalszynski pitched the final three innings, striking out four batters and allowing one earned run.



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The Willowbrook baseball team swept last week's three-game series against Morton to improve to 6-0 in West Suburban Gold Conference play. The Warriors completed their three-game sweep of the Mustangs with a 3-2 win on April 11 in Villa Park. Senior Jack Nilles (No. 5) pitched the final three innings of the game and earned a save for the Warriors. Senior Joey Guthrie pitched the first four innings and did not allow a baserunner. Nilles, who pitched a five-inning perfect game in his team's April 6 win over Proviso West, relieved Guthrie and worked two perfect innings. Morton scored two runs in the seventh inning, but Nilles struck out a batter to end the game.



Senior Ryan Mintz, who is also pictured on Saturday, went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs against Oak Park/River Forest to help the Warriors to a 12-4 win.



Junior Anthony Yannotti (pictured during Saturday's game against Oak Park/River Forest) bashed a grand slam in Willowbrook's 12-5 win at Morton on April 9.



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Wildcats win conference title

Glenn Westlake Middle School's boys eighth grade volleyball team defended its DuPage Metro Valley Conference title this season. The Wildcats clinched this season's title with a win over Herrick Middle School in last month's conference tournament. Glenn Westlake lost the first game of the match but rallied to win the next

two games to claim the victory. Matt Hirubsky (back row, right) is the team's head coach. Mark Kunberger (far left) is the assistant coach. Days before defending their conference title, the Wildcats successfully defended their championship at the Hill-topper Junior High Boys Volleyball Tournament at Glenbard West High School.

Warriors' bats heat up in a four-game winning streak

Emma Barrington supplies three home runs in a week

The Willowbrook softball team improved its record to 7-3 by sweeping Saturday's doubleheader at Reavis. The Warriors earned a 17-0 win in the first game and cruised to a 15-1 victory in the second game. The two wins gave Willowbrook a four-game winning streak.

Sophomore Caroline Dooley fired a shutout in Saturday's first game, which lasted four innings. Dooley struck out eight batters and gave up two hits.

Senior Emma Barrington went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs for the Warriors, who scored five runs in the first inning and 10 more runs in the second inning. Senior Amy Bussa went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while freshman Caitlyn Kulczynski went 3-for-3 and drove in one run.

Kulczynski pitched all six innings in Saturday's second game. She struck out 12 batters while giving up one hit and one walk.

Dooley and Barrington both connected for home runs in Saturday's second game. Saturday's blast by Barrington marked her third homer of the week. She went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs in Saturday's second game. Dooley went 2-for-3, while Bussa went 3-for-5.

Willowbrook began last week with a loss to Plainfield South on April 8, but the Warriors bounced back with a 17-1, four-inning win over Provi-

so West on April 9. Barrington went 2-for-2 with a grand slam; she drove in five runs. Sophomore Annemarie Knudson went 2-for-2 and drove in four runs. Kulczynski and freshman Kayla Neff shared the team's pitching duties. Each freshman worked two innings on the mound.

The Warriors added another victory on April 11, beating Wheaton North 8-2 in Wheaton. Barrington hit a three-run homer in the second inning. Bussa

added a two-run homer in the sixth inning. Knudson cracked a two-run homer in the seventh inning.

Kulczynski pitched all seven innings in the win at Wheaton North. She had nine strikeouts while allowing four hits and one walk.

The Warriors are scheduled to open the West Suburban Conference season with this week's games against Hinsdale South, Proviso East and Downers Grove South.

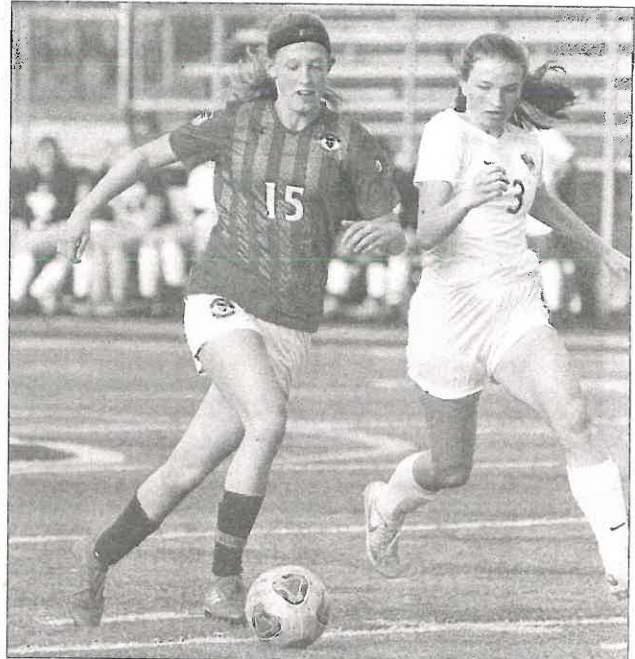


Montini lacrosse standout commits to Northwestern

Montini Catholic senior Johanna Locher-Kingsfield has committed to continue her academic and athletic careers at Northwestern University. Locher-Kingsfield will join the Wildcats' women's lacrosse program this fall. Locher-Kingsfield (right) is pictured with Montini lacrosse coach Fran Meyer—a 2013 Montini graduate who played lacrosse at Marquette University. In addition to playing lacrosse at Montini, Locher-Kingsfield has been a key contributor to the school's girls volleyball team. Academically, she is a member of the Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society and National Honor Society. Locher-Kingsfield is also a member of Montini's student government. Prior to making her final decision, Locher-Kingsfield also considered attending the University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins University, Yale University and the College of William and Mary.

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Rams win at home



The Glenbard East girls soccer team defeated Downers Grove North 4-2 in last week's match in Lombard. The April 9 contest was part of the PepsiCo Showdown. Senior Lindsey Novak and junior Elaine Wesling scored first-half goals for the Rams, who held a 2-1 halftime lead. Sophomore Kendall Crackel scored in the second half to give the Rams a 3-1 lead. The Trojans cut the lead to 3-2, but senior Amy Chiero (No. 3, left) scored with less than 15 minutes to play to give the Rams the 4-2 lead. Novak, Chiero, freshman Sarah Liljestrand and sophomore Maddie Weltin (No. 15, above) each contributed one assist. The Rams continued play in the PepsiCo Showdown with a 1-0 loss to St. Viator on April 11 at Robert Morris University. St. Viator scored the lone goal of the match early in the second half. Glenbard East finished its play in the PepsiCo Showdown with Saturday's 2-1 loss to Crystal Lake Central in Schaumburg. Wesling scored the Rams' goal late in the match. Saturday's loss sent Glenbard East's overall season record to 8-3-1.

A conference win for the Warriors



Willowbrook's girls soccer team improved its West Suburban Gold Conference record to 2-0 with last week's 6-0 win over Leyden in Villa Park. Sophomore Grace Tumilty (No. 13, right) scored two goals for the Warriors, who held a 2-0 halftime lead over the Eagles in the April 9 contest. Junior Lizzy Florey (No. 12, above) is pictured closing out Willowbrook's scoring with a second-half penalty kick. Tumilty and junior Erin Bell scored the Warriors' first-half goals. Senior Caitlyn Owen, junior Julianna Paulsen, Tumilty and Florey scored during the second half. Junior Sara Fitzgibbon and freshman Brooke Vandergrift provided assists in the first half. Freshman Erin Fitzgibbon, Tumilty and senior Maura Heneghan each had one assist in the second half. Willowbrook began its conference season with a 6-1 win at Proviso East on April 2. Florey scored three goals in that victory. Willowbrook struggled to four losses in the recent Plainfield North Invitational, which ended with Saturday's 3-0 loss to Minooka. That loss sent the Warriors' overall season record to 6-6-1. Willowbrook's previous match at the invite was a 2-1 loss to Plainfield North on April 11. Sophomore Caitlin Brennan scored Willowbrook's goal. The Warriors' two other losses at the invitational were against Plainfield East and Naperville Central.





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Prom night

Willowbrook High School students celebrated their 2019 prom on Friday evening at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. More than 400 promgoers boarded buses at the school to head to Chicago for the special evening. Before gathering at the school, some of the students visited Lilacia Park in Lombard. Top left photo at the park shows (left to right) seniors Lalla Teran and Emmanuel Chavez. Bottom left photo from the park shows (left to right) junior Brenton Jones and senior Lily Jacobsen. Pictured above at school, shortly before the buses departed, are (front row, left to right) Emily Hansel (a junior at Glenbard East) and Willowbrook seniors Taylor Essary, Kelli McNeice and Hanna Konrath; (back row, left to right) Willowbrook seniors Richie Scheelk, Matt Tuma, Vito Tito and Josh Roucka. Seniors Sydney Wilson and James Whiting were named this year's prom queen and king during Friday's event.



Bill would create Native American Advisory Council

Native Americans in Illinois will soon have a stronger voice in state government under a measure sponsored by State Sen. Suzy Glowiak.

Glowiak (D-Western Springs) supports Senate Bill 727, which creates the Native American Advisory Council to increase the number of Native American state employees.

"The State of Illinois encompasses land that generations ago was the ancestral home of American Indians," Glowiak said. "The Native American population of Illinois should have a seat at the table. This is about ensuring Illinois government reflects all Illinoisans."

Senate Bill 727 is an initiative of The Native American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois.

"We are truly grateful for the efforts of Senator Suzy Glowiak for her assistance and support in the introduction and passing of this bill," Andrew Johnson, Executive Director, Native American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois said. "It is an historic occasion for Indian Country in Illinois and we celebrate this accomplishment. This bill helps us address issues regarding employment and economic equality for the American Indians in our state and thus, improve our quality of life."

The Native American Advisory Council will publish a report on Feb. 1 every year detailing the involvement of Native American employees in state government. The Illinois Department of Central Management Services will update the existing minority employ-

ment program to include Native Americans as well.

"The American Indian population is a vibrant community in Illinois," said Tim Blanks, president of the Board of Directors of the Native American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois. "Our population is over 100,000 representing more than 125 tribes, making us the 15th most populous state in the Union in terms of Native Americans. This bill will provide greater opportunities statewide where we, as indigenous people, can add to and support the mission of all departments."

Senate Bill 727 passed the Senate with a bipartisan vote and heads to the House for consideration.

Editor's note: This is a press release from Sen. Glowiak's office.



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'Remembering Walt Disney'

Historian and actor Tim Wilsey presented a program titled, "Remembering Walt Disney," on Tuesday, April 2, at the Glen Ellyn Police Station, Park and Roosevelt Road. This is the 124th club year of the woman's club and they are still an active philanthropic organization. The meeting had to be changed to the Community Room in the Police Station because of the water pipe flooding at the Glen Ellyn History Center where the woman's club usually meets. Left to right are co-chairmen of the woman's club Jeanine Warkow and Rocki DeVoy, with Wilsey and Disney memorabilia. A number of Lombard residents are members of the Glen Ellyn Woman's Club and serve on the executive board.

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