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## Orchesis elects officers

Pictured are the Addison Trail Orchesis Team officers. They are (back row, from left) senior Annalisa Bucaro (President), junior Alexandra Kamide, junior Lyndsey Mihalco; (middle row, from left) senior Claudia Czerepko, senior Kristina Bouzarelos Kopta, senior Chloe Ludwig (President), senior Gabriella Piscopo; (front row, from left) junior Alexa Coglianese, junior Juliana Sennasardo and junior Cindy Pham. The team presented its annual Orchesis Show on April 26 & 27. The team also has a new co-sponsor in science teacher Shannon La, who works with LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer, who is a social studies teacher and alumna, class of '87. She has directed Orchesis for 27 years.



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# Blazer Color Run fundraiser coming to Addison Trail

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The run/walk consists of a 5K course that will start and end at Addison Trail's stadium. During the race, runners will be doused with colored powder at various stations.

The event will begin at 9 a.m.

(check-in will start at 8 a.m.) at the high school, 213 N. Lombard Road. The registration deadline to guarantee a T-shirt has past, but registration will be open until the event begins. Participants who sign up after April 18 can wear their own white T-shirt.

The fee is \$25 per person, which includes a T-shirt (while supplies

last), an individual color packet, water and snacks.

All proceeds raised at the Blazer Color Run will be donated to Mid-America Service Dogs' Foundation. If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, contact Sheri D'Ambrose at [sdambrose@dupage88.net](mailto:sdambrose@dupage88.net) or 630-458-4270.



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# Addison holds Community Inauguration

## Officials sworn in for Village, Parks, School Districts

On Thursday, April 25, the Community Inauguration Ceremony was held, where winners of the recent Consolidated General Election were sworn in to their respective offices.

The ceremony is held every two years to swear in elected officials to all of Addison's taxing bodies. This is the ninth time this ceremony has been held.



After being sworn into office by retired Associate Judge Kenneth Torluemke (far right), DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education members sign their oaths of office. From left to right, they are Daniel Olson, Amy Finnegan and Donna Craft Cain.



Being sworn into office by retired Associate Judge Kenneth Torluemke are Addison Public Library Trustees Judith Easton and Kathleen Grundy Reed.



Taking the oaths of office for Addison School District 4 Board of Education are (left to right) Serge Ruffolo and Dave Williams; they were sworn in by retired Associate Judge Kenneth Torluemke.



Dean Stathopoulos takes the oath of office as Addison Park District Commissioner.



Speaking on behalf of the Village of Addison, Mayor Rich Veenstra congratulated all newly elected and re-elected officials to all of Addison's taxing bodies and thanked them for their commitment to the community.

## Addison Trail names April recipient of 88's Best recognition

Molly Drogosz has been named as Addison Trail's April recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding academic accomplishments. Drogosz, a senior, was recognized during the April 15 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Drogosz has taken nine Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 12 Honors courses, earning top marks in all of them.

"I have only met Drogosz this school year in Accounting 1," said Juliann Boudouris, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department Head. "She accepted the Honors option for the course and has exceeded all expectations in accounting. Drogosz is an excellent representative of the student body and has found a way to be involved in all aspects. She not only has taken accounting this year, but also is a member of the band at Addison Trail. She has one of the top scores in accounting and is one of just two female students who will be attending the College of DuPage Bottom Line Accounting competition at the end of the month. She is a super-conscientious student - quiet, but thoughtful of others. This recognition is well deserved. Congrats to Drogosz."

Drogosz said she has learned to step out of her comfort zone when it comes to her coursework. She took AP U.S. Government & Politics first semester, and part of that course encourages students to work on a campaign for a local legislator. Through her experience working for State Rep. Deb Conroy, Drogosz has learned to be more outspoken and how to speak with people who might have opinions that differ from her own. Social studies teacher LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer, who teaches AP U.S. Government & Politics, said Drogosz really got into the campaign, and she noticed how hard Drogosz worked both on that project and



Pictured here with Addison Trail Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski is senior Molly Drogosz (right), who has been named April's recipient of 88's Best recognition in class.

Many other areas also have influenced Drogosz to be the person she is today. She has been highly involved in music during her four years at Addison Trail. She said Music Department Head and Band

Director Mark Corey teaches students life lessons and is always available to offer support. Her favorite high school experiences and memories involve music, and she has had many opportunities to travel and meet new people through the program. Drogosz plays the flute and piccolo and loves preparing for shows and concerts, being with her close group of friends and being a leader.

"I have had the pleasure of teaching Drogosz for four years in band," Corey said. "It has been amazing to watch her grow from a shy, unsure freshman to the confident and accomplished person she is today. Drogosz did not attend Indian Trail Junior High School and had a significantly different musical background than her peers, who enjoyed receiving music instruction daily. Drogosz recognized that immediately and was determined to meet or exceed her peers' musical skills. She sought private instruction, practiced diligently and is now one of the most accomplished musicians in the department. It is her determination and resolve to continue to better herself that set her apart. Her motivation is not grades or accolades, but the knowledge that she has given her all and done her best."

Drogosz also has participated in Book Club, is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as Treasurer for the Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society, played in the pit for this year's spring musical "Newsies" and is a four-year member of the Math Team. She has done a lot of service work through NHS and enjoys reaching out to her community to help.

After graduation, she plans to spend her summer getting ready to attend either Lewis University or DePaul University, where she wants to explore accounting or criminology.



## Sports

# Addison Trail baseball team keeping busy

**Blazers played five recent conference games in one week**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail baseball team had a rough stretch of recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division games.

The Blazers played five conference games last week and lost all five, three to Hinsdale South and two to District 88 foe Willowbrook.

"Those were tough games," said

Addison Trail coach Mike Kennedy. "We had the opportunity to win some of those games. The other team got the big play and we didn't. That's what it came down to. Willowbrook hasn't lost in the conference yet and we had them on the ropes in the second game late. They had a bases-clearing double on a 3-2 pitch with two outs. They cleared the bases and it gave them the lead. But it was a really well-played game. It came down to one play."

Kennedy said the first game of the Hinsdale South series had a similar refrain. "The Monday game was

rain-shortened," he noted. "We lost 2-1 and got their pitcher to max his pitches. If that game would have gotten into their bullpen we definitely felt we could have scored in those sixth and seventh innings had the game not been called for lightning."

Despite the tough outcomes, Kennedy was pleased with his team's approach. "The kids are in good spirits and they played hard during a long week," he said.

The Blazers also had a game called due to weather against Proviso West in which they were win-

ning 6-1 at the time the contest was halted.

Individually, Kennedy has been pleased with the play of Michael Scali and pitcher Nick Zuccherro.

"Michael Scali is on fire," he said. "He's hitting .490 and has stolen 12 bases. He's also been awesome defensively. He's made some unbelievable defensive plays as well. He's been outstanding for us."

"Nick has thrown the ball well for us," said Kennedy. "He's a guy who has stepped up for the team. We're still down three starters and he's really helped us on the mound."

In other earlier action, the Blazers were WSC crossover winners against Downers Grove North. The Blazers were 6-12 overall and 2-10 in WSC Gold action through late last week.

"I'm happy with the effort and the fact we are getting better every week," said Kennedy. "We are right there with the better teams in the conference. It's one play or a ball bouncing a different way and we're talking about different outcomes. This is a young team and it's great to see these kids get into the flow of the game."

## Willowbrook badminton team continues to prosper

**Addison Trail boys volleyball team wins two conference contests**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls badminton team had some recent strong showings at the Hinsdale South ABCD invitational.

Charlotte Dewyer took first in the C bracket, while Hanna Konrath finished in the top four in the A bracket. Coach Eastman Tiu also noted the No. 1 dou-

bles team of Kaitlyn Fox and Nicole Kapica played well at Hinsdale South. Willowbrook was 14-4-2 overall and 5-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through late last week. The Warriors also dropped a recent 10-5 WSC crossover dual to York.

And through late last week, Charlotte Dewyer was 30-3 overall at No. 2 singles, while Kapica and Fox were a strong 20-10 at No. 1 doubles.

"The girls have been pulling together and supporting each other as teammates really well," said Tiu. "They set several goals at the beginning of the season and have been consistently

working toward those goals."

Tiu has been pleased with how his team has worked through errors. "We have been playing pretty consistently by not making the same mistakes over and over again," he said. "We need to keep working on playing smarter and making in-game adjustments on our own. And you always can work on fundamentals in racquet skills, footwork and conditioning."

Others playing well include the likes of Chloe Herr and Lizzie Romero. "As juniors, they have been playing a lot in a lineup full of seniors and have gotten several wins for us this season," Tiu pointed out.

Willowbrook played in the Hinsdale South sectional earlier this week where berths in next week's state finals tournament were on the line.

"The season has been largely successful as we approach the end of the season," said Tiu. "I would say most of the players have met their goals thus far. The next two weeks will be very telling."

### Addison Trail boys volleyball

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team won a pair of West Suburban Conference Gold Division matches against Morton and Proviso East.

In a 25-22, 25-20 WSC Gold win

against Morton, Joe Mosny had eight kills and one block. Justin Werderich had seven kills. JT Daniels had three kills and two blocks, while Filippo Cacciolo had three kills. Gian Patano had three kills, while Nico Nasti had 24 assists and one ace. Michal Zdano-wicz had eight digs. The win put Addison Trail at 7-13 overall and 3-1 in WSC Gold play.

Patano had eight kills in the Blazers' 25-13, 25-11 WSC Gold triumph. Cacciolo had four kills and three aces, while Mosny had four kills. Enzo Ciaccia had three kills and two aces. Daniels had three kills, while Nasti had 23 assists and one ace.



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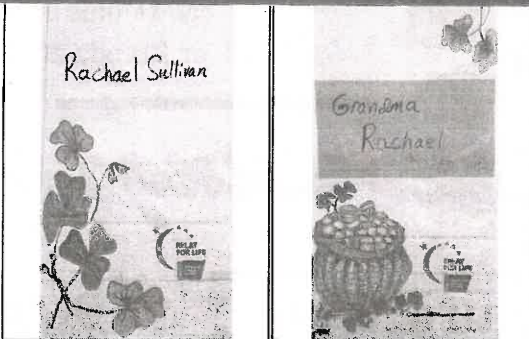
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The Luminaria Ceremony helps to remind us all why we come to Relay. The white bags, filled with light, represent those lives we honor and remember.

When Addison, Lombard and Villa Park re-joined forces with Elmhurst for this year's Relay For Life, it was renamed Communities Against Cancer. The family friendly event - with fun for all - will be held on Saturday, May 11th in the York High School Field House from 3-11pm. Everyone is welcome - Bring your family for a night of food, entertainment and fun - where every activity raises "fun"ds to fight cancer!

Luminaria for the Communities Against Cancer make hope shine brighter than ever! The light of Luminaria pays tribute to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony, held in the dark in the York Fieldhouse, celebrates the lives of the survivors and caregivers, and honors those who we wish were still with us. Please allow us to include your loved ones, and be part of our efforts to make a world with more birthdays.

Peggy Riccardo of Lombard, mother of four children, grandmother of 14, retired speech teacher, and breast cancer Survivor, has been involved with Relay For Life for 12 years. Six years ago she began hand decorating Luminaria for the Lombard Relay - and now the tradition continues at Communities Against Cancer. Her themed Luminaria are extra special because each one represents



Peggy Riccardo's hand decorated Luminaria help everyone pay tribute to those they love that have been touched by cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony will begin at 9pm, Saturday, May 11th in the York Field House. All are invited.

someone who battled cancer and all are as unique as the memories they represent.

Elmhurst students from Jackson Elementary and Sandburg Middle School will also be decorating Luminaria for this year's event. Remember someone you love - and YOU can help to make a big difference.

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## Willowbrook baseball team continues to roll

### Warriors undefeated in WSC Gold play through 12 games

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The wins keep on piling up for the Willowbrook baseball team.

The Warriors won all five of their games last week to run their record to 17-3-1 overall and a perfect 12-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action. The Warriors have two conference series remaining with Downers Grove South (this week) and Leyden. Downers South had one conference loss through late last week.

"We're doing pretty well," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "We have good pitching. Ryan Mintz and Jack Nilles are three-year varsity starters for us and Dax Meyer was with us as a sophomore. Joey Guthrie has really stepped up for us and thrown the ball well. That gives us four starters that we can intermix at any time."

Wisner said the team has excelled at the plate as well. "We're swinging the bats well," he said. "Jack Hines is hitting .492, so he's almost at .500, and he leads us in RBI and extra-base hits. Scott and Sam Tumilty are hitting well over .300. Ryan Mintz and Trevor Jalszynski are the same. Guys are hitting the ball well. We're also fast on the bases. We're causing trouble out there for other teams because we can run."

Wisner said the 12-0 start in the conference is something to be proud of. "With the three-game series in our conference that's tough," he said. "You play that team a lot and you start learning a lot about them

and they learn a lot about you. Our conference has good teams in it. Hinsdale South is good. We played Morton and there were some close games. Addison Trail battled us. The fact that we are staying in it and doing what we are doing is exceptional. We still have Downers South and Leyden left and those are good teams. The other thing is our bye week in the conference is at the end of the season so we're playing these conference series one after the other."

Wisner said the team's sustained strong play is not surprising to him given the amount of veteran varsity players on the roster. "These guys as sophomores won the regional and five of them started," the coach explained.

"Last year we were 20-15 and it was not our best year, but we still won a regional and were competing for a sectional championship. These guys have an awesome work ethic. We had a great summer and they had great winter workouts. They have been great. This doesn't shock me. I'm so happy for the boys."

Willowbrook was slated to play Downers Grove South this week in a key WSC Gold series that was supposed to start Monday at Downers South and conclude today with the finale of the series back at Downers.

"That could determine the conference," said Wisner. "They have one loss. It's a huge series. We always want to win the conference, but that is never our biggest goal. We always talk about playing good at the end of the year. We want to do that. We talk it up about playing all the way through the playoffs. We've won back-to-back regionals here. These kids are very focused."

## Willowbrook's Kulczynski throws no-hitter against Addison Trail

### Warriors pitchers throw three conference shutouts in a row

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

If a team can't score any runs, they can't win.

Willowbrook's pitchers subscribed to that philosophy and then some in a trio of recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division victories.

Willowbrook pitchers threw three shutouts in wins against Morton, Leyden and Addison Trail. Those wins put Willowbrook at 4-0 in WSC Gold play.

In a 10-0 win against District 88 neighbor Addison Trail, Caitlyn Kulczynski threw a six-inning no-hitter. She struck out 14 batters and walked two, facing two batters over the minimum. Kulczynski threw 57 of 84 pitches for strikes and pitched a first strike to 16 of the 20 batters she faced.

Willowbrook had 12 hits in the game. Samantha Mishlove had a hit and a run scored. Annemarie Knudtson had a double, a home run

and three RBI. Kulczynski helped herself at the plate with three hits, a run scored and two RBI. Emma Barrington went 2-for-3 with a run scored and two RBI. Katie Pettinger had a hit and a run scored.

The Warriors also beat Leyden by a 3-0 count in eight innings. Kulczynski threw a three-hitter, going eight innings and allowing three hits, while striking out seven and walking none. She faced two batters over the minimum thanks to Willowbrook turning a double play in the game. Kulczynski threw 69 of 98 pitches for strikes.

Willowbrook had only four hits in the pitchers' duel. Caroline Dooley, Amy Bussa, Shannon Knudtson and Kayla Neff each had a hit. Mishlove, Annemarie Knudtson and Bussa each had one RBI. Shannon Knudtson, Neff and Pettinger each scored a run. Dooley had a double. The Warriors scored three runs in the top of the eighth after a scoreless seven innings by both teams.

Willowbrook started the week with a 6-0 win over Morton in WSC Gold

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# Fenton girls track team piles up personal bests

**Bison first at own invite and MSC quad; Matuszewski excelling in leadership role**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Things are looking up for the Fenton girls track team.

Coach Frank Kekstadt's squad won a Metro Suburban Conference quad earlier in April and also took first place at the Bison invitational, while also placing fourth at the Glenbard South invitational.

At Glenbard South, senior Hanna Matuszewski took second in the 200. Kekstadt noted Fenton racked up 79 personal records after the team's first two outdoor meets.

At the Bison invitational, Fenton won the 3,200, 400 and 1,600 relays. Junior Emily Trzmielewski won the pole vault, while freshman Ally Durkowski was first in the 400 and sophomore Analisa Murillo was first in the high jump.

"The youngest team I have ever coached is consistently getting better during the outdoor season," said Kekstadt. "We are staying healthy and maintaining focus."

Kekstadt noted the team graduated 12 four-year seniors last year, including an all-state pole vaulter. "We had to reload in our field events," he said. "We have freshmen filling varsity spots in shot put, discus, pole vault, long jump and triple jump. We now are scoring with our freshmen in the field events, which has given us momentum during the outdoor season."

Kekstadt applauded Matuszewski's efforts. "Hanna has stepped up as the team leader on the track," the coach said. "She is performing at a high level and developing into

a strong leader. She is more relaxed this year and understands her role. She is one of the fastest girls in Fenton history and is confident in her abilities."

Alyssa Silva is continuing her strong running efforts from the fall cross-country season. "Alyssa Silva had a great cross-country season which is now paying off in track," said Kekstadt. "Her work ethic and performance has improved during her senior season and she is PR-ing in her distance events this track season."

Kekstadt also sees big things

ahead for Ruth Kirkwood. "Ruth is ready to peak in the two-mile and one-mile," he said. "She is a cross-country state qualifier who has run in our 4-by-8 and 4-by-4 relays during the indoor season. I think she will be a surprise in the long distance events come conference."

Kekstadt said he sees plenty of potential in this team. "We have just turned the corner to become a good team," he said. "We are a roster size of 60 kids and 75 percent of them are underclassmen. We have the potential to be a great team in the near future."

## No sure bets yet among plans for bill legalizing sports gambling in Illinois

**Odds look good for mobile betting**

By Grant Morgan  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

With five plans being considered, it's anyone's guess what legalized sports gambling will look like in Illinois if the Legislature approves a bill this spring.

One element of several of those plans might not yet be a safe bet. The wisdom of having a \$10 million one-time licensing fee was questioned during a second hearing on sports gambling by the House Revenue and Finance subcommittee in Chicago April 25.

Testimony from the hearings will be used to reconcile the plans proposed in Rep. Michael Zalewski's (D-Riverside) holder bill, House Bill 3308.

The proposed licensing fee would be paid by sports betting operators, such as casinos, race tracks or online platforms.

"If the licensing fee is too high, it's going to prohibit people from entering the market," said Robert Davidman, a marketing professional who has helped launch several online gaming

businesses in New Jersey, widely considered to have the most comprehensive sports betting system of any state.

Davidman said fees that other states are considering, \$100,000 in Indiana and \$45,000 in Iowa, are better.

Pennsylvania, where the fee is \$10 million, has not sold all of its available licenses, Davidman said.

In his proposed fiscal year 2020 budget, Gov. J.B. Pritzker uses the sale of 20 licenses as a source of more than \$200 million in new revenue.

A safer bet among the proposals might be the allowance of mobile betting.

"Mobile sports wagering is not only the future, it's the now," said Jake Williams of IDEA Growth, a not-for-profit sports betting association.

He said mobile betting accounts for roughly 80 percent of New Jersey sports wagers.

Zalewski, who is the subcommittee chairman, agreed.

"We've become aware that states that don't have a mobile piece don't fare very well," he said.

That is bad news for one of the state's proposed plans, which would have sports betting overseen by the Illinois Lottery without any online component.

Then, there is the question of which sports to include.

Larry Lyons, athletics director at Illinois State University, spoke on behalf of most of the state's 13 schools with Division I athletics.

"We are in agreement that we oppose legalized gambling on college sports," he said, because it brings bettors too close to young athletes who are still maturing.

But others said there still would be illegal gambling on college sports if they are not included in the bill.

One emerging sport that could be included is electronic gaming, or eSports competitions for games like DOTA II, League of Legends and Fortnite.

Bob Greenlee of eSports company Tusk Strategies argued that eSports are more popular and professional than many people think.

No date has been set for the subcommittee's next hearing on sports gambling.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, for LXS 2007-8H, Asset Backed Notes, Series 2007-8H  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Mobashar Ayaz; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

2018CH001552  
RESIDENTIAL

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 04/01/2019, James Mendrick, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on June 4, 2019 at the hour of 10:00 AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office

501 North County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE" IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC;  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Tomasz Jaswilkowski; Sylwia Jaswilkowski; Shorewood Condominium Association; PNC Bank, National Association as s/f/i to MidAmerica Bank, FSB;  
Defendants.

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Judge Presiding  
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, James Mendrick, Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois, will on June 4, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Southwest Lobby, Wheaton, IL 60187, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:

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PIN: 05-03-207-119

The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W18-0359. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: Single Family Home. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.

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## • Kulczynski

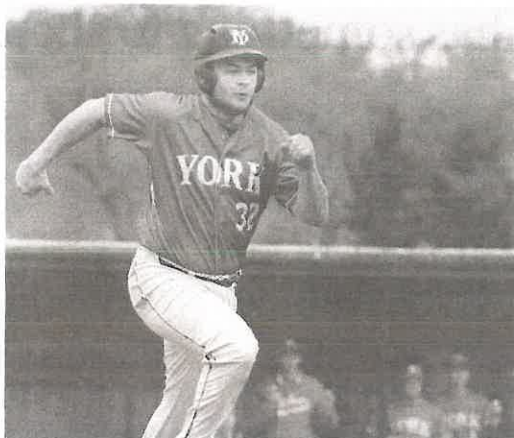
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play. Dooley pitched five innings and allowed three hits, while striking out nine and walking one.

Annemarie Knudtson went 3-for-3 with a run scored and three RBI. Kulczynski had a hit. Barrington went 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Neff had a hit, a run scored and two RBI, while Pettinger had a hit, a run scored and two RBI.

Barrington doubled, Kulczynski tripled and Annemarie Knudtson and Neff each homered.

Willowbrook has not given up a run in its four WSC Gold games thus far. Willowbrook also defeated Proviso East 20-0 in a game where Neff allowed two hits and struck out eight, while walking two. She faced one over the minimum thanks to another Willowbrook double play.



York's Bo Thomas runs down the first-base line during a game against visiting Glenbard West on April 14.

Jeff Krage for Shaw Media

# Suburban Life

## MVA - ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**MADDY WALLACE**  
LEMONT  
Sophomore | Softball

### Why Wallace was selected:

**Maddy Wallace struck out 13 batters and allowed just four hits in a 6-2 win over Bremen, and struck out 11 in a win over Oak Lawn.**

Wallace talked about the week, the season and more with Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

**Welge: It seemed like you had a very good week, and a very busy week, right?**

**Wallace:** We had lots of games. We played a bunch of conference games. We know conference is important, we put our best foot forward. We came in strong and confident. I threw my best.

**Welge: What was the key to your success?**

**Wallace:** My goal was thinking first pitch strike, think about the next pitch and not the last one. That's what got me in a groove. It was the rhythm between me and my catcher, the bond between us.

**Welge: What's your best pitch?**

**Wallace:** My best pitch is probably my curveball. I like to go outside on batters and then work my way back in. I go up the ladder with my riseball. I get batters to start chasing and then go higher and higher.

**Welge: What is "Ellie Strong"? I see that on your team's Twitter page a lot.**

**Wallace:** Ellie was a freshman who recently died of a brain tumor. Our school started "Ellie Strong." We fundraise for her, represent her on Facebook, we wear our "Ellie Strong" shirts.

**Welge: How did you start playing softball?**

**Wallace:** My dad was kind of a big baseball fan, and he introduced me to softball. It was something I enjoyed, I practiced on my own and found my love for the sport.

## York's Bo Thomas motivated to add another memorable marker this spring

By BOB NARANG  
editorial@mysuburbanlife.com

York senior Bo Thomas secured one part of his future earlier this year. He's motivated to add another memorable marker this spring.

Thomas, who committed to play football for Division III Rose-Hulman in Indiana, is a vital cog on the Dukes' baseball team. Through 20 games, Thomas is batting .455 with 26 RBIs, 14 runs scored and five doubles.

Thomas said he's enjoying contributing to the Dukes in baseball after playing defensive line in football.

Thus far, Thomas has played catcher, designated hitter, first base and third base in his two-year varsity career.

"I really just do whatever I can to help the team be successful," Thomas said. "I enjoy playing for the team in general as opposed to any [set] position. I'm hoping our team can put a bunch of wins together and make a run deep into the playoffs, so it'll be an exciting season."

York coach Dave Kalal said Thomas is in a group of multi-dimensional players capable of giving the Dukes depth with their positional versatility.

"It's nice having so many guys who can be versatile," Kalal said. "Bo has been pretty steady for us. He does a little bit of everything and plays a lot of positions. He's been getting on base a lot and putting the ball in play. He's been very consistent."

Thomas said there's not one main aspect that stands out for the reason behind his improved showing at the plate.

"The key for me has been staying focused," Thomas said. "The guys on the bench are always cheering me on through my at-bat and that support has helped me throughout the year."

I haven't really changed much. I just think my focus has been better at the plate."

After winning 20-plus games the past two seasons, the Dukes (11-8-1 through April 29) struggled early in the season mainly because of a young pitching staff. Thomas and senior Ryan Ross have helped provide offensive punch to help the Dukes overcome some early woes. Ross, who's hitting .404 with 17 RBIs and 27 runs scored, was moved from shortstop to the outfield.

Kellen Gilmartin, who has a 3-1 record with a 1.31 ERA, has been the leader on the team with 32 innings pitched, while senior Carl Baker is 3-1 and Tyler Lawrence, Jon Meyers and John Milling have helped fortify the staff. Thomas said the Dukes are starting to put together all three phases of the game.

"Our team hitting has been going very well," Martin said. "We have a ton of RBIs this year. Our defense is coming together as a whole and our pitching is starting to find its rhythm."

"We are now having fun as a team, which is making us work together better and enjoy the game."

### SOFTBALL Lemont

Maddy Wallace struck out 11 for the Indians (12-6, 9-2) in a 7-1 win over Oak Lawn on April 26. Lemont swept Hillcrest 13-0 and 16-0 on April 25. Kylie Mooney homered and drove in two runs for Lemont in a 3-2 loss to Beecher on April 24.

### Willowbrook

Caitlyn Kulczski pitched a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts, and Caroline Dooley and Annemarie Knudtson homered for Willowbrook in a 10-0 win over Addison Trail on April 26.



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# CenterStage performance

Willowbrook High School's CenterStage show choir performed during last week's concert in the school auditorium. The show choir performed four songs at the concert, which also included performances from the Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Ensemble I musicians. Right; CenterStage members Junior Emma Cismesia (center) and senior Joe LaPointe, who were two of the soloists during the show choir's rendition of the Queen song "Somebody to Love."



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Above; two other soloists from the same song—sophomores Michael Poirier (center) and Anna Tymoszenko (right).



Right; from CenterStage's performance of "Love Runs Out" shows (front row, left to right) LaPointe and juniors Emily O'Brochta and Vincenzo Ledonne.

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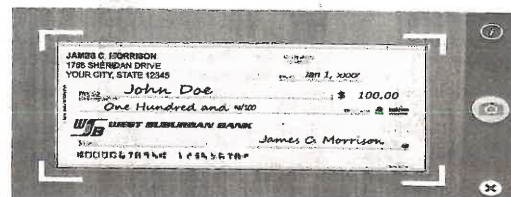
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# Sports

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## Warriors keep on rolling; 12-0 in conference play

*Holloway's three-run double helps Willowbrook finish off a sweep of Addison Trail*



Willowbrook's baseball team moved to 12-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference and 17-3 overall with Friday's 5-2 win at Addison Trail. Senior Danny Holloway is pictured connecting for a three-run double in the top of the fifth inning. Holloway belted the key hit on a 3-2 pitch with two outs and the bases loaded. The Warriors trailed the Blazers 1-0 when Holloway stepped to the plate. His hit gave Willowbrook a 3-1 lead. The Warriors have swept three-game conference series from four opponents—Hinsdale South, Morton, Proviso East and Addison Trail. Willowbrook will play a three-game conference series against Downers Grove South this week.

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The Willowbrook baseball team improved to 12-0 in West Suburban Gold Conference play with Friday's 5-2 win at Addison Trail. The Warriors completed a three-game sweep of the Blazers with the victory. Willowbrook, which moved to 17-3 overall, has also delivered three-game series sweeps against Hinsdale South, Morton and Proviso East. The Warriors earned their three wins over Proviso East last week. They also picked up a pair of wins over the Blazers in games that were rescheduled from the previous week.

Willowbrook trailed Addison Trail 1-0 in the top of the fifth inning of Friday's game when senior Danny Holloway stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs. Holloway fouled off several pitches during his plate appearance. He put the Warriors into the lead when he laced a 3-2 pitch into right-center field for a bases-clearing double. Moments later, junior Sam Tumilty singled to drive in Holloway and raise the lead to 4-1.

Senior Ryan Mintz pitched five innings and earned the victory for the Warriors. Mintz allowed one unearned run and five hits. He recorded eight strikeouts and gave up one walk.

Junior Dax Meyer pitched the sixth inning, allowing one unearned run and no hits. Senior

Josh Roucka pitched a hitless seventh inning and earned a save.

Willowbrook picked up an insurance run in the top of the seventh inning. Senior catcher Marshall McDonnell singled to lead off the inning. Junior Isaac Gaines ran for McDonnell and stole second base. He then advanced to third on a flyout before scoring on a wild pitch.

"Addison Trail is a good team; we really played well," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner after Friday's win. "We had some opportunities early and didn't take advantage. We had some opportunities later and we added some runs on."

The Warriors opened last week by beating Proviso East on Monday, April 22, and Tuesday, April 23. Willowbrook beat Addison Trail 9-0 on April 24. The Warriors closed out their sweep of Proviso East with a 12-0 win on Thursday in Villa Park.

"We played a lot of games this week; today was awesome," added Wisner on Friday. "This was a really good game for us; one of our best. It was an easy one to lose after playing so many games in a row."

Willowbrook will play a three-game conference series against Downers Grove South this week.



Senior Ryan Mintz pitched the first five innings and earned the victory for the Warriors.



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## Rams vs. Raiders

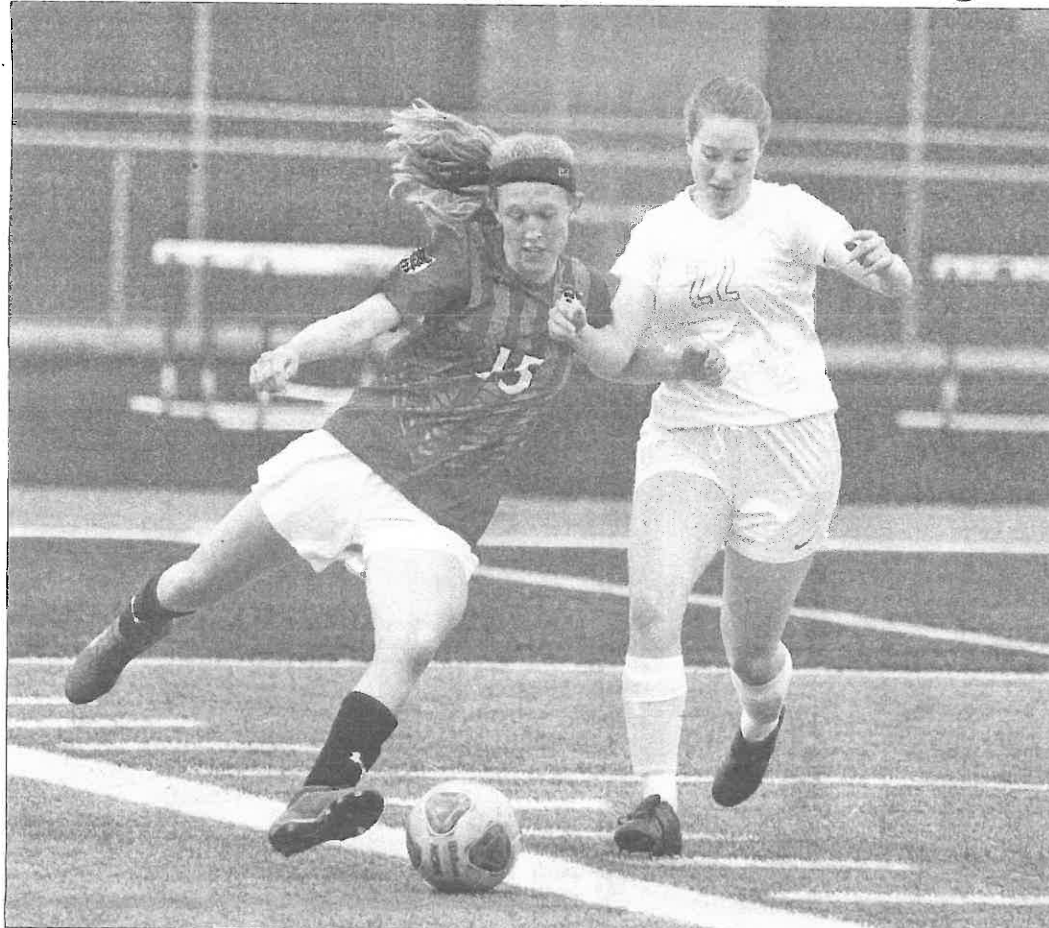
Glenbard East's baseball team played a three-game Upstate Eight Conference series against Glenbard South last week. The Raiders won two of three games. Glenbard South opened the series with a 3-1 win on April 22 in Lombard. The Rams earned a 7-1 over Glenbard South on April 23 in Glen Ellyn. Glenbard South defeated Glenbard East 9-4 on April 24 in Lombard. Sophomore Joe Hamilton (pictured) of the Rams hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the third inning of the final game of the series. Hamilton's home run cut the Raiders' lead to 4-3. The Rams tied the game with a run in the bottom of the fourth, but Glenbard South erupted for five runs in the sixth inning. The Rams' standouts in their April 23 win at Glenbard South included senior Bret Bushka, who doubled and drove in two runs, and senior Jeremy Johnson, who tripled and drove in two runs. Senior Jake Hulsman pitched four and two-third innings and earned the victory for Glenbard East. Hulsman struck out seven batters and allowed one run, six hits and two walks. Freshman Jason Cousine and senior John Anetsberger both provided scoreless relief pitching for the Rams. Glenbard East ended the week with an overall record of 14-8 and a conference mark of 10-4. Glenbard East will play conference games against Elgin-Larkin and West Aurora this week.



Senior Josh Roucka worked a scoreless seventh inning and earned a save.



# Rams claim area bragging rights by beating the Warriors



Glenbard East's girls soccer team beat Willowbrook 6-0 in last week's non-conference match in Lombard. The Rams scored two goals in the first half and added four more in the second half. Above in the April 25 contest are (left to right) Glenbard East sophomore Maddie Weltin (No. 15) and Willowbrook junior Emy Hayes (No. 22). Below are (left to right) Willowbrook freshman Erin Fitzgibbon (No. 5) and Glenbard East sophomore Sophia Heatley (No. 14). The Rams and Warriors both played non-conference matches in Saturday's horrible weather. Glenbard East played Glenbard West to a scoreless tie. Willowbrook beat Glenbard North 3-0 in a match that was called at the end of the first half.



Glenbard East defeated Willowbrook 6-0 in last week's girls soccer contest between nearby rivals in Lombard. The Rams held a 2-0 lead in the April 25 non-conference match before pouring in four more goals in the second half.

Senior Lindsey Novak scored the Rams' first goal about 10 minutes into the match. Freshman Sarah Liljestrand added the second goal about five minutes later.

Willowbrook had a good chance to score on a breakaway late in the first half, but Glenbard East freshman goalkeeper Zoe Romano made a great save to maintain the shutout.

Freshman Natalie Borcean scored her first goal as a Ram about six minutes into the second half to boost her team's lead to 3-0. Junior Elaine Wesling added another goal about two minutes later. Junior Ellie Shuert netted her first two varsity goals in the final 25 minutes to provide the Rams' last two scores of the night.

Senior Amy Chiero assisted two of Glenbard East's goals. Wesling, Novak, senior Sam Johnson and senior Audrey Beckham each had one assist.

One day before playing Willowbrook, the Rams earned a 4-1 Upstate Eight Conference win at East Aurora. That victory gave Glenbard East a conference record of 3-1-1.

Novak scored two of the Rams' four goals at East Aurora. Wesling and sophomore Maddie Weltin each contributed one goal. Liljestrand had two assists, while Chiero and Weltin each delivered one assist.

The Rams played Glenbard West to a 0-0 tie in miserable weather conditions on Saturday in Glen Ellyn. That non-conference result left Glenbard East with an overall record of 12-4-2.

The Rams' schedule this week features conference matches against Streamwood and Glenbard South.

Two days before playing Glenbard East, Willowbrook lost a 2-1 West Suburban Gold Conference battle at Morton. Sophomore Grace Tumilty scored the Warriors' goal in the defeat, which dropped the team to 3-1 in conference play.

The Warriors moved to 8-8-1 overall with Saturday's 3-0 non-conference victory at Glenbard North. The match ended after the first half because of the terrible weather conditions.

Junior Julianna Paulsen scored Willowbrook's first goal with an assist from junior Sara Fitzgibbon. Freshman Erin Fitzgibbon provided the second goal with an assist from Sara, her older sister. Erin Fitzgibbon scored the third goal with an assist from junior Emy Hayes.

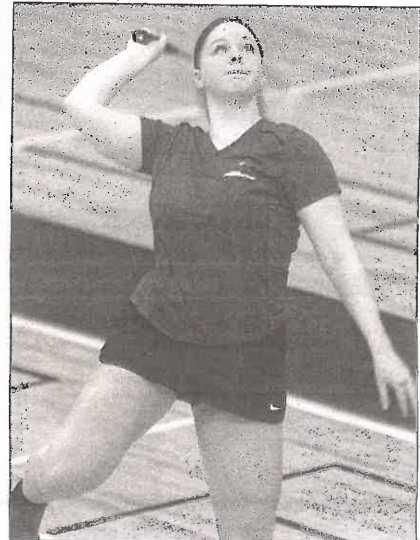
Willowbrook's schedule this week includes a conference match at Downers Grove South and non-conference matches against West Chicago and Proviso West.





## Conference champions

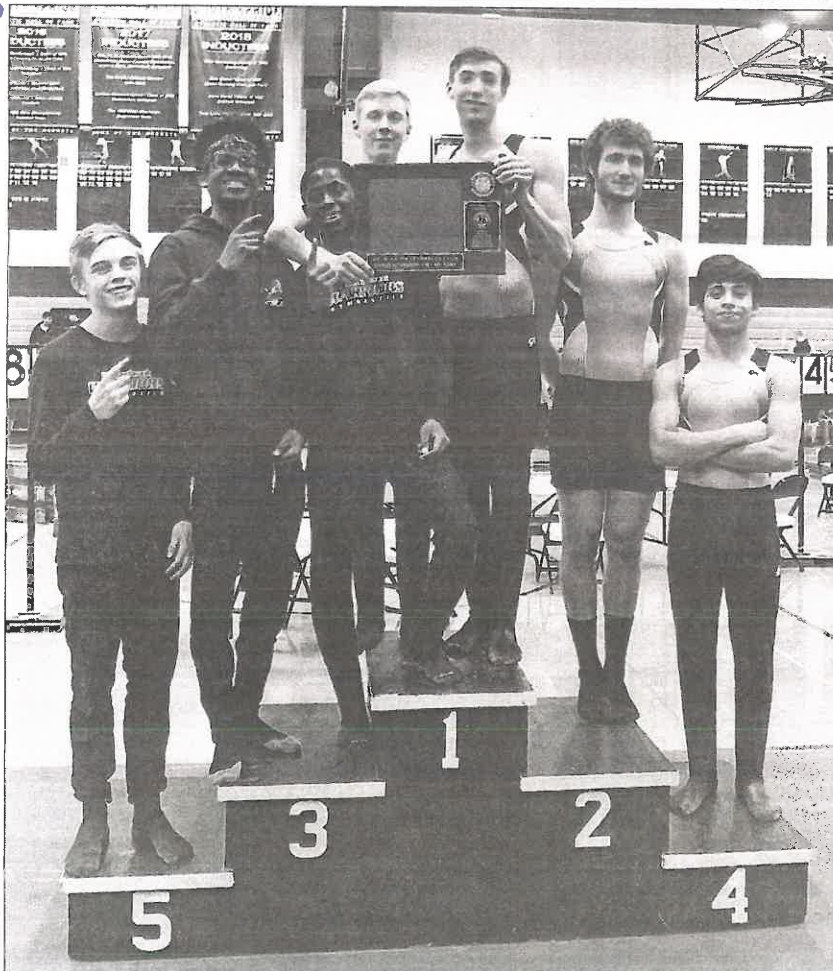
The Willowbrook badminton team won the championship at Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Addison Trail. The Warriors went 5-0 in their conference dual meets during the regular season. They claimed first-place finishes in eight levels of the conference meet, which included 10 singles flights and five doubles flights. Senior Hanna Konrath won the No. 1 singles title, while senior Charlotte Dewyer prevailed at No. 2 singles. Senior Faith Fabian prevailed at No. 7 singles. Junior Lizzie Romero captured the No. 9 singles championship. The Warriors' No. 2 doubles team of (pictured left to right) seniors Grace Wachholz and Sydney Wilson also won a title at the conference meet. Konrath and Dewyer teamed up to win at No. 3 doubles, while Fabian and senior Sania Irfan won at No. 4 doubles. Romero joined junior Chloe Harri to earn the championship in the No. 5 doubles level. The Warriors will compete in an IHSA sectional this week. Two singles players—Dewyer and Konrath—will join two doubles teams—the Wachholz/Wilson duo and the tandem of seniors Kaitlyn Fox and Nicole Kapica—to form Willowbrook's sectional lineup. The top four finishers in singles and doubles at each of the state's 16 sectionals will advance to the IHSA state meet, which will take place May 10-11 at Eastern Illinois University.



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## Rams compete at conference meet

The Glenbard East badminton team's champions in last week's Upstate Eight Conference Meet included the duo of Riley Alstott (above) and Aubrey Wendorff (below), who won the No. 3 doubles title. Twin sisters Abbie and Katie Eagan won the championship at the No. 1 doubles level. In addition to playing on a winning doubles team, Wendorff won the title in the No. 6 singles flight. Allie Rohn won at No. 5 singles, while Emma Martin prevailed in the No. 8 singles division. The Rams placed second in the overall team standings of their conference meet. Glenbard East will play in an IHSA sectional this week.



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## Warriors win conference title

Willowbrook's boys gymnastics team won the title at last week's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet. The Warriors won the five-team meet with a team score of 129.20. Second-place Addison Trail earned a team score of 127.50 in the event, which took place on April 25 at Hinsdale South. Willowbrook also won the conference meet title last season. Pictured (left to right) with this year's championship plaque are: senior Sean Luner, senior Collin Donaldson, junior Elkin Wells, senior Brendan Bailey, senior Cooper Ross, junior Noah Pulli and junior Danny Saldana. Bailey won the all-around championship at the meet with his total score of 43.45 that included a first-place score of 8.00 on the parallel bars, a second-place score of 7.35 on the pommel horse and a fifth-place score of 7.4 on the still rings. Donaldson won the pommel horse title with a 7.95. The Warriors swept the top four places in that event, as Saldana and Ross finished third and fourth, respectively. Saldana (42.80) placed second to Bailey in the all-around competition. In addition to taking third on the pommel horse, Saldana earned a second-place score of 8.70 in floor exercises and claimed fourth on the vault (8.1). Willowbrook will compete in this week's Lyons Township Sectional.



## • Testing

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really insulting."

Either way, Schofield said, she does not think citizens will vote to dissolve townships once given all information. "If you explain all the details and the reality of the situation, I don't see anyone asking for the option to consolidate," she said. "It doesn't necessarily save them money. Townships are such a small portion of their tax bill—they might save maybe \$40."

### What's next

The McHenry County Board recently unanimously approved a resolution objecting to McSweeney's bill because it would not be applied statewide.

"If it's such a good idea, why not apply it to the whole state? Why should McHenry County be treated as special? I think it's a special place, but it should not be used as a guinea pig," Mahady said.

Franks did not vote on the resolution. He said McSweeney's approach—using McHenry County as a "laboratory"—is correct because "someone has to be first—it ought to be us."

He served in the General Assembly for almost two decades and was instrumental in writing the current law allowing for units of government to consolidate.

"I've written most of the consolidation laws in Illinois. If anyone is going to do this, I think I know how," Franks said.

Townships, he said, are "a vestige of the past." Dissolving them might not solve the problem of high property taxes in Illinois, but it can be a start.

"And if it doesn't work, we'll try something else," Franks said.

The bill's Senate sponsor is Democrat Terry Link, from Vernon Hills. He did not respond to multiple requests for comment, but McSweeney said he is confident Link will be successful in gaining Senate passage.

The Northwest Herald in Crystal Lake contributed to this story.

# State Senate passes bill to keep elected officials from collecting salary plus pension

By Rebecca Anzel  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Local elected officials and county board members may soon be barred from simultaneously drawing both a salary and pension benefits from the same post.

The Illinois Senate on April 10 approved legislation to prevent representatives from double-dipping. For example, a county board member who has served long enough to earn a pension would have to wait until leaving

office to begin collecting the benefit.

Sponsor Terry Link, a Democrat from Vernon Hills, said local officials in his home district of Lake County are "abusing" the opportunity. When the measure was in committee, he learned other units of local government were experiencing the same issue.

"Right now, you have a number of elected officials on the county board serving as county board members and receiving a pension plus their salary at

the same time," he said.

Link added that he is currently qualified to receive his pension from the state as a legislator, but has not chosen to do so.

"If I were to say, 'OK, I do not want to contribute to the pension anymore but I want to collect my pension and still serve in the General Assembly,' I think that people would be a little upset because it would basically be doubling my salary," he said.

Republican Sen. Paul Schimpf,

from Waterloo, said he understood what Link was trying to accomplish with the bill, but heard concerns from his constituents.

"This just strikes me that we're changing the rules kind of mid-stream," he said. "I think some of my constituents are going to feel like they're being punished for their service."

The legislation is Senate Bill 1236. It succeeded in the chamber by a vote of 45 to 6.



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## Willowbrook senior to compete in SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference

Left: Pictured is Willowbrook senior Jordan Nolte, who has qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. That event will take place from June 24 to 28 in Kentucky. Nolte will compete in Automotive Service Technology, after recently finishing in first place at the SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership and Skills Conference. Right: Nolte (center) receives his first-place award after winning the Automotive Service Technology event at the state conference.

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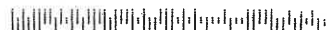
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## Willowbrook hosts joint ceremony for four honor societies

Willowbrook High School recently held an "Evening of Honors" ceremony for the school's Math Honor Society, National English Honor Society, World Language

Honor Society and Civitas (the school's social studies honor society). About 400 students were recognized and inducted, or reaffirmed into the honor societies. The students who shared their experiences as members of the honor societies and introduced other honorees included (left to right) seniors Maura Heneghan, Miriam Youhanoun, Hope Rickord, Jackson Hathaway and Maxwell Polanek. Another photo from the ceremony shows (left to right) senior Julia Walli, senior Julia Langer and Youhanoun, who were named as the recipients of the Kathy Marcyniuk Scholarship. Also pictured is senior Annie Ross, who was named at the ceremony as the recipient of the National English Honor Society Scholarship. Six days after the "Evening of Honors" event, Willowbrook recognized about 170 students who were inducted or reaffirmed into the National Honor Society. Seniors received



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received a certificate. To be inducted into Willowbrook's National Honor Society, students must apply and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Additionally, inductees must demonstrate leadership, service, character and scholarship.



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## Students invite adults to When I Grow Up Day

District 45's Westmore Elementary School recently hosted parents and community members at its When I Grow Up Day. Students were encouraged to dress as their "future self" for the day. Students heard presentations from parents and community members who talked about their current careers. Those careers included: forensic scientist, sign language interpreter, nurse, police officer, data analyst, martial arts

instructor, theatrical costume and make-up designer, civil engineer, lawyer, plumber, chiropractor, photographer and public servant. Students were able to enjoy lunch with some of the professionals who gave presentations. The presenters are pictured with either the student or Westmore staff member they are related to. Residents of both Villa Park and Lombard attend Westmore School.

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## New space at the library

The Villa Park Library, which was closed for about three weeks because of the ongoing renovation and construction project, reopened last week. The photo from Saturday shows the northwest corner of second floor of the addition. As noted in the library's online update of the project, the second floor of the addition receives plenty of natural light. Demolition inside the existing library space began a few weeks ago. The overall renovation and construction project at the library, located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave., is expected to be completed in late summer or early fall of this year.

## Police Department accepting applications for police officer

**Deadline to apply is May 8; applicants must attend orientation and testing on June 8**

The Villa Park Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police officer. Applications are available at [recruitment.iosolutions.com](http://recruitment.iosolutions.com).

The application and required documents must be received by IOS Recruitment no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8. Contact IOS Recruitment at 800-343-HIRE, or send an e-mail to [recruitment@iosolutions.com](mailto:recruitment@iosolutions.com) with questions.

To be considered, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Pay a \$25 non-refundable application fee;
- Be a United States citizen;
- Possess a high school diploma or the equivalent GED;
- Possess a valid driver's license;
- Be 21 years of age, but not older than 34 years old, by the time you apply, unless exempt from age limitation according to Illinois State Statute;

• Obtain residency within a maximum of 30 miles from the territorial limits of the village within one year after the two-year probationary period of employment is completed;

• Possess a valid Illinois Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER) test card demonstrating the applicant has successfully completed the IL POWER test no more

than one year prior to the date of the written examination; applicants who have not taken the POWER test between June 8, 2018, and June 8, 2019, must obtain a certificate of completion from the following licensed agencies: Joliet Junior College, Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) or Triton College;

• Attend orientation and all phases of testing;

• Possess good moral character;

• Pass a polygraph test, thorough background investigation, medical examination, drug screening and psychological assessment.

Applications are NOT accepted at the Villa Park Police Department.

Applicants must attend the mandatory orientation and testing process on Saturday, June 8, in the cafeteria at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Sign-ins begin at 7:30 a.m. Arrive no later than 8 a.m. with photo identification (driver's license, state identification, military identification) to sign in.

Testing will consist of a written examination (Law Enforcement Officer Selection Tool-LST) assessing job-related cognitive abilities, personality characteristics and behavioral traits for a position as a police officer.

## Villa Park news briefs

### Lauren's Bash on Friday 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](http://rememberlauren.com). The 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Cleanup to be held Saturday; volunteers welcome

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission invites volunteers to take part in the annual Prairie Path and Great Western Trail Cleanup, which will take place rain or shine on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers should report to the Villa Park Historical Museum, 220 S. Villa Ave., on the day of the event. Garbage bags and water will be provided. Participants should bring their own gloves. Those interested in volunteering can e-mail [Pride@inwillapark.com](mailto:Pride@inwillapark.com) for more information.

### Community garden plots available for the season

Villa Park's community garden plots are available to purchase for the 2019 season. Anyone who has a green thumb or wants to try his or her hand at gardening is welcome to purchase a plot. Garden plots will be available for planting starting mid-May and the complete fall clean-up needs to be done by Oct. 31. The garden plots are located at Westmore Park (between Westmore and Biermann off of Plymouth). The fee to reserve a 10-foot by 10-foot plot is \$10. Plots are sold on a first-come, first-served basis at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. Call 630-834-8970 with any questions.

### Registration is open for the Mariners' 2019 season

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department is holding open registration for the Mariners swim team. The Mariners swim competitively in the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference, a group of west suburban swim teams including Wood Dale, Carol Stream and Lombard. The season includes 11 meets, five on Wednesday evenings and five on Saturday mornings, with a season ending conference meet. Practices are each weekday morning at Jefferson Pool and swimmers are expected to attend each practice. It is recommended that beginning swimmers have previous swim team experience prior to the start of the season. Swimmers must successfully swim one length of the pool using a legal stroke in order to participate. Younger swimmers, ages 5-8, can participate as a Mini Mariner and compete in the five home meets. Registration fees are \$119 per child; \$109 additional children and \$85 for Mini Mariners. For more information, call 630-834-8970.

### Village's 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 18. 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@inwillapark.com](mailto:pride@inwillapark.com).

## Village celebrates Preservation Month during May

In May, Preservation Month will be celebrated in Villa Park and across America. Everyone has places that are important to them, places they care about, places that matter.

Yes, Preservation Matters is a national campaign sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation that encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities.

The Historical Preservation Com-

mission presented their annual Preservation Awards at the April 22 Village Board meeting along with the reading of the official proclamation.

This year, Don and Angela Bogardus received a preservation award for their brick colonial revival house built in 1947. It is named the HORTWITZ HOUSE after its first owner. Salzman Homes had built this house and many other homes in Villa Park to satisfy the housing needs of re-

turning World War II veterans.

At the Villa Park Historical Museum, pick up a free self-guided Historic Walking Tour brochure and learn about many buildings that are walking distance of the museum.

On the Village website at [inwillapark.com](http://inwillapark.com), the Historical Preservation Commission has information about the Historic Plaquing Program and photo archives from past recipients.



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## District 88's Best for April

Willowbrook senior Matas Masys (right) was named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for April. Masys, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left), was honored during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on April 15. The district's board and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. The honor is presented to one student from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—during each month of the school year. Masys has pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. When he graduates next month, he will have completed 12 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses. Masys has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction and State Scholar. He is also an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, World Language Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Masys was a standout for Willowbrook's boys basketball team. He played on the varsity during all four of his seasons at Willowbrook. He is one of two players in program history to score over 1,000 points in his varsity career. Masys will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He will continue his basketball career at the school, where he plans to pursue a degree in engineering.



## Conroy discusses importance of civic involvement with Willowbrook students

Civic education advocate state Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) answered questions and heard ideas about public policy and state government from local students recently at Willowbrook High School.

"The best part of being a state representative is bringing the work we're doing in Springfield directly to the people who will be most impacted by these laws in the future—our teenagers and young adults," Conroy said. "There's no doubt that the teens I met with at Willowbrook High School have bright futures, and it's our duty to equip them with the knowledge and interpersonal skills they'll need to be future leaders in our community."

Conroy is a sponsor of legislative initiatives that require schools to incorporate instruction on mental wellbeing and illness in health curriculum, discuss the importance of consent in sex education, and to ensure American history classes include information about contributions of LGBTQ citizens to the country and the state.



Pictured is State Rep. Deb Conroy (back row, center) who recently met with students at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park to discuss the importance of civic and community engagement.

## Costa Howard-sponsored bill would eliminate 'double dipping' with pensions

To prevent elected municipal officials from double-dipping at taxpayer expense, 48th District State Rep. Terra Costa Howard, D-Glen Ellyn, co-sponsored legislation that would prohibit public office holders from hiring themselves into paid positions within local government.

"I was shocked by a recent report that one village official more than tripled her pay by hiring herself as her own assistant," Costa Howard said. "That's appalling. When taxpayers read stories like that, it undermines public trust in govern-

ment at every level."

Costa Howard's House Bill 3501 targets municipal clerks and other local officials who have appointed themselves into paid positions in the units of government they were elected to serve.

"Public service should be a calling—not an opportunity to line your pockets at taxpayers' expense," Costa Howard added. "It's wrong for elected officials to double-dip and grant themselves hefty extra salaries with tax dollars that were intended to fund local schools, li-

braries, park districts, and public safety."

"I am very proud that HB3501 was passed unanimously by the Illinois House, and I am hopeful that this commonsense bill will soon be passed by the Senate and signed into law by the governor."

For more information, contact Rep. Costa Howard's constituent service office at RepTCH48@gmail.com or 630-812-9292.

**Editor's note:** This is a press release from State Rep. Terra Costa Howard's office.

## •Medicaid

(Continued from page 3)

The state's recent minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour by 2025 will add another burden to cash-strapped homes, Comstock said, although the HCCI did not oppose the measure because it believes increased wages will lead to enhanced care.

### Bureaucratic delays

According to the HCCI report, the financial strains of Illinois' poor Medicaid funding rates are compounded by bureaucratic reimbursement delays.

It is "not uncommon," the report said, to find high Medicaid facilities with 40 percent or more residents in pending status due to delays in the state's processing of long-term benefits applications. During this period, the care provider must cover all costs.

"We're in situations where we've been providing care for years without any compensation," Comstock said, adding that legislation recently passed to expedite application processing has not yet yielded satisfactory results.

Reimbursement delays have also become more prevalent since the state adopted a privatized Medicaid managed care system in 2011, the report said.

That system uses private insurance companies known as managed care organizations, or MCOs, to coordinate each patient's care. The state releases funds to MCOs at a statute-specified daily rate, and they pass it on to nursing homes that apply for reimbursement for the Medicaid-covered care they provide.

But according to a report from Meredith Duncan, one of the state's leading legal experts on managed care, provider claims are often denied or delayed without explanation, and MCOs often refuse to pay state-mandated late payments. Often, Duncan said, the provider's only recourse is a time-consuming legal process that often costs more than the amount recovered.

Because of that, many providers have been forced to triple the size of their billing departments and hire

lawyers, consultants and lobbyists, further diverting resources that would be better directed at filling patient-care staffing shortages.

The implementation of managed care also removed a critical safety net for cash-strapped nursing homes—the ability to apply to the state comptroller's office for hardship funding payments.

Without that, providers awaiting payment are often forced to take out costly bridge loans just to make payroll.

Glenn Harston, a representative for the MCO MeridianHealth, said MCOs are working with the state to address denial concerns.

"Our experience has been limitations with the eligibility system are the largest driver for denial reasons for nursing homes," he said.

### Preventing collapse

All of those factors have the industry worried about its sustainability as Illinois' elderly population is set to triple in the next 30 years.

"I think a really big concern is that the destabilization of nursing homes in general is really going to put us in a difficult position when the baby boomers start to age into the system of needing more long-term care," Ginther said. "We're not going to have the long-term support available for them."

The HCCI has proposed a series of legislative fixes, the cornerstone of which is a \$100 million increase in state funding to skilled- and intermediate-care nursing homes for the upcoming fiscal year. The federal government would match that number, bringing the total added investment to \$200 million.

The HCCI is optimistic about that request, as Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed budget includes an estimated \$390 million in added revenue from a tax on MCOs which would bring more money into the Medicaid system.

Harston said MCOs are working with the state on the MCO tax proposal in an effort to "continue to stabilize the Medicaid program."

Senate Bill 42, carried by Oak Park Democrat state Sen. Don Harmon, passed committee unanimously as a vehicle to distribute the added funding. It will be amended once it is known if any new funding will be realized, Comstock said.

The \$200 million, however, would make up less than one-third of the anticipated \$649 million one-year industrywide funding shortfall.

"All that \$200 million is really going to do is keep our infrastructure from falling apart," Comstock said. "So we've got to continue to work with Illinois to revamp the system and create a reimbursement methodology that allows our services to the frail elderly in Illinois to be sustained. So this is just the beginning for us."

The HCCI is also in talks with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to offset increases to the minimum wage as it moves toward \$15 per hour by 2025. Comstock said the goal is to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate as the wage increases, which could be accomplished through a reallocation of funds in the existing budget.

In a statement, IDHFS Director of Communications John Hoffman said the department, "has been discussing anticipated costs with health care associations, other stakeholders and sister agencies such as the Department of Human Services and Department on Aging, to ensure that the raised minimum wage promotes quality care for Medicaid members."

The HCCI is also backing Senate Bill 43 to remove the managed care enrollment mandate for Medicaid patients at nursing homes, putting them back in the fee-for-service program. The bill failed to pass the Senate by the April 12 deadline, and MCOs oppose the legislation which "limits how members access care coordination," Harston said.

"It is important to collectively work together to strengthen the continuum of care rather than carving out proportions of the population,"

## Obituaries

### CONCETTA P. BULGER

Concetta P. "Connie" Bulger of Villa Park, Ill., passed away on April 18, 2019.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, April 23, at St. Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. For info: 630-832-4161.

### WAYNE LULAY

Wayne Lulay died April 19, 2019, after a 20-year battle with Parkinson's Disease, but not before he devoted 38 years to serve the residents of the Village of Villa Park from 1962 until he retired as Village Manager in 2000.

He enjoyed fine dining, live plays and music, and spending time with his family that grew with his beloved wife Sandra O'Neal Lulay, to 3

daughters and one son; 8 grandkids; and 2 great-grandkids, with whom he frequently vacationed in Marco Island, Florida, and Bemidji, Minnesota, where he frequently enjoyed good food, fishing and relaxing on beaches and collecting shells.

He will be remembered between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home in Villa Park on May 4, 2019, Saturday.

### JOHN H. MAHER, 90

John H. Maher, 90, formerly of Villa Park, Ill., passed away on April 20, 2019.

Visitation is today, Thursday, April 25, 3-8 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

Funeral Mass is Friday, April 26, 10:15 a.m. at St. Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park. Interment is private.

For info: 630-832-4161.

## Forest Preserve: Report of attack on 16-year-old girl in West Chicago deemed a hoax

An investigation, led by the DuPage County Forest Preserve Police, into the alleged attack on a 16-year-old girl while she was walking on a trail at Timber Ridge Forest Preserve in West Chicago has been found to be a hoax.

As investigators were questioning the alleged victim for more details about the alleged attack on April 16, she admitted to falsely reporting the crime and fabricating all of the details of the attack. The teen confessed that the injuries she allegedly sustained from the attack were self-inflicted.

The matter was turned over to the Forest Preserve District's police juvenile department.

The safety of the community and visitors to the preserves within DuPage County is of highest importance

to the Forest Preserve District. Even though this was a fabricated incident, the District is thankful for support and collaboration it received from the County Sheriff's Department and the County State's Attorney's office, which assisted with the investigation.

To remain safe while visiting your favorite preserve, the District reminds visitors to:

- Visit with a friend;
- Carry your phone with you;
- Be aware of your surroundings;
- Keep tabs on your location and the nearest trail intersection, parking lot or landmark.

The Forest Preserve District asks that residents always stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity or public safety concerns by calling 630-933-7240.

## Lombard Fire Department responds to residential fire on Main Street

At approximately 1:29 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, the Lombard Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire in the 500 block of S. Main St.

Lombard Police arrived almost immediately and reported that a resident was attempting to extinguish a fire on the rear deck of the home.

Initial Lombard Fire Department crews arrived on the scene at 1:33 a.m. and found a small fire smoldering on the rear deck of the home that was quickly extinguished, preventing the fire from reaching the interior of the home.

One resident was evaluated and released by paramedics on the scene for a burn they sustained while trying to

extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be careless use of smoking materials. The damage was estimated at under \$1,000.

The Lombard Fire Department was assisted by Elmhurst and Villa Park Fire Departments, as well as Addison and York Center Fire Protection Districts.

"We can't stress the importance of fire safety enough," said Deputy Chief Ray Kickert. "As people spend more time outdoors during the coming months, we are reminding residents to never underestimate the potential of accidental fires and burns when using a flame of any kind."

Contact Kickert with any questions at (630) 690-5796.



# Willowbrook boys gymnastics team off to 3-0 conference start

## Saldana, Ross, Bailey turn in strong invite performances

By Mike Miarga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys gymnastics team has been hard at work on the competition circuit of late.

The Warriors were 3-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action through late last week. That mark included a 137.40 to 135.70 win against Hinsdale South in a meet coach Caleb Strejc noted scores were a tad inflated due to high-bar misjudging.

Willowbrook also took fourth out of eight teams at the Ken Scorza Invite at York with a 129.20 score. Willowbrook was fourth out of eight with a 125.55 at the Tom Kordewick Invite at Hinsdale South. The Warriors also were sixth at the Canino Invite at Hinsdale South with a score of 128.25.

At the York Invite, Danny Saldana was ninth on floor and 10<sup>th</sup> on high bar, while Cooper Ross took sixth on horse. Collin Donaldson was seventh on horse. Brendan Bailey tied for ninth on horse, tied for 10<sup>th</sup> on rings and was fifth on parallel bars.

At the Hinsdale South invite, Saldana tied for fifth on floor, while Ross was fifth on pommel horse. Bailey was fifth on parallel bars.

Over at Hinsdale Central, Ross was fifth on horse. Bailey was eighth on horse and ninth on parallel bars, while taking 10<sup>th</sup> in the all-around scoring. Saldana was 10<sup>th</sup> on vault and ninth in the all-around.

"We're doing well on pommel horse right now," said Strejc. "At the Scorza Invite at York, that was the first meet we had zero falls out of the five guys competing. It really came together on that event."

Strejc calls it a close call between horse and floor exercise for where the team has improved the most thus far. "The guys are continually making small improvements on the same horse routines they've had all year and are refining them," he said. "As for floor, two of our guys will be adding some difficulty to their routines so hopefully that will increase scores several tenths."

Strejc cited recent strong efforts from junior-varsity roster member Elkin Wells, as well as Ross. "Elkin is a JV guy who has stepped up recently," he said. "One of our varsity members was out the last two meets and Elkin filled in for him and did a great job making sure our scores didn't take much of a hit at all."

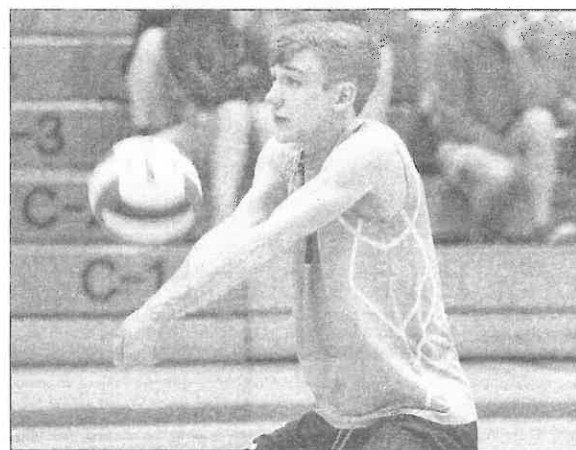
"Cooper also has stepped up. He has not missed a horse routine this year and has even added a new skill the last two meets and hit it both times."

Strejc also loves the atmosphere around the team. "What I like most is the fun these guys are having competing and being at meets," he said. "It's great as a coach to know your guys are actually enjoying themselves and their time with their teammates. They work hard and have a good time doing the sport."



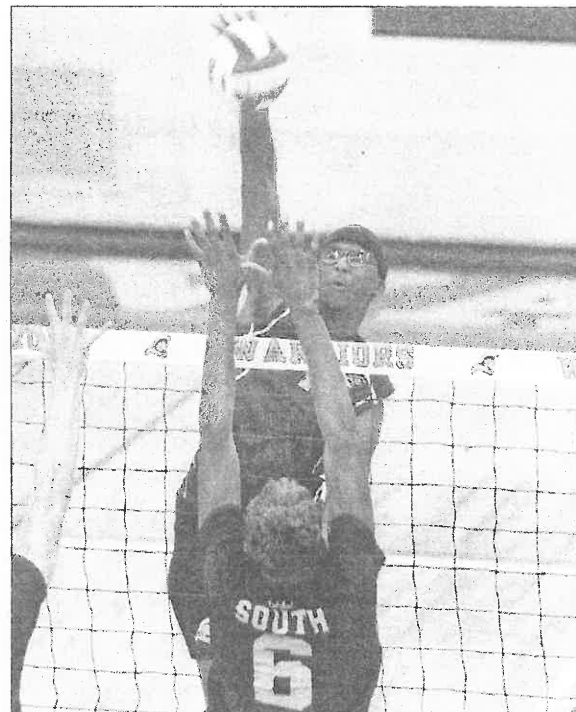
(Left)  
Sophomore  
Jack Walsh  
(No. 14) had  
13 assists and  
six digs in the  
April 18 victory,  
which gave the  
Warriors four  
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five matches.

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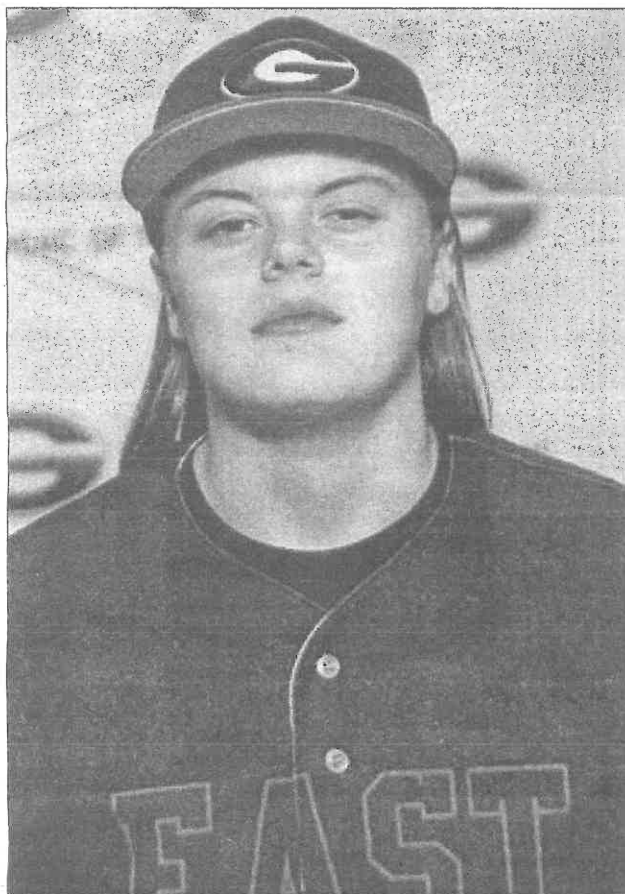


## A win for the Warriors

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team moved to 2-1 in the West Suburban Gold Conference and 6-6 overall with last week's 26-24, 20-25, 25-18 victory over Hinsdale South in Villa Park. Senior Jimmy Whiting (pictured receiving a serve) provided 13 digs and served two aces.



Senior Jevon Lowery (pictured at the net) contributed four kills and four blocks for the Warriors. Junior Mike Hay had six kills.



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## Historic win

Senior Mary Schoenke of the Glenbard East baseball team pitched and earned the victory in Saturday's 17-1, five-inning Upstate Eight Conference win at Elgin. According to Glenbard East, Schoenke is the first female to record a varsity win in Illinois High School Association (IHSA) history. Schoenke pitched the first two innings of Saturday's game. She didn't give up any hits and allowed one unearned run. She recorded two strikeouts and allowed a pair of walks. The Rams, who completed a three-game sweep of Elgin with Saturday's win, scored four runs in the first inning and added six more runs in the second inning. They tacked on four runs in the fourth inning and three runs in the fifth inning. Senior T.J. Riley went 3-for-3 for the Rams. Riley homered and drove in four runs. Senior Jake Hulsman went 3-for-4 with four RBI. Sophomore Joe Hamilton went 2-for-2 and drove in two runs. Hamilton and Riley each scored four runs. Senior Bret Bushka went 2-for-3 with one RBI. Glenbard East improved to 13-6 overall and 9-2 in conference play with Saturday's win.



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## Another conference win

The Willowbrook girls soccer team improved to 3-0 in West Suburban Gold Conference play and 7-6-1 overall following last week's 7-0 win over Addison Trail in Villa Park. Junior Julianna Paulsen scored three goals for the Warriors, who held a 4-0 half-time lead over the Blazers in the April 16 match. Freshman Erin Fitzgibbon added two goals, while juniors Erinn Bell and Lizzy Florey (No. 12, below right) each scored one goal. Junior Sara Fitzgibbon (No. 31, above right) and sophomore Caitlin Brennan (No. 15, below) are pictured during the Warriors' victory. Willowbrook's schedule this week includes a conference match at Morton and non-conference battles against Glenbard East and Glenbard North.



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## Rams fall to South Elgin

The Glenbard East girls soccer team fell to 2-1-1 in the Upstate Eight Conference following Saturday's 2-0 loss to South Elgin in Lombard. The visiting Storm scored its first goal midway through the first half. Glenbard East had several scoring opportunities during the second half, when it had the wind at its back. The Rams couldn't convert those chances. South Elgin scored an insurance goal with about 15 minutes to play. Glenbard East's overall record fell to 10-4-1 after the loss. The Rams earned two conference wins earlier in the week. They captured a 1-0 road victory over Bartlett on April 15. Senior Lindsey Novak scored the Rams' goal in the second half with an assist from senior Sam Johnson. Two days later, Glenbard East earned a 3-1 conference win over West Aurora in Lombard. Senior Amy Chiero provided the Rams' first goal in the first half. The Blackhawks scored about 15 seconds later to even the score. Junior Elaine Wesling scored a second-half goal to give the Rams a 2-1 lead. Novak added the team's third goal. The Rams are playing conference matches against Elgin and East Aurora this week. They will square off against Willowbrook in tonight's match in Lombard.

Below left: Freshmen Sarah Liljestrand (No. 2). Below middle: Wesling (No. 4). Below right: Freshman Maia Zatarski (No. 10).





# Warriors beat the Hilltoppers

(Left) The Willowbrook softball team earned its fifth straight win with last week's 8-5 victory at Glenbard West. Sophomore Caroline Dooley (No. 2) pitched a complete game for the Warriors. She struck out eight batters while allowing 10 hits and two walks. The Warriors took an early lead by scoring six runs in the top of the first inning of the April 16 game. Willowbrook connected for 13 hits in the game.



(Above) Senior Samantha Mishlove (pictured at the plate) went 2-for-5, scored twice and drove in two runs. Mishlove doubled to lead off the game and scored the Warriors' first run on a double by sophomore Annemarie Knudtson. Mishlove then belted a two-run home run in the fifth inning.



(Above) Senior Amy Bussa (No. 64, pictured while playing first base) went 2-for-4 with two runs batted in. Junior Shannon Knudtson also went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Freshman Caitlyn Kulczynski went 2-for-4 and drove in one run. One day after beating Glenbard West, Willowbrook opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a 20-0, four-inning win at Proviso East. Freshman Kayla Neff pitched all four innings for the Warriors. She recorded eight strikeouts and allowed two hits as Willowbrook increased its winning streak to six games. That streak ended with Saturday's 8-2 non-conference loss to Naperville Central in Villa Park. That defeat sent Willowbrook's overall record to 9-4.

## Willowbrook baseball team defeats Addison Trail

Warriors stood at 12-3-1 through Saturday; 7-0 in WSC Gold play

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The Willowbrook baseball team continued its winning ways inside the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

The Warriors were recent 11-5 winners over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail to run their conference record to a perfect 7-0. Willowbrook opened the WSC Gold season with 2-0, 8-5 and 16-3 wins against Hinsdale South, as well as 6-0, 12-5 and 3-2 wins against Morton.

Willowbrook was scheduled to play the middle game of the Addison Trail series earlier this week and will head to Addison for the finale on Friday while also playing a three-game WSC Gold set against Proviso East this week. Willowbrook concludes an extremely busy week Saturday at home against York.

In the Addison Trail opener, Willowbrook broke open an early 1-1 stalemate with six runs in the second. Willowbrook had nine hits in the game.

Junior Sam Tumilty went 2-for-4 with a run scored and three RBI. Senior Jack Hines went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI. Se-

nior Jeremy Conforti went 2-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI. Senior Marshall McDonnell went 2-for-4. Seniors Ryan Mintz and Trevor Jalozyński each had an RBI. Tumilty doubled, while Conforti and Hines each had a triple. Willowbrook also was active on the basepaths with 10 stolen bases and no caught stealings. Hines and senior Scott Tumilty each had three steals, while junior Isaac Gaines had two.

Senior Joey Guthrie was the winner. He went six innings and allowed two earned runs, while striking out five. Senior Josh Roucka pitched the seventh inning.

Willowbrook then played to a 7-7 draw with Hinsdale Central in Saturday's WSC crossover action. The tie put Willowbrook at 12-3-1 overall.

Willowbrook tied it with two runs in the seventh inning. The Warriors had 11 hits.

Junior Anthony Yannotti went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Conforti had a hit and two RBI. Sam Tumilty, Scott Tumilty and Marshall McDonnell each recorded an RBI. Hines, Jalozyński and Scott Tumilty each had a double. Sam Tumilty stole two bases.

Junior Dax Meyer pitched the first four innings and struck out two. Senior Jack Nilles went two innings and had one strikeout. Roucka pitched the seventh.

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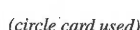
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