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Summer food distribution for children

District 88 is committed to making sure children continue to receive food service throughout the summer. The district is maintaining its partnership with its food-service provider—Chartwells—and Cottage Hill Operating Company to offer free meals this summer. All district residents up to the age of 18 are eligible to receive seven days of free meals (seven breakfasts and seven lunches, as well as milk) each week. Those meals are distributed on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The food is distributed at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, inside Door 6 (the entrance near the main gymnasium), as

well as at the district's other school—Addison Trail High School. Each week's distribution includes entrees and a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables. The upcoming June 30 distribution will offer 14 days of free meals, as there will be no meals provided on July 7. The weekly distributions will resume on July 14. The photo from last week's distribution at Willowbrook High School shows Sarah Warren (center of back row, arms folded), Chartwells' food-service director at District 88, along with members of Willowbrook's Chartwells kitchen staff.

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Fishing derby award winners

The Villa Park Sportsmen's Club held its annual Youth Fishing Derby at North Terrace Park on Saturday, June 12. The award winners at the recent fishing derby included Bryce Raffin (above left, age 11) of Villa Park, who received the award for catching the most fish. Bryce caught exactly 100 fish during this year's three-hour event. Another photo shows Cristina Mildyn (above right, who just turned 7 years old) of Villa Park, who won the award for the most unusual catch—a large turtle. Mickey's Drive-In, located at 105 W. St. Charles Road, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) were the fishing derby's two main sponsors. All of the children who took part in the event received some type of prize. Those prizes included rods, reels and tackle boxes.

Elmhurst University dedicates Jean Koplin Memorial Hall

Building named for long-time patrons

Elmhurst University has renamed a prominent campus building to honor a businesswoman and philanthropist Jean Koplin, who, with her husband, business leader and University trustee Alfred Koplin, have been supporters of Elmhurst for more than 40 years.

During a dedication ceremony on Friday, June 11 that was attended by members of the Koplin family and University trustees, the building formerly known as Circle Hall was renamed Jean Koplin Memorial Hall. Jean Koplin passed away on Oct. 6,

2020, at the age of 97.

"Throughout their lives, Al and Jean have contributed to causes they believe in," Elmhurst University President Troy D. VanAken said during the ceremony. "Their years of generosity and service, and the invaluable impact they have had on our campus community, bring us here today. We're thrilled to be able to show our appreciation by celebrating Jean and her inspiring life."

Earlier this year, Elmhurst U. received a record-setting philanthropic gift from Alfred Koplin, who has

served as a University trustee since 1981. His gift represents the largest made by a living donor in the University's history and was the latest of at least 50 significant gifts the Koplins have made to Elmhurst over the years.

Jean Koplin Memorial Hall is home to Elmhurst University's Department of Education, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, the Elmhurst Learning

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Villa Park's ice cream social returns; this year's event takes place July 3

The Villa Park Historical Society and the Villa Park Historical Preservation Commission are co-sponsoring the return of their traditional ice cream social. Last year's event was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's social will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, at the Villa Park Historical Museum and Pavilion, located at 220 S. Villa Ave., along the Illinois Prairie Path.

In addition to ice cream, the event

will feature live music, vintage cars and several craft tables. Members of the Villa Park Historical Society Board will be inside the museum to answer questions about the museum's exhibits.

College news

Following is a list of honors and achievements received by area college students.

All are Addison residents unless otherwise noted.

- Diamond Pikulyk has earned Semester Honors for the Spring 2021 semester at Edgewood College, located in Madison, Wis.
- Karlee Frewert was recognized by Bradley University's Slane College of Communications and

Fine Arts. A Theatre Arts major, Karlee was awarded the Excellence in Stage Management Award.

• More than 1800 students were named to Bradley University's Dean's List for Spring 2021.

Among them were the following Addison residents and their majors: Shannon Joseph, Kinesiology and Health Science; Konrad Czerniawski, History/Social Studies Ed (9-12); and, Karlee Frewert, Theatre Arts Production.

• A total of 11,813 students enrolled during the spring 2021 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List or the President's List (all A's). Aleksander Grabowski and Jackson Ustas were named to the Dean's List. Quincy Gunnerson was named to the President's List.

• Lewis University has named the following Addison residents to the Dean's List for the 2021 Spring Semester: Danielle Cusumano, Psychology; Nico DiTuri, Criminal Justice; Molly Drogosz, Accounting; Fiona Levesque, Middle Level Education; Yennifer Ortiz, Criminal Justice; and, Lydia Tausz, Early Childhood Special Education.

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Jonathan Kelso earns All-American distinction at UW-Platteville

Baseball standout graduated from Willowbrook in 2017

Jonathan Kelso, a 2017 Willowbrook High School graduate, piled up numerous honors during his record-breaking 2021 season with the University of Wisconsin-Platteville baseball team.

Kelso was recently recognized as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Player of the Year. He was also named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings All-American second team.

Kelso led the WIAC in hits (69), batting average (.442), slugging percentage (.782), on-base percentage (.532) and stolen bases (27) during the Pioneers' 2021 season. Kelso finished second in the conference in runs (55), total bases (122), doubles

(18) and triples (4). He placed fourth in the conference in home runs (9).

The Pioneers completed the 2021 season with an overall record of 15-26.

Kelso broke the UW-Platteville program's single-season records for hits and total bases this season. He recorded the Pioneers' best batting average in a season in 25 years.

"The UW-Platteville baseball program has been around a long time," said Chad Harris, the head coach of the Pioneers. "For Jonny to be earning this program's first All-American honor, this is very special. It is special for his current teammates and coaches, and for all the players and coaches who have come before us. For those of us who

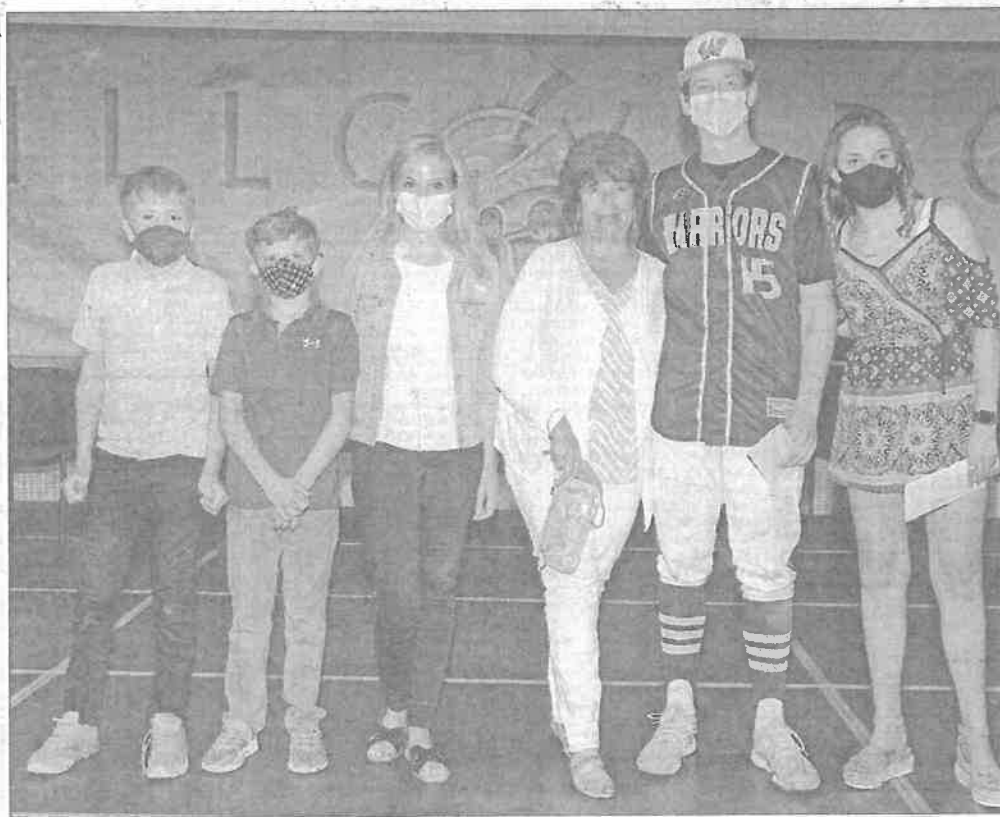
saw him every day, this award is a no-brainer. When people who did not see him routinely still recognized how great his season was, that says it all. Personally, it is hard to put into words how proud of him I truly am. He has 100 percent earned every honor he has received."

Kelso recorded a hit in 36 of the 41 games he played during the 2021 campaign. He had a career-best 13-game hitting streak during the season. He finished the season with a 10-game hitting streak. Kelso recorded 25 multi-hit games, including seven games with three or more hits. Kelso, who was the starting center fielder in all 41 of the Pioneers' games, did not commit a single error in 115 defensive chances.



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Jonathan Kelso, who graduated from Willowbrook High School in 2017, enjoyed a spectacular 2021 season for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville baseball team. Kelso was honored as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Player of the Year and he was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings All-American second team. Kelso, who started 41 of the Pioneers' 2021 games in center field, led the conference in hits (69), batting average (.442), slugging percentage (.782), on-base percentage (.532). Kelso hit nine home runs and scored runs during the season. He broke the UW-Platteville baseball team's single-season records for hits and total bases (122). Kelso was pictured while connecting for a home run during his senior season at Willowbrook. He launched the homer in a night game against Madison Trail played at Benedictine University in Lisle.



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Scholarship recipients

The Willowbrook High School Athletic Booster Club held its annual Senior Athletic Celebration on May 24. Several Willowbrook seniors received awards and scholarships during the event, which was held in the school's main gymnasium. Two of the honored student athletes from Willowbrook Class of 2021 were Hayden Kingsbury and Allison Smith, who both received the Lauren M. Klefer Memorial Scholarship. Kingsbury (second from right) and Smith (far right) are pictured (at left) with Lauren's mother—Jan Klefer (third from right). Also pictured are Jan Klefer's daughter—and Lauren's sister—Carli Bettini (third from left), along with Bettini's two sons—Jake (far left) and Connor (second from left). The Lauren M. Klefer Memorial Foundation honors and celebrates the life of Lauren Klefer—a Willowbrook High School graduate—by helping others. In addition to providing the Lauren M. Klefer Memorial Scholarship for Willowbrook High School seniors, the foundation makes donations to local families and non-profit groups for specific needs and projects.

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An All-State performance

Competing in her final meet as a Willowbrook Warrior, Daylee Braden ran to a pair of top-11 finishes during Saturday's IHSA Class 3A girls track and field state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. A 2021 Willowbrook graduate, Braden delivered a ninth-place finish in the 400-meter run, which she completed in a personal-best time of 58.25 seconds. She is pictured during Saturday's 400-meter race. Braden, who earned All-State recognition with her ninth-place finish in the 400-meter run, also turned in an 11th-place performance in the 200-meter run at the state meet. She produced a personal-best time of 25.63 seconds in Saturday's 200-meter race. Braden will continue her track career at Elmhurst University. Willowbrook's other state-meet competitor—junior Lily Weder—ran to a 21st-place finish in the 400-meter run, which she completed in 1:02.05.



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Chicago Defeats Minnesota in Ultimate Disc action

Above: Chicago Union's Nate Golf (11) catches a pass with Minnesota Wind Chill's Bret Bergmeyer (2) on defense. during the Chicago Union's 23-18 win over the Minnesota Wind Chill Saturday night at Elmhurst University's Langhorst Field. The Union is now 2-0 for the season. The Chicago Union is part of the American Ultimate Disc League.

Right: Chicago Union's Ross Barker (25) makes a pass around Minnesota Wind Chill's Colin Berry (24).



Ayala wins sectional title in discus throw

Senior earns a berth in this week's state meet

STAFF REPORT

Willowbrook's boys track and field team battled in Friday's 16-team IHSA Class 3A sectional at Hoffman Estates High School. Two Warriors—seniors Sergio Ayala and Enrique Cruz—secured state-meet berths with their performances at

the sectional. Ayala and Cruz will compete in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Ayala won the sectional title in the discus throw. His best throw at the sectional traveled 47.35 meters. Cruz earned his state-meet berth

with his second-place sectional effort in the shot put. His finest attempt at the sectional covered 16.23 meters.

Ayala delivered a sixth-place finish in the shot put at the sectional. His best attempt measured 15.09 meters. The Class 3A state-qualify-

ing standard in the shot put is 15.97 meters.

Cruz placed eighth in the sectional's discus throw competition. His best throw sailed 42.06 meters. The Class 3A state-qualifying standard in the discus throw is 46.71 meters.

Addison Trail senior Hamza Kittaneh won an individual title in the 300-meter hurdles event at the Hoffman Estates Sectional. Kittaneh finished the race in a first-place time of 40.07 seconds. He secured a berth in this week's state meet with his sectional victory.