

# Warriors win homecoming game by overpowering the Blazers

*Willowbrook scores seven first-half touchdowns on its way to a 47-7 victory*

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football team pounded Addison Trail 47-7 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park.

Playing in their homecoming game, the Warriors built a 47-0 halftime lead over the winless Blazers in the annual District 88 Bowl. The halftime lead of at least 40 points

produced a running clock throughout the second half.

Willowbrook has won the last six meetings between the two District 88 rivals. Addison Trail's most recent victory over the Warriors, a 28-26 triumph in Villa Park—came in the 2015 contest.

The Warriors earned their fourth straight win of the season on Friday. They improved to 4-2 overall and 4-0 in conference play. Willowbrook's season continues with this Friday's conference game at Hinsdale South (2-4 overall and 2-1 in the conference).

The Warriors scored four first-quarter touchdowns in front of an enthusiastic homecoming-game crowd, which was treated to a brief fireworks display after each score. Willowbrook added three more touchdowns in the second quarter. In addition to seeing fireworks after each touchdown, the audience was able to watch an extended fireworks show following the halftime performances of the school's cheerleaders, dance team and marching band.

Willowbrook scored its first touchdown against the Blazers less than one minute into the game. Sophomore quarterback A.J. Palicki connected with junior Joey Tumilty on



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Willowbrook's football team won its homecoming game on Friday night, beating Addison Trail 47-7 in Villa Park. The Warriors scored seven first-half touchdowns on their way to a 47-0 halftime lead. Willowbrook earned its fourth straight victory to improve to 4-2 overall and 4-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference. The Warriors have now won six straight meetings against Addison Trail in the annual District 88 Bowl. One photo (below left) from Friday's game shows senior Nick Mabutas turning toward the goal line during his 36-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter. Another photo (left) shows junior Joey Tumilty (No. 10) making a 32-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter. One more photo (above) shows junior defensive lineman Patrick Michael pursuing Addison Trail's quarterback. The Warriors' season continues with this Friday's conference game at Hinsdale South. Willowbrook will complete its nine-game regular season with two additional contests—a home game against York on Oct. 15, followed by a conference battle at Morton on Oct. 22.



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## Rattana qualifies for sectional

The Willowbrook girls golf team competed in last week's IHSA Class 2A Glenbard East Regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. The Warriors finished eighth in the team standings of the 10-team event. The top three teams at the regional—Hinsdale Central, Downers Grove North and Benet Academy—advanced to this week's Hinsdale South Sectional at Village Greens of Woodridge. Willowbrook senior Emma Rattana earned an individual berth in the sectional. Rattana is pictured at the Sept. 30 regional, where she fired an 18-hole score of 84 on the par-71 course. The top 10 regional scorers who weren't members of a sectional-qualifying team advanced to the sectional as individuals. Rattana finished third among that group. She is seeking her second state-meet berth. She qualified for the 2018 IHSA Class 2A state meet as a freshman. The top 10 players at each of this week's four sectionals who aren't members of state-qualifying teams will advance to the state meet as individuals. The Class 2A state meet takes place this Friday and Saturday at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur. Willowbrook junior Mickey Martens shot a 94 at the regional. Junior Maddie Aderholt carded a 106, while senior Molly Williams posted a 107 to contribute to the Warriors' regional team score of 391 (84+94+106+107). Seniors Grace Hayes (114) and Francesca Giacalone (116) rounded out Willowbrook's regional lineup.

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## Another win for the Warriors

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team improved its overall season record to 19-0 with last week's 25-14, 25-6 non-conference victory at Glenbard East. Sophomore Calli Kenny provided 10 kills and seven digs for the Warriors in their Sept. 30 win in Lombard. Freshman Hannah Kenny contributed 15 assists, five kills, four digs and four aces. Senior Katie Linnig supplied 12 assists, five digs, two aces and two assists, while junior Natalie Cipriano bashed six kills. Sophomore Elle Bruschuk delivered five kills, while junior Hope Reckamp had four kills and one dig. One photo (above) from the match at Glenbard East shows Elle Bruschuk (No. 12) and Calli Kenny (No. 9) at the net. Another photo (right) shows Reckamp (No. 11). The Warriors' schedule this week includes matches against Hinsdale South and York.





President Biden has taken a plethora of criticism for the way he handled the evacuation of American troops, citizens and other friendly forces from Afghanistan; a war he inherited from the previous administration. He should not take the blame for the ISIS suicide bomber who killed 13 American soldiers, 174 Afghan civilians and an unknown number of Taliban fighters who were in the process of helping the U.S. with the evacuation. Put the blame on the Taliban for allowing a truck loaded with explosives to pass through all their screening checkpoints. The explosion occurred outside the Kabul Airport where our troops had set up a defensive perimeter. In less than two weeks the U.S. evacuated 124,000 non-combatants and over 5,000 troops safely. President Biden is smarter than I thought. He ended the evacuation on Aug. 30, a day sooner than his publicized deadline.

Ronald Reagan once said that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. I hate to say it, but I think we're well on our way to losing freedom now. Look at the authoritative actions that many governors across the country, including JB Pritzker, have taken in the name of COVID-19. A governor unilaterally declares your business to be nonessential, and your business is forced to shut down. If you don't wear a mask or refuse to get vaccinated, you could lose your job, or your school could lose accreditation. If you happen to express views that so-called "fact-checkers" at Twitter or Facebook don't like, your account is either flagged, suspended or banned altogether. Now, YouTube is banning prominent anti-vaccine activists and blocking all anti-vaccine content. If this isn't censorship, I don't know what is.

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a 63-yard touchdown pass that gave the Warriors a 6-0 lead with 11:22 left in the first quarter. Junior Adrian Guerrero added the extra-point kick to extend Willowbrook's lead to 7-0.

About two minutes later, senior Josh Brown broke a 71-yard touchdown run. Senior Evan Stubblefield added a 1-yard scoring run later in the quarter.

The Warriors pushed their lead to 27-0 when Palicki fired a 36-yard touchdown pass to senior Nick Mabutas with 1:37 left in the first quarter.

Tumilty's leaping 32-yard touch-

Our national media is such an embarrassment. For years, the media pushed and pushed a totally false story—that Trump colluded with the Russians. The Clinton campaign reportedly created the bogus story to damage Trump's campaign, and then to hurt his presidency. The media hyped this nonsense story for years, and Trump-hating liberals blindly believed it. In addition to that, the national media ignored the legitimate story about Hunter Biden peddling influence to his father. Social media companies went one step further. Those companies did more than ignore the story. They suppressed it.

It's a shame that kids in Illinois are forced to wear masks in school. How can anyone believe cloth masks can stop an airborne virus? On top of that, healthy kids are at zero risk from COVID-19. Are people in Illinois aware that neighboring states don't have mask mandates in their schools? Doesn't that tell you something? COVID-19 isn't affecting mask-less kids in Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa. Do people think the virus weakens when it crosses into other states?

Of the 15,000 immigrants in Del Rio last week, how many of them were dropped off in Washington, D.C., or Delaware?

I noticed the *Washington Post* gave the Incoherent in Chief (Biden) two Pinocchios for saying that his \$3.5 trillion spending plan will have a quote, "zero price tag on the debt." This preposterous statement is good for at least 10 Pinocchios instead of two. It's right up there with The Chosen One (Obama) saying that you could keep your doctor, keep your health care plan and your premiums will go down by \$2,500 when he rolled out Obamacare.

down reception helped the Warriors push their lead to 34-0 in the middle of the second quarter. Moments later, following a turnover by the Blazers, Brown delivered a 4-yard touchdown run. Sophomore Luca Parato scored Willowbrook's final touchdown of the evening on a 13-yard run with 1:51 to play in the first half.

Addison Trail, which fell to 0-6 overall and 0-3 in conference play with its loss to Willowbrook, scored its only touchdown of the night on a 10-yard pass play with about four minutes remaining in the third quarter.

We now read that reducing carbon emissions will mean an increase in electricity bills, though one politician said, "We are working to ease the burden on households as much as possible." Oh, really? LIHEAP and other forms of assistance only offer a one-shot deal, and even then, it takes a fine line to qualify. How can these politicians justify adding to our electric (or any utility) bills, especially for those who can least afford it? A state bill will also require an investigation into possible misuse of customer payments by ComEd in an admitted scheme to influence Mike Madigan. And just how will that help us? Will we get some of our money back? These politicians think nothing of taking more money out of our pockets in the name of making

themselves look good by supporting a "cause."

How refreshing to see people filling pro and college football stadiums and having a good time. That's America! The fear-mongering COVID scolds would rather have everybody stay at home and wear two masks. Those people like to label any large gathering as a super-spreader, but after a few weeks of football games played in packed stadiums, there haven't been any problems. Hopefully more people are starting to notice. Maybe football fans will help erase the irrational fear.

Let's imagine that Trump was president when an American drone strike killed 10 Afghan civilians, including seven children. It would

have been the leading story on television for days. Democrats would be running in front of television cameras to shed tears and label Trump a war criminal. Those same Democrats would then move to impeach Trump. The media would be demanding explanations from Trump and his administration. But with Biden as president, what a difference. Has Biden even commented publicly on the incident? Has the media asked about it? Who knows? Maybe Biden isn't even aware of what happened.

The news media is obsessed with calling a certain group of Democrats progressives. They're not progressives; they're regressives. Radical leftist policies and spending spree certainly aren't progress. They're destroying this country.



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## Sectional qualifiers

The Willowbrook boys golf team battled in last week's IHSA Class 3A West Chicago Regional at St. Andrews Golf and Country Club. Two Warriors—(left to right) Juniors Brett Vandergrift and Vince Guajardo—earned individual berths in this week's Glenbard West Sectional with their strong play at the Sept. 29 regional. Vandergrift shot an 18-hole score of 80 on the par-71 course, while Guajardo posted an 83. Vandergrift is pictured (right) after hitting a shot during the regional. The two sectional qualifiers are pictured above shortly after the regional's awards ceremony. The top 10 individuals who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals. The top 10 individuals who aren't members of state-qualifying teams will advance to the state meet. The IHSA Class 3A state meet takes place this Friday and Saturday at the Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington. The Warriors finished sixth in the standings of the nine-team West Chicago Regional. Senior Max Hirsch shot an 88 for Willowbrook, while junior Nick Chivilo carded a 93. The top event's top three teams—Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central and Wheaton Warrenville South—advanced to the sectional's team competition.





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## Answers

PUZZLE 1

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PUZZLE 2

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## Halftime performances

Friday night's halftime entertainment at Willowbrook High School's homecoming football game included performances from the school's cheerleaders, dance team and marching band, followed by a fireworks display. The cheerleaders, dance team and marching band also participated in Friday afternoon's homecoming parade. The parade procession began near the Rugaard Gazebo (along the Illinois Prairie Path) and headed south on Ardmore Avenue to the school. Willowbrook's football team earned a 47-7 victory over Addison Trail in Friday's contest. The Warriors improved their overall season record to 4-2 with the win over their District 88 rival.

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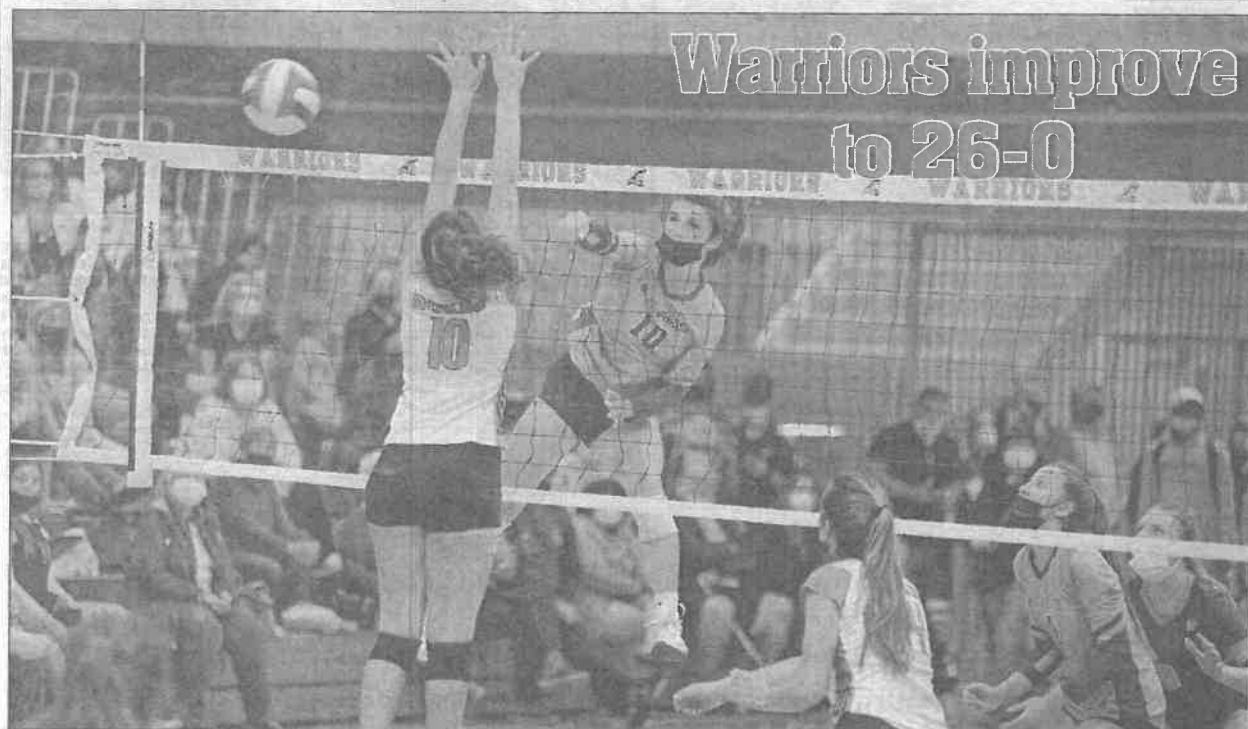
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## Warriors improve to 26-0

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The Willowbrook girls volleyball team won seven matches last week to improve its overall season record to 26-0. The Warriors began the week with a 25-12, 25-15 West Suburban Gold Conference win at Hinsdale South on Oct. 5. Two days later, Willowbrook defeated York 25-19, 25-17. Freshman Hannah Kenny (No. 10) of the Warriors is pictured during the Oct. 7 match against the Dukes in Villa Park. Kenny contributed six kills, seven digs and 10 assists in the victory, which gave the Warriors an overall season record of 21-0. Willowbrook moved to 26-0 by winning all five of its matches and claiming the championship plaque at

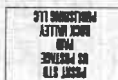
Saturday's Elk Grove Invite. Willowbrook will complete its regular season with next week's matches against Leyden and West Chicago. The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season by playing a regional-semifinal match on their home court on Oct. 26. The Willowbrook girls volleyball program has never won a regional title. If the Warriors can win a regional championship this year, they will advance to the semifinals of the Bartlett Sectional. The Warriors are the top-seeded team in that sectional, which includes 17 teams. For more about the Warriors, see Page 5.

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## Special award

The Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club presented its annual Lifetime Achievement Award during halftime of the Warriors' homecoming football game on Oct. 1. This year's recipient is Dan Olson, who is currently a member of the District 88 Board of Education. A parent of Willowbrook alumni, Olson received the award for being an active and valuable member of the Athletic Booster Club. Olson served as the club's vice president of membership. He has also been the club's "master grill chef" for many years. Willowbrook Athletic Director Brandon Murphy joined Athletic Booster Club President Ed Dowling to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Olson.

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# Still perfect! Warriors move to 26-0 with seven more wins

## Willowbrook closes out the week with five victories at Saturday's Elk Grove Invite

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team improved its season record to 26-0 by reeling off seven victories last week.

The Warriors opened the week with a 25-12, 25-15 West Suburban Gold Conference win at Hinsdale South on Oct. 5. That victory gave Willowbrook a conference record of 4-0.

Two days later, the Warriors faced York in a non-conference match in Villa Park. Willowbrook defeated the visiting Dukes 25-19, 25-17. The Oct. 7 victory over York gave the Warriors an overall season record of 21-0.

Willowbrook moved to 26-0 by winning all five of its matches and claiming the title at Saturday's Elk Grove Invite. The Warriors opened the round-robin event with a 25-12, 25-7 win over Elk Grove. Willowbrook then outscored Crystal Lake South 25-14, 25-19. In their third match of the invite, the Warriors beat Hoffman Estates 25-7, 25-17. Willowbrook went on to beat Streamwood 25-11, 25-9 before closing out the invite with

a 25-16, 25-6 win over Resurrection.

Sophomore Calli Kenny provided 10 kills and five digs in the win over Hinsdale South. Freshman Hannah Kenny had six kills, nine assists, three aces, two blocks and two digs in the win over the Hornets. Senior Kyla Ostrowski hit four kills, while junior Hope Reckamp had two kills and two aces. Senior Katie Linnig contributed 12 assists and six digs, while senior Elizabeth Bruschuk made six digs. Sophomore Elle Bruschuk supplied two kills.

Calli Kenny delivered 10 kills and six digs in the Warriors' win over York. Hannah Kenny had six kills, seven digs and 10 assists. Elizabeth Bruschuk made 10 digs, while Linnig handed out nine assists.

Junior Natalie Cipriano bashed seven kills during Saturday's win over Elk Grove. Calli Kenny connected for 12 kills in the victory over Crystal Lake South.

Hannah Kenny supplied six kills, 11 assists, seven digs, two blocks and two aces in Willowbrook's win over

Hoffman Estates at Saturday's invite. Linnig had 12 assists in the win over Streamwood. She provided 12 more assists in the victory over Resurrection. Calli Kenny pounded 12 kills against Resurrection, while Reckamp contributed two aces, two assists, two digs, one kill and one block. Junior Grace Conley made four digs in Willowbrook's final match at Saturday's invite.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes a conference match against Proviso East. Willowbrook will also play in Lincoln-Way Central's Autumn Knights Tournament, which concludes this Saturday.

The Warriors will finish the regular season with a conference match at Leyden on Oct. 20, followed one day later by a non-conference home contest against West Chicago.

The Warriors, who are hosting a post-season regional this year, will open the IHSA Class 4A playoffs with an Oct. 26 home match against either Proviso East or Proviso West. A victory on Oct. 26 would send the Warriors

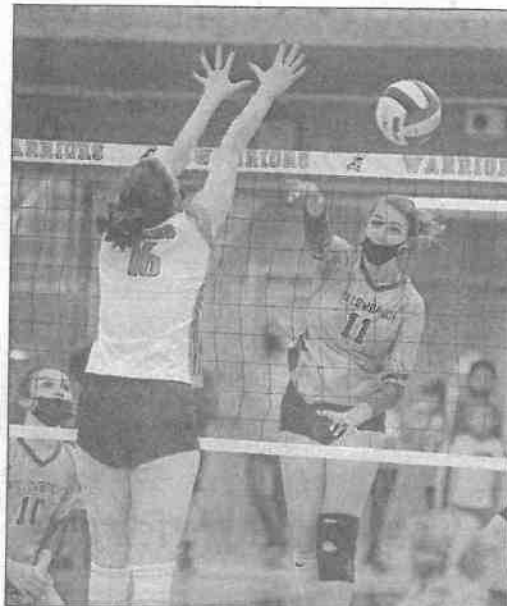
to the regional final (against either Lake Park or York) on Oct. 28.

According to the records on the IHSA website, the Willowbrook girls volleyball program has never won a regional championship. The Warriors did win a district title during the 1978-79 school year, according to the IHSA's online records. The IHSA playoffs in girls volleyball shifted

from district to regional competitions in the early 1980s.

If the Warriors win the regional title this year, they will advance to the Bartlett Sectional. The sectional's two semifinal matches will take place on Nov. 1. The sectional final is scheduled for Nov. 3.

Willowbrook is the No. 1 seed in the 17-team Bartlett Sectional.



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The Willowbrook girls volleyball team ran its overall season record to 26-0 by winning seven matches last week. The Warriors kicked off the week with a 25-12, 25-15 win at Hinsdale South on Oct. 5. Two days later, Willowbrook earned a 25-19, 25-17 victory over York in Villa Park. One photo from that match shows junior Hope Reckamp (above-No. 11) sending the ball over the net during the second game. Another photo (below) from the battle against York shows five Willowbrook players reacting to a winning point. Pictured clockwise from the bottom are: junior Grace Conley (No. 6), sophomore Calli Kenny, sophomore Elle Bruschuk, freshman Hannah Kenny and senior Katie Linnig. The Warriors moved their overall record to 21-0 with the win over York. Willowbrook improved to 26-0 by winning all five of its matches to claim the title at Saturday's Elk Grove Invite. The Warriors will finish the regular season next week. Willowbrook will open the post-season by competing on its home court in an IHSA Class 4A regional. The Warriors will need to win their first two post-season matches to claim the regional title and advance to the Bartlett Sectional.



## Warriors beat the Hornets

The Willowbrook football team earned its fifth straight win with Friday's 33-7 West Suburban Gold Conference victory at Hinsdale South. The Warriors moved to 5-2 overall and 5-0 in conference play with their win over the Hornets, who dropped to 2-5 overall and 2-2 in the conference. Willowbrook scored three first-quarter touchdowns to take an early 21-0 lead. The Warriors' lead stood at 27-0 at the end of the third quarter. Senior Josh Brown scored two touchdowns during Friday's win. Brown (right - No. 31) is pictured during one of his scoring runs. Junior Joey Tumilty also scored two touchdowns for the Warriors, while senior Jaylon White provided one touchdown. Willowbrook senior Nick Mabutas (bottom right - No. 7) is pictured while leaping to intercept a Hinsdale South pass. Willowbrook will play its final home game of the regular season this Friday, when it will battle York (6-1) of the West Suburban Silver Conference. The Dukes suffered their first loss of the season on Friday, losing a 27-23 decision to Hinsdale Central in Elmhurst. The Warriors will finish the regular season with a conference battle at Morton on Oct. 22.



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# County accepting applications for water quality grant

The DuPage County Stormwater Management Planning Committee voted Tuesday to begin accepting grant proposals for projects aimed at improving the quality of the County's waterways.

In its 23rd year, the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grant provides funding to projects exhibiting a regional water quality benefit, including restoration and green infrastructure projects.

"We've seen some remarkable projects implemented throughout DuPage County over the years with the help of these grant funds, and I'm

so pleased we can offer them annually," said DuPage County Stormwater Management Committee Chairman Jim Zay. "In addition to improving local waterways, these projects often reduce flooding, support beneficial wildlife and beauty communities."

Under the program, organizations and individuals may apply for reimbursement of up to 25 percent of costs for projects that improve water quality. Over the grant program's last two decades, DuPage County has awarded nearly \$6 million to 96 projects such as permeable paver parking lots, green roofs and native vegeta-

tion, with approximately \$300,000 awarded annually.

The WQIP grant webpage also includes past projects and common water quality enhancement practices, as well as guidance on applying for the WQIP grant. The application deadline is Jan. 7, 2022. To learn more and download the application guide, visit [www.dupageco.org/WQIPgrant](http://www.dupageco.org/WQIPgrant).

## Stormwater Committee hosts water quality webinars

In partnership with The Conservation Foundation, SWM is hosting month Water Quality Lunch 'N

Learns. Open to everyone, these free workshops will provide tips on ways to protect local waterways and ecosystems. Beginning in October, the hour-long webinars will be held the second Thursday of each month, except November, from noon to 1 p.m. Advanced registration is required, and one (1) PDH will be offered.

• Thursday, Oct. 14 from 12-1 p.m.: Water Quality Outreach: Lawn care, Leaves, Winter Tips & Pet Waste

• Thursday, Nov. 18 from 12-1 p.m.: Spring Brook No. 1 Wetland & Creek Restoration Project

• Thursday, Dec. 9 from 12-1 p.m.:

## Arlington Reservoir Retrofit

• Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 from 12-1 p.m.: Green Infrastructure Maintenance: Innovative Solutions in a Changing Climate

• Thursday, Feb. 10 from 12-1 p.m.: West Branch DuPage River Corridor Restoration

• Thursday, March 10 from 12-1 p.m.: Fall of Water Quality: Blame the Leaves

• Thursday, April 14 from 12-1 p.m.: Green Infrastructure Plant Selection and Design Tools

• Thursday, May 12 from 12-1 p.m.: Protect Your Trees During Stormwater Installations

• Thursday, June 9 from 12-1 p.m.: Versatility of Compost to Capture, Clean and Divert Stormwater

## Health department urges residents to vaccinate for flu as COVID-19 cases remain high

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is urging residents to protect themselves, their families, and those around them by getting vaccinated against influenza (flu).

This is important for individual and community health as the County enters flu season while also experiencing a surge of COVID-19 caused by the Delta variant.

The flu is a highly contagious respiratory illness which attacks the nose, throat, and lungs. Common symptoms include fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, and body aches. This potentially serious disease may lead

to hospitalization and sometimes even death.

"The best protection we have against the flu is the flu vaccine. Call your health care provider or local pharmacy to get yours today and help lower your risk of co-infection with flu and COVID-19," said Karen Ayala, health department executive director.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said it is safe to get COVID-19 vaccinations and flu shots at the same time. Annual flu vaccines are especially important for children ages 6 months to 4 years, adults age 50 and older, nursing

home residents, people with underlying health conditions such as heart disease and lung disease, people who are immunosuppressed, and people who are pregnant.

While children under 12 are not yet eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, those ages 6 months and older are strongly encouraged to get the flu vaccine.

To increase accessibility to all DuPage County residents, the DuPage Health Coalition (DHC) is offering free flu vaccine vouchers to low-income, uninsured residents of DuPage County. Several local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

are also offering flu vaccines to their uninsured patients. To learn more or request a voucher, visit [accessdupage.org/flu](http://accessdupage.org/flu).

## Ladies of the Elks plan indoor garage sale

The Elmhurst Ladies of the Elks will hold an indoor garage sale at the Elks lodge at 711 W. St. Charles Rd. The sale will take place Thursday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 23. You'll find many donations of treasures such as clothes, household items and much more. All proceeds go to local charities. Masks are required to attend.

## Team Trivia event at Elks to raise funds for Thanksgiving dinners

Now in its fourth year, Everyone Thankful is an evening of food and fun designed to raise funds to provide Thanksgiving dinners for families in need. The event, to be held Saturday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m., has as its centerpiece a team trivia contest, hosted by "Baig of Tricks Entertainment." A full barbeque dinner and gift basket raffles round out the evening. Funds raised at this event will directly benefit the local community. In past years funds from the event have been able to feed over two hundred families annually.

"Our name is also our goal," said event organizer Carl Maeder. "We believe that the basic food relief system in the USA does a fair job for most days. However, on certain days, such as Thanksgiving, the menu calls for something more. On Thanksgiving Day we'd like to see every local household who wants to celebrate the great holiday be able to put a decent feast on their own table."

Everyone Thankful is sponsored by the Elmhurst Elks Lodge and Sojourners Pub Church, with assistance provided by other local churches. Trivia teams and individuals may reserve a table in advance at [every1thankful@gmail.com](mailto:every1thankful@gmail.com). The suggested donation is \$20 per person for the evening, cash and checks accepted. Everyone Thankful will be held at the Elmhurst Elks Lodge, 711 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst. Visit <https://www.sojopubchurch.com/everyone-thankful> for more details or contact Carl Maeder at 630-439-5748.



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## An excellent career as a Warrior

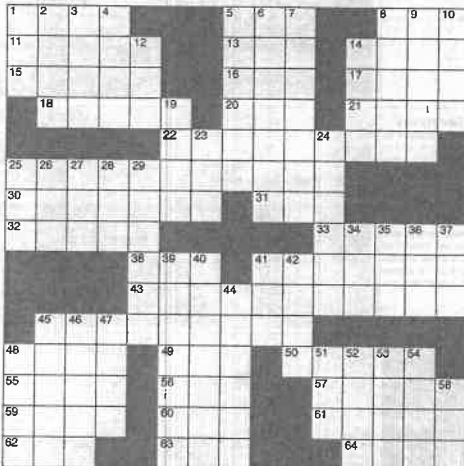
Willowbrook senior Emma Rattana concluded her career with the Warriors' girls golf team by playing in last week's IHSA Class 2A Hinsdale South Sectional at the Village Greens of Woodridge. Rattana posted an 18-hole score of 84 on the par-72 layout at the Oct. 4 sectional. She fell a few strokes short of earning an individual berth into the IHSA Class 2A State Meet, which took place on Friday and Saturday. Rattana qualified for the sectional as an individual with her strong performance at the Glenbard East Regional on Sept. 30. She is pictured at the regional, where she turned in an 18-hole score of 84 on the par-71 course. Rattana was a four-year member of Willowbrook's varsity team. As a freshman, she earned an individual berth in the 2018 IHSA Class 2A State Meet.

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis
5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)
8. Single-strand break
11. Combinations of countries
13. Cutting tool
14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine
15. Actress Lathan
16. Chatter incessantly
17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
18. Simple shoe
20. Woman (French)
21. Abnormal rattling sound
22. Able to change
25. Future butterfly
30. Used in cooking and medicine
31. A street for nightmares
32. French modernist painter
33. Dishonors
38. Integrated data processing
41. Frameworks
43. Apply new materials
45. Where merch is displayed
48. American figure skater
- Lipinski
49. Cycles per second
50. Oohed and
53. Dark olive black
56. Peyton's little brother
57. Plant in the bean family
59. A wife: \_\_\_ covert
60. Born of
61. Arranges balls on the pool table
62. Title of Italian monk
63. Tooth caregiver
64. American feminist poet

### CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather's old network
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. \_\_\_ fide (Latin)
4. Sign of healing
5. Warm-blooded vertebrate
6. Model



7. Of or relating to plants
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Where to weigh something
10. Internal structure
12. \_\_\_ Paulo, city
14. South Slavic person
19. A way to record
23. Have already done
24. As much as one can hold
25. Auburn legend Newton
26. Comedienne Gasteyer
27. Beloved dog Rin Tin \_\_\_
28. Midway between east and southeast
29. Call it a career
34. Former CIA
35. American time
36. Confederate general
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Travel downward
40. Made red-blue
41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
42. Capital of Italy
44. Small bunches of flowers
45. Calvary sword
46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
47. A well-defined track or path
48. Cereal used to make flour
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. Famed men's basketball program
58. Midway between south and southeast

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I'm sure many of the Trump worshippers who call in to Speak Out can't wait for him to run again in 2024. I noticed he was out in Des Moines whining about, what else, the 2020 election being stolen. Aww, poor baby. I sure hope he wins the Republican nomination in 2024 because nothing will galvanize me and a lot of other people more than to cast a vote against him. I'll vote for just about anybody except this egotistical, condescending modern-day Svengali.

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Don't you just love how these regressive leftists trip over themselves in their rush to raise your taxes and spend \$3.5 trillion of your money? And they do it under the guise of "investing in America."

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I heard a good one the other day in reference to AOC and her radical leftist cohorts known as The Squad. Someone on a radio program called them the Socialist Spice Girls. I have to say I got a good laugh out of that!

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Someone may have asked this before, but has any local school district reported a student being hospitalized specifically because of COVID-19? Schools will go on and on about cases, testing procedures, different protocols,

etc., but they never seem to talk about hospitalizations. We know there have been zero COVID-19 related deaths among children in DuPage County since the pandemic began. Actually, maybe some people aren't aware of that, because it isn't always mentioned, and some people seem to want to be in a constant state of fear.

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Rise up, speak out, contact your local, county, state representatives and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). Nicor is likely to raise our heating bills by as much as 48 percent, at a time when most of us can least afford it, and with cold weather coming. Nicor is planning to go before the Illinois Commerce Commission to request a delivery rate increase, which CUB opposes, and which also acknowledges that the costs are getting to be "increasingly unaffordable" for consumers. Any time a utility or business has increased costs, they get passed on to consumers. God forbid if one of them has to take a hit in profits, just like we have to take a hit in our living expenses. We have no one to pass those increased costs on to.

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To the caller about Biden's handling of Afghanistan: He did inherit the war. He chose to end it and how it ended. That is on him; nobody else. The blame

for the suicide bomber, one person, not a truck as stated, is on Biden, sorry. He let the Taliban provide security? Not a smart move. He emptied Bagram Air Base before getting the Americans and others out of the country—another move against advice of the military. The Kabul airport had one runway and was harder to secure. Biden was in a hurry to end the war for a photo opportunity on 9/11; no other reason. Add this to the border crisis, inflation, the loss of our energy dependence, poor handling of COVID-19, critical race theory, increasing taxes and unemployment. And all that makes you conclude Biden is smarter than you thought? OMG.

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The same Biden administration that tells us to get the COVID-19 vaccine and to mask up is the same administration letting tens of thousands of unvaccinated and untested people enter the country illegally. Why should anyone take Democrats seriously?

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Why are so many healthcare workers refusing to get the COVID-19 vaccine, even if that refusal costs them their jobs? You would think more people would be asking why. For over a year, these people were rightly praised as being on the front line in the fight against the pandemic. Some of these people are now being fired. These healthcare professionals must see the effects of the virus, and the vaccine. It's interesting that so many of them are refusing the vaccine.

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I cannot believe Biden's federal government has actually opened our southern border. It is incredible. I have never seen anything like this before. It is wide open. Why is this being permitted? Is this all to help the Democratic Party? If so, do Democrats actually consider themselves loyal Americans? If this is not an impeachable offense, then what is?

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Poor Joe Biden doesn't seem to know if he is afoot or on horseback and can't put two sentences together. Yeah, he is blamed for everything. He reads off the teleprompters; that is elder abuse. Thank you.

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As a teenager in the late 1960s, I was what would now be considered a progressive in my socially liberal desire to save the world and everyone in it. Back then, though, the divide between Republicans and Democrats was narrower, when goals were pretty much the same, just with different approaches to reach them. As I got older—and became a working taxpayer—it became clearer to me that my views were too idealistic and that someone, somewhere has to pay for all these great plans to save humanity. In some respects, I still have a socially liberal view, except I've added personal responsibility into the mix; that is, I am willing to offer a hand up, not a handout. Today's liberal Democrats seem more than willing to reach deeper into my wallet to pay for someone else's (fill in the blank); in other words, they will gladly give them the shirt off of my back.

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Every time there's an ad for some drug on TV, there's a disclaimer about a bunch of side effects or problems that drug could cause. Why aren't we hearing that with the COVID-19 vaccines?

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Has anyone bothered to consider the impact of hundreds of thousands of people entering our country illegally each month? What is that doing to our communities? What's the impact on the economy, the healthcare system, the education system and the criminal justice system? Democrats don't seem to care.

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When is Pritzker going to lift his useless state-wide mask mandate? Neighboring states like Indiana and Iowa have lifted their mask man-

dates. Have you heard of reports COVID-19 wiping out the population in those states? In other states, Florida, some counties have had requirements, while other counties haven't. Guess what's happened—COVID-19 positivity rates have plummeted, with no statistical difference between counties with mask mandates and counties without mandates.

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All of you climate change do-gooders out there who want to eliminate coal, natural gas and other fossil fuels in Illinois and across the country want to look at China and India get in their faces. I was looking at a world map on a website called [cartbrief.org/mapped-worlds-coal-pow-plants](http://cartbrief.org/mapped-worlds-coal-pow-plants). Take a look sometime at number of coal-fired power plants concentrated in China and India compared to the rest of the world.



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## Longtime Villa Park Review newspaper carrier retiring

The Willowbrook High School boys soccer team recognized senior players during halftime of its Senior Night game vs. West Suburban Conference Gold 1 division foe Proviso East on Oct. 10. Willowbrook alumnus (Class of 1982) and soccer team ball boy Brendan McArdle also was honored that night for his contributions to both the boys and girls soccer programs. A 2019 inductee into the Willowbrook High School Athletic Hall of Fame as an outstanding contributor, McArdle has served as boys soccer team's ball boy over 40 years. He also has been the girls soccer ball boy since the program's inception in 1991. Additionally, McArdle has been a fixture in the Villa Park community, working at a local grocery store and also delivering the Villa Park Review. McArdle will continue to be the ball boy for the soccer programs at Willowbrook but he recently announced he'll be retiring from his duties delivering the Review. Something he's been doing since 1991. Many readers came to know McArdle's prompt delivery of the paper, and he's made many friends along the way.

## Warriors blank Hilltoppers



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Willowbrook's boys soccer team defeated Glenbard West 1-0 in a recent non-conference match in Villa Park. Junior Ricardo Acosta (left - No. 2) of the Warriors scored the only goal of the Sept. 28 match when he converted a penalty kick late in the second half. Acosta is pictured during the victory over the Hilltoppers. Another photo (above) from the contest shows Willowbrook senior goalkeeper Riley Johnson making a save during the first half. The Warriors improved their overall record to 5-7 with the win over Glenbard West. Willowbrook dropped to 5-8 after a 3-0 loss at Oak Park/River Forest. The Warriors suffered a pair of West Suburban Gold Conference losses last week. They lost 3-2 at Hinsdale South on Oct. 5. Two days later, Willowbrook lost a 2-1 decision to Proviso East in Villa Park. The Warriors will finish their regular season with this week's conference match at Leyden. Willowbrook will open the IHSA Class 3A post-season with an Oct. 20 match against West Chicago at the West Chicago Regional.