

Suburban Life

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



CALLI KENNY

Willowbrook, sophomore, volleyball

Why Kenny was selected: Kenny had a combined 38 kills, 26 digs and six aces to lead the Warriors to five wins and the championship of the Elk Grove Invitational to improve to 26-0 on the season. She was voted by readers as the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week.

Here is Kenny's interview with Sports Editor Joshua Welge.

Welge: Your team is 26-0 and undefeated with about a week left in the regular season. What's your reaction when you hear that?

Kenny: It's crazy to think about it. We worked so hard for it. The whole off-season we were preparing for it, in summer, but, yeah, it's crazy. All of us can't believe it, but our goal is to keep going through the regular season undefeated.

Welge: When did you get a sense that this could be a special season?

Kenny: I felt it before the season, but I didn't know that we were going to be 26-0 and getting ranked first in our sectional. I did know during the summer that with the freshmen we had coming and the returning players that we would have a good season.

Welge: How did you feel about this last tournament?

Kenny: After our game with York, the team was a little disappointed in how we were playing and our energy was low. This weekend we stepped it up and had good energy and played consistent and played really good, especially against Crystal Lake South who is one of the better teams we have played this year. We really turned it on and that's why we were able to be so successful.

Welge: I heard this is your first time playing with your sister [freshman Hannah Kenny]. What's that been like?

Kenny: It's been super fun getting to play with her and seeing both of our talents come together. Our friendship is growing and getting to meet new people has been really fun.

Welge: You're also a great basketball and softball player. What's your best sport?

Kenny: I think volleyball is my best and it's the sport I enjoy the most. I think it's my favorite team sport between this team and club. I really like volleyball the most because of the speed of it, getting so many chances and that kind of stuff.

Welge: What is some of the advice your mom [former Willowbrook three-sport star Andrea Miller] has passed on to you as an athlete?

Kenny: One of them is to stay calm under pressure and not get worked up. If I make a few mistakes, don't get too worked up. Another one is making adjustments on the court. Another one is keeping a good attitude, not showing if I'm having trouble or getting frustrated.

Welge: What do you do to prepare for a match?

Kenny: Our team is obsessed with music. I listen to music with my AirPods before games. Before every match, we blast a bunch of our favorite songs through the speaker and we all dance. I can speak for our team that that's how we all get super pumped for games.

Welge: What's your favorite pro team?

Kenny: White Sox.

Welge: Favorite athlete?

Kenny: LeBron James.

Welge: Favorite TV show?

Kenny: "Outer Banks."

Welge: Favorite subject in school?

Kenny: Math.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: NAZARETH 25-25, JOLIET CATHOLIC 15-11



Nazareth players celebrate a point during their match against Joliet Catholic on Oct. 12. Gary E. Duncan Sr. for Shaw Media

Ivy Schoditsch, Nazareth enjoy block party on Senior Night

By GREGG VOSS
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LA GRANGE PARK – The Nazareth girls volleyball team had all the momentum on Senior Night.

Facing a tough Joliet Catholic squad, the Roadrunners parlayed 18 blocks – most accompanied by oohs from the home crowd – into a 25-15, 25-11 victory Oct. 12.

Among the 18 blocks – 16 assisted and two solo – none were bigger than a sequence early in the first set when senior middle blocker Ivy Schoditsch achieved a solo block and assisted on three others. That gave Nazareth (17-6, 4-2 in the ESCC) a 6-1 lead, and the Roadrunners never looked back.

"With Senior Night and all the emotions, you never know how the kids are going to come out with everything going on," Nazareth coach Melissa Masterson said. "[Schoditsch] kind of took those emotions in a positive way."

Not bad for a girl who injured her knee last weekend at the Glenbrook North tournament, a competition the Roadrunners won. Schoditsch's knee locked up Saturday morning, Oct. 9, so she had to sit out that day, but the good news was there was no tear. She celebrated Senior Night with seven blocks and four kills.

"That definitely feels amazing," Schoditsch said. "We had a game plan that we were supposed to block zone 1. That was in my head even before we started the game, so I knew

I had to do my job. It felt really good to do that."

Schoditsch didn't do it all, of course. Senior Katie Hurta had 11 kills, six assists and four blocks. None of her kills were bigger than the ones that put her team up 19-8 and 22-9 late in Game 2. For good measure, she served the last two points, winning both on a kill from junior Kitty Sandt and – what else? – a block by junior Emily Risley to end the match.

"That's the most blocks we've had all season," Hurta said. "I think we did a really good job with everyone wanting to get a block and putting confidence in each other. It was really exciting."

Joliet Catholic coach LaKisha Cameron said playing a team on Senior Night is a tough challenge. Her team got solid play from two seniors – Crystal Galaviz, who finished with two aces, four kills and six digs, and Lily Ray, who had four kills, five digs and 13 assists.

In the big picture, things are looking good for the Angels (17-11, 1-5 with the Class 3A playoffs on the horizon). They are the top seed in the Hinsdale South Sectional. Nazareth is the third seed in its own sectional.

"I think overall we're going in the right direction, but I think today, we were overwhelmed," Cameron said. "We knew they could block, we knew they could hit, and we just weren't executing the things we talked about in practice [Oct. 11]. I think this was more of a mental game for us."

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Young campers take the field

Willowbrook High School's varsity dance team held its Dance for a Cure camp for kids (ages 4 to 13) last week. Campers met with the dance team each afternoon from Oct. 12-14. On Friday night, the campers joined the dance team during its halftime performance at Willowbrook's varsity football game against York. One photo from the performance shows junior Glanna Wiegel (far left) with some of the campers. Proceeds from the Dance for a Cure camp benefit the fight against breast cancer.

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'CAREcrow' display at Cantigny

SCARCE Addison among exhibits

Cantigny Park visitors have something new and thought-provoking to check out during their next visit. Four DuPage nonprofit agencies, selected by Cantigny Horticulture, have created a themed

"CAREcrow" display outside the park's Visitors Center.

"This is a seasonal twist on the popular Community Trees display inside the Robert R. McCormick House in December," said Liz

Omura, senior horticulturist. "With the mansion still under renovation, the trees program is not possible this year.

So instead, the CAREcrows add something fun and educational for

our visitors while allowing us to continue supporting local nonprofits that are doing important work in our neighborhoods."

CAREcrow creators each receive a \$1,000 grant from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. They also collect 100 percent of optional donations made by Cantigny Park visitors, who are encouraged to vote for their favorite CAREcrow display. The agency gathering the most votes receives an additional \$1,000.

The four organizations described below were chosen for their commitments to environmental issues and sustainability, alleviating hunger, and building self-sufficiency in our communities. Cantigny is aligned with their goals and proud to support them.

- The Resiliency Institute, Naperville: Uses permaculture education, growing food security projects, and community engagement to build resilient communities.
- The GardenWorks Project, West Chicago: Promotes food

growing through home and community gardens to improve the community's well-being, environment, and those facing food insecurity.

- Loaves & Fishes Community Services, Naperville: Provides food and leadership in the community by uniting and mobilizing resources to empower people to be self-sufficient.

- SCARCE in Addison: Educates and mobilizes the community around recycling and other environmental issues, showing how to make a meaningful difference for our kids, environment, and future.

Cantigny visitors can see the CAREcrow displays throughout October. In addition, the park's Hosta Garden contains a scarecrow created by the Northern Illinois Hosta Society.

Cantigny Park is open daily from 7 a.m. to sunset. Parking fees are waived on the first Wednesday of the month. More information and a calendar of events are online at Cantigny.org.

District 88 amends school calendar; Nov. 22 now regular full day of school

During its Oct. 4 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved an amendment to the 2021-22 school calendar. Based on Illinois School Code, each school day must provide 300 minutes of instruction for students. District 88 has a five-year waiver with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to deviate from

this requirement to implement late-start Mondays, which provide staff with professional development time from 7:45 to 9 a.m. each Monday. In the past, this has included the Monday before Thanksgiving Break.

This year, however, the Monday before Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 22) was flagged by the ISBE as not meet-

ing the required number of hours.

As a result, the Board approved the administration's recommendation to make Nov. 22 a regular, full day of school (rather than a late-start Monday).

PLEASE NOTE: The regular bell schedule (7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.) will be implemented on Nov. 22.

Local veterans being showcased at Cantigny Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park is celebrating Family History Month—and every month—by inviting local veterans and their families to share their stories of military service.

The museum's Community Connection Case, or CCC, is a place for individuals or families to become a part of the military history narrative. Managed by Museum Specialist Jessica Waszak, the exhibit changes monthly and features military-related memorabilia, photographs and the written remembrances of veterans and family members. The case is in the museum lobby.

Waszak says the goal is to enrich our community's appreciation of armed forces service and history, and

to strengthen the museum's bond with visitors from the area. Professional curation by the First Division Museum staff ensures eye-catching and compelling displays. Donors may also be interviewed so their stories can be featured on the museum's social media pages. October's CCC exhibitors are Ralph and Linda Grieco from Winfield. Ralph's family military history goes back to Italy in WWI when his grandfather served with the Royal Italian Army and was a POW. Ralph is a retired Colonel and spent 26 years with the Army Corps of Engineers beginning in 1970. Kevin Grieco, Ralph and Linda's son, served in the Navy and Army National Guard before being

killed in the line of duty in 2008.

Content for the Community Connection Case is invited for 2022. Potential exhibitors should contact Waszak at jwaszak@fdmuseum.org or 630-260-8183. Submissions are also accepted via the First Division Museum website—a link is at the bottom of the home page.

The First Division Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4 p.m. close in November and December). Entry is included with Cantigny's parking fee. Face coverings are currently required inside the museum, regardless of CIVUD-19 vaccination status. More information is online FDMuseum.org.



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Eric Veal receives 88's Best honor for the month of September

Standout student has also received Willowbrook's Human Relations Award

Willowbrook High School senior Eric Veal Jr. was recently named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of September. Veal was honored during the District 88 Board of Education's Sept. 20 meeting.

The 88's Best honor recognizes students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. The award is presented to nine students at each of District 88's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—each school year.

Veal is an accomplished student who has been named to Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll in each semester of his high school career. He has completed several Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, as well as a multitude of honors courses. Veal is an inductee of the National Honor Society, where he served as Sergeant at Arms during his junior year, and is vice president this year.

Among his many honors, Veal has been the recipient of Willowbrook's Human Relations Award, which recognizes students for their attention to cultural diversity and human dignity. Veal is a co-founder and co-host of The Brook Channel—Willowbrook's student news channel. He is also a New Beginnings Leader at the school; New Beginnings is a program in which

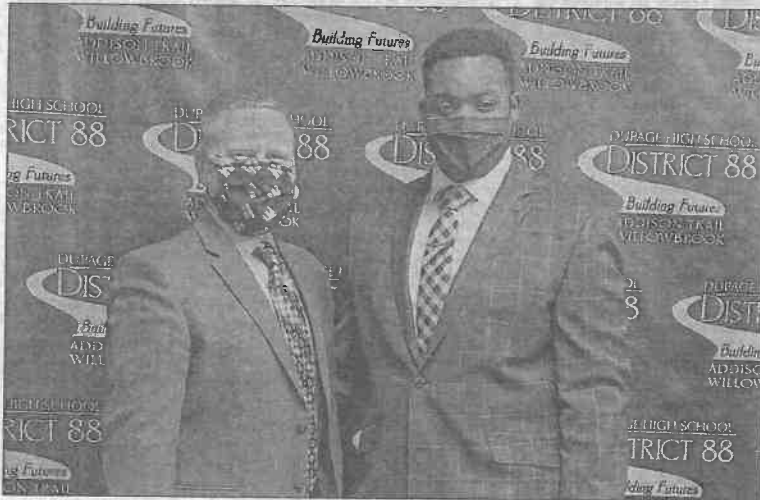
upperclassmen mentor freshmen and assist them in adjusting to high school.

Veal has helped to increase involvement in and awareness of Willowbrook's Black Organization for Student Success (BOSS). He is also a member of Willowbrook's Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!) program, which strives to prepare students to recognize and learn from the diversity around them.

Veal is a two-year member of the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council, and is serving as the council's president this year.

Veal is an organizer for the Relay for Life event, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society. He is also a regular presenter and contributor to raise awareness and increase student voices on issues related to race, equity and inclusion. Additionally, Veal volunteers with Feed My Starving Children and the food pantry at his local church.

Veal is applying to several universities, including the University of Maryland, Georgetown University, American University and Brown University. He plans to double major in political science and secondary education, with an emphasis in social studies. Veal also intends to pursue a political career.



Willowbrook High School senior Eric Veal Jr. was recently named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of September. Veal was honored during the District 88 Board of Education's Sept. 20 meeting. He is pictured (right) at that meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause. In addition to his many academic achievements, Veal has been involved with numerous clubs and organizations at the school. He has participated in more than 20 clubs during his high school career. Veal, who is applying to multiple universities, plans to double major in political science and secondary education. He also intends to pursue a political career.

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Warriors' lengthy winning streak finally comes to an end

Willowbrook drops to 30-1 with a three-game loss to Lincoln-Way Central; Warriors win their next match to move to 31-1

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team suffered its first loss of the 2021 fall season on Saturday. The Warriors, who opened the season with 30 consecutive victories, fell to 30-1 following a narrow three-game loss to the host team at the Lincoln-Way Central Invitational.

The Warriors won their next match at the invite, earning a 25-20, 25-14 win over Homewood-Flossmoor to claim third-place honors at the event. Willowbrook, which won two of three matches on Saturday, finished the day with an overall season record of 31-1.

The Warriors began last week's schedule with a 25-8, 25-13 West Suburban Gold Conference victory over Proviso East in Villa Park on Oct. 12. That win gave Willowbrook a conference mark of 5-0.

Sophomore Calli Kenny contributed six kills, six digs, four assists and an ace in the win over Proviso East. Senior Katie Linnig provided 11 assists, three kills, two aces and two digs. Freshman Hannah Kenny connected for seven kills, while sophomore Elle Bruschuk supplied three kills. Junior Natalie Cipriano also bashed three kills against the Pirates. Senior Elizabeth Bruschuk had three digs and two aces.

The Warriors opened play at the Lincoln-Way Central Invitational with a pair of matches on Oct. 13. In its first match, Willowbrook beat Thornton Fractional South 25-7, 25-7. The Warriors followed that victory with a 25-9, 25-15 win over Reavis.

Hannah Kenny had six kills, nine assists and five aces in the win over Thornton Fractional South. Linnig

handed out 11 assists, while Calli Kenny provided six kills and four digs. Elle Bruschuk and junior Hope Reckamp both supplied three kills. Cipriano and junior Lily Lowe both contributed two kills.

Hannah Kenny had nine kills, seven assists, five aces and two blocks in the win over Reavis. Calli Kenny delivered six kills and eight digs, while Linnig had 15 assists, seven digs and four aces. Reckamp had four kills and two blocks, while senior Kyla Ostrowski and Cipriano provided three and two kills, respectively. Junior Grace Conley made three digs.

The Warriors improved to 30-0 with Saturday's 25-16, 25-13 win over Lincoln-Way East. Calli Kenny and Hannah Kenny both provided eight kills in Willowbrook's first match during Saturday's play at the Lin-

coln-Way Central Invitational. Linnig had 12 assists, while Elizabeth Bruschuk made eight digs. Ostrowski and Cipriano both provided three kills.

Willowbrook suffered its first loss of the season in its second match on Saturday. The Warriors won the opening game of the match, but Lincoln-Way Central rallied for a 22-25, 26-24, 25-22 win.

Calli Kenny had 14 kills, 11 digs and three aces in the Warriors' three-game loss. Hannah Kenny contributed 18 assists, six kills and seven digs. Reckamp pounded seven kills, while Linnig piled up 13 assists. Elizabeth Bruschuk had 13 digs, while Cipriano hit five kills. Conley made seven digs, while Ostrowski provided two kills and three digs. Elle Bruschuk supplied two kills.

Calli Kenny hit 10 kills in the War-

riors' third and final match on Saturday—the two-game win over Homewood-Flossmoor. Ostrowski hit six kills, while Linnig provided 11 assists.

The Warriors are completing their regular season with this week's conference match at Leyden, along with today's non-conference home match against West Chicago.

The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season by hosting a regional on their home court. Willowbrook will open the regional with an Oct. 26 semifinal match against either Proviso East or Proviso West. A victory would send the Warriors to the Oct. 28 regional final against either York or Lake Park.

If the Warriors win the regional title, they will advance to the Bartlett Sectional. Willowbrook is the sectional's No. 1 seed.

Willowbrook falls to 5-3 after losing to York

Dukes snap Warriors' five-game winning streak; York takes the lead on a punt return for a touchdown

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football team's five-game winning streak ended with Friday night's 14-10 loss to York in Villa Park.

The Warriors' overall season record slipped to 5-3 following the loss to the Dukes. York, a member of the West Suburban Silver Conference,

improved to 7-1.

Willowbrook will complete the regular season with this Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Morton (3-5 overall and 3-2 in the conference).

The Warriors will enter the contest with a perfect 5-0 conference record. In addition to completing a perfect conference season, the Warriors would secure a berth in the IHSA playoffs with a win at Morton.

Willowbrook took a 3-0 lead against York when junior Adrian Guerrero kicked a 35-yard field goal

early in the first quarter. York took a 7-3 lead after a 20-yard touchdown run in the opening minutes of the second quarter.

The Warriors regained the lead when senior Evan Stubblefield delivered a 3-yard touchdown run with about three minutes left in the first half. Guerrero kicked the extra point

to give Willowbrook a 10-7 lead.

The Warriors maintained that 10-7 advantage until halftime, and well into the third quarter.

York scored what turned out to be the winning points on a 64-yard punt return for a touchdown with three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Warriors had a chance to produce a go-ahead drive in the game's final minute, when they drove to York's 38-yard line. The drive ended when the Dukes intercepted a pass with about 30 seconds to play. York retained possession inside its own 20-yard line and proceeded to run out the clock.



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The Willowbrook football team's five-game winning streak ended with Friday's 14-10 loss to York in Villa Park. The Warriors' overall season record dropped to 5-3 with the loss. Willowbrook held a 10-7 halftime lead over the Dukes. York scored on a 64-yard punt return with three minutes left in the third quarter to take a 13-10 lead. The Dukes added the extra-point kick to close out the scoring. One photo from Friday's game shows Willowbrook sophomore quarterback A.J. Palicki (left) throwing a pass during the third quarter. The Warriors will complete the regular season with this Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Morton. Willowbrook will enter the battle with a perfect 5-0 conference record.

Warriors run at conference meet Weder and Hayes deliver all-conference performances

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys and girls cross-country teams competed in Saturday afternoon's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Leyden High School's west campus in Northlake.

The boys and girls races both took place in sunny and cool conditions on a 3.0-mile course. The Warriors finished fourth in the team standings of the boys race. Willowbrook placed fifth in the girls competition.

Senior Lily Weder turned in the Warriors' fastest finishing time in the girls race, which she completed in a 12th-place time of 20 minutes, 30.8 seconds. Weder earned all-conference honors by placing among the top 16 individual finishers.

Junior Amelia Barrington (21:17.8) ran to an 18th-place finish for Willowbrook. Senior Madeline Barrington (21:26) placed 20th, while junior Cailey Dotson (22:37.3) posted a 32nd-place finish. Junior Abby Kusmierz (23:00.2; 37th), sophomore Lillian Caron (23:04.03; 38th) and junior Alyssa McKenna (28:00.3; 40th) rounded out Willowbrook's varsity lineup at the conference meet.

Junior Charlie Hayes of the Warriors delivered an all-conference effort with his 14th-place showing in the boys race, which began shortly after the conclusion of the girls race. Hayes negotiated the 3.0-mile course in 17 minutes, 15.4 seconds.

Junior Kevin Diederich (17:33.6) ran to a 21st-place finish, while junior Sean Kling (17:54.3) landed in 26th place. Junior Henry Sloan (18:01.03) and senior Damian Rocha (18:03.01) finished 28th and 30th, respectively. Junior Garrett Williams (18:51; 37th) and senior Alex Simmons (20:14.1; 40th) completed the Warriors' varsity lineup.

Willowbrook's boys and girls teams will both compete in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Proviso West Regional in Hillside. The regional will feature runners from 11 schools.



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All-conference efforts from the Blazers

The Addison Trail boys and girls cross-country teams ran in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Leyden High School's west campus. The Blazers finished fourth in the team standings of the girls race. Addison Trail placed sixth in the team standings of the boys race. Junior Ximena Juarez (above left - No. 37) and senior Madelyn Ford (above right - No. 35) earned all-conference honors by placing among the top 16 individual finishers in the girls race. Juarez completed the 3.0-mile girls race in a 13th-place time of 20 minutes, 44.4 seconds. Ford, who ran to a 14th-place finish, completed the race in 20:57.5. Addison Trail senior Alex Martinez (left - No. 60) delivered an all-conference effort by placing among the top 16 individuals in the boys race. Martinez finished 10th in the 3.0-mile race, which he completed in 16 minutes, 51.6 seconds. The Blazers' boys and girls teams will both compete in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Proviso West Regional in Hillside.



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Villa Park calling. For about the last two months there has been a private oversized commercial vehicle parking illegally at select times on my street. Number 1, it's a violation of the ordinance number 4036 and it's in Section 7. And Number 2, the size of this vehicle poses a traffic hazard and a definite safety issue when parked between our driveways. Driveway users' vision is obscured when leaving their property due to the blind spots; one can't see the vehicles approaching down the street and these blind spots are created by this offending vehicle. The operator of this vehicle has a nice long driveway to use but apparently is too lazy to play musical cars, so opts to park on the street in violation. I finally attempted to report this behavior to our police. I called the posted non-emergency number and I got a voicemail. Is no one in our police department manning phones on the weekends?

Your comments were forwarded to Villa Park officials, who responded: "On Oct. 2, our department did receive a voicemail describing a similar incident that we are currently following up on and addressing. In regards to answering the non-emergency phone on the weekends, our front lobby is closed on weekends and if our main number 630-834-7447 is dialed the caller is given the option of pressing 1 which will then connect them to our dispatch center." JAC

Millions in this country who have had COVID-19 have natural immunity and antibodies. The natural immune protection that develops after someone has been infected by COVID-19 offers considerably more of a shield against the Delta variant of the pandemic coronavirus than two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, according to a large Israeli study. Why is it that we never hear about studies like this either discussed or written about in the so-called mainstream media? Why is it that we never hear public health officials or the CDC talk about natural immunity? It's always shut up, fall in line and get vaccinated.

I'm old enough to remember the 1970s when environmental zealots warned us of a coming ice age. At

Villa Park VFW Post invites residents to its drive-through Halloween event on Oct. 30

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801 invites residents to its drive-through Halloween event from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. The post will give out free candy to children who come to the post with their parents. The post is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road.

While the post encourages children to come dressed in their best costumes,

some point, the fear-mongering about an ice age was replaced with cries about global warming. In the last few years, the zealots have come up with a new all-inclusive label—climate change. Of course, we are always told that we only have a few years left to enact leftist policies to save the planet. These left-wingers aren't serious people. Trust me, winter is coming, and millions of Americans will need to heat their homes. These leftists can go on and on about global warming or climate change. I'll take them seriously when they develop some policies that control the effects of the sun.

A record backlog of cargo ships at California ports. A horribly planned troop withdrawal in Afghanistan with the loss of 13 U.S. servicemen. Widespread supply chain issues. Food prices and energy prices, including gasoline, are going through the roof. The annual inflation in the U.S. has reached a 13-year high. Crime and homicides are up. The number of migrants reaching the U.S.-Mexican border has hit their highest level in more than 20 years. Life just keeps getting better with the incoherent in Chief and Vice President Giggles running the show, doesn't it? But let's look at the bright side. At least that meanie Donald Trump isn't posting mean tweets anymore.

The COVID-19 positivity rate in our region—Region 8 (DuPage and Kane counties)—is falling. It was 6.1 percent on Aug. 15, and 2.8 percent on Sept. 27. If you think that's because of Chairman Fritzer's mask mandate, I have news for you. The positivity rate has also dropped in states with no mask mandates. If the positivity rate in our area rises this October, as it did last October, what are people around here going to say? Are they going to say we need to wear two or three masks? Wake up, people.

The gas companies have us by the short hairs, so unless you have all electric heat, or a fireplace in every room to keep warm, we will be forced to pay higher prices this winter, if Nicor has its way. It wants a delivery rate increase. Please contact your local, county and state representatives, or anyone who is supposed to protect our interests, and

attendees must stay in their vehicles. Post 2801 also invites residents to attend its annual Veterans Day ceremony, which will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. This year's event will feature multiple speakers, as well musical contributions from Willowbrook High School students. Coffee and snacks will be served after the ceremony.

ask them to persuade the utility board not to grant the increase. Especially now, most of us cannot afford it and may have to choose between buying a necessity and paying the gas bill.

I see Governor Billionaire has offered the assistance of the Illinois National Guard if there's a shortage of Chicago police officers due to Lightfoot's vaccine requirements. The National Guard should have been deployed in those areas of Chicago where there are high rates of violent crime long before this.

We have a lot of problems. The ability to vote isn't one of them. How tough is it to go to your local polling place on Election Day and cast a ballot? How far away do you live from your polling place? Probably not very far. If you can't make it on Election Day, early voting is allowed in our area. That's several weeks of early voting. Is there a large group of people unable to vote in person, either on Election Day, or on any day for several weeks before that? No. But some people, in 2021, are still pushing for mail-in voting.

I just heard Dollar Tree is raising prices in stores across the country. Let that sink in for a minute. What next? Is Costco going to raise the price of their \$1.50 hot dog combo?

Hey great job, sleepy Joe. Do you miss the orange man yet? He was arrogant and rude at times but he was starting to turn this country around. Great job all you Trump haters, turning this country back. Sleepy Joe turns his back on reporters, too arrogant to even answer a question. This guy's unbelievable. Great job in Afghanistan. Yeah, Trump wanted to pull the troops out. Sleepy Joe? Unbelievable. We're the laughingstock of the world, thanks to you. He's a rambling, bumbling failure.

Hello, I watched the recent Villa Park board meeting and I was appalled at a comment made by Trustee Corkery regarding the purchase of two police vehicles. Trustee Corkery could not vote "no" fast enough for this measure, stating that we spend too much nationally on law enforcement and that this purchase seemed to be premature. I would like him to respond here in public how this purchase was premature when he never asked a simple question as to the age, mileage or condition of the vehicles that the chief of police wanted to replace. The chief of police was standing right there. He could have asked those questions but chose not to. His anti-police defund the police rhetoric was very plain to see for anyone watching this meeting and I hope everyone in Villa Park remembers is next time this man comes up for re-election. Our police officers deserve much better than they have a man like him serving them on that village board. Thank you.

Your comments were forwarded to Trustee Corkery, who responded as follows: "As I said at the village board meeting on September 13, I believe that American communities have a longstanding pattern of over-investing in policing, often to the detriment of other vital services. As stated in the publicly available agenda for the meeting, the vehicles being replaced were both under 6 years of age and 100,000 miles, and

still in working condition. Because Villa Park is a small community and therefore has limited financial resources, it's crucial that we allocate our money carefully and do not overspend on policing or any other service the village is responsible for providing. I voted in the way that I thought to be the most financially responsible and will continue to do so in the future, as is my charge as an elected official!" JAC

Our senior military leaders testified, under oath, to Congress that they advised Biden to keep about 2,500 troops in Afghanistan. Biden was of course able to proceed as he wanted. But Biden claimed that these military advisers never told him we should keep troops in Afghanistan. Someone is lying. It sure looks like it's Biden. I suppose Biden's best defense would be to claim that he's mentally unstable and didn't comprehend what the military leaders were saying.

Biden and the Democrats claim they are for the middle-class. Guess what, middle-class. Americans drive cars that run on gasoline. Rising gas prices take money out of middle-class Americans' pockets. Middle-class Americans rely on their cars to get

them to and from work. We have 1 jobs; we aren't able to sell our 1; for tens of thousands of dollars 1 Biden's son. Biden and the Democ killed a major pipeline and suspen drilling in Alaska. Thanks a lot, De ocrats!

Here's a bold prediction: it's go to get cold this winter in many p of the country. People will need/w to stay warm in their homes. Enc prices are skyrocketing, so we 1 have to pay more to stay warm. Bi and his fellow Democrats are do their best to reduce energy product in our country. Biden is a failure.

Hi, this is mainly for the pec who got a Walmart driver's licee That little stick that sticks out fr the left side of your steering whee called a directional signal; that's to idiots like me know which way yo turning and changing lanes. So, if don't know, then go back to Waln and get a refresher course because very tiresome and I can't believe th are not more accidents. Bye.

Hi. I get the impression that I death, grotesqueness, the occult violence. Thanks.



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Cross country teams compete

Willowbrook's boys and girls cross country teams competed in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Leyden's west campus in Northlake. Senior Lilly Weder (above left - No. 441) posted the fastest finishing time for the Warriors in the girl race. Weder completed the 3.0-mile race in a 12th-place time of 20 minutes, 30.8 seconds. She earned all-conference honor by placing among the top 16 individual finishers. Willowbrook junior Charlie Hayes (above right - No. 461) secured all-conference recognition with his 14th-place finish in the boys race. Hayes completed the 3.0-mile race in 17 minutes, 15.4 seconds. Willowbrook placed fourth in the team standings of Saturday's boys event. The Warriors delivered a fifth-place showing in the team standings of the girls race. Willowbrook's boys and girls teams will both run at this week's IHSA Class 3A Proviso West Regional.