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After 14 months, remains of missing Elmhurst resident, UA exec found

Contractors make discovery deep in forest preserve where car was located

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

On the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 24, the Independent learned the news that the remains of Elmhurst resident and United Airlines executive Jake Cefolia had been found deep in the Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Lemont, where his vehicle had been abandoned 14 months ago.

According to several news sources, including NBC Channel 5 News in Chicago, DuPage County Forest Preserve Police Chief David Pederson said that on Friday, Oct. 22, contractors were working in the wooded area removing invasive species, when they found what appeared to be human remains hung from a low hanging tree branch.

"The human remains were located in a very thickly covered brush area — extremely — so you could be 10 feet

away and not see it," Pederson told NBC 5.

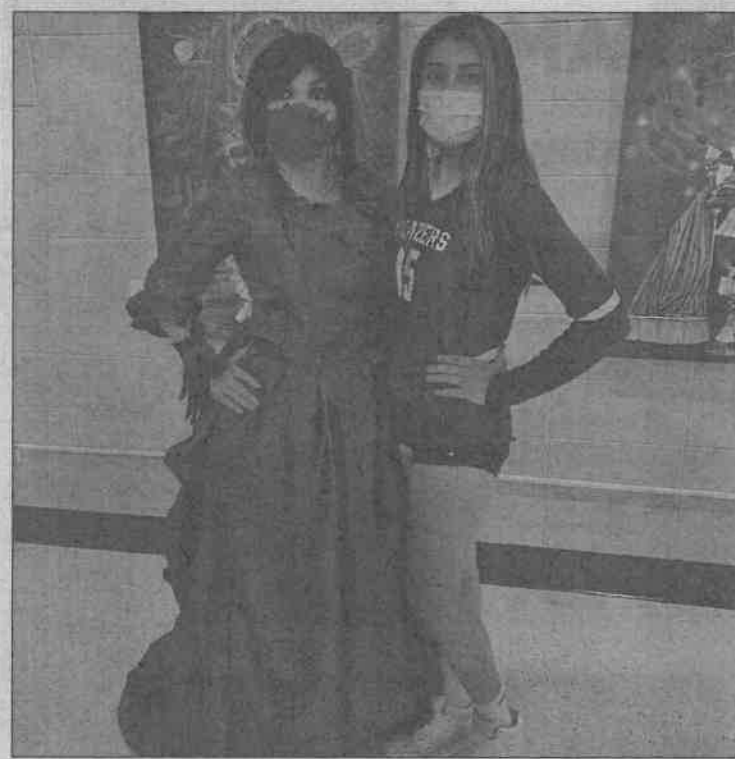
According to a release from DuPage County Coroner Richard Jorgensen, a forensic odontologist confirmed the remains to be Cefolia's after examining his dental records.

Jorgensen released the identity of Cefolia, 50, after an autopsy was performed on Saturday, although a cause and manner of death have not yet been determined and remain under investigation, the release said.

The history of a missing person

In its Aug. 20, 2020, issue, the Independent brought its readers the news that the then-49-year-old senior vice president of Worldwide Sales for

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The artist and the Queen

ATHS Homecoming Queen 2021 Diana Viegas (right) made a special trip fresh from the team bus to the ACA gallery on Saturday, Oct. 9 to meet the artist Karla Wong. Wong presented a colorful and dreamlike art show called "Tales and Stories," which will remain on display through Saturday, Nov. 6. Story and another photo inside.

Mayor to address Addison Trail High School Fine Arts Showcase Wednesday evening

On Wednesday, Oct. 27 beginning at 7:30 p.m., Addison Trail will host its annual Fine Arts Showcase, and all students, staff, parents/guardians, alumni and community members are invited to attend.

Held in the school's auditorium, the evening will feature performances by Guitar Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Beginning Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Orchestis and March-

ing Blazers. An exhibition of student artwork also will be on display.

At the beginning of the showcase, Village of Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, along with District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente and other community partners, will share an exciting message regarding the village. All residents are encouraged to attend and be part of this thrilling announcement.

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ACA hosts artist reception for Karla Wong

The artist reception for the colorful and dreamlike art show called "Tales and Stories" by Karla Wong took place on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Addison Center for the Arts (ACA) gallery.

The artist Karla Wong and her friends came with a giant pot of homemade tamales, as they were decked out in their Oaxacan goth finery complementing the imagery in the exhibit. Classical guitar musician Hector Fernandez dazzled everyone with his artistry.

Halfway through the reception, Addison Trail High School Homecoming Queen 2021 Diana Viegas stopped in just off the team bus from an athletic match to see the exhibit and meet Wong.

She couldn't stay long because she had to go home to get dressed for the Homecoming Dance in a just a couple of hours.

The president and founder of the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA) Carlos Tortolero kindly gave a speech congratulating Wong for her beautiful exhibit. He invites everyone to attend Wong's solo exhibition at the NMMA in April 2022, which will be an important step highlighting Wong's significance in the fine arts.

More about Karla Wong

Karla Wong is a rising art star of international renown who lives in Addison. Recently, Karla Wong was awarded Best in Show at the Alliance of Fine Art's 2021 "Best of the Best Show" for one of her colorful magical realist paintings that incorporate themes of Mexican folklore and, more recently, pop-culture genres like steampunk and Oaxacan goth.

The mingling of Mexican and American narrative imagery make her paintings engaging and distinctively hers.

"In each of my works, I try to express the love that I have for culture that is ingrained in me," Wong said. "I chose to reach out beyond the typical and enter the world of magical surrealism, creating my



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Pictured here at the ACA artist's reception on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Addison Center for the Arts (ACA) gallery are Carlos Tortolero, president and founder of the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA) with artist Karla Wong and Dan Mattingly. On the wall behind them is one of Wong's pieces.

own characters ...I gave them their own life, playing with the colors without sparing anything."

"Tales and Stories" by Karla

Wong is partially funded by the Illinois Arts Council and continues through Saturday, Nov. 6.

The Addison Center for the Arts

is located at 213 N. Lombard Road. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

•Missing (Continued from front page)

United Airlines had last been seen on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 6. After several family members reported that no response had been received from calls and text messages over a few days, Cefolia's ex-wife went to his home to check on him and then reported him missing to police.

Cefolia's Range Rover Sport had been discovered in the Lemont forest preserve parking lot, where he often went for a run or to hike the trails. Officials from the DuPage County Forest Preserve District began a search for Cefolia, using not only Illinois law enforcement, local police and K-9 units but over 100 volunteers who came out to help. A Facebook page set up for those concerned about Cefolia drew 1,600 members.



Jake Cefolia

United Airlines releases timeline, new details

In its Sept. 3 issue, the Independent shared the news that after 20 days, Cefolia was still missing and that United Airlines was offering some new information that wasn't previously available. UA officials noted that these details make the entire situation "even stranger."

- On Thursday, Aug. 6, Cefolia returned from California and was seen at home by family and coworkers.
- On Friday, Aug. 7, Cefolia missed a corporate event, however, he was seen on video getting gas at around 10 a.m. and was also seen on video entering Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve, wearing hiking boots and khakis (not typically what a person would wear if going for a jog.)
- He took no traceable devices with him, as his cell phone and Apple Watch were both found at home. According to the missing person's report filed by the DuPage County Forest Preserve

officers, his abandoned car contained a COVID face mask, a gray pullover and, in the trunk, a set of golf clubs and \$120 in cash.

- On Saturday, Aug. 8, Cefolia was reported missing.
- On Monday, Aug. 10, Cefolia's family hired a private investigator.
- On Friday, Aug. 14 and Saturday, Aug. 15, extensive searches of the Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve were carried out.
- During the searches, articles of clothing were found, which were turned over to police. The found shoes were confirmed not to be Cefolia's, but it's not clear if a shirt that was found belonged to him.
- A rotting smell was also reported, but that turned out to be a decaying deer.
- Cefolia was trying to sell his Elmhurst home. It hit the market on June 16, had a price reduction on July 16, and had a further price reduction on Aug. 4, two days before he went miss-

ing. It is unknown whether or not this information is significant to his disappearance.

Questions remain

There are still questions about Cefolia's disappearance. Even though Cefolia has been missing and apparently deceased all these months, he was still somehow able to sell his house "in absentia." According to a report from the York Township Assessor's Office obtained by the Chicago Tribune, Cefolia sold his four-bedroom, two-bath home in Elmhurst for \$523,000 in November after having listed it in June. It is unclear how Cefolia closed on the sale of his home in November, when he went missing in August. Another question that remains is that Cefolia was reportedly under some sort of criminal investigation at the time he went missing. Several news sources have reported it but the nature of the investigation was never released by authorities.

Warriors finish another perfect conference season

A 58-18 victory at Morton completes Willowbrook's fifth straight season of undefeated WSGC play; Warriors will open the post-season against Whitney Young

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football completed its regular season with Friday night's 58-18 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Morton in Berwyn. The Warriors finished the regular season with an overall record of 6-3.

Willowbrook went 6-0 in conference play to win its fifth straight West Suburban Gold Conference title. The Warriors have not lost a conference game since the final week of the 2016 regular season.

Willowbrook will open the IHSAA Class 7A post-season with this week's first-round game against the Dolphins of Chicago's Whitney Young Magnet High School. The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Knute Rockne Stadium in Chicago.

The Dolphins posted a regular-season record of 7-2.

The winner of the battle between Willow-

brook and Whitney Young will meet either Moline or Hampshire in the second round.

"It's not an easy feat," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of the achievement of winning another conference title. "It's never easy. It's a grind. We've been really banged up and have lost a ton of guys, so we've had different guys step up in different spots. Kudos to all of our guys for the work they've put in."

Willowbrook opened the regular season with a pair of non-conference losses at Providence Catholic and Downers Grove North. Since then, the Warriors' only loss was a narrow 14-10 setback against York in Villa Park on Oct. 15.

"Since Week 3, I've felt like we've really turned it on in practice and just the general approach to everything," said Hildreth.

Senior Evan Stubblefield scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in the first quarter of

Friday's game at Morton. His scoring runs of 11 and 16 yards helped the Warriors to a 14-0 lead by the end of the quarter. Junior Adrian Guerrero converted extra-point kicks after both of Stubblefield's first-quarter scores.

Morton, which fell to 3-6 overall and 3-3 in conference play, made a 39-yard field goal in the first minute of the second quarter to cut the Warriors' lead to 14-3. On the opening play of Willowbrook's next drive, sophomore quarterback A.J. Palicki connected with senior

Nick Mabutas on a 59-yard touchdown pass. Guerrero made the extra-point kick to give the Warriors a 21-3 lead with 10:51 left in the second quarter.

Junior Patrick Michael of Willowbrook hustled down the field and recovered the ensuing kickoff at Morton's 28-yard line. Warriors subsequently scored on junior Joey Tumilty's 11-yard touchdown run. Gu-

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CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Villa Park Pa

The Willowbrook football team finished its regular season with Friday's 58-18 West Suburban Gold Conference win at Morton. The Warriors posted a perfect 6-0 record in conference play during the season. Willowbrook has won five straight conference titles. The Warriors haven't lost a conference game since the final week of the 21 regular season. Senior Evan Stubblefield (above - No. 1) provided three rushing touchdowns for the Warriors in Friday's victory. Junior Joey Tumilty (below - No. 10) contributed one rushing touchdown and one receiving touchdown. He also intercepted a Morton pass early in the third quarter to set up another scoring drive. Another photo from Friday's game shows junior Patrick Michael (above left) diving to recover the ball on a Willowbrook kickoff during the second quarter. Michael recovered loose ball at Morton's 28-yard line to set up the Warriors' fourth touchdown of the game. Willowbrook, which finished its regular season with an overall record of 6-3, will open the IHSAA Class 7A playoffs with this Friday's game against Whitney Young (7-2) in Chicago.



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Bond denied for man who allegedly shot at Lombard office

Suspect currently on bond for armed habitual criminal felony in Cook

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Lombard Chief of Police Roy Newton have announced that bond has been denied for a Chicago man accused of shooting at a Lombard police officer.



Romaine Turner

Romaine Turner, 21, appeared at a bond hearing where Judge Margaret O'Connell granted the state's request that bond be denied. Turner has been

charged with one count of aggravated discharge of a firearm (Class X felony), one count of armed habitual criminal (Class X felony) and one count of unlawful use or possession of a weapon by a felon (Class 3 felony).

Turner is currently out on bond for armed habitual criminal, a Class X felony, out of Cook County.

On Oct. 21 at approximately 8:30 a.m., the Lombard Police Department responded to an area in the 1-100 block of W. St. Charles Road for a call of a suspicious incident regarding two males wearing ski masks

going into the 7-Eleven.

Upon his arrival, an officer allegedly encountered Turner and another man outside the 7-Eleven. While the officer was speaking with the men, another Lombard police vehicle pulled into the parking lot at which time Turner allegedly fled on foot.

It is alleged that one of the officers followed Turner when he fled. It is further alleged that as Turner ran, he appeared to be holding an object while he was running. It further alleged that Turner ran around the corner of a building and that as the officer rounded the corner, Turner raised a hand gun in the direction of the officer and fired one shot towards the officer.

It is alleged that after firing the

shot, Turner continued to flee. Turner was taken into custody later that morning while officers were conducting a search along West St. Charles Road.

"There is absolutely no reason whatsoever that Mr. Turner should have been given a cash bond the first time he was charged as an armed habitual criminal," Berlin said. "Providing a twice convicted felon the opportunity to post a relatively small bond, just \$2,500 in Mr. Turner's Cook County case, put the public and law enforcement at great risk, as alleged in this case."

"I commend the Lombard Police Department for their quick apprehension of the defendant in this case as well as the Villa Park Police Department for their assistance."

"I would like to thank our responding officers for their efforts as well as the Villa Park Police Department for their invaluable assistance in taking the suspect into custody," Ne said.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the numerous civilians provided valuable information to officers which allowed us to apprehend the suspect. I would like to thank State's Attorney Berlin's office for their legal assistance throughout this case."

Turner's next court appearance scheduled Nov. 9 for arraignment in front of Judge O'Connell. Both Class X felonies are non-probationable if found guilty, Turner faces a penalty of between 10 to 45 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Juvenile charged with carjacking from Willowbrook Target store

Accused has multiple pending felonies in other counties

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin and Willowbrook Chief of Police Robert Schaller have announced that a 15-year-old juvenile charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm, a Class X felony, appeared at a detention hearing where Judge Anthony Coco ordered the juvenile to be detained until at least his next court date which was Oct. 21 for status.

The juvenile has also been charged with one count of obstructing justice, a Class 4 felony.

On Oct. 13 at approximately 2:45 p.m., officers from the Willowbrook Police Department were dispatched to the Target store located in the 7600 block of Kingery Highway for a report of a vehicular hijacking. Upon their arrival, officers spoke with the female victim and initiated an investigation.

It is alleged that after the victim finished loading items into her vehicle, she was approached by the juvenile as she was about to enter the driver's side door. It is alleged while pointing a gun at the victim, the juvenile told her, "Give me the (expletive) keys" and "look at the gun." It is alleged that the juvenile continued to demand the keys to the victim's

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— Robert B. Berlin, DuPage County State's Attorney

multiple pending forcible felonies in Cook County and one pending forcible felony out of Will County.

"For the second time, in a brazen display of violence, an innocent person became a victim of a vehicular hijacking from a busy store parking lot in the middle of the afternoon," Berlin said. "What is particularly disturbing about the allegation in this case is that the accused 15-year-old juvenile, who currently has three pending forcible felonies out of Cook County and one forcible felony case in Will County."

"The fact that this juvenile was on pre-trial release facing multiple felonies and armed with a gun is troubling."

While it is true that the justice system is restorative in nature, it is also true that the system must still protect the public at large.

If the allegations in this case proven true, perhaps it is time to address some of the issues that at a repeat, violent juvenile offender as alleged in this case, the opportunity to commit further violence on while awaiting disposition on previous pending felonies.

"Thankfully, the victim in case was not physically harmed."



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Sectional qualifier

Senior Alex Martinez (No. 519) of the Addison Trail boys cross-country team earned an individual berth in this weekend's IHSA Class 3A Lake Park Sectional with his 15th place finish at Saturday's Proviso West Regional in Hillside. Martinez completed the 3.0-mile race in 17 minutes, 1.4 seconds. Addison Trail finished ninth in the regional's team standings. Junior Ximena Juarez of the Blazers' girls team also earned an individual sectional berth. Juarez placed 28th in the 3.0-mile girls race, which she completed in 21 minutes, 25.8 seconds.

High school student sentenced in Craigslist hate crime

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin has announced that a male Naperville Central High School student has been sentenced to two years of probation and 100 hours of community service for placing a racist ad on Craigslist offering for sale an African American student at the same high school.

On Sept. 1, the juvenile entered a plea of guilty to two counts of felony hate crime and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct in front of Judge Anthony Coco, who handed down the sentence. Additionally, Judge Coco also ordered that the juvenile undergo individual and/or

family counseling as deemed necessary by the Juvenile Probation Department and submit a DNA sample to the state's DNA database.

On Nov. 14, 2019, the juvenile took a photograph of the victim while at school. The juvenile then posted an ad on Craigslist with the photograph of the victim accompanied with the caption "Slave for sale (Naperville)" followed by an offensive racial slur. On Nov. 18, 2019, the Naperville Police Department became aware of the incident and began an investigation which led to the juvenile as the person who posted the ad.

"Hate crimes have no place in a

civilized society and will not be tolerated, regardless of the accused age," Berlin said. "Studies show that the victims of hate crimes suffer from depression, increased anxiety, low self-esteem and insecurity among other things. Every deserves the right to feel safe welcome in our communities; my office will continue to charge prosecute anyone, regardless of who engages in this type of behavior. It is my sincerest hope that the help of our Juvenile Probation Department, the juvenile involved in this incident will mature into a productive member of society."

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Warriors head to the playoffs

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Willowbrook High School's football team finished its regular season with Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Morton. The Warriors defeated the Mustangs 58-18 in Berwyn. Senior Nick Mabutas (No. 7), who is pictured during the contest, caught a 59-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback A.J. Palicki in the second quarter. Later in the quarter, Mabutas made a diving 41-yard reception at Morton's 1-yard line. The Warriors scored a touchdown on the next play to take a 34-3 lead. Willowbrook ended its regular

season with an overall record of 6-3 and a perfect conference mark of 6-0. The Warriors have won five consecutive West Suburban Gold Conference championships. Willowbrook has not lost a conference game during that span. The Warriors last suffered a conference loss during the final week of the 2016 regular season. Willowbrook will open the post-season by facing Whitney Young Magnet High School in this Friday's IHSA Class 7A first-round playoff game in Chicago.

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Warriors wrap up regular season with a Senior Night victory

Team closes regular season with a 33-1 record and a perfect 6-0 conference mark; Willowbrook hosts an IHSA regional this week

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team completed its regular season with a pair of victories last week. The two wins gave the Warriors a final regular-season mark of 33-1.

Willowbrook completed an undefeated West Suburban Gold Conference season with a 25-7, 25-12 win at Leyden on Oct. 20. The Warriors finished the conference season with a perfect 6-0 record. Willowbrook also posted an unblemished 6-0 conference mark to win the West Suburban Gold title during the abbreviated 2021 spring season. The 2020 fall season was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One day after beating Leyden, the Warriors played their Senior Night match against West Chicago. Willowbrook beat the visiting Wildcats 25-21, 25-10 in the Oct. 21 non-conference contest in Villa Park.

The Warriors are hosting an IHSA Class 4A regional this week. If Willowbrook posts a pair of victories to win the regional title, the program will claim its first regional championship and advance to next week's Bartlett Sectional.

The Warriors are the sectional's No. 1 seed.

Sophomore Calli Kenny contributed five kills, five aces, three assists and two digs for Willowbrook in last week's win over Leyden. Senior Katie Linnig handed out 10 assists and added four aces, three digs and two kills. Junior Natalie Cipriano provided six kills, while freshman Hannah Kenny had three kills and four assists. Senior Elizabeth Bruschuk supplied three digs and three assists. Junior Lily Lowe had two kills, as did sophomore Elle Bruschuk.

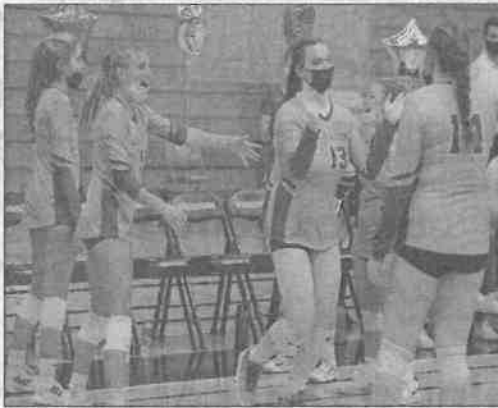
The Warriors honored the team's five seniors—Elizabeth Bruschuk, Madlynn Hoffman, Linnig, Kyla Ostrowski and team manager Fernando Villegas, before the match against West Chicago. Willowbrook had a slow start in that match. The Wildcats held a 16-11 lead in the opening game before Willowbrook heated up and rallied to win 14 of the next 19 points.

Calli Kenny piled up 12 kills, five digs and three aces in the win over the Wildcats. Hannah Kenny delivered seven kills, 10 digs and 13 assists.

Linnig had 10 assists and six digs, while Cipriano provided five kills and two blocks. Elizabeth Bruschuk contributed six digs and four assists, while Ostrowski supplied two digs, one kill and one ace.

Willowbrook won its first 30 matches of the season before losing a three-game battle to Lincoln-Way Central on Oct. 16. The loss came in the semifinal round of a tournament at Lincoln-Way Central. Willowbrook won the third-place match at the event to move to 31-1.

While there's no joy in losing, the recent loss may have come at an



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team finished its regular season with last week's 25-21, 25-10 victory over West Chicago in Villa Park. The Warriors, who honored their seniors before the Oct. 21 match against West Chicago, completed their regular season with a 33-1 record. One photo from the match shows senior Kyla Ostrowski (above left - No. 13) during the pre-match introductions. Another photo (above right) shows senior Madlynn Hoffman waiting to receive a serve. One more photo shows seniors Katie Linnig (No. 4) and Elizabeth Bruschuk (right - No. 8) reacting after Willowbrook won the final point of the match. Willowbrook, which opened its season with 30 straight victories, will host an IHSA Class 4A regional this week. If the Warriors can win a pair of matches at the regional, they will advance to the Bartlett Sectional. Willowbrook is the sectional's No. 1 seed. "Our student section and fan support has been amazing," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason after the win over West Chicago. "That support helps our girls get fired up. It's nice that we're hosting a regional, and will have our students and fans cheering us on." If the Warriors do win a regional this week, it will be the program's first regional title. "If it's going to happen, this is the crew to get it done," said Mason. One day before beating West Chicago, the Warriors defeated Leyden to complete a perfect 6-0 West Suburban Gold Conference season. The Warriors also captured the conference title with a perfect 6-0 record during the 2021 spring season. The 2020 fall season was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



opportune time, and it could relieve any pressure that might fall on an unbeaten team.

"I told the girls it was never our goal this season to go undefeated," said Willowbrook coach Irene Ma-

son while speaking after the team's regular-season finale.

"We had other goals in place and that wasn't one of them. We actually learned more from that loss [against Lincoln-Way Central]

than we did from many of our wins this year, so I think it makes us stronger. It showed us some of our weaknesses, and what we need to do to prepare for this state series. If it [a loss] had to come, it came

at the right time. We didn't want it to come against Leyden to end the conference season. We didn't want it to come on Senior Night, and we definitely don't want it to come during the state series."

Warriors run at Proviso West Regional

Four Warriors earn individual berths in the Lake Park Sectional

STAFF REPORT

Willowbrook's girls and boys cross-country teams ran at Saturday morning's IHSA Class 3A Proviso West Regional in Hillside. The Warriors' girls team ran to a ninth-place finish in the regional's team standings.

Willowbrook's boys team turned in an eighth-place showing in the event.

The top six teams at the Proviso West Regional advanced to this Saturday's Lake Park Sectional in Roselle. While the Willowbrook girls and boys teams didn't advance to the sectional, four Warriors qualified for the sectional as individuals.

The five fastest finishers in the regional's girls and boys races who weren't members of

sectional-qualifying teams earned individual sectional berths.

Willowbrook senior Lily Weder qualified for the sectional with her 25th-place finish at the regional. Weder completed the 3.0-mile race in 21 minutes, 8.2 seconds.

The rest of Willowbrook's regional lineup included freshman Molly Brown (22:13; 41st place), junior Mia Barrington (22:37.7; 46th), freshman Amelie Ojeda (23:03.1; 53rd), freshman Sophia Stasch (23:33.2; 58th), freshman Grace Capps (23:35.9; 59th) and junior Cailey Dotson (23:47.2; 61st).

Three members of Willowbrook's boys team—junior Charlie Hayes, junior Kevin Diederich and freshman Kasen Blain—earned individual sectional berths with their efforts

at the regional. Hayes negotiated the 3.0-mile course in a finishing time of 17 minutes, 30.8 seconds, good for 24th place in the event's individual standings. Diederich (17:40.3) earned 27th place, while Blain (17:54.8) landed in 32nd place.

The Willowbrook boys team's regional lineup also included freshman Jake Skibbie (18:04.8; 37th), junior Henry Sloan (18:36.2; 50th), senior Damian Rocha (18:40.3; 51st) and junior Sean Kling (18:43.4; 52nd).

York's girls and boys teams claimed the regional's team titles. York's boys team posted the regional's top five individual finishes. York's girls runners claimed six of the top seven places in the girls competition.

See photos on page 16.

Warriors finish another perfect conference season

A 58-18 victory at Morton completes Willowbrook's fifth straight season of undefeated WSGC play; Warriors will open the post-season against Whitney Young

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football completed its regular season with Friday night's 58-18 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Morton in Berwyn. The Warriors finished the regular season with an overall record of 6-3.

Willowbrook went 6-0 in conference play to win its fifth straight West Suburban Gold Conference title. The Warriors have not lost a conference game since the final week of the 2016 regular season.

Willowbrook will open the IHSA Class 7A post-season with this week's first-round game against the Dolphins of Chicago's Whitney Young Magnet High School. The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Knute Rockne Stadium in Chicago.

The Dolphins posted a regular-season record of 7-2.

The winner of the battle between Willow-

brook and Whitney Young will meet either Moline or Hampshire in the second round.

"It's not an easy feat," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of the achievement of winning another conference title. "It's never easy. It's a grind. We've been really banged up and have lost a ton of guys, so we've had different guys step up in different spots. Kudos to all of our guys for the work they've put in."

Willowbrook opened the regular season with a pair of non-conference losses at Providence Catholic and Downers Grove North. Since then, the Warriors' only loss was a narrow 14-10 setback against York in Villa Park on Oct. 15.

"Since Week 3, I've felt like we've really turned it on in practice and just the general approach to everything," said Hildreth.

Senior Evan Stubblefield scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in the first quarter of

Friday's game at Morton. His scoring runs of 11 and 16 yards helped the Warriors to a 14-0 lead by the end of the quarter. Junior Adrian Guerrero converted extra-point kicks after both of Stubblefield's first-quarter scores.

Morton, which fell to 3-6 overall and 3-3 in conference play, made a 39-yard field goal in the first minute of the second quarter to cut the Warriors' lead to 14-3. On the opening play of Willowbrook's next drive, sophomore quarterback A.J. Palicki connected with senior

Nick Mabutas on a 59-yard touchdown pass. Guerrero made the extra-point kick to give the Warriors a 21-3 lead with 10:51 left in the second quarter.

Junior Patrick Michael of Willowbrook hustled down the field and recovered the ensuing kickoff at Morton's 28-yard line. Warriors subsequently scored on junior Joey Tumilty's 11-yard touchdown run. Gu-

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CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Villa Park R

The Willowbrook football team finished its regular season with Friday's 58-18 West Suburban Gold Conference win at Morton. The Warriors posted a perfect 6-0 record in conference play during the season. Willowbrook has won five straight conference titles. The Warriors haven't lost a conference game since the final week of the 2016 regular season. Senior Evan Stubblefield (above - No. 1) provided three rushing touchdowns for the Warriors in Friday's victory. Junior Joey Tumilty (below - No. 10) contributed one rushing touchdown and one receiving touchdown. He also intercepted a Morton pass early in the third quarter to set up another scoring drive. Another photo from Friday's game shows junior Patrick Michael (above left) diving to recover the ball on a Willowbrook kickoff during the second quarter. Michael recovered loose ball at Morton's 28-yard line to set up the Warriors' fourth touchdown of the game. Willowbrook, which finished its regular season with an overall record of 6-3, will open the IHSA Class 7A playoffs with this Friday's game against Whitney Young (7-2) in Chicago.



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Every week, I read the same drivel in Speak Out about how terrible President Biden is. I bet you Trump disciples think we all would be living in Shangri-La if only the Liar in Chief had been reelected. Keep worshipping your savior with the big mouth and the orange hair. I'm glad he's out of office. Hopefully, Trump will finally start paying his fair share in taxes now that Joe Biden is president.

It is obvious to most people with common sense that President Biden and his teleprompter are programmed. The big question should be: who is writing for him and who is the programmer? Thank you.

It's funny how Biden's approval level is so low in several states, in-

cluding states he supposedly won. I assume these current polls don't use mass mail in large cities (Philadelphia, Detroit, Milwaukee, Atlanta) to gather their information, and I'm pretty sure they don't wait to count those cities' results after the results in other areas are counted.

I heard on the news that Chicago police may quit doing traffic stops for minor infractions such as expired plates and burnt out lights, in part so as not to be accused of profiling. They would then send a warning or ticket. Don't think for a minute that this maneuver won't cause just as many accusations when and if warnings are issued in some cases and tickets in others.

Did Colin Powell die of COVID-19? That's how some of the reports describe it. But Powell was 84 years old and had cancer. Did he die of COVID-19, or did he die with COVID-19? It sure seems like the COVID-19 death toll has been extremely exaggerated, because people who died of other issues were counted as COVID-19 deaths. Remember, there have been zero COVID-19 deaths among DuPage County residents age 20 and under since the pandemic began.

The Democrats should put socialism into sports and see how far they get. Both teams are equal and all scores get tied, with no playoffs. It would turn sports into an exercise program and all players get paid the same. Our future?

A vote for Biden, Durbin, Casten, Raja, etc., was a vote for open borders, high gas prices, massive government spending and surging inflation. By the way, didn't Biden promise he was going to shut down the COVID-19 virus? It's October 2021. I received two COVID-19 vaccine shots six months ago, and I'm still required to wear a napkin over my face when I walk inside a store. Thanks a lot, Democrat voters!

We are a nation in decline. Our leaders are weak, indecisive and just totally inadequate for leadership. We have a Congress that is deeply divided,

that spews hatred and division. Crime flourishes in our cities, with gunfights on our streets in which innocents are the victims. Our once-great nation is ridiculed and is the focus of hate. There seems to be more allegiance to a political party than to our country. Some Americans are blinded by the rhetoric and become depressed, angry or violent. Our nation may become something we don't want or could not imagine in our wildest dreams.

Biden's press secretary said the president has been working hard on the country's supply-chain problems for several months. If that's true, why are the problems getting worse? Come on, people. Biden couldn't competently run a lemonade stand in Villa Park. He'd probably need a teleprompter to announce to people passing by what he was selling.

It's encouraging that a few school districts are starting to challenge Pritzker and his nonsensical statewide decrees regarding COVID-19. School districts should be allowed to set their own policies, based on their own situations and local data.

I keep reading that energy prices are going to skyrocket this winter. Fortunately, according to environmental zealots, this is going to be the hottest year ever. If that's the case, I guess a lot of people won't need to worry about heating their homes. Or maybe that "hottest year ever" line is

a phony and distorted claim.

Is the new model for our country lower your expectations versus America great again?

Joe Biden said in a speech how falling officers that, quote, "It's hell of a lot harder to be a cop it's ever been." Why is that, Mr. Biden? Could it be because the re-sive leftist shills in your party to defund the police and collect three police officers under the belt George Floyd's murder last year?

I've noticed small crosses displayed outside of some churches around town this month for ReLife Month. It's certainly refreshing to see these churches stand up for unborn when many of the politicians in this sick state enthusiastically port and even celebrate abortion demand.

In August, the Chicago Department of Public Health announced that individuals age 2 and over, regard of their vaccination status, were required to wear a mask while in a public setting. I guess Chi Mayor Lori Lightfoot never the memo. Lightweight the hype posted a photo of herself on her Twitter page not wearing a mask Game 4 of the WNBA finals in the Wintrust Arena. How does saying go? "Rules for thee, but not me?"

Warriors compete at Proviso West Regional



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing
Senior Lily Weder (No. 672) of the Willowbrook girls cross-country team earned an individual berth in the IHSA Class 3A Lake Park Sectional with her performance at Saturday's Proviso West Regional in Hillside. Weder delivered a 25th-place finish at the regional. She completed the 3.0-mile race in 21 minutes, 8.2 seconds. Willowbrook's girls team finished ninth in the regional's team standings. The regional's top six teams qualified for the sectional. The top five runners who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing
Three members of Willowbrook's boys cross-country team earned individual berths in this weekend's IHSA Class 3 Lake Park Sectional with their performances at Saturday's Proviso West Regional. Junior Charlie Hayes (above left - N 678), Junior Kevin Diederich (above middle - No. 676) and freshman Kasen Blain (above right - No. 675) secured the individual berths by finishing among the top five regional runners who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams. Hayes finished 24th among all individuals in the 3.0-mile race. Diederich ran to a 27th-place finish, while Blain claimed 32nd place.

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Happy Warriors

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team claimed an IHSA regional championship for the first time in program history last week. The Warriors defeated York 25-15, 25-16 in an Oct. 28 regional final in Villa Park. Members of the Willowbrook team are pictured with the regional plaque. The Warriors improved their overall season record to 35-1 with last week's victory over the Dukes. Willowbrook advanced to this week's IHSA Class 4A Bartlett Sectional. Two wins at the sectional would propel the Warriors to this Friday's super-sectional at Mother McAuley High School in Chicago. The winner of that super-sectional will play at the IHSA state semifinals at Redbird Arena in Normal. For more about the Warriors, see Page 9.

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Blood drive at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School students and staff members participated in a recent blood drive at the school. The Willowbrook Student Council hosted the Oct. 22 drive, which collected 79 productive pints of blood for Vitalant. Each unit of blood collected supports three lives, which means that the drive at Willowbrook could help save 237 lives. The drive was open to individuals age 17 and older, as well as those 16 years old with parental consent. Donors included Junior Ava McLaughlin (left), senior Julianna Rocha (center) and physical education teacher Rachel Karos (right). To show its appreciation for blood drives at Willowbrook and Addison Trail, Vitalant presents District 88 with a check that goes toward scholarships for students at the two schools. Students, staff and community members are welcome to continue to donate blood to add to the drive's total. Appointments can be scheduled at any Vitalant Donation Center by going to www.vitalant.org, or by calling 877-258-4825. Use group code 526C to give toward scholarships for Willowbrook students.

Willowbrook will present its fall musical next week

Evening performances on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, followed by a matinee on Nov. 14

Willowbrook High School will present its fall musical next week in its Doris E. White Auditorium. The school invites the public to its performances of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," by Clark Gesner, on Nov. 11, Nov. 12 and Nov. 14. The presentations on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 will begin at 7 p.m. The matinee performance on Nov. 14 will begin at 2 p.m.

The box office, which is located in the auditorium foyer, will open at 6:15 p.m. on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12, and at 1:15 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there won't be a performance on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Audience members will be seated in every other seat because of COVID-19 protocols. Everyone who attends a performance will be required to wear a mask.

The G-rated show has a running time of 2 hours, with a 15-minute intermission.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, email Willowbrook Theatre Director Regina Wathier at rwathier@dupage88.net.

The show follows an average day in the life of Charlie Brown as he interacts with the other "Peanuts" characters created by Charles M. Schulz. Charlie wonders what his friends think about him and decides to find out how to become a good person.

Throughout the musical, the characters share their observations of Charlie, and the relationships among the group are explored.

Each person lists the things that, for him or her, constitute happiness, and Charlie realizes that to be a good person, it is necessary to do the right things for other people.

"What is so wonderful about this musical is it brings to life the characters and cartoons we all knew and loved as children," said Wathier. "It pulls some very classic storylines

"What is so wonderful about this musical is it brings to life the characters and cartoons we all knew and loved as children."

**- Regina Wathier,
Willowbrook
Theatre Director**

warmth and humanity that is inherent in Charlie Brown and the "Peanuts" crew."

During the performances, the lobby will be decorated with designs created by students in Wathier's Introduction to Theatre Arts and Acting classes.

Senior Nathaniel Falco and freshman Gillian Falco, who are brother and sister, portray Charlie Brown and Peppermint Patty. The siblings said they're grateful for the opportunity to act again.

"It's amazing to once again share the feeling of joy you get from being in the theatre," they said. "That experience has been missing, and we're thrilled to bring it back. We hope the audience leaves with a smile and feeling inspired by Charlie Brown. No matter how many times he stumbles, he keeps hope—and we could all use that resolve as we deal with the challenges of the [COVID-19] pandemic."

that are universal in their appeal, as they are archetypal experiences for everyone."

Wathier added the show is family friendly and will feature many new faces.

"The students are excited to be back on stage, and we're happy to have them there," Wathier said. "I hope audience members feel the

Conroy to hold virtual town hall meeting Nov. 16

State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-46th District) of Villa Park will hold a virtual town hall meeting where she will be joined by expert mental health advocates representing The Kennedy

Forum, NAMI DuPage and NAMI Chicago.

The town hall is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m.

Conroy who serves as chair of

the Illinois House's Mental Health and Addiction Committee wanted to highlight the increased levels of anxiety, depression and suicide exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, along with how to identify, care for and understand the signs.

Conroy stated, "19 months removed from the initial nationwide quarantine and over 700,000 deaths later, for the first time, many are coming to grips with the realities and extent of their anxiety and depression, but find themselves unsure of or unable to access the appropriate support systems they need."

The Illinois Department of Human Services recently launched a free, 24/7 Illinois Call4Calm mental

health text line where individuals can access a local counselor and available resources by texting "TALK" or "HABLAR" to 552-020. Those in need of crisis services can contact the Crisis Text Line 24 hours a day by texting REACH to 741-741 to talk to a trained crisis counselor.

A CDC study stated that roughly 30 percent of Americans reported symptoms of anxiety or depression in 2020. The percentage of survey respondents experiencing suicidal ideation nearly doubled to 11 percent.

For those interested in attending this virtual town hall, register here on Eventbrite. For any additional questions, email Tina at tina.dist46@gmail.com.

Villa Park VFW Post to hold its

Veterans Day service on Nov. 11

Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801 invites the community to attend the post's annual Veterans Day ceremony, which will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 11. The post is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road.

This year's service will feature multiple speakers, as well as musical contributions from Willowbrook High School students. Coffee and snacks will be served after the ceremony.

Mission accomplished! Warriors win a regional title

Program earns its first regional plaque; Warriors advance to this week's Bartlett Sectional

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team achieved a primary goal for the 2021 season when it captured an IHSA Class 4A regional title last week. The Warriors defeated York 25-15, 25-16 in the Oct. 28 final of the Willowbrook Regional in Villa Park.

The victory gave the Willowbrook girls volleyball program its first regional championship. The IHSA post-season format that includes regionals has been in place for about 40 years.

Willowbrook improved its overall season record to 35-1 with its win over York in the regional final. The Warriors' post-season run continued at this week's Bartlett Sectional. They opened sectional play with this week's match against Downers Grove North. Two victories at the sectional would give Willowbrook the sectional title and secure a berth in this Friday's super-sectional at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School in Chicago.

Willowbrook is the Bartlett Sectional's No. 1 seed.

"From day one, when we started in pre-season, and actually back to last season, we spent time visualizing this exact moment," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason, speaking a few minutes after the Warriors captured the regional title on their home court. Mason referred to the 2020

fall season, which was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The state's IHSA girls volleyball teams wound up playing an abbreviated season in the spring of 2021. There were no playoffs at the end of that season.

"We didn't even know if there would be a season at all, and then we had a short season, with no state series," said Mason. "We were motivated for this season. It's been two years in the making that we've been thinking about this moment."

Freshman Hannah Kenny provided eight kills, seven assists and two blocks for the Warriors in their regional victory over York. Her sister—sophomore Calli Kenny—contributed three kills, six digs and two blocks. Senior Kyla Ostrowski supplied seven kills and two digs, while senior Katie Linnig tallied 11 assists and seven digs. Senior Elizabeth Bruschuk had four digs and two assists. Junior Natalie Cipriano connected for three kills, while sophomore Elle Bruschuk made four blocks. Junior Grace Conley made four digs. Junior Hope Reckamp served a pair of aces.

"Our energy was so high the whole time; it was great," said Ostrowski as the Warriors celebrated their regional title. "This was our No. 1 goal—to win a regional. Hopefully we can continue on."

"At the beginning of the year, we



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Villa Park Review

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team claimed the first regional championship in program history when it won the plaque at last week's IHSA Class 4A regional in Villa Park. The Warriors beat York 25-15, 25-16 in the regional final on Oct. 28. One photo from the match shows senior Katie Linnig (above - No. 4) during the introduction of Willowbrook's starting lineup. Another photo shows (below right - left to right) sophomores Elle Bruschuk (No. 12) and Calli Kenny (No. 9) at the net. Senior Kyla Ostrowski (below left - No. 13) and freshman Hannah Kenny (below middle - No. 10) are both pictured while attempting to connect for a kill. The Warriors' post-season run continues at this week's Bartlett Sectional. Willowbrook is the sectional's No. 1 seed.

all set three goals," added Elizabeth Bruschuk. "Almost all of us set the goal to win a regional championship. It had never been done before [at Willowbrook]. It's super exciting to accomplish our goal. We're really proud."

Bruschuk, who missed her entire sophomore season after suffering a broken ankle just before that season started, described what makes the Warriors' regional-winning team so successful.

"Our chemistry is great; everyone gets along; the skill set and the team

work is all there, so it kind of just comes together," she said.

"It's a team effort," added Mason. "If someone is off, there are so many others who can step up. If someone is off, we have so many other options."

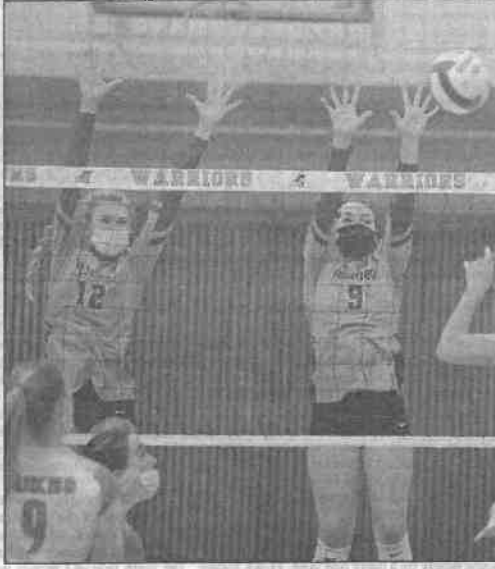
Willowbrook faced York in a regular-season match in Villa Park on Oct. 7. The Warriors earned a 25-19, 25-17 victory in that match.

"We got the win, but we weren't satisfied with how we looked," said Mason in referring to the regular-season contest against York. "We didn't think we played to our potential that

day."

The Warriors opened the post-season with a 25-7, 25-9 win over Proviso West in a regional semifinal contest on Oct. 26. Calli Kenny delivered six kills and two digs in that victory. Ostrowski hit six kills, while Hannah Kenny handed out eight assists and made three digs.

Linnig provided nine assists, four digs and four aces. Elizabeth Bruschuk contributed four assists, four digs and three aces. Cipriano connected for two kills, as did Reckamp and Elle Bruschuk.





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Why do the Republicans continue to vote against any procedure to investigate Jan. 6? It is so obvious that they have much to hide, especially the former, disgraced, twice-impeached president. Lives were in danger and yet they want to call it a rally or protest. Our lives will change drastically if we lose our democracy—it doesn't matter Republican or Democratic—we must continue to stop the evil of the "lie" about the election. Florida has finally ordered their officials to stop the lie; everyone needs to stop!

Has anyone else noticed that several things Biden and his administration say simply aren't true? The multi-trillion-dollar proposal in Congress costs nothing. The evacuation from Afghanistan was a success. If you get the COVID-19 vaccine, you won't have to wear a mask anymore. Inflation is temporary. Why would anyone believe anything these people say?

I was happy to see a caller in Speak Out take Trump to task (Oct. 28 issue). Trump was belligerent and lied constantly while he was in office. He was an embarrassment and a disgrace. I swear all you Trump sheeple would jump off a bridge if

he told you to. The Biden administration talks about increasing taxes on corporations to collect more revenue. In the long run, it will be taxpayers who will pay the price, because the corporations certainly will not narrow their profit margin—God forbid—so the costs of the products will go up to cover the increase in taxes. I am no economist, but this is dollars and "sense" to my wallet.

Check your cable TV charges—we were recently "slammed" by a well-known cable company with a monthly charge. We had to go through their corporate office to get the credit. This is totally illegal and you probably didn't even notice the extra monthly charge.

I love dogs, but there's no way I'm going to let my dog sit on my lap while I'm driving, let alone sit on my lap and let the dog stick its head out the window while I'm driving. I saw that the other day. How about when you drive, put Fido in the back seat and open up a window for him there? What a novel idea!

Leftist Democrats are in favor of diversity in everything except diver-

sity of opinion. If you disagree with these people, they will shout you down, bully you, de-platform you, try to get you fired, chase you into bathrooms and accost you on airplanes. It's ironic that some of these same leftists who are eager to harass others will run off and seek a "safe space" when they hear things they don't like.

Our nation's border with Mexico is open. Hundreds of thousands of people are entering the country illegally each month. At the same time, our Pacific coast is supposedly filled with cargo ships that aren't able to dock and unload their containers. Gas prices are rising. So is inflation. Crime is a major problem in our cities. Here's a prediction: Democrats will try to change the subject. Maybe there will be another Jussie Smollett "attack" on the horizon.

While returning home from a hockey game, we turned left off Ashland Avenue approaching I-290. All of a sudden, all heck breaks loose; bullets hitting the hoods of cars and people diving to the ground. As I looked to my right, I saw a young man was leaning out of the open back door of a car, pointing a semi-automatic down the street. The cartridges from the weapon were striking our car. What is happening

in Chicago and other large cities is pure insanity. To our so-called leaders, I say get it together, do your job. Start leading.

I didn't leave the Democrat Party. They left me. I stand for America first. It seems the party has taken over the Socialist and Communist parties because I never hear about these parties anymore. Did they get absorbed by the left or vice versa?

Here's a proposal for schools and students regarding COVID-19 policy: if you're sick, or if you're not feeling well, stay home. If you're feeling well, go to school. No testing. No masks. No vaccines for kids.

Good morning. Recently I went to Mass, and by the end of Mass, I had a very bad headache from the screaming and crying of babies and toddlers. After Mass, while walking to my car, someone also commented to me about the noise and informed me that there had been a project to enclose the vestibule glass and speakers for the parents and their fussy little ones. Well, the project doesn't work. Parents, please have some courtesy about you. Some of us would like to hear what the priest is saying. Goodbye.

Chicago is falling apart. Business-

es are leaving. Crime is rising at bail reform has led to constant shop lifting and robberies. What's Mayor Lightfoot doing about it? She threatening to fire police officers for not getting the COVID-19 vaccine Democrats are incompetent.

Leave it to the woke regressives left to take an American icon like Superman, and create a new Superman—Jon Kent. He's the offspring of Clark Kent and Lois Lane, and he just happens to be bisexual. Everything is about sexual orientation, race and gender with the regressives left. They're ruining the country.

I see the abortion on demand Illinois State Legislature voted to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. No surprise. Nor am I surprised that Suzy Glowiak Hilton, one of our local state senators, and our local state representatives, Deb Conroy at Terra Costa Howard, voted to repeal it. What surprised me was Sen. Tom Cullerton. Cullerton was one of six senators who didn't vote on the bill. Because Cullerton apparently didn't have the political courage, I must say a yes or a no vote. I can only assume he stands with Glowiak Hilton, Conroy, Costa Howard and the rest of the abortion on demand crowd in Springfield.

Warriors open post-season with a decisive win over Whitney Young in Chicago

Willowbrook will face Moline in this Friday's Class 7A second-round game in Villa Park

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook football team overpowered Whitney Young 44-0 in Friday night's IHSA Class 7A first-round playoff game in Chicago.

The Warriors, who improved their overall season record to 7-3 with the victory, will play a home game in the second round of the playoffs. Willowbrook will tangle with Moline (9-1) this Friday in Villa Park. The game will begin at 7 p.m. The winner will face either Hoffman Estates or Wheaton North in the IHSA quarterfinals.

Moline advanced to the second round following Friday's 48-42 home win over Hampshire.

The Warriors battled Whitney Young (which fell to 7-3) on a rain-soaked grass field at Knute Rockne Stadium on the far west side of Chicago. Willowbrook scored on its opening drive of the night when Evan Siebblefeld finished off the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run.

Junior Joey Tumilly added a touchdown run later in the first quarter. Tumilly scored two more rushing touchdowns during the game.

Senior Nick Mabutas extended the Warriors' lead to 22-0 when he intercepted a Whitney Young pass and raced into the end zone for a second-quarter touchdown. Willowbrook added two more touchdowns during the second quarter to push its lead to 38-0 by halftime.



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End of the season

Three members of Willowbrook's boys cross-country team finished the season by competing as individuals in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Lake Park Sectional in Roselle. Junior Kevin Diederich, freshman Kasen Blain and junior Charlie Hayes ran as individuals at the sectional, which was contested on rain-soaked course at Lake Park's east campus in Roselle. Diederich (above left - No. 2906) completed the 3.0-mile race in 17 minutes, 42.2 seconds, good for 89th place. Blain (above middle - No. 2905), who finished in 17:53, landed in 103rd place. Hayes (above right - No. 4995) turned in a 123rd-place showing. He completed the race in 18:16.4. The three Warriors earned their individual berths at the sectional with their performances at the Proviso West Regional on Oct. 23. The regional's top five runners who were members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals.

Villa Park Library events

Editor's note: Unless otherwise indicated, information on each of the following programs can be found by visiting the library's website at vppl.info or by calling 630-834-1164.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Fondue class at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold *Fondue*, the next cheese tasting class of the series from 6:30-8 p.m. In this program, attendees will learn the process of assembling fondue. This program will be held in person at the library. Masks are required. Registration and \$5 tasting fee per person is also required.

College grants and financial aid information at the Library

My College Planning Team will hold *Grants, Scholarships, and Loans* online through the Villa Park Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. This informative

webinar will explore the complex college world of need-based and merit-based financial aid. Attendees will get tips for optimizing college admissions and scholarship as well as learn strategies to increase their financial aid eligibility. This program will be held online via Zoom. Registration with a valid email address is required.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Library hosting Retro Game Night

The Villa Park Public Library will provide some old school fun at the *Retro Game Night* from 5-8 p.m. The library will provide a variety of nostalgic board games, card games, and video games to enjoy.

This program will be held in person at the library. Masks are required. Registration is not required, but capacity may be limited due to space.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Thanksgiving 101 at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library will present *Thanksgiving 101* in person at the library from 7-8:30 p.m. Chef Susan Maddox will walk attendees through the perfect Thanksgiving meal, from preparing the turkey to making some great side dishes. Registration and a \$5 tasting fee per person are required. Face masks are required to enter the library by all individuals over age 2 who can medically tolerate it, regardless of vaccination status.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Library offers free STEAM kits

The Villa Park Public Library offers free STEAM kits aimed at tweens and teens in grades 5 through 12. Each take-home kit includes materials for a project that encourages creativity, exploration, and critical thinking through inquiry-based learning. The next kit will be available for pickup at the library starting on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The deadline to register for a kit is Friday, Nov. 12.

Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20

Thanksgiving craft open house at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold a Thanksgiving Craft Open House on Friday, Nov. 19 and on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 2-4 p.m. Children of all ages can celebrate Thanksgiving with a fun craft. Young children will need adult help. Registration is not required. Face masks are required to enter the library by all individuals over age 2 who can medically tolerate it, regardless of vaccination status.

Monday, Nov. 22

Virtual travel to Zambia

The Villa Park Public Library will host *Livingstone, Zambia: Gateway to Victoria Falls* at 7 p.m. At this virtual program, Jeff Mishur will recount his adventures on game drives in Most-oa-Tunya National Park and on an elephant-back safari, rafting

on the Zambezi River, and flightseeing over Victoria Falls in a vintage bi-plane. This program will be held online, and registration with a valid email address is required.

Ongoing programs

Library holding Teen Writing Contest

The Villa Park Public Library is holding a Teen Writing Contest: Short Stories! in honor of NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate by submitting an original short story. The theme is: LIGHT. Participants are encouraged to interpret this in any way they wish. This is a wonderful opportunity for young writers to be creative and express their ideas! Winners will be announced in December. For official contest details and rules, visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Library hosting holiday matinees Nov. 24, Dec. 22

The Villa Park Public Library will hold holiday matinees for children of all ages on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and on Thursday, Dec. 22, both at 1 p.m. Registration is not required. Face masks are required to enter the library by all individuals over age 2 who can medically tolerate it, regardless of vaccination status.

Storytime at Oakbrook Terrace Park District Nov. 15, Dec. 13

The Villa Park Public Library will hold Rhythm & Rhyme Community Storytimes outdoors at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, located at 15325 Ardmore Ave. in Oakbrook Terrace. This drop-in program is for young children of all ages, accompanied by an adult. Upcoming sessions will be held Mondays, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13 from 11:30 a.m.-noon. Storytimes will take place indoors in the event of inclement weather. The Oakbrook Terrace Park District requires masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status. Registration is not required.

In-person Marvelous Mornings story times return to Library

Marvelous Mornings story times are back in-person at the Villa Park Public Library. Young children of all ages and their adults are invited to

enjoy stories, songs, and activities including a "make and take" project to enjoy together. Upcoming sessions will be held on Saturdays, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, and Dec. 18, at a.m. Sessions will be held in person at the library. Masks are required. Registration is also required.

Weekly In-house story times at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library Youth Services Department pleased to welcome youngsters back for weekly in-house story times. *Toddler Time* is being held Mondays or Thursdays from 10: to 11 a.m. Walkers up to age 3 and their adults will enjoy stories, musical activities, rhyming games, a playtime. *Babies and Books* are being held on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Pre-walkers and their adults will get introduced to the world of language and book through music and singing, stories and rhymes. *Preschool Storytime* is being held on Wednesdays at a.m. Designed for children ages 3 to 5 to attend independently, it is a lively program of imaginative stories and musical fun. All story times are being held in-person at the library. Masks are required.

English language classes with People's Resource Center at the Library

Come to the library to learn improve your English skills. The People's Resource Center is partnering with the Villa Park Public Library to present two weekly programs for English language learners. At the *Practical English Class*, students learn life skills and have the opportunity to improve English speaking, listening, reading writing, vocabulary, and grammar. Sessions are held every Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees at the *English Conversation Circle* have the opportunity to practice everyday conversations, improve pronunciation, and gain confidence in speaking English in a relaxed environment.

These sessions are held every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Sessions for both programs will be held in person at the library. Masks are required. Registration is also required.



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Sectional competitor

Senior Lily Weder (above) of the Willowbrook girls cross-country team completed her season by competing as an individual in Saturday morning's IHSA Class 3A Lake Park Sectional in Roselle. Weder ran to a 96th-place finish in the 3.0-mile sectional race, which she completed in 21 minutes, 35.7 seconds. Weder earned her individual berth in Saturday's sectional with her effort at the Proviso West Regional on Oct. 23. The regional's top five runners who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals.

Business briefs

DuPage Foundation elects new Board Chair, new Trustees

Nathaniel P. Wasson, CEPA, CFP®, TEP has been elected as Chair of DuPage Foundation's Board of Trustees to guide the Foundation's core work and strategic plan over the next few years. Wasson becomes DuPage Foundation's 12th Chair since its inception in 1986. Wasson has been a Trustee since 2013 and previously served the Foundation's Board as Vice Chair and Secretary, and participated on several committees including: Benefit, Board Development, Bright & Early DuPage, Executive and Strategic Planning.

DuPage Foundation also announced that Timothy D. Elliott, Andrew O. Johnson and Sahira P. Sadiq were elected to its Board of Trustees during a recent Board meeting.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!