

Special award...

LONGTIME DISTRICT 88 BOARD OF EDUCATION member Mark Johnson, who passed away in December 2014, was recognized at the recent Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Those Who Excel banquet and dinner. Johnson was honored with a Meritorious Service award in the school board member/community volunteer category of the ISBE's Those Who Excel Program. Johnson, who grew up in Villa Park and graduated from Willowbrook High School in 1966, was a District 88 Board member from 1999 until his death last year. He served as the board's president from 2003-11. Illinois State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith, Ph.D., presented the award to Johnson's wife Phyllis at the Oct. 17 event, which took place in Normal. Pictured left to right are District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Smith, Phyllis Johnson, District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain, District 88 Board of Education member Lisa Lullo and District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente. In addition to serving on the school board, Johnson was a member of the Villa Park Police Department for over 30 years. He retired as deputy chief in 2009.



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Annual Trick or Trot event provides preview of Halloween

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club held its third annual Trick or Trot 5K run/walk on Saturday morning. The race began and ended on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugaard Gazebo. The 5-kilometer run started at 9 a.m. A 1-kilometer run for children began about an hour later. A total of about 120 people took part in the races.

Participants were encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. One of the most popular forms of attire turned out to be rain gear, as showers fell during the beginning of each race.

All proceeds from the race benefit the VPIWC, which was founded in 2004 by a group of Villa Park women who wanted to make a positive difference in the village.



A colorful event...

THE VILLA PARK JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB'S annual Trick or Trot 5K run/walk and 1-kilometer children's run took place in rainy conditions on Saturday. A steady rain fell just before the start of the 5-kilometer race. The rain subsided for awhile, but another shower arrived right after the start of the children's race. The lower left photo shows Dave and Stephanie Bolakowski of Villa Park approaching the finish line of the 5K run. The upper left photo shows Lisa Stanick of Lombard near the finish line. The above right photo shows 8-year-old Anna Marinier of Villa Park pulling away from her father Ryan in the closing seconds of the 5K run. The lower right picture shows some of the runners at the start of the children's race.

Race photos by Chris Fox

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Dist. 45 offers free screenings on Nov. 2; appointments required

School District 45 will conduct free developmental screenings for children on Monday, Nov. 2. Children must be 3 years of age by the date of the screening. They should live in the district, but not be currently enrolled in kindergarten.

Appointments are necessary for the free screenings. Parents who suspect their child has a disability can make an appointment by calling Sharon Mallin at the District 45 office at 630-516-7318.

The screening process identifies how the child is currently developing. Assessed areas include: speech and language, vision and hearing, motor skills and cognitive development.

The screening is conducted by professional school staff in a variety of pleasant playroom situations.

Each screening takes approximately 60 to 120 minutes. Screening results are shared with parents.

Village board passes resolutions urging state not to reduce funding

The Villa Park Village Board unanimously approved two resolutions during Monday's meeting urging Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and the state's general assembly to "protect full funding" of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenues.

Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner referred to the current budget impasse in Springfield during Monday's meeting. He said Rauner's proposal of a 50-percent reduction in LGDF revenue would cost the village about \$1.1 million.

Municipalities including Villa Park currently receive 8 percent of total state income tax collections. Rauner has proposed that municipalities receive 4 percent of those collections. According to the Illinois Municipal League (IML), municipalities receive \$97 per person from the LGDF. Villa Park, with a population of about 22,000, reportedly received about \$2.1 million in

LGDF revenues during Municipal Fiscal Year 2015 (May of 2014 to April of 2015). Keehner said that if Rauner's proposal is enacted, the village's LGDF revenue, which was expected to be about \$2.2 million in the current fiscal year, will be cut in half to \$1.1 million.

In discussion of motor fuel tax revenues, Keehner said the proposed reduction in funding from that source would cost the village \$540,000. He said the loss of that revenue, which is collected by the state and redistributed to local municipalities, would have a significant impact on road construction and maintenance.

Keehner said the village's resolutions would be passed on to the IML, which would relay the information to state government leaders. Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel added that several Illinois municipalities have enacted similar resolutions to protest a potential reduction in MFT and LGDF funding.

Villa Park's unlimited fall leaf disposal continues through the end of November

Yard waste stickers will not be required through Dec. 4

The Village of Villa Park's fall leaf collection program will allow residents to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers.

The program will be in effect during a seven-week period that began last week (the week of Monday, Oct. 19) and ends the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 4.

Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and not larger than 18 inches in diameter. No limbs over 4 inches in diameter

will be accepted.

Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles. Since all brush and yard waste are transported to a composting facility for processing, plastic bags may not be used. Residents should use only biodegradable twine or string for binding brush.

It is unlawful to deposit yard waste of any kind into public streets.

For more information, call the village's public works department at 630-834-8505.

Villa Park sets its Halloween trick-or-treating hours; 3-7 p.m.

The Villa Park Village Board has adopted Saturday, Oct. 31, from 3-7 p.m. as the official hours for Halloween trick-or-treating. All local schools have been notified of the hours and will be encouraging their students to comply with the trick-or-treat hours. In addition, Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavelchik stated that additional police personnel will be available to assist residents during the four-hour trick-or-treating period. Pavelchik encourages parents to make sure that their children trick-or-treat only during those hours.

Chief Pavelchik recommends that parents take a few simple steps to help ensure their children's safety during Halloween.

• Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. No child should ever

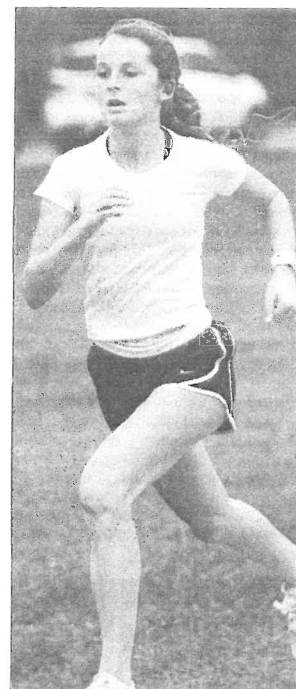
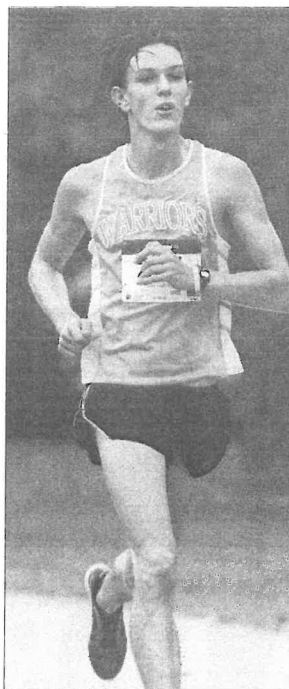
trick-or-treat alone. Children should walk only in well-lighted areas and avoid backyards, alleys, empty lots and parks.

• Make sure that any masks that are worn do not block a child's vision. They should be able to see well both in front and to each side.

• Children who trick-or-treat after dark should carry flashlights and use reflective tape on their costumes.

• Parents of older children should know the routes they are planning to take and set a time for kids to be home. It is strongly recommended that children go out in groups rather than by themselves.

• Review the contents of all treats. Remove any suspicious treats. If any treats show signs of possible tampering, call the police department at 630-834-7447.



Race champions...

THE ABOVE PHOTOS show the male and female champions of the Villa Park Junior Women's Club's third annual Trick or Trot 5K run/walk, which took place Saturday. The above left photo shows Villa Park's Tim Hyde, the overall champion of the 5-kilometer run. He is pictured as he approaches the finish line on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugar Gazebo. A 2013 graduate of Willowbrook High School, Hyde is preparing for the upcoming track season at Augustana University. The above right photo shows Villa Park's Ellie King, who successfully defended her female title in the 5-kilometer race. Ellie is an eighth-grader at St. Pius X School in Lombard. All proceeds from the event will benefit the local charities, organizations and families supported by the Villa Park Junior Women's Club. For more information about the club, visit its Web site at www.vpjwc.org.

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Warriors' season ends...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR AARON JOHNSON (above) of the Willowbrook boys soccer team controls the ball during the second half of Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional final against Schaumburg at Lake Park High School's east campus in Roselle. Schaumburg defeated the Warriors 3-0. The Saxons scored two goals in the first half and added their final goal late in the second half. Willowbrook finished the season with an overall record of 11-7. "We met a very good team tonight," said Willowbrook head coach Peter Ginter of Schaumburg, which is the top seeded team in the Wheaton Academy Sectional. (The Warriors were the No. 10 seed.) "We created scoring opportunities in the second half. We just couldn't finish." The Warriors advanced to Saturday's regional championship match by beating Lake Park 1-0 in an Oct. 21 regional semifinal battle in Roselle. Sophomore Miguel Correa scored the only goal of the match early in the second half on an assist from junior Saul Hernandez. "We played great defensively," said Ginter of the win over the Lancers. "It was a blue-collar victory. We had to put a lot of effort in to beat them on their own turf." While disappointed with Saturday's loss to Schaumburg, Ginter was pleased with the Warriors' overall performance this year. "It was a winning season, something we haven't had for awhile," he said. "Reaching the regional final was a nice accomplishment."



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Sports

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Losses end playoff hopes for Rams and Warriors

The Glenbard East football team's 2015 season ended with a 42-27 loss to Bartlett in Friday's Upstate Eight Valley Conference game in Lombard. Each team entered the game needing a win to qualify for the IHSA playoffs. The visiting Hawks, who rushed for 308 yards in the first half, scored the game's first three touchdowns to take a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. The Rams struck for two touchdowns before halftime—an 11-yard pass from senior quarterback Phil Abruzzino to senior Zach Walsh and a 1-yard run by junior Devonta Owens. Bartlett held a 28-14 halftime lead.

The Rams cut the Hawks' lead to 28-21 on Abruzzino's 13-yard TD pass to senior Karon Keyes with about four minutes left in the third quarter. The Hawks then scored two touchdowns in the next three minutes on a 47-yard pass and a 42-yard interception return. Bartlett (5-4) made three more interceptions during the game.

Glenbard East scored its final touchdown of the night when senior Davontae Smith blocked a Bartlett field goal attempt during the fourth quarter and senior Matt Luttrell picked up the loose ball and ran about 80 yards for a touchdown.

"We didn't make enough plays to get where we needed to go," said

Glenbard East coach John Walters, whose team lost its last four games and finished the season with a record of 4-5. "We had five losses, all to good football teams. Something bad happened in all of those games. If you give good teams too many opportunities, they're going to beat you."

All five teams that beat Glenbard East this season (Glenbard North, South Elgin, Geneva, West Aurora and Bartlett) qualified for the playoffs.

Willowbrook

The Warriors needed to win Friday's regular-season finale at Leyden to win the West Suburban Gold Conference championship and earn a trip to the playoffs. The Eagles, however, played the role of the spoiler, beating Willowbrook 16-7.

The Warriors finished the season with an overall record of 5-4. More than 50 Illinois teams that finished the season with that record made the playoffs. Willowbrook is one of 10 teams that posted a 5-4 record that didn't advance to the post-season.

Hinsdale South, which beat Morton 49-7 on Friday, won the conference title with a 5-1 record and will represent the conference in the playoffs. The Warriors, who posted a 4-2 conference record (with losses to Addison Trail and Leyden), handed Hinsdale South its

only WSGC loss of the year—a 27-13 defeat in Darien on Sept. 19.

Willowbrook scored on its first offensive series against Leyden. Senior quarterback Billy Degnan connected with senior Josan Murphy on a 23-yard touchdown pass.

Leyden took an 8-7 lead following a 95-yard touchdown pass and a successful two-point conversion. The Eagles, who finished the season with a 4-5 record, added a touchdown and a safety during the second half.

Montini

The Broncos completed an unbeaten regular season with Friday's 35-0 win at Marmion Academy in Aurora. Montini (9-0) posted its fourth shutout of the season.

Junior Prince Walker ran for two touchdowns, while senior quarterback Justin Blake ran for one score and fired two TD passes to senior Dylan Maher. Montini held a 21-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Broncos will open the IHSA Class 6A playoffs with this Saturday's first-round home game against Wauconda. Montini played in six straight Class 5A state title games (winning four from 2009-12 and losing in 2013 and 2014). This is the program's first post-season appearance in the Class 6A level.



Tackling Rams...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Louis Mogavero (No. 34, upper right) reaches to assist in tackling a Bartlett ball carrier during Friday's Upstate Eight Valley Conference football game against Bartlett. Senior Anthony Allen (No. 9, lower right) hangs on to the runner, while senior Bryan Andrews (left) approaches. Bartlett defeated the Rams 42-27 in the regular-season finale in Lombard.



Fifth in state...

File photo

GLENBARD EAST SOPHOMORE Kolie Allen (above) won seven of eight matches at the IHSA girls state tennis meet on her way to claiming fifth-place honors in the singles competition. Allen opened the meet with three victories on Thursday to advance to the round of 16. She won her first match on Friday to advance to the quarterfinals of the state singles meet. Later on Friday, Allen lost to Tiffany Chen of Naperville Central in the quarterfinal round. Allen then moved to the consolation round of the double-elimination event and won three straight matches, including Saturday's match for the fifth-place medal. Allen, who won four of six matches at last year's state meet, finished the 2015 season with an overall record of 30-3.



Senior Rams...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE GLENBARD EAST girls volleyball team closed out its regular season with Thursday's home match against Montini. The visiting Broncos defeated the Rams 26-24, 25-22. The above photo shows the seven seniors on the Glenbard East team. Pictured left to right are: Emily Hamaker, Sammie Sarles, Allison Farrell, Jessie Spontak, Magda Dabrowski, Elin Ream and Casey Greene. Farrell and freshman Allison Hamaker each had seven kills. Spontak and Farrell had 11 and 10 digs, respectively. Sophomore Erin Cluskey made seven blocks. The Rams closed the regular season with a 17-18 record. Montini completed the regular season with a 15-16 record. Freshman Joslyn Boyer, who handled Montini's setting for the first match all season, had 18 assists. She also had nine digs for the Broncos, who won the last seven points of the second game. Junior Bethany Loftus bashed a team-high 10 kills for Montini. Senior Bryanna Crouch added six kills. Glenbard East will play in this week's IHSA Class 3A Glenbard West Regional. The Broncos will compete in the Class 2A Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) Regional.

Area cross country runners earn berths in upcoming sectionals

The Montini girls cross country team opened the post-season with a second-place finish in Saturday's IHSA Class 2A Marist Regional at Midlothian Meadows. Lemont won the 10-team regional with a team score of 65 points that edged the Broncos' 67-point total. The top six teams at the regional qualified for this Saturday's Class 2A sectional at Kress Creek Farms Park in West Chicago. The top five teams at the 18-team sectional will qualify for the IHSA state meet, which takes place Nov. 7 in Peoria.

Senior Emma Makowski was Montini's fastest runner at the regional. She completed the 3-mile course in a third-place time of 18 minutes, 22.84 seconds. Senior Gianna Salzbrunn finished right behind Makowski, delivering a fourth-place time of 18:30.26. Senior Lauren Denemark (18:34.99) finished sixth, while juniors Mary O'Brien (19:29.27) and Jenna Weidacher (20:07.73) placed 21st and

33rd, respectively, to complete Montini's scoring lineup. Sophomore Lea Ritchie (46th place) and senior Akayna Calkins (48th place) completed the Broncos' regional team.

Glenbard South placed fifth at the Marist Regional to earn a berth in the sectional at Kress Creek Farms Park. The Raiders' two leading runners at the regional were senior Diane Lipa (18:53.28) and Abby Schlenker (19:00.66), who placed 10th and 11th, respectively.

The Glenbard East girls cross country team placed fifth out of 10 teams in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional at Proviso West High School. Placing among the top six teams at the regional earned the Rams a trip to this Saturday's Lake Park Sectional in Roselle.

Sophomore Lexi Weltin led the Rams' seven-member regional lineup with a ninth-place finishing time of 19 minutes, 38 seconds, on the course of

about 3 miles. Freshman Maeve Brasile finished just behind Weltin in an 11th-place time of 19:40. Sophomore Ali Liljestrand (20:28) placed 37th, while the foursome of sophomore Cailyn Biegalski (20:41), sophomore Katie Schaefer (20:42), senior Jayne Peters (21:44) and senior Yoselin Toledo (20:48), finished 39th, 40th, 41st and 42nd, respectively.

The Glenbard East boys team finished eighth at the Proviso West Regional and did not advance to the Lake Park Sectional. Senior Patrick Mikel did advance to the sectional as an individual. He completed the regional in a 34th-place time of 17 minutes, 17.74 seconds.

The Willowbrook girls cross country team earned a fifth-place finish in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional at Lyons Township High School's south campus. The Warriors will compete in this weekend's sectional meet at Katherine Legge Memorial

Park in Hinsdale.

Freshman Victoria Palma turned in Willowbrook's best regional finish with a 19th-place time of 20 minutes, 22.41 seconds on the 3.06-mile course. Sophomore Catherine Pegler (20:48.16) was 27th, while sophomores Angela Klingelhoeffer (21:13.39) and Evelyn Yao (21:14.36) were 33rd and 34th, respectively. Junior Grace Guthrie placed 36th with a finishing time of 21:30.41. Senior Kimberly Leon-Cervantes and sophomore Briana Jones completed the Warriors' regional lineup.

Willowbrook's boys team also placed fifth in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional at Lyons Township High School. The Warriors' finish among the top six regional teams secured a trip to this Saturday's sectional in Hinsdale.

Senior Marco Martinez produced Willowbrook's fastest finish at the regional with an eighth-place time of 15 minutes, 38.72 seconds. Senior

Chris Turek (16:43.85; 26th place) was the next Warrior to finish the race. Junior Jacob Christiansen (16:55.07) and freshman Matt Caron (16:55.54) placed 28th and 29th, respectively. Junior Casey King (16:59.64) was 31st, while senior Henry Dahl (17:08.54) placed 32nd. Sophomore Michael Isaacson (17:35.14) finished 37th.

Glenbard South's boys team advanced to this week's IHSA Class 2A sectional in West Chicago with their third-place finish in Saturday's regional in Midlothian. Seniors Michael King (15:56.86) and Andrew Sundberg (16:01.78) were eighth and ninth, respectively.

Montini did not advance to the sectional in West Chicago. Sophomore Jacob Mondschean did qualify for the sectional as an individual. He ran to a 19th-place finish at the regional in Midlothian, completing the race in 16:40.07.

Suburban Life Scholars

St. Francis High School

Daniel Freund

Academic Achievements: An Honor Roll Student all four years, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Student of the Month for English, one of ten Chicago area students chosen to attend the Saint Xavier University "Introduction to Financial Markets" immersion summer course.

School Activities (clubs, athletics): Varsity Golf Team, Varsity Lacrosse Team, Illinois Junior Golf Association, YMCA Basketball, Intramural Sports, Business Investment Club, Engs Commercial Finance Intern Team Leader, Honor Golf Caddy at Cantigny Gold Course.

Community Service: Humanitarian Service Project: initiated, organized and led toy drive service project for needy families, Rise Up Conference Leader, Student Ambassador Leadership Team, National Honor Society volunteer tutor, DuPage County Fairgrounds Fundraiser, Mentor, Sleep Out Saturday, Feed My Starving Children.

Nominated by Trudy Rigney, Director of Guidance: "One of our very top students in this year's senior class, Daniel is simply a wonderful student in every way. He is very bright, incredibly dedicated to excellence, and wonderfully kind and respectful to both adults and peers. Daniel is impressive on every level. This is a young man who brings intelligence, maturity and positive leadership to any endeavor in which he participates."



Willowbrook High School

Stephaney Cheng

Academic Achievements: As a student, Stephaney has enrolled in the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook High School, including completing twelve Advanced Placement courses and a multitude of honors courses before she concludes her high school career. Stephaney has maintained a class ranking within the ninety-ninth percentile, is an AP Scholar, and has earned Honor Roll status each semester. She is also the President of the National Honor Society, Secretary of Civitas (our Social Studies Honor Society), and an inductee of the National English, Math, and World Language Honor Societies.

School Activities: Beyond the classroom, Stephaney has been recognized with the Human Relations Award, Outstanding Student Recognition in Science, and the Outstanding Freshman Award. In addition, she serves as the President of our Key Club, is a Student Ambassador to assist students who transfer to Willowbrook High School, and is a New Beginnings Leader, assisting new Warriors in the transition to high school.

Stephaney's commitment to Willowbrook is further demonstrated by her participation as a Student Council Representative, Blue Crew Officer, and Science Olympiad and Math Team participant. Also, she is a member of our Yearbook and Newspaper staff, Varsity Athletic Club, Best Buddies, and Captain of the Varsity Girls Soccer Team.

Community Service: In addition, Stephaney has volunteered her time as a Relay for Life participant, serving as a Freshman Progress Program mentor, packing meals for Feed My Starving Children, and assisting with Kiwanis Peanut Day and numerous Willowbrook events such as Open House and our 8th Grade Transition Parent Nights.



Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal: Willowbrook High School senior Stephaney Cheng is a leader within the Class of 2016. She attributes her success to the support provided by her family and teachers, who have always been encouraging in her pursuit of achieving the very best for herself.

Addison Trail High School

Zachary Novak

Academic Achievements: Zachary Novak has been named as Addison Trail's September recipient of "88's Best" recognition for his academic accomplishments. Novak is highly involved at Addison Trail and consistently expends every effort to be at the top of his class. By the end of his senior year, Novak will have completed 12 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 12 honors courses.

"In the short time I have known Novak, his easygoing demeanor and ready smile belie a fierce intellect and his commitment to academic success," said Carolyn Erwin, Addison Trail science teacher. "He is an asset to AP biology." Addison Trail social studies teacher Tom Hubner agreed.

"Novak is an outstanding person, as well as a great student and athlete," Hubner said. "I have had the pleasure to coach him and to know him for three years, and I have a deep respect for him. He works hard every day and takes his academics seriously. He is well liked among his peers and respected by all. I truly admire Novak and the work he has done at Addison Trail."

School Activities: Novak also is involved in Addison Trail's extracurricular programs. He is proud of his improvements on the Boys Basketball Team and has been an integral part of the team since his freshman year.

Addison Trail Boys Basketball Team Head Coach and social studies Department Chair Brendan Lyons said Novak is a standout student-athlete.

"Novak embodies what it means to be a student-athlete," Lyons said. "With the effort he puts forth in both the classroom and on the basketball court, he serves as a role model for all members of the basketball program."

Novak also played volleyball his freshman and sophomore years and was brought up to the varsity team during his sophomore year. Novak has been a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Academic Team, Psychology Club, Lettermen's Club and DECA. Last year, Novak competed in the DECA International Career Development Conference in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Operations Research division.

Community Service: Novak has served as a teen assistant for a class of eighth-graders in the St. Philip the Apostle Religious Education Program as well, helping future Addison Trail freshmen prepare for high school. He also has cultivated his leadership skills through the PE Leader program this year.

As Novak reflected on his four years at Addison Trail, he said his brother, Addison Trail alumnus Bret Novak Jr. (class of 2014), has been a significant influence on his success. Novak said the Addison Trail teaching staff also has been paramount to helping him accomplish his achievements.

Novak will soon begin his college applications and is looking to attend Marquette University, Indiana University, University of Michigan or University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Novak plans to pursue a career in dentistry or as a math teacher.



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ISBE presents Those Who Excel awards to 2 at District 88

VILLA PARK-ADDISON — On Oct. 17, several members of the District 88 School Board and administration attended the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Those Who Excel banquet to recognize two District 88 award recipients.

The Those Who Excel awards honor those who have made significant contributions to Illinois public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Among the honorees was Addison Trail alumnus Jeffrey Williams who earned a Meritorious Service award in the student support personnel category.

Williams graduated from Addison Trail in 2005 and is now a school psychologist at Fremd High School.

Board president Donna Craft Cain had this to say about him: "Watching Williams receive his award truly embodies why I became a Board member," she said. "Seeing our students succeed and find their path in life is an indescribable feeling that fills me with pride. As Board President, there's nothing more gratifying than knowing our staff and schools made a positive difference and helped Williams reach this accomplishment."

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FIREMAN BRINGS SAFETY MESSAGE TO STONE STUDENTS

courtesy photo
Firefighter Sean Brink dressed in full gear when he came to Stone School on Oct. 22 to discuss fire safety with 90 kindergarteners and 70 first-graders, including Brink's own twin sons Kevin and Ryan in the first grade class. The group participated in a Stop-Drop-and-Roll practice demonstration. They each gave Firefighter Sean a big high-five as a pledge they would always be smart about fire safety.

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AT visits University of Iowa

Addison Trail students took a college visit to the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, on Oct. 13. Students enjoyed a tour of the campus, including a lecture hall and a dorm, and at lunch at Burge Hall. They then were able to speak with an admissions counselor and stop by the bookstore. This is the 12th consecutive year Addison Trail has provided an opportunity for students to visit the university.



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Roberto's Ristorante & Pizzeria

Garden Club to hold Visitors Day

The Bensenville Garden Club's annual Visitors Day will be held at the Bensenville Community Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 12, 12:00-3:00 p.m. Tina Garza of Green Thumb Florist will present "Getting Ready for the Holidays." Home-made bake items will be available for purchase and raffle prizes will be included.



ATHS student named to Army All-American band

ADDISON — On Oct. 20, Addison Trail recognized senior Daniel Nowosad for being named to the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

Nowosad underwent a competitive audition pro-

cess and was selected for the band from more than 1,300 students. The band is comprised of 125 of the finest high school senior marching musicians in America. Each member will receive an all-expense-paid trip in January

2016 to San Antonio. While there, members will rehearse with nationally renowned instructors for a week, culminating in a performance on Jan. 9, 2016, at the Alamo dome during the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. That event is the nation's premier high school All-American football game, featuring the best 90 players in an annual East vs. West matchup.

Band members also receive a selection tour stop at their school, and Nowosad was honored during a tour stop on Oct. 20. During the event, Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden welcomed the crowd, and Nowosad was officially named to the band by members of the U.S. Army.

Village of Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra congratulated

Nowosad on his accomplishment and presented him with a proclamation from the village, and Nick Giannini, Chief of Staff with State Sen. Tom Cullerton's office, presented Nowosad with a certificate from the senate. Addison Police Department Deputy Chief Brian Goss and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton also were in attendance.

District 88 Foundation urges participation in Mayor's Charity Ball

ADDISON — On Nov. 14, the District 88 Foundation will participate in the 25th Annual Addison Mayor's Community Charity Ball — and all are invited to join.

Below are three ways you can help support the foundation:

Donate to the auction: If you have an item to donate to the silent auction, contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink by Oct. 26. She can be reached at dbrink@dupage88.net or 630-530-3989.

Attend the Mayor's Ball: Tickets to the ball cost \$80 a person before Oct. 30 (\$85 after that date). To buy tickets, visit myab.co/events/4tn or call 630-693-7550. Be sure to select "District 88 Foundation" as the organization of your choice.

Buy raffle tickets: Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets, and checks should be made payable to "Mayor's Ball." With the raffle, you have three chances to win (prizes are \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500). To buy raffle tickets, contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink by Nov. 2. She can be reached at dbrink@dupage88.net or 630-530-3989.

The District 88 Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE)

Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison Elementary School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48. Founded in 2009, PIE is designed to be the foundation that supports a long-term partnership with the community, businesses, schools and, most importantly, the children served. For more information about PIE, visit piefoundation.org.

Funds raised by the foundation have been used to support students in the following areas:

- Supporting the Addison Trail Freshmen Future Focus Initiative Trip to Madison, Wis.;

- Buying microphones for SMART music labs at Addison Trail;

- Supporting the Mindprints Literary Magazine at Willowbrook;

- Subsidizing Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level tests;

- Supporting the Freshmen Cohort Teambuilding Camps;

- Providing financial support for textbooks and summer camps;

- Contributing to the "Author in the House" district-wide program;

- Providing mini-grants and grants for staff to develop instructional opportunities to benefit students.



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Addison Trail recognized senior Daniel Nowosad on Oct. 20 for having been named to the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Nowosad (center) holds an award presented to his parents (Mary Lou and George, at left) by Vienna Peterson (right), owner of an American Family insurance agency.

• ISBE

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Another recipient was the late Mark Johnson who was given a Meritorious Service award in the school board member/community volunteer category. A former District 88 Board member and one-time Board president, Johnson passed away not long ago and his wife Phyllis accepted the award on his behalf.

Cain spoke highly of Johnson, writing about her experience at the banquet in her latest column:

"I was privileged to sit with Johnson's wife Phyllis during the ceremony," she wrote. "When you think of District 88, Johnson is one of the first people who come to mind. He was invested in the district in so many ways — he graduated from Willowbrook in 1966; he received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012; and he was a member of the Board of Education since 1999, serving as Board President from 2003 to 2011.

"As a fellow Board member with Johnson, I can honestly say he could always be counted on to make the tough decisions necessary to ensure

a high-quality educational experience for our students. He often said his favorite aspects of being on the Board were shaking hands with all the potential for the future that walks across the stage on graduation day, seeing the successes and dedication of students who receive the District 88's Best award and working with a faculty and staff who have demonstrated themselves to be among the best in the area. Johnson and Phyllis especially loved the arts and shared that passion. They were big supporters of the fine arts program in District 88, and Johnson's legacy in that area and throughout the district will be felt for years to come.

"But Johnson and I share more than a seat on the District 88 Board of Education. Along with being Willowbrook graduates, we also are parents of Willowbrook alumni. Having our children go through high school together gave me the opportunity to see Johnson's dedication to District 88. He was always an involved and engaged parent — so much so

that he was asked by former Superintendent Robert Lopatka to join the Board. He not only attended countless events and activities at the school, but he also served on the Music Booster Club, of which Phyllis was President.

"Watching Johnson serve as Board President and how he created an environment where the administrators and Board members worked together with a focus on student achievement and respected one another's decisions inspired me to run for Board President. I have served in that role since 2011 and it's because I had a tremendous mentor in Johnson.

"Johnson passed away on Dec. 13, 2014, from cancer, but his impact on District 88 will live on through the achievements of our students and the bright futures they pursue. He was dedicated to this district, to this community and to these students. He was an outstanding Board member and a wonderful human being. But more than that, he was truly a friend. He will forever be part of the District 88 family and will be greatly missed."

HALLOWEEN

ADDISON

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

Saturday, Oct. 31

from 3:30-7:30 p.m.



all photos provided

On Oct. 21, State Sen. Tom Cullerton (Dist. 23) took over as Principal of Addison Trail High School as part of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) Principal for a Day program. (top left): Cullerton (center, left) shares a laugh with Principal Michael Bolden while speaking with Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government students. In the doorway is District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. (top right): Social studies teacher LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer takes a selfie with Cullerton (left) and her Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government students. (bottom left): Cullerton (second from left) visits with students on the Addison Trail Student Advisory Board. (bottom right): Industry and technology teacher Keith Santini (second from left) gives Cullerton (third from left) a tour of the school's auto shop during an Auto 3 class.

ATHS welcomes Sen. Cullerton as Principal of the Day

ADDISON — If you walked into the Principal's office at Addison Trail on Oct. 21, you might have noticed a new leader at the school.

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (Dist. 23) took over Addison Trail as part of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) Principal for a Day program. Cullerton met with student leaders and administrators, toured the building and participated in conversations with students and staff. He visited several classes, including Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level U.S. Government, Auto 3 and Hotel/Restaurant/Travel Industry.

"We always welcome local legislators to come and see the tremendous learning environment we have here at Addison Trail," said Principal Michael Bolden. "The IPA Principal for

a Day program is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of our students and staff, as well as highlight our state-of-the-art facilities. It also provides a great experience for our students."

Cullerton said he enjoys the program because it allows him to get to know the schools within his District. Previously, he had served as Principal for a Day at Willowbrook.

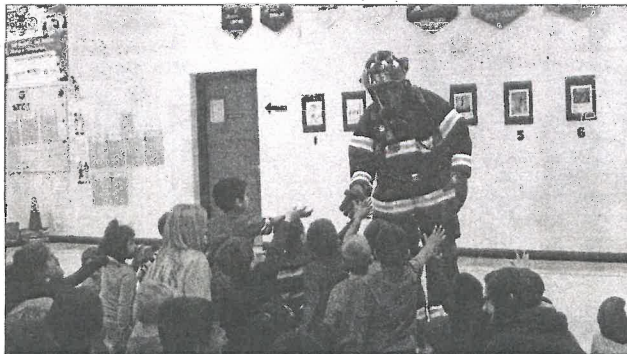
"I truly enjoy interacting with the students and having the opportunity to speak with a variety of classes," Cullerton said. "It provides a venue to share information about the important role of state and federal government, and I also get to connect with the school districts. I'm able to hear and see firsthand what's going well and in which areas we need to improve."



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Learning about safety

These kindergarten and first grade students of Stone School listen as Sean Brink talks with them about fire safety. A firefighter with the Morton Grove Fire Department, Brink has twin boys who attend first grade at Stone.



Left: Students at Stone School give high-fives to Firefighter Sean Brink of the Morton Grove Fire Department who visited the school on Oct. 22 to talk about fire safety. Brink's own twin boys were in the audience as they attend first grade there.

AT presents alumnus with Tradition of Excellence

**Adam Amin
now play-by-
play sports
commentator
for ESPN, ABC,
others**

ADDISON — On November 3 at 3:15 p.m., Addison Trail will honor alumnus Adam Amin (class of 2005) will be inducted during a presentation of the Tradition of Excellence award. A reception will follow the ceremony. To attend, please RSVP to Melissa Morales at mmorales@dupage88.net or 630-458-4150.

A play-by-play commentator for ESPN, ABC, ESPN Radio and the SEC Network, Amin joined ESPN in 2011 at age 24, becoming one of the network's youngest full-time game-callers. Recognized for his versatility while handling a multitude of sports across multiple mediums, Amin works on ESPN's coverage of college football and basketball, as well as NCAA championship coverage of volleyball, women's basketball and baseball. He has been the lead voice of the NCAA wrestling championships since 2012 and joined ESPN's Women's College World Series coverage in 2015.

Amin also provides play-by-play coverage on Major League Baseball, college football and college basketball broadcasts for ESPN Radio. Since 2012, he has called play-by-play of NFL games for Sports USA Media. Amin's voice also has been featured in commercial advertisements for Sprint, British Airways and Comcast.

From 2007 to 2011, he handled play-by-play, hosting and reporting tasks for Turner Sports Digital/NCAA Produc-



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Pictured is Addison Trail alumnus Adam Amin (class of 2005), who will be recognized with the school's Tradition of Excellence award on Nov. 3. The Tradition of Excellence award is the highest honor presented by Addison Trail to its graduates.

tions, Fox Sports Wisconsin, Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and Horizon League. Before joining ESPN, Amin had stops in Gary, Ind., and Somerset, N.J., calling minor league baseball and was a studio host for football and basketball broadcasts at Valparaiso University. He also served as Sports Director at KUOO Campus Radio in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Amin graduated with a degree in television and radio from Valparaiso University, where he was twice named Indiana Collegiate Sports-caster of the Year by the Indiana

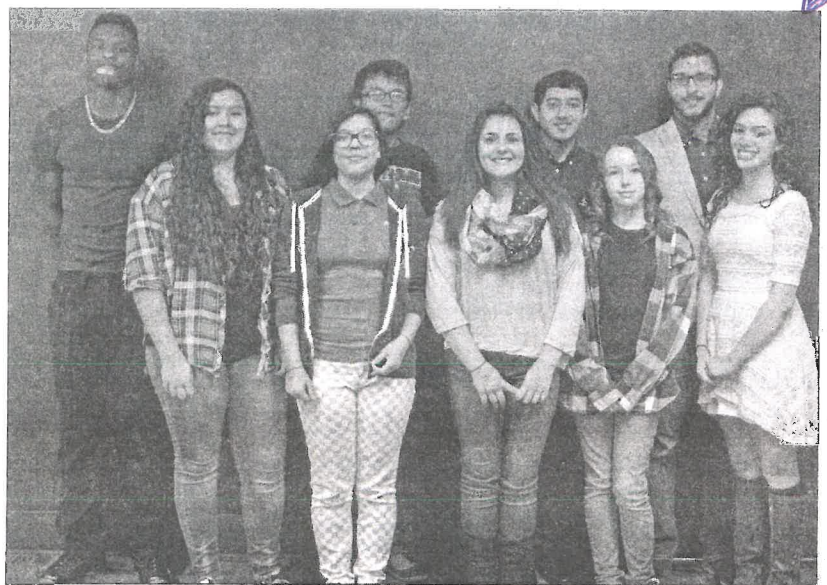
Association of Student Broadcasters. In 2009, he was a finalist for the Jim Nantz Award and was honored as one of the top five collegiate sportscasters in America. He currently resides in Chicago.

More about the award...

To be considered for the Tra-

dition of Excellence award, nominees must have graduated from Addison Trail more than 10 years ago; distinguished themselves in the academic, artistic, business, professional, entrepreneurial or public service field; demonstrated an ability to serve as an out-

standing role model for current Addison Trail students; and performed services and/or accomplishments that have brought credit to their alma mater. To nominate someone for the Tradition of Excellence award, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=644.



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Addison Trail recognizes AT's Best

Pictured are Addison Trail students who were honored as AT's Best on Oct. 20 at a breakfast served in their honor. Pictured are (back row, from left): senior Devonte Leonard, freshman Rodrigo Perales, senior Jorge Lopez-Castel, senior Aziz Zeidieh; (front row, from left) freshman Marina Herrera, freshman Claudia Herrera, freshman Gabriella Piscopo, junior Jackie Erker and senior Josefina Garcia. Not pictured: freshmen Adrian Rodriguez and Dip Patel.

Women's Club of Addison to meet Nov. 5

ADDISON — The Women's Club of Addison will hold its next meeting on Thursday, November 5 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Addison Village Hall - Room 1301-A. The meet-

ing will begin with a presentation by Carole Lago who will describe her glass creations she has named "Flo-Saic™ Glass Art." In keeping with the Women's Club theme this year of

celebrating local achievements, Carole is a graduate of Addison Trail High School. Refreshments are served and guests are welcome. For more information, call Karen at 630-878-6305.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ends Thursday, Oct. 29 Park District presents Zombie Boot Camp

From 7-8 p.m. each evening, the Addison Park District is hosting a Zombie Boot Camp at Club Fitness for ages 14 and older. Unlike any other, Zombie Survival Boot Camp is group exercise unlike that urges participants to workout as if preparing for a Zombie Apocalypse. It includes such activities as running, jumping, lifting, pulling, striking, and other calisthenics. Train as if your life depends on it, but bear in mind that at ANY given time, there could be a "Zombie Drill/Attack." The Zombie could be anywhere -- you might even be training with one. Be prepared at all times! Fee: \$22 members, \$28 non-members.

Saturday, Oct. 31 • Trick-or-treat hours

Hours for trick-or-treating in the Village of Addison are 3-7 p.m.

Ends Saturday, Oct. 31 Club Fitness open house, Haunted Health Fair

Stop by Club Fitness to meet health-related vendors on-site throughout this open house. Free health screenings, literature, prizes and raffles will be held all week long. Workout for free all week long with a free 6-day pass, good for the entire family. For more information, call 630-233-7275 opt. 3 or visit addison-parks.org.

Thursday, Nov. 5 Women's Club to meet

At 7 p.m., the Women's Club of Addison will meet at Addison Village Hall - Room 1301-A. Program: ATHS gradu-

ate Carole Lago will describe her glass creations she has named "Flo-Saic™ Glass Art." Refreshments served, guests welcome. Info: 630-878-6305.

Saturday, Nov. 14

25th Annual Mayor's Charity Ball

The 25th Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball will be held at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road and the community is encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$85 per person, a portion of which supports the 20 organizations that are a part of the event. Those who purchase tickets by Oct. 30 pay just \$80. For tickets and information, please call (630) 693-7550 or visit ItHappensInAddison.com

Tuesday, Dec. 8

AT's Orchestris offers dance clinic

From 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., dancers in

grades K-8 are invited to the 3rd annual Winter Dance Clinic at Addison Trail, hosted by the Orchestris Team. Dancers will participate in technique class, play games, learn a routine and perform with the Orchestris Team during the home basketball game at 7 p.m. on that same day. Fee: \$25 per camper in advance (by Dec. 1), or \$30 per camper on-site. Includes a T-shirt and pizza. Info: dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2539.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

AT performs Hallelujah Chorus

At 7:30 p.m. at the high school, the Addison Trail Music Department will perform Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as this year's Benefit Concert and music alumni are invited to join the performance. Info: 630-628-3361 or doconnell@dupage88.net.



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Lexi Marcyuk hands out candy to 'witches' Taylyn 7, and Carlee 5, outside of the Funky Java Coffee House during the Trick or Treat Old Town Villa Avenue event on Saturday, Oct. 24. The festivities were hosted by the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and local businesses along Villa Ave.



Scenes from Old Town Villa Avenue Trick-Or Treat event

Above: Logan, 19 months, went Trick or Treating as Charlie Brown, complete with Snoopy. Right: Foxy the dog, dressed as pumpkin, with 'mom' Lucy of Foxy's Laundromat.



courtesy photo **Athletic Boosters presents Lifetime Achievement Award**

Before the varsity football game on Oct. 16, the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club presented its annual Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015-16 to Pam Prenta, a dedicated member of the booster club from 2007-12, even though her son graduated in 2010. She is pictured here, receiving her award from Booster Club president Sharon Walenga.

News from the Parks and Recreation Department

Basketball registration now open

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation is now accepting registration for the DuPage Basketball Alliance. The DuPage Basketball Alliance is a co-op between the Villa Park Recreation Department, York Center and Oakbrook Terrace Park Districts. Practices are held once a week and games are played on Saturdays in the Willowbrook High School Fieldhouse. Practices start the week of Nov. 16 and games begin Dec. 5. Stop by the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa to register. The fee is \$82.

Be a Police Officer for a Day
On November 14 from 8-8:45 a.m., Villa Park Recreation is giving kids ages 4-12 the chance to Be A Police Officer

for a day. Explore the world of law enforcement with a real-life Villa Park police officer. Kids will visit the police station, inspect a patrol car, get fingerprinted and see what goes on behind the scenes. Register with the Recreation Department and show up for duty at the Villa Park Police Station, 40 S. Ardmore Ave. The fee is \$7 plus \$5 for an extra sibling and parents who wish to stay with their child.

Magic class for kids

Now you see it...now you don't! Kids ages 5-12 are invited to the Iowa Center on Monday, November 2 from 6:45-7:45 p.m. for a Magic Class. Learn tricks from a professional magician that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. All materials provided; each participant will get a magic kit to take home. Pre-registration is required.

Villa Park Library announces upcoming programs

Career Re-Launcher Workshop scheduled

VILLA PARK — Looking for a new career but don't know where to start? On Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., job seekers are invited to attend a Career Re-Launcher Workshop (The CREW™) at the Villa Park Public

Library. Tom Somora, an employment services representative with IDES (Illinois Department of Employment Services), will provide participants with the necessary tools to re-enter the job market and find a rewarding and fulfilling career. The two-hour session is designed to provide practical, actionable, and relevant advice to those who are attempting to revive an old career or begin a new one.

Bring a pen, paper and an open mind. Registration for each session is required as space is limited. To register, visit vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Build the perfect cheeseboard

Gear up for your holiday entertaining by learning about different cheeses and find the ideal accoutrements to make a memorable and tasty cheeseboard.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.,

the final of three special programs led by ACS Certified Cheese Professional Meredith Meder, Build the Perfect Cheeseboard, will be an informative event for casual snackers and cheese aficionados alike.

Registration is required. There is a tasting fee of \$7 per person. For more information, visit vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.



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FISCHER WINDMILL CELEBRATION 150TH ANNIVERSARY

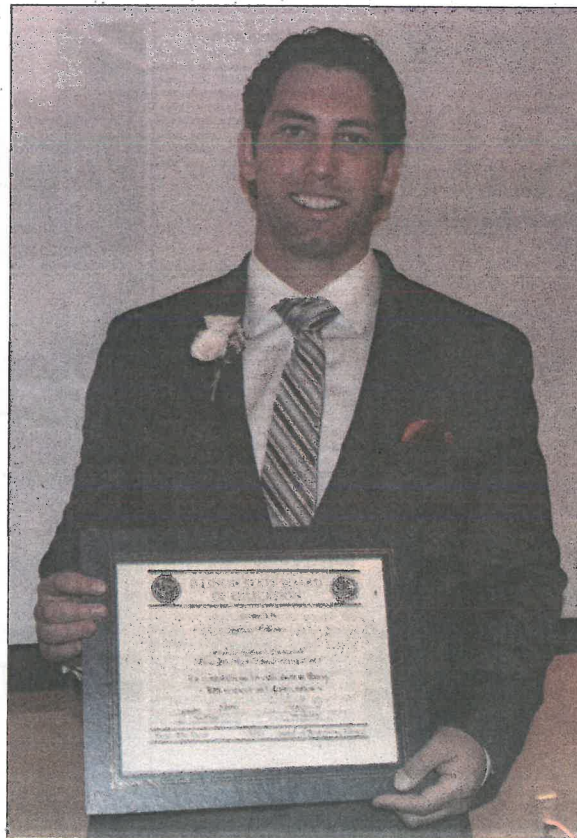
~Dedication of the newly renovated Fischer Windmill~

Mount Emblem Cemetery
520 E Grand Ave. Elmhurst
Saturday, November 7th, 2015
1pm - 4pm

Please join us in celebrating
the new life of the Fischer Windmill.
Built in 1865, The Fischer Windmill is the first
of its kind to be built in the Chicagoland area.
We are celebrating the Renovation and
150th Year Anniversary!

Food and drinks will be served

~Please RSVP by October 31st ~
(630)834-6080 or
Tina.acerre@dignitymemorial.com



District 88 honor legacy of late Board member

Above: Several members of the District 88 Board and administration attended a banquet held by the Illinois State Board of Education, who presented the annual Those Who Excel awards. Pictured are (from left) District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton; State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tony Smith; Phyllis Johnson, wife of the late Mark Johnson, a former District 88 Board of Education member; District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain; District 88 Board member Lisa Lullo; and, District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente. Among the recipients was the late Mark Johnson, whose wife Phyllis accepted his award.

Left: Pictured is Addison Trail alumnus Jeffrey Williams who received a Meritorious Service award in the student support personnel category at the ISBE 'Those Who Excel' banquet on Oct. 17.

CTE students take part in Mad City Money

VILLA PARK — On Oct. 20 and 21, about 300 students in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department at Willowbrook participated in a program called Mad City Money.

The program is hosted by Great Lakes Credit Union and teaches students how to manage a budget through simulating real-life scenarios. Students are given a profile with their career, family, income and expenditure needs. They then visit booths that represent various aspects of life such as buying child care, a car, a home, food and more. The goal is for students to understand the challenges and importance of maintaining a balanced budget.

"The objective is for students to use what they've learned in class to make financially sound decisions," said CTE teacher Thuy Ngo. "And if they don't, I hope they see and learn the consequences of those choices."

CTE Department Chair Mary Barney said this is the school's 4th annual internal field trip with Great Lakes Credit Union. She added the

CTE Department is thrilled to have six teachers participate in the field trip this semester, which enriches the educational experience for students.



all photos provided
Willowbrook students participate in a budgeting simulation program called Mad City Money. The event took place on Oct. 20 and 21 at Willowbrook. (top left): Willowbrook CTE teacher Thuy Ngo (left) helps sophomores Briana Jones and Patrick Florey. (top right): Shuntae Richardson (right) with Great Lakes Credit Union, Business Development, assists senior Zekiah Blackwell. (left): Willowbrook sophomores Maria Olaez and Ahad Syed participate in the program. (right): Kathy Jones (right), a senior commodity buyer with HSBC, helps seniors Savanna Wells and Joe Ragucci.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Oct. 31 Trick-or-treat hours

From 3-7 p.m., children are welcome to Trick or Treat throughout the Village. Remember safety first!

Monday, Nov. 2 VPRD Magic class for kids

Now you see it...now you don't! Kids ages 5-12 are invited to the Iowa Center on from 6:45-7:45 p.m. for a Magic Class. Learn tricks from a professional magician that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. All materials provided; each participant will get a magic kit to take home. Pre-registration is required.

Friday, Nov. 6-Sunday, Nov. 8 Take part in the Friends' annual Murder Mystery

Mystery, suspense, laughter! All of these await you at this year's murder mystery play presented by The Friends of the Villa Park Library. Those savvy enough to figure out whodunit will have the chance to win fabulous prizes from local businesses! Refreshments will be served. The show will be held at the library's Annex (317 S. Ardmore) at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-7 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8. Tickets, now on sale, are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Info: 630-834-1164.

Monday, Nov. 9 Magician at Villa Park Public Library

Join the Villa Park Public Library for magic and illusion! Popular magician William Pack will astonish the audience by recreating some of Houdini's favorite tricks. This program of fun and magic will be held at the library starting at 7 p.m. Registration is required. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Thursday, Nov. 12 State Rep. Conroy holding get-together

From 9-10 a.m., State Representative Deb Conroy will hold a gathering at the Funky Java, 40 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park to discuss current issues in Springfield and across the state. Residents are invited to stop in for a few minutes or stay for the entire hour. All of Conroy's events are open to the public.

Saturday, Nov. 14 State Rep holds community meeting

From 10-11 a.m., State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) will host her monthly community meeting to discuss state issues with area residents at the Villa Park Library. She will be joined by SCARCE, an environmental education group. To RSVP, call 630-415-3520 or e-mail RepDebConroy@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 Library program on building "perfect cheeseboard"

At 7 p.m., the final of three special programs led by ACS Certified Cheese Professional Meredith Meder, Build the Perfect Cheeseboard, will be held. Registration required. Tasting fee of \$7 per person. To register, visit vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

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Ongoing events • Free poetry workshops at the Library

Are you a poet looking for a supportive community to share your work? The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to offer free poetry workshops, led by Friends member Ida Kotyuk. These workshops will be held on the following Mondays at the library: Nov. 9

and 23; Dec. 7 and 21. Registration is required for each session. Info: visit the library's website (vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

• VFW Friday Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday evening, the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, holds its Fish Fry. Menu available for purchase includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

• Widows or Widowers meeting

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs meets on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

• Electronics disposal for recycling

From 9 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of every month, the Village of Villa Park has coordinated with Roy Strom, the village's waste hauler, to offer E-Waste "the right way"—a convenient, cost free drop-off electronic disposal solution. The drop-off site has been relocated to the Village Hall parking lot, located at 20 S. Ardmore Ave. Info: (630) 592-6052.

SPORTS

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Fenton's Vazquez-Perez wins cross-country regional title

Bison girls and boys teams advance to sectionals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton boys cross-country team is headed to sectional competition after placing second at its own Class 2A Fenton regional.

The Bison will compete

in sectional action Saturday where state berths will be on the line. Fenton qualified for the state finals last year as a team.

Fenton finished with 62 points, 11 behind regional-champion Deerfield and two ahead of third-place St. Viator.

Fenton junior Jose Vazquez-Perez won the individual regional title with a time of 16:05. Sophomore Cristian Sanchez was ninth in 16:49. Sophomore Samuel Hernan-

dez was 13th in 17:00. Senior Antonio Aguilera was 18th in 17:41. Junior Harry Contreras was 21st in 17:50 and junior Anye Whyte was 28th in 18:08.

Earlier, Fenton finished second at the Metro Suburban Conference West Division meet at Kress Creek Farms in West Chicago. The Bison had 58 points. Wheaton Academy won the conference title with 40 points. Wheaton had four runners in the Top 10, while Fenton had three.

Vazquez-Perez won the conference individual title. He covered the course in 15:15.1. Hernandez finished ninth with a time of 16:23.3. Sanchez was 10th with a time of 16:24.6. Felipe Ruiz was 17th with a time of 16:42.2. Aguilera took 21st with a time of 17:07.3. Contreras was 24th with a time of 17:20.5, while Anye White took 25th with a time of 17:23.1.

At the frosh-soph level, Alex Whyte took fourth with a time of 17:36.2. Jeremy Lodewyck was eighth with a time of 18:03.2. Michael Lieggi was 11th with a time of 18:11.7. Bryan Medina was 14th with a time of 18:29.2. Victor Arc-

hundia was 20th with a time of 19:12.4. Oscar Varela took 31st with a time of 20:04.2 and Nathan Exconde was 33rd with a time of 20:35.3.

In the boys open race, Eduardo Garcia led the Bison with an eighth-place time of 17:48.7. Nathan Irby took 13th with a time of 18:19.1. Michael Stewart was 15th with a time of 18:23.8. William Osorio was 16th with a time of 18:30.1. Jeremy Falconer finished 24th with a time of 19:16.0. Jaime Rosas took 26th in 19:27.9 and Michael Campbell was 29th with a time of 19:54.5.

Fenton girls cross country

The Fenton girls cross-country team finished fourth at its own Class 2A Fenton regional.

The fourth-place finish earned the Bison a spot in next week's Class 2A sectional competition.

Fenton had 71 points at the regional. Sophomore Jessica McCauley was fourth with a time of 20:24. Senior Marisol Garcia took fifth with a time of 20:38. Sophomore Charity Bullis was 12th with a time of 21:27. Senior Rebecca Garcia placed 18th with a time of 21:57. Junior Katherine

Dominguez was 32nd with a time of 24:05. Freshman Alysia Silva was 33rd with a time of 24:30 and sophomore Catherine Tillesen was 34th with a time of 24:31.

In earlier competition, the Bison took fifth in the Metro Suburban Conference West Division meet at Kress Creek Farms with 133 points.

McCauley finished 14th with a time of 20:21.8. Marisol Garcia was 23rd with a time of 20:45.4. Bullis took 25th with a time of 20:52.7. Rebecca Garcia placed 36th with a time of 22:51.7. Dominguez was 37th with a time of 23:39.1. Silva placed 40th with a time of 24:16.3. Kimberly Marin was 41st with a time of 24:51.8.

In the girls junior-varsity race, Alexis Clark was 24th with a time of 24:00.9. Tillesen was 25th with a time of 24:01.3. Mia Clavelli was 26th with a time of 24:01.8. Doris Anton placed 31st with a time of 24:23.9. Jennifer Martinez was 34th with a time of 24:39.8. Natalie Hernandez was 36th with a time of 24:48.0. Giselle Vargas was 37th with a time of 25:05.6.

Addison Trail boys soccer team reaches regional final

Hernandez scores game-winning goal in semifinals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys soccer team dropped a 2-0 decision to Glenbard North in the championship game of the Class 3A Addison Trail regional.

Addison Trail lost 2-0 to Glenbard North earlier in the season in the championship game of a tournament.

In earlier action, the Blazers advanced to the championship game by scoring a 2-1 victory in double overtime against Wheaton-Warrenville South.

"It was a nice win," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini of the regional semifinal. "They tied the game with 20 seconds left in regulation, which was a little tough. But we battled back in the overtime."

Sophomore Jonathan Hernandez scored the game-winning goal with four minutes left in the overtime off a pass from senior defender Fernando Alvarado.

"It was a tough game," said Dini. "Wheaton-Warrenville South played a tough schedule all year, played everybody close and beat a couple of good teams. We knew it would

be a tough game. We were excited to win."

Dini noted the Blazers have excelled this season due in part to a strong defensive showing.

"Our team defense has been really good," he said. "We have three juniors and one senior back there with a senior goalie. They cover well for each other. If there are any dangerous balls in the box they clean it up and move the ball to the midfield and to our forwards. We know what we have to do as a team on defense and we know our offense is good enough to get us enough goals to win games."

Dini pointed out Addison Trail was 12-6-2 after the Wheaton-Warrenville South game and had given up more than 1 goal in only one of those 12 wins (the others the Blazers allowed 1 or zero goals).

"And that includes seven shutouts in those 12 wins," he said. "Our defense has been very good and our goalie, Cosme Garcia, has been very good. He's one of the best goalkeepers in the area, no question. He has very good skills. He can throw the ball up to midfield. He's a varsity baseball player and can track the ball well. He's good with balls in the air and coming out on corner kicks. He also can kick it about 60 yards. He's been our secret weapon this year."

Willowbrook football team misses playoffs on points criteria

Warriors boys and girls cross-country teams advance to sectionals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook football team closed out the regular season with a 16-7 West Suburban Conference Gold Division loss to Leyden.

The setback left Willowbrook at 5-4 overall and 4-2 in WSC Gold play.

Willowbrook was playoff eligible with five wins, but was one of 10 teams in the state that did not earn a playoff bid due to falling below this year's playoff-point threshold of 35 points.

Willowbrook finished the season with 29 playoff points (second-lowest in the state among 5-4 teams). Playoff points are the combined total of a team's opponents' victories. The Warriors played only one team this season with a winning record.

The loss also prevented Willowbrook from winning or sharing the WSC Gold title. The Warriors went into Week 9 tied for the conference lead with Hinsdale South. The Hornets won their Week 9 contest and claimed the conference

title outright with a 5-1 record. Willowbrook beat Hinsdale South earlier in the year.

Leyden moved to 4-5 with the win.

Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team dropped a 48-28 West Suburban Conference crossover contest to Glenbard West to close out its season.

The Blazers finished the year with a 4-5 record, ending in a four-way tie for third place in the WSC Gold Division with a 3-3 record.

Willowbrook boys cross country

The Willowbrook boys cross-country team finished fifth at the Class 3A Lyons Township regional and earned a spot in Saturday's sectional competition.

Senior Marco Martinez was Willowbrook's first finisher in 15:38. Senior Chris Turek finished in a time of 16:43. Junior Jacob Christiansen ran the race in 16:55, as did freshman Matt Caron (16:55). Junior Casey King finished in 16:59, while senior Henry Dahl clocked in at 17:08. Sophomore Michael Isaacson ran the race in 17:35.

Willowbrook girls cross country

The Willowbrook girls cross-country team

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Volleyball team earns no worse than a share of conference title

Blazers end regular season with Lake Park tournament championship

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

One year ago, the Addison Trail girls volleyball team finished in last place at the Lake Park tournament.

A year later, the Blazers won the Lake Park tournament title with a 4-1 mark.

Addison Trail started the tour-

namment with a 15-25, 25-18, 15-9 loss to Hersey. The Blazers then defeated Dundee-Crown 25-26, 25-16, 15-10.

On the second day of the tournament the Blazers scored a 25-14, 25-15 victory over Buffalo Grove and then defeated host Lake Park 25-15, 21-25, 15-13.

In the championship match, the Blazers avenged the earlier loss to Hersey with a 25-23, 26-24 victory.

For the tournament, Alyssa Ramir had six aces, two assists and three digs. Anastasia Labadessa had 10 aces, nine kills, two total blocks, 119

assists and 19 digs.

Carla Muell had four digs. Ciara Williams had two kills, two assists and 43 digs. Danielle Tulke had five aces and 18 digs. Jessica Mell had one ace, 19 kills (hit .350), 10 total blocks and five digs. Keara Schmitt had 20 kills (hit .348), three total blocks and 15 digs. Michelle Krefft had one kill. Nicole Pudlo had seven kills, three total blocks and two digs. Nina Muell had seven aces, 17 kills, one total block and 30 digs. Sarah Petrbok finished with 12 aces, a team-high 51 kills (hit .312), four total blocks and 34 digs.

Addison Trail had 41 service aces in the five matches.

Earlier, the Blazers recorded a 25-16, 25-10 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Morton. The win assured Addison Trail of no worse than a share of the WSC Gold title with a 5-1 record. It's Addison Trail's first conference title since 2006.

Ramir had one dig. Labadessa had four aces, 17 assists and one dig. Carla Muell had one dig. Williams had eight digs. Tulke had four aces, while Mell had four aces, four kills, one assist and one dig. Schmitt had two aces, five kills and two digs.

Krefft had one kill. Pudlo had two kills, while Nina Muell had two aces, three kills and three digs. Petrbok had one ace, four kills (hit .800) and one dig.

Addison Trail had 17 service aces against only two errors and hit .293 in the match.

Addison Trail brought a 21-12 record into this week's Class 4A Addison Trail regional. The Blazers squared off with Leyden earlier this week in the semifinals. If Addison Trail won that match it will play tonight at home for the regional title.

Addison Trail has improved its win total from nine in 2014 to 21 this season.

Willowbrook girls volleyball team wins two matches

Warriors close out conference play with 3-3 record

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team added a pair of recent wins to its ledger.

The Warriors closed out West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 25-11, 25-18 win over Hinsdale South. Willowbrook finished

the conference season with a 3-3 record.

Danielle McNamara had seven kills, four solo blocks and one dig. Grace Chantos added one assist. Olivia Pennebaker had three kills, one ace and nine digs. Maya Bullock added one kill, one solo block and one dig. Maddie Weinhold had four assists and one dig.

Emily Ligocki finished with one ace, six assists and nine digs. Jamie Chiappetta had two kills and five digs. Kalyn Konrath had one kill and two solo

blocks. Kelly Conley had two kills, two aces, three assists and seven digs.

Willowbrook then recorded a 31-29, 25-13 non-conference win over West Chicago. McNamara had two kills and one dig. Celia Dewyer had four digs. Chantos had one dig, while Pennebaker had seven kills, once ace and eight digs. Bullock finished with four kills and one solo block.

Weinhold had two aces, 10 assists and four digs. Ligocki had one ace and 10 assists. Chi-

appetta had six kills, two aces and one dig. Konrath had two kills, while Milena Sogura had three kills and two solo blocks. Conley had one kill, two aces and 11 digs.

Willowbrook improved to 15-20 with the win.

The Warriors opened post-season play earlier this week in the Class 4A Chicago St. Ignatius Prep regional against

Chicago Prosser. If the Warriors defeated Prosser they advanced to a Tuesday match against Oak Park-River Forest. If Willowbrook won that match it will play for the regional title Thursday at 6 p.m. at St. Ignatius. Willowbrook is the No. 11 seed in the Riverside-Brookfield sectional. Prosser is the No. 22 seed and Oak Park-River Forest is the No. 6 seed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY --
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,
as Trustee for FFMLT Trust 2006-FF13
Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series
2006-FF13
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Debra S. Zygowicz; et al.
DEFENDANTS

2015 CH 000850

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/2/2015, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on 12/10/15 at the hour of 10:00AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 7 IN WINDMILL COURT OF ADDISON, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 13, 1993 AS DOCUMENT R93-181930, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Addison, IL 60101

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate

and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 11/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-15-00242.

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Winnebago (5-4) at IC Catholic Prep (8-1)

What: First round of Class 3A playoffs

When: Friday or Saturday (check www.ihsa.org for date and time)

Where: Lewis Stadium at Plunkett Athletic Complex, Elmhurst

Seeds: Winnebago is the No. 14 seed in the top half of the Class 3A bracket; IC Catholic Prep is the No. 3 seed.

Outlook: IC Catholic Prep rolls into the state playoffs on the heels of winning the Metro Suburban Conference West Division title. The Knights had three players rush for 100 yards or more in a Week 9 win against Fenton. Sophomore Lazerick Eatman led the way with 201 yards and three touchdowns on just 15 carries. The Knights have won eight games in a row. IC Catholic Prep encounters a Winnebago team that plays in the Big Northern Conference, which over the years has been regarded as one of the more competitive smaller-school leagues in the state. The Indians went 4-3 in conference play and faced four teams with winning records, including a pair of 9-0 teams. Winnebago has won four of its last five games, the only setback a 41-40 overtime loss to playoff qualifier Byron.

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took fifth at the Lyons Township regional. That finish earned the Warriors a spot in Saturday's sectional competition.

Freshman Victoria Palma finished 19th for Willowbrook with a time of 20:22. Sophomore Catherine Pegler was 27th in a time of 20:48. Sophomore Angela Klingelhoeffer was 33rd with a time of 21:13. Sophomore Evelyn Yao took 34th with a time of 21:14. Junior Grace Guthrie was 36th with a time of 21:30. Senior Kimberly Leon-Cervantes was 41st with a time of 21:58. Sophomore Briana Jones was 43rd with a time of 22:14.

Addison Trail boys cross country

The Addison Trail boys cross-country team took ninth at the Class 3A York regional.

Junior Demetrio Cervantes earned an individual qualifying bid to Saturday's sectional competition after finishing 25th with a time of 17:02.

Sophomore Danny Bueno was 53rd with a time of 18:10.02. Sophomore Nick Czorniak took 56th with a time of 18:12.87. Sophomore

David Reyes was 60th with a time of 18:24.00.

Sophomore Miguel Gutierrez was 68th and junior Jonathan Loi finished in 69th place for the Blazers.

Addison Trail girls cross country

The Addison Trail girls cross-country team was 10th at the Class 3A York regional.

Mercedes Lopez, a freshman, led the Blazers. She finished in 62nd place with a time of 23:12.10. Junior Suhei Valbuena was 63rd with a time of 23:16.93. Sophomore Diana Grinyuk, freshman Nileena Mahesh, sophomore Karina Martinez and junior Julissa Rodriguez also competed in the race held at Proviso West High School in Hillside.

Willowbrook boys soccer

The Willowbrook boys soccer team lost 3-0 to Schaumburg in the championship game of the Class 3A Lake Park regional.

In earlier play, Willowbrook advanced to the title game after scoring a 1-0 win over host Lake Park.

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ACT vs. PARCC: Which test shows if high schoolers are ready for college?



Students take a rigorous English class for juniors at South Elgin High School. The school posted a 20.7 average composite score on the ACT college entrance exam taken by juniors in the spring.

Brian Hill | Staff Photographer



Madhu Krishnamurthy

Divergent results from two tests measuring how prepared Illinois students are for college are causing much consternation among suburban educators.

Results from the ACT college entrance exam (<https://www.act.org/>) -- a long-standing measure of college readiness -- show roughly 46 percent of students statewide are meeting standards for college-level rigor in English, reading, mathematics and science, according to Illinois School Report Card (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/>) data released today.

In comparison, partial results from the state's new standardized test that debuted in spring -- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (<http://www.parcconline.org/>) or PARCC -- show less than one-third of students are meeting college-readiness standards.

Partial PARCC results released last month show roughly 70 percent of Illinois students tested online did not meet expectations in math and English language arts/literacy. Roughly 75 percent of all test takers statewide took the test online.

"PARCC says more kids are failing. ACT says the opposite, and that's the most stringent standard we have seen," said Scott Helton, superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?district=Dupage+HSD+88%2C+Dupage+County&dist-ID=190220880160000&district-name=Dupage+HSD+88#mainpge>), whose Addison Trail (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=190220880160001#mainpge>) and Willowbrook (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=190220880160002#mainpge>) high schools came close to the state's average ACT composite score of 20.5. "Is it really (a crisis) or is it just manufactured?"

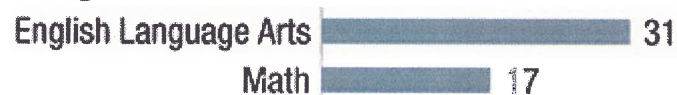
College-readiness measures

While there are differences between the tests, both the PARCC and the ACT purport to show the percentage of students who are "college ready."

Percent meeting ACT college-readiness standards in...



Percent meeting PARCC college-readiness standards in...



* Includes ACT science test results

On comparing the two measures

Partial results

- As the state transitions to relying on the PARCC tests, 2015 marks the first year all Illinois students were not required to take the ACT.
- These PARCC test results are from students taking the online version of the test. Results from students taking the test with pencil and paper will be added later this year.

The disconnect between the two test results is confusing, yet not entirely unexpected as state education officials have been warning student scores will be low in this first year of a new test.

Performance levels and proficiency thresholds for PARCC are aligned with the more rigorous Common Core State Standards. (http://www.isbe.net/common_core/) Yet, some educators say the bar has been set too high.

PARCC assessments -- which replace the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (<https://illinoisreportcard.com/State.aspx?source=Trends&source2=ISAT&Stateid=IL>) and Prairie State Achievement Exam, (<https://illinoisreportcard.com/State.aspx?source=Trends&source2=PSAE&Stateid=IL>) and which ultimately is expected to supplant the ACT -- are aimed at giving teachers, schools, students and parents better information about whether students are on track for college and careers. Statewide third- through 10th-graders took the tests -- designed to assess how students apply critical thinking to real-world issues and mastery of content.

Yet the test is "not fulfilling its promise," said Rita Fischer, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Libertyville-Vernon Hills High School District 128 (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?district=CHSD+128%2C+Lake+County&dist-ID=340491280160000&district-name=CHSD+128#mainpge>), which has among the highest ACT composite scores in the suburbs -- higher than 25.

"In practice," she said, "the results are coming much too late to inform instruction."

ACT, SAT or PARCC?

For the first time, Illinois juniors were not required to take the ACT exam this year, even though the state funded the test. Since 2001, the state has provided funding for the ACT exam, but with the current budget crisis, future funding is up in the air.

State education officials are assessing whether to keep the test or go with its competitor, the SAT college admission exam (<https://sat.collegeboard.org/home>) offered by College Board, which is debuting a new test next year.

The estimated cost of a contract with a testing company is \$6.8 million per year for a three-year term.

"We did seek bids for a college-entrance exam and are currently evaluating those bids," said Laine Evans, Illinois State Board of Education spokeswoman. "It is the intention of ISBE to fund a college-entrance exam, if the necessary assessment funding is provided for Fiscal Year 2016."

Suburban superintendents say ACT has worked well as a college entrance exam, and some districts are considering funding the test themselves.

"I budgeted to keep administering the ACT, even if the state does not, because at the end of the day, if you ask a college what matters to them, PARCC doesn't matter to them," said Fred Heid, superintendent of Algonquin-based Community Unit District 300 (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?district=CUSD+300%2C+Kane+County&dist-ID=310453000260000&district-name=CUSD+300#mainpge>). "ACT and SAT are true indicators of college readiness to the extent possible, so we remain committed to that."

The district's two high schools -- Hampshire (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310453000260003#mainpge>) and Jacobs (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310453000260004#mainpge>) in Algonquin -- exceed the state's average ACT score, while the third -- Dundee-Crown (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310453000260002#mainpge>) in Carpentersville -- falls below but is "closing the gap" with supports and interventions, Heid said.

District 300's PARCC scores were not included in the partial results released earlier because the district administered only paper tests.

Heid isn't putting much stock into them because he believes the results are skewed.

"You are telling me that across the entire state not a single high school student exceeded statewide expectations in math? That's not possible," he said. "I don't think it provides a realistic picture of what students are actually capable of doing. It's going to be a baseline that will measure future performance, but it will have no impact on our district."

It's unclear when complete district- and school-level PARCC scores will be released. The state has promised to get them to the districts by December, yet there is no set timeline, officials said.

Too much testing?

Educators say ACT is only one external measure of college readiness. Most school districts use multiple measures, including student performance in locally designed classroom tests and AP exams, to provide a complete picture of whether students are on track for college.

For now, ACT and PARCC results cannot be compared because they test different groups of high schoolers, said Mary Fergus, spokeswoman for Elgin Area School District U-46 (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?district=SD+U-46%2C+Kane+County&dist-ID=310450460220000&district-name=SD+U-46#mainpge>), the state's second-largest school district. Its five high schools -- Elgin (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310450460220001>), Larkin (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310450460220002>), Bartlett (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310450460220004>), Streamwood (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310450460220003>) and South Elgin (<http://reportcards.dailyherald.com/index.php?id-name=310450460220005>) -- scored between 17 and 21 on the ACT.

"They are two different tests," Fergus said. "I think they are both useful. Over time we may be able to draw some parallels or use it as a point of comparison, but I think it's too soon right now."

Some educators are calling for eliminating PARCC assessments for high schoolers because the test is affecting instructional time and scheduling during junior year when students already are taking ACT and Advanced Placement exams.

"We need to limit the amount of instructional time that is lost to assessment," said Fischer, echoing sentiments in the Obama administration's new education plan that says testing should take up no more than 2 percent of instructional time. "We would like to see a college-entrance exam serve as the sole measure of high school accountability."