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Women's Club program atones for shopping errors

Auction of 'What Was I Thinking?' items

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

At a recent meeting of the Women's Club of Addison, the program was entitled "What Was I Thinking?" Club members searched their closets and cabinets for any items of clothing, home accessories or gadgets that they've had around for a while, but never found a reason to use. In other words, items that provoke the question, "What was I thinking when I bought that?"

These "treasures" were brought to the September 1 meeting and auctioned among all attendees. The kitchen tools, clothing, household goods and fashion accessories found

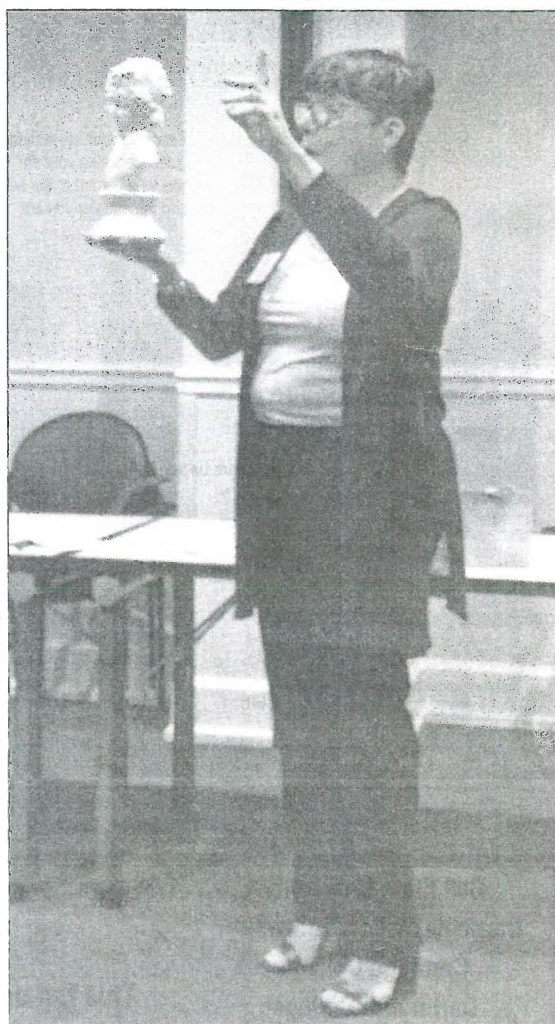
a new owner with several items so popular that they prompted a bidding war. It just proves the old adage, "one person's trash is another person's treasure." All proceeds went to the Club's fundraising efforts.

Officers elected prior to summer break began their official duties at this meeting.

They are Diane Cozzi, President; Irene Boutzarelos, 1st Vice President and Program Chair; Karen Grady, 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair; Lynn Klufetos, Treasurer; Rosalie Scrivo, Recording Secretary; and Olga Didyk, Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Chair.

Meetings of the Women's Club are held on the first Thursday of each month from September through June at 7 p.m.

Guests are welcome. For more information about membership, contact Karen at 630-878-6305 or visit the Facebook page.



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At the most recent meeting of the Addison Women's Club on Thursday, September 1, Program Chair Irene Boutzarelos, pictured here, calls for bids for the "What Was I Thinking?" auction. Club members brought in their own "What Was I Thinking?" purchases and an auction was held to raise funds for the Club. All items were sold, some even caused a bidding war!

LifeSource to implement FDA guidance regarding Zika virus

No impact to blood currently on shelves

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is recommending that blood banks screen all blood donations in the U.S. for the Zika virus.

LifeSource, a local agency which conducts blood drives in Chicago's western suburbs, is working closely with the FDA to implement Zika virus testing in compliance with the new guidance and within the FDA timeline requirement of November 18.

"LifeSource is not in an area that is immediately affected by Zika, and there is no impact to the blood currently on our shelves," said Dr. Darrell J. Triulzi, M.D., LifeSource/ITXM Medical Director. "LifeSource anticipates minimal impact to our donors and collections, no disruption to the community's blood supply, or any effect on product distribution to

our hospital partners, as a result of this request.

"LifeSource has been anticipating the new guidance and communicating with the FDA to stay on top of this rapidly-changing situation. We are already in the process of implementing the changes necessary to begin testing. Our patients' safety is our #1 priority."

Triulzi assured that LifeSource would continue to monitor the most current information and communicate any notable changes as they occur.

"Providing safe blood products to hospitals and ultimately, patients in need, is our primary goal," he said.

Areas with active transmission of the Zika virus are listed on the CDC website at cdc.gov. Most areas of concern are the Caribbean, Central and South America.

ITXM, the parent company of LifeSource, aims to provide best-in-class blood products and clinical services to meet the needs of the healthcare community, patients and donors through advanced transfusion medicine practices.

School District 4 announces Curriculum Nights for parents

Addison School District 4 schedules evening parent events early in the school year to provide parents with information about assessment, curriculum, school programs, and ways to help their children have a successful school year. Parents are asked to attend in order to find out what their children will be learning in 2016-17. Army Trail and Lincoln Schools stepped off first with their parent nights being held on September 1 (AT) and September 7 (Lincoln).

The remaining Curriculum Nights

are scheduled as follows:

Lake Park School - Thursday, Sept. 8, 6-7 p.m.
Stone School - Thursday, Sept. 8, 6-7 p.m.
Indian Trail Junior High School - Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
Fullerton School - Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6-7 p.m.
Ardmore School - Thursday, Sept. 15, 6-7 p.m.
Wesley School - Thursday, Sept. 15, 6-7 p.m.
Addison Early Learning Center - Thursday, Oct. 20, 6-7 p.m.

Remind'er: Village, AT to host Job Expo

On Sept. 17, the Village of Addison and Addison Trail will host the second Addison Industrial Job Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Addison Trail High School. Participants will have the opportunity to meet face to face with local employers and to submit a résumé. There also will be an Interview Readiness Seminar from 8 to 9 a.m. To see a flyer with details about the event, dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3016.

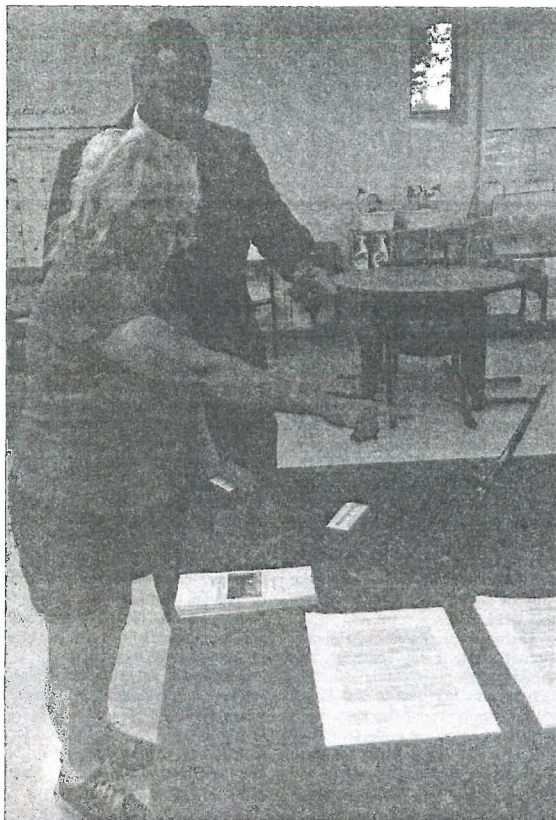
The focus of the Addison Workforce Development Committee is two-fold:

1. To collaborate to provide opportunities to train students and adults for jobs available in the area (as well as offer programs such as internships and job shadowing);
2. To develop a directory of local businesses (including contact information, open positions and skills employees need to have)..

For more information, contact Mary Heneghan at 630-693-7510 or mheneghan@addison-il.org.



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District 88 Transition Program hosts Open House

On Sept. 1, the District 88 Transition Program hosted an Open House for new and returning parents/guardians. The program helps individuals ages 19 to 21 learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and successfully transition to adult life. Participants were able to tour the facility; meet administrators and staff members; and learn about the curriculum and services provided to Transition students. Pictures include: (top left): At the open house, District 88 Transition staffer Chris Perkins meets Janice Lubbering, the parent of a Transition Program student. (bottom left): Ann Eakley from District 88's Transition curriculum speaks with: Carolyn Neher, whose son attends the Transition Program.



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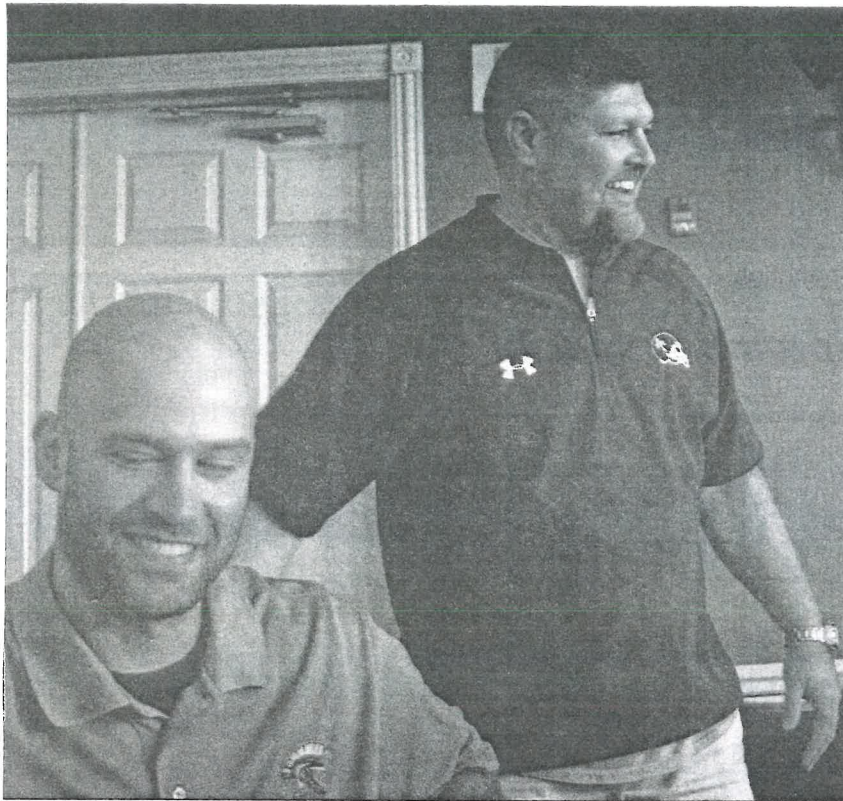
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Crosstown Classic game coming Sept. 9

On Aug. 30, Addison Trail Football Head Coach Paul Parpet Jr. and Willowbrook Football Head Coach Nick Hildreth spoke with the Rotary Club of Villa Park.

The coaches served as the group's guest speakers and shared insight into this year's football season, how the sport has changed through the years and how the schools are working to develop well-rounded student-athletes and to stay in touch with football alumni.

District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, a Rotary Club member, Addison Trail Principal Michael

Bolden and Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause also attended the meeting to introduce the coaches. Bolden also shared how Addison Trail is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with multiple events, including the annual District 88 Crosstown Classic Football Game between Addison Trail and Willowbrook. That game will take place on Friday, Sept. 9 beginning about 7 p.m. and the community is invited to cheer on the Blazers and/or the Warriors.

Willowbrook football Head Coach Nick Hildreth (left) gets a ribbing from Addison Trail Football Head Coach Paul Parpet Jr., while presenting during the Rotary Club of Villa Park meeting on Aug. 30. The annual District 88 Crosstown Classic Football Game between the teams of the two schools will take place on Friday, Sept. 9 beginning about 7 p.m. The community is invited to cheer on the Blazers and/or the Warriors.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Orthodontic UPDATE



by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

OVERCOMING OVERBITE

Upper front teeth that vertically overlap the lower front teeth more than normally would be expected describes the malocclusion known as an "overbite." The plan to treat this condition in growing children involves moving the lower jaw forward, which can be accomplished with headgear. However, to be effective, headgear must be worn 14-16 hours per day, which some young patients may not find appealing. To overcome this non-compliance challenge, the orthodontist may choose to introduce a non-removable, functional orthodontic appliance known as a "Herbst appliance." This tube-and-rod device connects the upper and lower jaw and moves the lower jaw forward and the upper jaw backwards. It does not interfere with opening and closing the mouth or with eating.

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ATHS names Ryan Cabildo 88's Best for August

Ryan Cabildo has been named as Addison Trail's August recipient of 88's Best recognition for his academic accomplishments. Cabildo, a senior, was recognized during the Aug. 29 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

When he graduates, Cabildo will have completed 11 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 14 honors courses, receiving a grade of A in all of them.

"I've had Cabildo in AP language, and he is an exceptional student who excels in both reading and writing," said English teacher Jessica Clark. "Cabildo provided enlightening discussion and set the bar high for all other students. Aside from academics, he is extremely respectful and mature. As a teacher, I'm very lucky to have had him in class."

Guidance Counselor Dana Marine agreed.

"Of all the students I have taught/counseled through the years, Cabildo ranks at the top," Marine said. "Not only is Cabildo's transcript flawless, but his AP exam and standardized test results are beyond remarkable. This year, Cabildo is enrolled in six AP classes, and I am in awe of his ability to balance a rigorous course schedule, music and co-curricular activities; somehow, he makes it all look easy. While I am impressed with Cabildo's intelligence and academic achievements, I am most impressed with his character. Cabildo is a fine, humble young man and a balanced individual. He has



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Pictured here with Principal Michael Bolden is Addison Trail senior Ryan Cabildo, who has been named as AT's August recipient of 88's Best recognition.

a warm personality and is respected by his peers and teachers."

Cabildo excels in all areas of academics, but his favorite class has always been music.

"Cabildo is that student who exemplifies hard work, while maintaining grace under pressure," said

Band Director Mark Corey. "He achieves at the highest level in all his academics, while balancing a busy life outside of the school day with involvement in theatre and musical projects. Cabildo is driven to succeed in all he does, but does so not because of the accolades it

will bring him, but because he believes in giving his very best in all he does."

Last year, Cabildo represented Addison Trail at the Illinois Music Education Conference in the Jazz Ensemble, where he played with some of the best musicians in the

state, worked with professional directors and educators, and saw other great artists perform. Cabildo also is involved in other extra-curricular activities, including National Honor Society, Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society, Theatre and Academic Team. He has reached out to the community as well through programs such as Feed My Starving Children and the PADS homeless shelter.

"I have had the honor of coaching Cabildo on the Academic Team, and I'm very impressed with how he conducts himself," said Matt Bauers, AT Academic Team sponsor and math teacher. "He is obviously highly intelligent, but he doesn't just coast on innate talent. He works extremely hard, raises up those around him and shows integrity and determination in the face of competition. Cabildo leads by example and improves the morale of his teammates (and coaches) with his positive attitude and sense of humor. He is a true leader and an excellent choice to represent Addison Trail as District 88's Best."

Cabildo's future plans include going to college, preferably at Stanford University, Harvard University or Yale University. Yale is Cabildo's top choice, as it offers him an opportunity to earn a double major in music theory and engineering.

As of now, Cabildo's end goal is to be a composer of music.

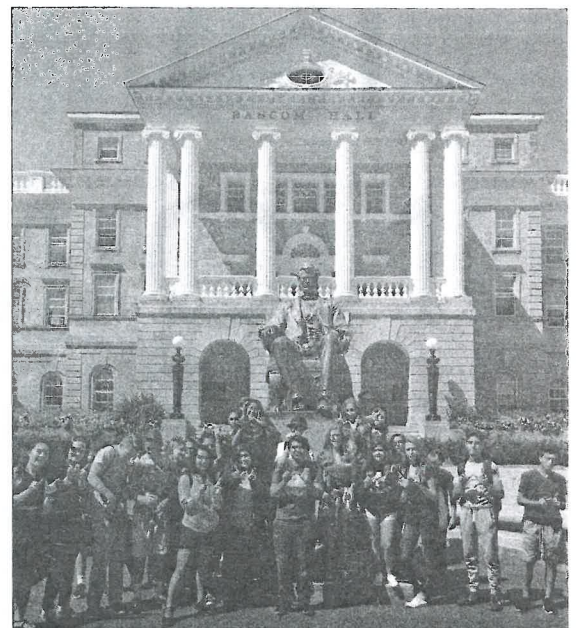
ATHS frosh visit University of Wis. at Madison

At the beginning of each school year, Addison Trail takes freshmen on college visits to University of Wisconsin-Madison. The first two trips of the 2016-17 school year took place on Aug. 30 and 31, and the next visits will be on Sept. 20, 21 and 22.

The goal is to "begin with the end in mind" and expose first-year high school students to a post-secondary education campus. About 90 percent of the class of 2020 will participate in a field trip to University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Along with learning about the

campus and the social and academic activities available, students also receive information about the history of the university and the admission process. This is the eleventh year Addison Trail freshmen have gone to University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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Members of the Addison Trail class of 2020 are pictured here on a tour of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. This is the 11th year Addison Trail is taking freshmen on campus visits to the university.

Community calendar

Saturday, Sept. 17 Village, ATHS host Industrial Job Expo

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Village of Addison and Addison Trail will host the second Addison Industrial Job Expo at Addison Trail High School. Meet face to face with local employers and submit a résumé. An Interview Readiness Seminar will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. Info: dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3016.

Ongoing events

• Addison Center for the Arts hosts Fournier exhibit

Now through Sept. 30, the Addison Center for the Arts will be holding an exhibit titled Love and Music by Joe Fournier. A special performance will be given by the artist on Friday, Sept. 16. Info: addisoncenterforthearts.com or call 630-458-4500. The Addison Center for the Arts is located at 213 No.

Lombard Rd. inside Addison Trail High School.

• Widows or Widowers

(W.O.W.) meet each month

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

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

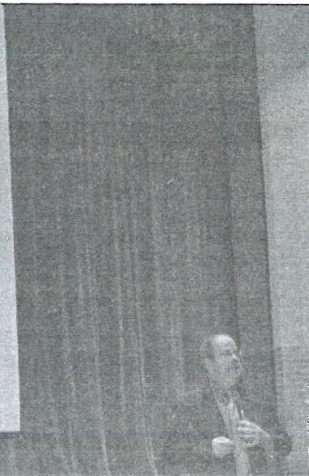
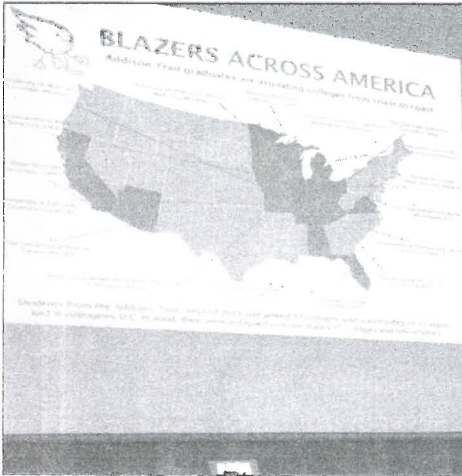
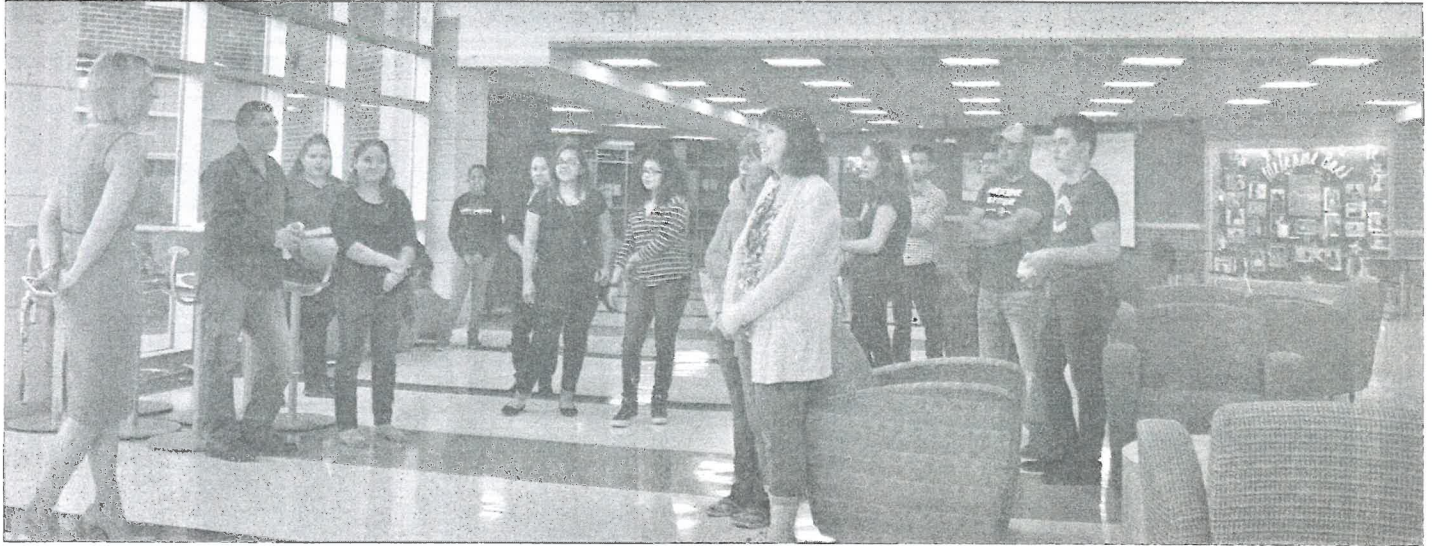
• TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off

Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Friday mornings at Grace Lutheran Church, 950 S. York Road, Bensenville. Weigh in 9:30 a.m., and meet from 10-11 a.m. Info: email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net

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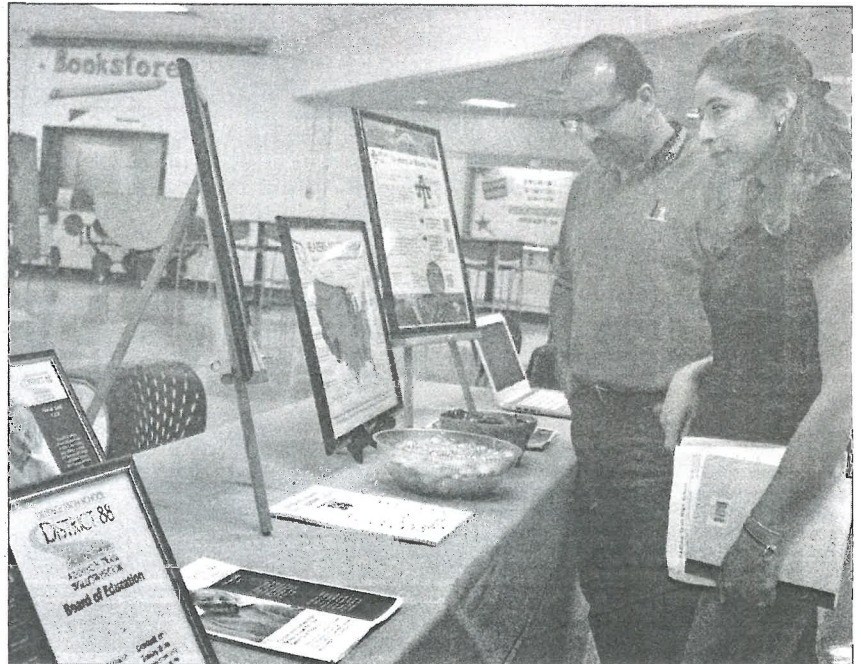
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Addison Trail hosts annual Open House

On Sept. 1, Addison Trail students and parents/guardians attended the school's annual Open House. Participants were able to tour the building; meet administrators and staff members; and learn about Addison Trail's curriculum and clubs/activities. Pictures include: (top left): Assistant Principal Courtney DeMent (left) leads a building tour. (above left): Principal Michael Bolden greets parents/guardians during the Open House and shares successes and information about the school.

(above right): AT parent Tom LoPresto signs up for the District 88 Newsletter during the Open House.

(right): AT parents Everardo and Noella Gamino read about the various programs and services offered at Addison Trail and District 88 during the school's Open House.



SPORTS

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Willowbrook football team defeats Proviso West

Addison Trail football team falls to Oak Park-River Forest

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook football team got its first win of the season in the form of a 35-0 West Suburban Conference crossover victory over Proviso West.

The win moves the Warriors to 1-1 overall on the season. Willowbrook opened the season with a loss on the road to Grayslake North.

The Warriors open WSC Gold Division play Friday on the road with the annual District 88 game against Addison Trail (1-1).

Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team dropped a recent 35-14 West Suburban Conference decision to Oak Park-River Forest.

The loss moved the Blazers to

1-1 overall.

Addison Trail was down 7-0 after the first quarter and 21-0 at halftime. The Blazers scored a touchdown in the third quarter and one in the fourth quarter.

Nick D'Ambrose ran the ball 26 times for 137 yards and scored one touchdown. Darrion Conrad ran seven times for 20 yards.

Bobby Daniels had 54 passing yards, while Michael Ruffolo had a 20-yard touchdown pass to Steven Jones. Conrad also caught two passes for 50 yards. Jones kicked both extra points.

On defense, Carlos Rosado had 10 tackles, while Juan Bracamontes had seven tackles and three tackles for loss. Jack Kent also had seven tackles. Conrad, Nick DiBernardo, Andrew Felix and Ryan Sheehan each had a tackle for loss.

Addison Trail plays Willowbrook in the annual District 88

game Friday at home.

Fenton football

The Fenton football team lost 42-0 to Palos Heights Shepard in non-conference action.

The loss dropped the Bison to 0-2 on the season.

Fenton boys golf

The Fenton boys golf team will be led this season by returning golfers Andrew Hill (junior) and Nik Fischer (sophomore).

"We have a young team with 10 sophomores," said Fenton coach Rick Johnson. "They get along great. The sophomores play together all year on the basketball and baseball team."

Johnson has been pleased with the performances of Hill, Marcus Astorga and Fischer. "They all are playing well this year," he said.

Johnson said the Metro Subur-

ban Conference will be challenging. "The MSC is strong with five private schools in our division and

Glenbard South," he said. "We're looking forward to seeing how our young kids respond."

Fenton girls volleyball team off to strong start

Bison reaches finals of their own tournament

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls volleyball team has plenty to celebrate.

The Bison got off to a strong 6-2 overall start over its first eight matches. In recent results, Fenton defeated Proviso West 25-20, 23-25, 25-20 and lost a conference game to IC Catholic Prep by scores of 25-20, 25-19.

At the Bison Blast-Off tournament, Fenton finished second. The Bison defeated Waukegan, North Chicago, St. Joseph and Ridgewood and lost to Deerfield (25-12, 25-20) in the championship match.

Through eight matches, Paulina Milanowski was leading the team with 26 service aces, while Ashley Lira had 22. Milanowski was tops in kills with 40. Natalia Skop had 31. Milanowski had 51 assists, while McKenzie Miller had 39. Melinda Boehm and Vicky Krzysskowsky were the team leaders in blocks, while Lira was leading the team in digs with 26. Skop had 25.

"Offensively, we are doing a very good job of moving the ball around and getting kills from many different people," Fenton coach Kelly Kleidorfer said. "We are making sure our opponents can't focus in on one hitter. Defensively, our serve-receive is improving. Also, our middles are doing a very nice job of getting a touch on the ball at the net."

Kleidorfer cited recent strong play from Milanowski and sophomore setter Miller. "Paulina has stood out up to this point," she said. "She leads us in aces, kills and assists. She also is our team leader and someone that everyone on the team looks to when we need that big point. Her hitting has gone to a new level this year. Mackenzie also has elevated her game and has done a great job getting the ball to the hitters."

Kleidorfer said the team is hard at work on its passing. "We always can get better with our passing," she said. "We know we need to keep improving that aspect so we can beat some of the

better teams."

Overall, the coach likes the way her team has started out of the gates. "We are pretty happy with the way it has started," said Kleidorfer. "We would have really liked to win the tournament, but Deerfield outplayed us in that match. The girls are working hard and realize they have the team this year to accomplish some really great things."

Cross-country team looking to take next step

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail boys cross-country coach Brad Donaldson has high hopes for his 2016 squad.

"If all the kids stay healthy and run where they are capable of, we should have one of the better teams we've had," he said.

Back for the Blazers are returning sectional qualifier Demetrio Cervantes (senior), Julio Cervantes (senior), along with juniors Nick Czorniak and Danny Bueno, who were part of Addison Trail's postseason roster last year. Sophomore Ricardo Arreguin is a key newcomer to the group.

"We have a large group of kids that is new to cross country, so we will have a lot of kids to pull from," said Donaldson. "Their attitudes are very positive. The kids are excited as they go through the season and learn what the sport is all about."

Donaldson lauded the work Arreguin has put in. "Ricardo has really improved since last year," he said. "He put in a ton of miles over the summer and likely will challenge for a varsity spot."

Donaldson is hopeful his team can be a Top 3 finisher in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division. "We're looking to be middle of the pack and we hope to challenge for second or third place," he said.

Addison Trail competed in a race last weekend at Fenton and will head to Peoria for another invitational Saturday.

District 88 Bragging Rights

A look at the Addison Trail-Willowbrook football series since 2000.

2015: Addison Trail 28, Willowbrook 26

2014: Addison Trail 27, Willowbrook 17

2013: Willowbrook 49, Addison Trail 32

2012: Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 28

2011: Addison Trail 35, Willowbrook 7

2010: Addison Trail, 40, Willowbrook 0

2009: Addison Trail 25, Willowbrook 0

2008: Addison Trail 34, Willowbrook 13

2007: Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 20

2006: Addison Trail 27, Willowbrook 0

2005: Addison Trail 28, Willowbrook 7

2004: Addison Trail 28, Willowbrook 0

2003: Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 0

2002: Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 13

2001: Addison Trail 14, Willowbrook 6

2000: Addison Trail 14, Willowbrook 12

Addison Trail leads series 11-5 over last 16 years.

Week 3 Preview

Willowbrook (1-1) at Addison Trail (1-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last week: Willowbrook 35, Proviso West 0;

Oak Park-River Forest 35, Addison Trail 14

Last year: Addison Trail 28, Willowbrook 26

Outlook: The annual District 88 game is as important as ever here. The winner will get off to a strong 2-1 start, plus begin the West Suburban Conference Gold Division schedule with a victory. Willowbrook erased the memory of its Week 1 road loss at Grayslake North with a shutout of Proviso West, while Addison Trail dropped its WSC crossover game to OPRF after starting the season with a win against Glenbard South. Addison Trail leads this series 11-5 over the last 16 years and has won the last two meetings.

Week 3 Preview

Fenton (0-2) at Guerin Prep (0-2)

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Guerin Prep High School, River Grove

Last week: Shepard 42, Fenton 0; Champaign St. Thomas More 35, Guerin 6

Last year: Did not play

Outlook: A game here where both teams are in need of a victory to close out the first third of the season. Fenton lost 46-0 in Week 1 to Leyden and 42-0 last week to Palos Heights Shepard. Guerin Prep, out of the smaller-school side of the Metro Suburban Conference, lost 40-0 to Chicago Sullivan in Week 1 and 35-6 last week in Champaign. Fenton's second and final MSC crossover game occurs next week against Walther Christian.

Addison Trail girls tennis team has high hopes

Blazers win three dual matches; Off to best start in coach Hegner's 11-year tenure

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls tennis team has momentum on its side after winning three recent dual matches.

The Blazers scored wins over Plainfield Central (5-2), Glenbard North (6-1) and Riverside-Brookfield (5-2). It was the first time in coach Justin Hegner's career that Addison Trail beat R-B.

"We are off to the best start since I have taken over coaching (11

years)," said Hegner. "It usually takes us half the season to get our feet under us and be mentally tough to win close matches. This year we have started off by winning most of our close matches with other teams, so the mental focus is already apparent."

Addison Trail is coming off a 2015 season where it went 6-10 and 2-4 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action (fifth place).

Back for the Blazers is junior

Marina Tollko, who is playing her second year at No. 1 singles. Also back is returning all-conference player Pamela Kobeszko (No. 2 singles). Kobeszko was an all-conference performer at No. 1 doubles last year. Seniors Gianna Sarli and Jessica Bach are back and will play No. 1 doubles this season. Sarli was all-conference at No. 3 doubles last season. Senior Meryem Ahmed also returns and is playing No. 2 doubles.

"We have a lot of seniors this

year," said Hegner. "We have three strong singles players that will challenge the division. We have four returning doubles players playing with new partners this year. The new partners seem to be doing well quickly this year. I like that this group comes out and enjoys the sport of tennis, but they also know when it is time to focus and play hard."

Hegner would like to see his team move up the conference standings.

"We're always hoping to improve from last year, but we're hoping to move up a couple positions compared to last year when we finished fifth," he said. "With the way we already are focused, I think that is a reachable goal. We want to do well in conference, but also outside conference. A few girls always have wanted to make it to state, so hopefully with the more mature and mentally focused team, that will be possible."

IC Catholic girls volleyball team splits pair of matches

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The IC Catholic Prep girls volleyball team had some good news and bad news in its first two contests of the season.

The good news was a 22-25 25-9, 25-22 non-conference win over Lisle. Giana Curran had 21 digs and seven aces, while Tess Reardon had 11 kills, seven assists and 14 digs. Katie Hendricks and Maya Stovall each had six kills, while Nailah Landon had three kills and one block.

"I liked our serving against Lisle," said IC Catholic Prep coach Nancy D'Amore. "We served very well and our ball control was really good. Serving and passing normally are our strengths. We had a strong showing in those areas. We kind of knew early on that we would struggle with attacking efficiency. We had a few blocks and that has been a point of emphasis and something we need to keep working on. The ability of putting the ball down has been a struggle. It was a struggle against Lisle and against Aurora Central."

IC Catholic Prep lost 25-22, 32-30 to Aurora Central Catholic in conference play. Reardon had 11 kills, five

assists and eight digs. Hendricks had five kills, while Kaitlyn Falduto had three aces and eight digs. Curran had 12 digs and one ace.

"What really got us against Aurora Central Catholic was serving. It was a little off," said D'Amore. "When things you count on do well, you have that consistency. When things are a little off, it exasperates the rest of it. The wheels kind of fell off for us serving. We struggled with ball control, but got it back together. We had a lot of blocking errors and a lot of unforced errors. If you have that and you are not as efficient as you need to be, offensively it becomes a struggle."

D'Amore had good things to say about her senior class early in the season. "The seniors are stepping up," she said. "Tess is setting and playing outside and Giana is our libero. Those two have been good floor leaders. Katie Hendricks is doing a good job for us in the front row. Those three are the ones we will lean on all season."

IC Catholic Prep also downed Fenton by a 25-20, 25-19 count. Reardon had 11 assists, two kills and eight digs. Curran had 12 digs and one ace. Stovall had five kills and

two aces. Landon had three kills and two blocks. IC Catholic Prep moved to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in conference play with the win.

"I knew going into the week that we had a lot to look at," said D'Amore last week. "We had a lot of opportunities to work on our weaknesses in a live game situation. It was tough to lose a conference match (against ACC); That's not what we needed out of the gate. But we know we have to bounce back and make adjustments and make sure we get the kids in the best possible situation to rely on our strengths instead of focusing on weaknesses."

Week 3 Preview IC Catholic Prep (2-0) at Elmwood Park (0-2)

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Elmwood Park High School

Last week: IC Catholic Prep 63, St. Laurence 49; Marengo 38, Elmwood Park 7

Last year: Did not play

Outlook: This is one of two Metro Suburban Conference cross-over games for IC Catholic Prep this season. The Knights face Chicago Christian at home next week. The Knights are coming off two huge victories over defending state-champion Bishop McNamara and state semifinalist St. Laurence. IC Catholic Prep racked up more than 600 yards of total offense in the St. Laurence win. Elmwood Park has been outscored 53-19 in its two non-conference losses to St. Joe's and Marengo.

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Willowbrook girls volleyball team takes sixth at own tournament

*Pennebaker has
10 kills in match
against Coal City*

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team placed sixth at its own Willowbrook invitational.

The Warriors started pool play with a 25-15, 25-13 loss to Glenbard South. Willowbrook then defeated Walther Christian 25-10, 25-10 before losing to Metea Valley 25-17, 25-15 to finish 1-2 in pool action.

Willowbrook then downed Glenbard North 23-25, 25-13, 25-15 before losing to Coal City 27-25, 25-

23 in the fifth-place contest.

In the Glenbard South loss, Bri Hoffmann had one dig. Taylor Balsitis had one kill. Payton Ceh had one ace, two assists and five digs. Olivia Pennebaker had two kills and three digs. Grace Chantos had two digs. Stephanie Ebeling had one kill. Emily Ligocki had two kills and six assists. Jamie Chiappetta had six kills, one block, one ace and one dig. Marissa Marcello had five assists, while Milena Sogura had one kill.

In the win against Walther, Balsitis had one kill, while Ceh had one kill, two aces and two digs. Denise Perez had two digs. Pennebaker had six kills. Ebeling had two kills, as did Jessica Ragucci. Ligocki had

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two kills, four aces and 13 assists. Chiappetta had five kills. Marcello had one ace and six assists, while Sogura had three kills.

Against Metea Valley, Hoffmann had one dig. Balsitis had one kill, Ceh had two aces and four digs, while Pennebaker had two kills and five digs. Chiappetta had two kills and seven digs, while Ligoeki had two assists and one dig. Marcello had three assists and Sogura had one kill and two solo blocks.

In the win against Glenbard North, Hoffmann had two digs. Balsitis had one kill, while Ceh had one kill, one ace and 10 digs. Pennebaker had four kills, one block, two aces and seven digs. Ragucci had three digs. Ligoeki had five kills, one ace and eight assists. Chiappetta had nine kills, one ace and five digs. Marcello had one ace, seven assists and one dig. Sogura had two kills and two blocks.

Against Coal City, Hoffmann had one ace. Balsitis had one kill. Pennebaker finished with 10 kills. Ragucci had three kills, while Ligoeki had two kills, one ace and 10 as-

sists. Chiappetta had five kills, while Marcello had two aces and 10 assists. Sogura had seven kills and two blocks.

After the tournament, the Warriors' record stood at 4-5 overall.

District 88 neighbor Addison Trail took third in the tournament. The Blazers lost to West Chicago in pool play 18-25, 25-21, 15-8, but came back to defeat Coal City (25-22, 25-15) and Glenbard North (23-25, 25-16, 15-12). In the semifinals, Addison Trail lost to tournament-champion Metea Valley (25-22, 25-23) and came back to defeat West Chicago 25-20, 25-21 in the third-place contest.

In earlier action, the Warriors scored a 25-17, 25-20 non-conference win against Glenbard North.

Ceh had two aces. Pennebaker had five kills and one block. Ligoeki had four kills and one ace, while Chiappetta had five kills, one block and three aces.

Sogura had four kills and two blocks. Grace Chantos and Marcello also contributed to the win.

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by Linda Thistle

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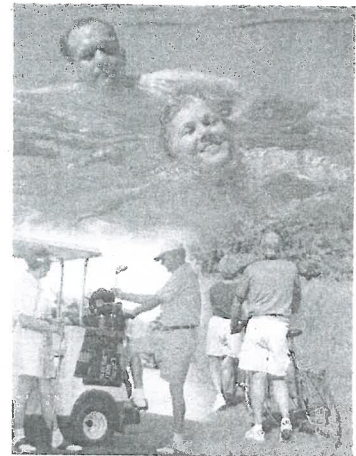
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band director Joseph Koppel works with Ardmore fourth-grader Alex Dameron on the trumpet. The other photo shows Ardmore fourth-grader Nina Young trying out the violin with guidance from Jackson band director David Farquhar. The instrumental music program is offered at both Jackson and Jefferson middle schools for students in grades 4-8. Jefferson Middle School's area instrument trials are taking place this week.

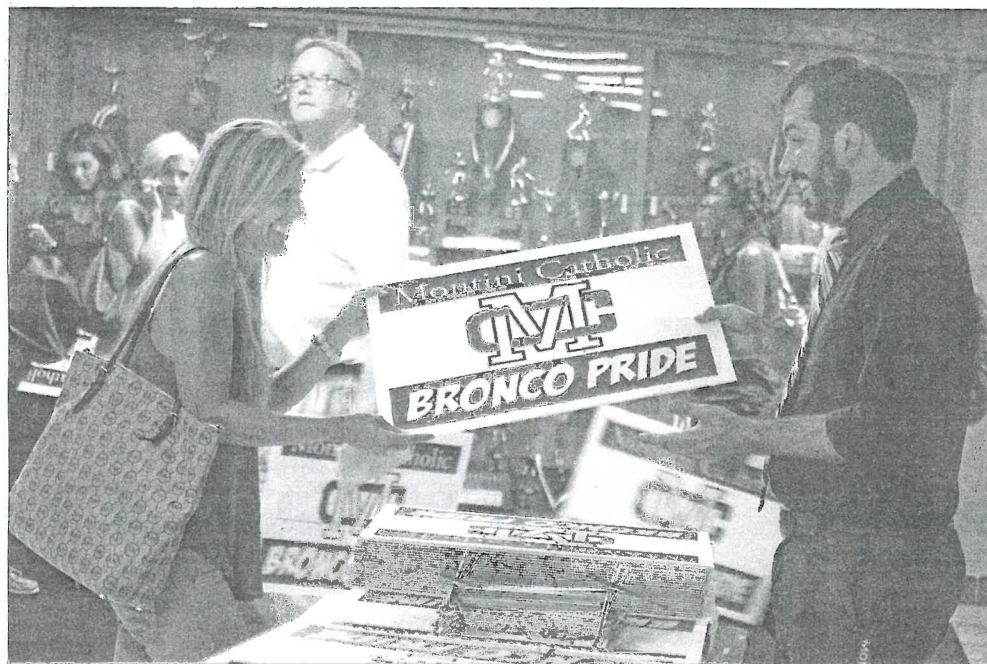
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Several volunteers give their time to the Susan Jurkonis Memorial Foundation events. The foundation is honored by their contributions. For more information, visit the foundation's Facebook page, or its website at www.susan-jurkonisfoundation.org. Contact the foundation at aigus15@gmail.com.



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Jack and Addie Lesch helped place signs in the area to provide information about the upcoming EISUS Fun Fest, a family event held in memory of their Aunt Susie. Susan Jurkonis was a standout student athlete at Willowbrook High School. She received a volleyball scholarship to Purdue University. Jurkonis was diagnosed with a brain tumor when she was 19 years old. She died in 1998 at the age of 22. Jurkonis was inducted into Willowbrook's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013. As the sign in the photo notes, this year's EISUS Fun Fest takes place from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. This year's event will be held at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, located at 320 E. Kenilworth Ave., Villa Park. As a toddler, Jurkonis would sign her artistic creations with EISUS—her name spelled backwards. For more information, e-mail the Susan Jurkonis Memorial Foundation at eisus15@gmail.com.



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Montini parents visit back-to-school night

Parents of Montini Catholic High School students visited the back-to-school night event on Aug. 25. Parents and guardians were invited to the Lombard school to spend the evening experiencing the typical day of their student. "The evening gives parents an opportunity to meet the faculty, visit the classrooms, ask questions and learn what is expected from their children," said Montini assistant principal Dr. Michael Kisicki. The photo shows Gail Casey (left) of Villa Park—the mother of sophomore Liam Casey, as well as 2015 graduate Cameron Casey—receiving a yard sign from Montini admissions coordinator Eric Brechtel at the event.

Library board seeks applicants to fill vacancy

The Villa Park Public Library is seeking a Villa Park resident to fill a vacancy on the library's board of trustees. The library board will be appointing a trustee whose term will extend until the April 2017 election. Anyone interested in filling the unexpired term must be 18 years of age, a registered voter, and be a resident of Villa Park.

This is a voluntary, non-paid position. There are seven members who each serve 4-year terms. The board meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Board members develop and approve the library's annual budget, develop and approve library policies, and provide sufficient funding for the library to execute its service plan.

Board members will interview candidates for the position at the regular library board meeting on Sept. 28. If necessary, interviews will also be conducted at the board's committee-of-the-whole meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Residents interested in applying for the position should send an application letter to the library, attention: Sandra Hill, Library Director, 305 S. Ardmore Ave. Application letters are due by Thursday, Sept. 22.

For more information, e-mail Sandra Hill at shill@vppl.info.

Tonight's town hall meeting focuses on referendum

The Village of Villa Park invites residents to attend tonight's town hall meeting at the Iowa Community Center, located at 338 N. Iowa Ave. The meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m., will include information from village staff about the referendum question on the ballot in the Nov. 8 election.

The question will ask Villa Park voters if they want to approve a half-percent increase in the village's sales tax rate, from 7.5 to 8 percent. If approved, the increase will reportedly generate about \$1.5 million annually. That money would be used to pay for village infrastructure projects, including the installation of storm sewers and water mains.

The question, as it will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot, states:

"Shall the Village of Villa Park increase the Village's Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (commonly referred to as a "municipal sales tax") from one half of one percent (.5%) to one percent (1.0%) for expenditure on public infrastructure in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Sections 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3 and 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.4)?"

The village's current sales tax rate of 7.5 percent includes the one half of one percent municipal sales tax mentioned in the referendum question. That tax generates about \$1.5 million each year. The money is directed to the village's street improvement fund

and used to pay for road repairs. Approval of the referendum on Nov. 8 would generate approximately \$1.5 million in additional funding.

Villa Park voters approved a referendum proposal in the election of November 2014 to authorize the village to borrow up to \$23 million to pay for road improvements. The funding related to that referendum can only be used for road work; it cannot be directed toward related underground projects.

The Villa Park Village Board approved a resolution at its Aug. 8 meeting to place the referendum question on the ballot in the Nov. 8 election. Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner stated at the Aug. 8 board meeting that, if approved, the tax increase would take effect July

1, 2017. Keehner also said that some of Villa Park's planned road projects are uncertain because the road-related work is funded, but the related underground work is unfunded.

Tonight's meeting is the first in a series of town hall meetings village staff will hold before the Nov. 8 election to provide information about the referendum question.

Oktoberfest weekend celebration begins on Friday

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will present Oktoberfest 2016 this weekend. The 37th annual celebration will take place Friday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Sept. 11, at Lions Park, located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave.

Oktoberfest will be open from 5–11 p.m. on Friday, from noon–11 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon–5 p.m. on Sunday.

This year's attractions include carnival games and rides, food provided by multiple vendors, a beer tent run by the Villa Park Lions and live music. Additionally, Jim Nesci's Cold Blooded Creatures will appear at the festival from 3–4 p.m. on

Saturday. Nesci's creatures include Bubba—a North American alligator—and Big Al—a 250-pound Al-dabra tortoise.

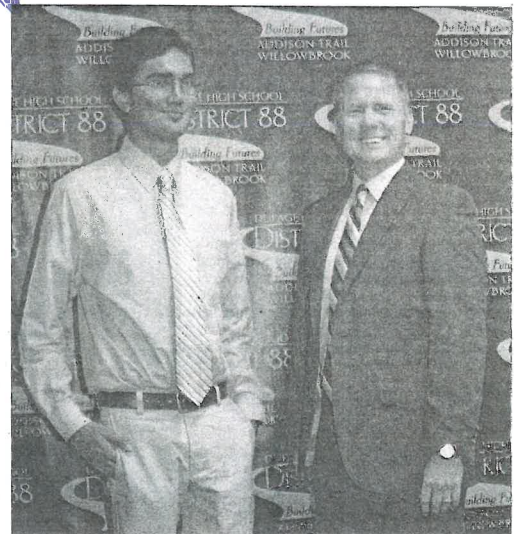
The festival will offer unlimited ride specials—\$20 per person—from noon–5 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Oktoberfest will also feature an adult bags tournament for players 21 and older that will begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Two-person teams will compete in the tournament, which will offer trophies and a total cash payout of \$150. Each team is guaranteed two matches. The walk-up registration fee is \$35 per team. Call the parks and recreation department

at 630-834-8970 for more information.

This year's live music acts include Semple, a rock/pop/alternative band that will perform from 8–11 p.m. on Friday. Saturday's entertainment will feature country/rock band Heartsfield at 5 p.m. and cover band Modern Day Romeos at 8 p.m. The Pedestrians, an alternative band, will perform at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Fenced In, which features Villa Park sisters Meghan and Caitlin Foley, will perform from 3–5 p.m.

For additional information about this year's Oktoberfest, visit www.invillapark.com, or call 630-834-8970 or 630-834-8525.



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Willowbrook names District 88's Best for August

Senior Vineet Patel (left) was named Willowbrook High School's recipient of the District 88's Best Award for August. Patel, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Aug. 29. The district's board of education and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students who reach their personal best in various areas. The award recognizes nine students at each of District 88's two schools (Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools) each school year. Patel has consistently pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. He has maintained an academic ranking within the top 1 percent of the school's Class of 2017. When he graduates from Willowbrook, Patel will have completed 12 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, as well as several honors courses. Outside of the classroom, Patel is involved in several school clubs and activities. He's a member of Willowbrook's math team, chess club, boys tennis team, student council and Key Club. Patel is applying to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Chicago. He plans to pursue a degree in computer science.

Homecoming parade returns to Willowbrook on Sept. 16

Willowbrook High School will celebrate its homecoming week from Sept. 12–17. The week of festivities will include the return of the homecoming parade, which has been absent for several years. The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16. The route will begin near the Rugarud Gazebo near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard, and will end at the school, located at 1250 S. Ardmore Ave.

The parade will begin about three hours before the Warriors' varsity football game against West Subur-

ban Gold Conference rival Hinsdale South. The opening kickoff will take place at approximately 7:30 p.m. All Willowbrook alumni are invited to visit the alumni tent, which is sponsored by the Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club, to enjoy some treats, raffle prizes and conversation with fellow graduates. The first 100 alumni who visit the tent will receive a Willowbrook towel.

Willowbrook's 2016 homecoming week celebration will conclude with the dance, which will take place at the school from 7–10 p.m. on Satur-

day, Sept. 17. The theme of this year's dance is "A Night Under the Stars."

Other highlights of the special week at Willowbrook include Pajama Day on Sept. 12; Jersey Day on Sept. 13, and the powder-puff football game between juniors and seniors that begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 14. A bonfire will take place after the powder-puff contest.

A homecoming pep assembly, which will feature the coronation of Willowbrook's 2016 homecoming court, will begin in the main gymnasium at 1:40 p.m. on Sept. 16.

Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Rams fall to 0-2 after a narrow loss at Glenbard South

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East football team dropped to 0-2 following Friday's 28-25 loss to Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn. The Rams had a chance to tie the game or take the lead on their final offensive drive of the night. The drive ended when Glenbard East couldn't convert a fourth-and-long play from midfield with a little more than one minute remaining in the game.

"They [the Raiders] executed a little bit better than we did in a tight football game," said Glenbard East coach John Walters after the non-conference battle. "We didn't protect the ball as well as we would have liked to. We did some nice things tonight. We have some great things to build on. Nothing's determined in the first two games of the season. We'll get back to the grind and try to find a way to get a little bit better next week."

The Rams will open the Upstate Eight Valley Conference season with this Saturday afternoon's game at South Elgin, which is also off to an 0-2 start. The Storm lost 17-15 at Lockport on Friday.

Glenbard East and the Storm piled up 108 total points in last year's meeting. South Elgin defeated

the Rams 61-47 in the 2015 conference matchup in Lombard.

Glenbard East failed to complete a pass during the first half of Friday's game at Glenbard South, which improved to 1-1. The Rams' passing game improved in the second half, when sophomore quarterback Bret Bushka threw for over 200 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

"We ran it great in the first half and threw it great in the second half, but we never ran and threw it together," said Walters. "We're going to have to get a little more balance and consistency."

The Raiders took an early 7-0 lead, but Glenbard East responded with a pair of touchdowns to take a 13-7 lead by the end of the first quarter. Bushka's 22-yard scoring run, followed by a successful extra-point kick by senior Justin Murphy, tied the score at 7-7. Senior cornerback Kenney Stewart of the Rams intercepted a Glenbard South pass later in the opening period. Stewart returned his interception 31 yards to the Raiders' 4-yard line. Moments later, junior Jack Oberli scored on a 4-yard touchdown run to give the Rams a 13-7 lead. Glenbard East failed to convert the extra-point attempt.

Oberli finished the night with 98 rushing yards on 24 carries.

The Raiders scored two touch-



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Glenbard East sophomore quarterback Bret Bushka fires a pass during the final period of Friday's non-conference football game at Glenbard South. The Raiders beat the Rams 28-25. Glenbard East's record dropped to 0-2. The Rams will open the Upstate Eight Valley Conference season with this Saturday's game at South Elgin.

downs in the second quarter to take a 21-13 halftime lead. The Rams bounced back early in the third quarter, scoring on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Bushka to junior Kenny Adams. The same duo connected for Glenbard East's only score—a 67-yard TD pass—during the team's

30-6 season-opening loss to Lake Forest on Aug. 26.

The Rams tried a 2-point conversion pass after Friday's touchdown connection between Bushka and Adams. The pass, which would have tied the score at 21-21, was unsuccessful, leaving the Raiders with a

21-19 lead.

Glenbard South extended its lead to 28-19 on a 9-yard touchdown pass and subsequent extra-point kick with about two minutes left in the third quarter. The Rams scored the final touchdown of the night with 2:24 to play in the fourth period. Bushka rolled to his right on a third-and-12 play and completed a pass to junior Gino Dalesandro, who made a short reception and sprinted down the sideline for a 36-yard TD reception. Bushka's conversion pass to Adams was incomplete.

Glenbard East's defense forced the Raiders to punt after three plays on the ensuing series. The Rams took possession of the ball on their 19-yard line with just over two minutes to play. They drove to the Glenbard South 43-yard line before a sack on a third-and-10 play forced a fourth-and-18 play from midfield. Bushka completed a pass to Adams on fourth down, but the Raiders stopped Adams a few yards short of the first-down marker. Glenbard South proceeded to run out the clock against the Rams, who had used all of their timeouts.

Bushka completed 14 of 28 pass attempts for 215 yards. He threw two touchdown passes and a pair of interceptions. Dalesandro finished the night with three receptions for 92 yards. Adams had seven catches for 83 yards.

Broncos rebound from season-opening loss to beat Lake Zurich

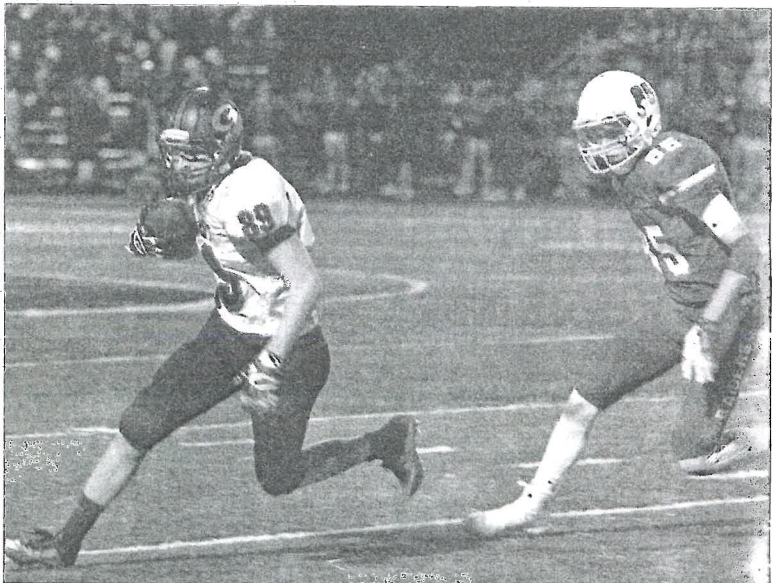
The Montini football team evened its record at 1-1 with Friday's 19-7 victory over Lake Zurich in Lombard. The Broncos, who opened their season with a 44-13 loss at Maine South on Aug. 26, trailed the visiting Bears (1-1) 7-6 at halftime before scoring a pair of second-half touchdowns. Montini made its second-half drives with junior Matt Morrissey at quarterback. Morrissey entered the game in the second half to replace junior Brad Norgle, who left the game with an injury.

Norgle completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to junior Matt Quaglia on the Broncos' second offensive drive of the game. Montini missed the extra-point kick. Lake Zurich responded with its own 10-yard touchdown pass later in the opening quarter. The Bears made the extra-point kick to take a 7-6 lead.

Senior running back Will Smith delivered a 29-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to complete a 90-yard drive and give the Broncos a 12-7 lead. Junior Michael Cooney kicked the extra point to increase Montini's advantage to 13-7.

Morrissey's 21-yard touchdown pass to senior Brandon Shilgalis in the fourth quarter padded the Broncos' lead. Lake Zurich blocked the ensuing extra-point kick.

Montini's season continues with this Friday's Chicago Catholic League Green Division game against Fenwick (2-0) at Triton College in River Grove. Marmion, De La Salle and St. Francis join Montini and Fenwick in the league's five-team Green Division.



Glenbard East junior receiver Gino Dalesandro (No. 89, left) heads down the field for a 36-yard touchdown reception during the fourth quarter of Friday's football game at Glenbard South. Dalesandro's touchdown cut the Raiders' lead to 28-25 with less than three minutes to play. Glenbard South hung on to beat the Rams 28-25 in Glen Ellyn.

Warriors improve to 1-1 by overpowering Proviso West

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Willowbrook's football team improved to 1-1 with Friday's dominant 35-0 win over Proviso West in Villa Park. The Warriors scored two first-quarter touchdowns to take an early 14-0 lead in their senior night contest. The lead grew to 21-0 by halftime.

The Warriors will open the West Suburban Gold Conference season with this Friday's game at District 88 rival Addison Trail (1-1). Willowbrook and the Blazers staged a memorable battle one year ago. The Warriors had a chance to win the contest with a last-second field goal, but the attempt bounced off the upright, and Addison Trail hung on to edge Willowbrook 28-26 in the 2015 meeting

in Villa Park.

The Warriors took immediate control of Friday's meeting with Proviso West (0-2). Senior Mike Dembowski tried an onside kick on the opening kickoff. Junior Jacob Entwistle recovered the loose ball for the Warriors, who proceeded to drive 51 yards for a touchdown during the game's opening minute. Junior Jack Jessen's 1-yard scoring run gave Willowbrook the lead. Dembowski added the extra-point kick to put the Warriors ahead 7-0 with 11:10 left in the first quarter.

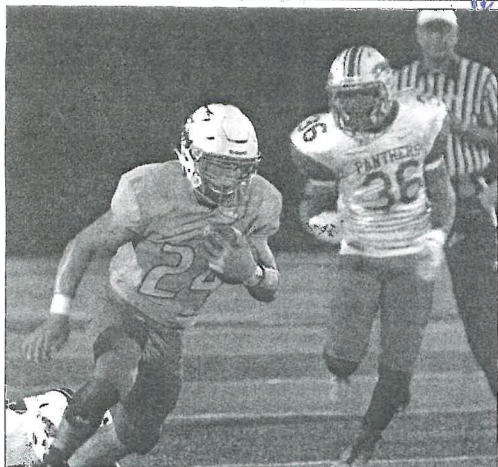
Willowbrook added a 57-yard touchdown drive later in the opening period. Jessen's 5-yard run into the end zone completed the drive.

Senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri connected with senior receiver Jon-

athan Kelso on a 28-yard pass play early in the second quarter to spur the Warriors' third touchdown drive of the night. Ranieri completed a pass to senior Freddie Clay later in the drive, which ended with a 5-yard touchdown run by junior Chris Diaz. Dembowski booted his third extra-point kick of the night to give Willowbrook a 21-0 advantage with 10:55 to play in the second period.

The Warriors added two touchdowns in the second half, which began with a long kickoff return by senior Eugene Findley.

One week after this week's meeting with Addison Trail, the Warriors will continue their conference season with their homecoming game—Sept. 16 contest against Hinsdale South.



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Willowbrook junior Jack Jessen carries the ball during the first half of Friday's football game against Proviso West. Jessen ran for a pair of touchdowns in the first half to help the Warriors to a 21-0 halftime lead. Willowbrook defeated Proviso West 35-0 in Villa Park. The Warriors, who improved to 1-1, will open the West Suburban Gold Conference season with this Friday's game at Addison Trail.



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Finishing strong

Glenbard East junior Katie Schaefer (bib No. 1308, right) approaches the finish line of Saturday's Fenton Early Bird Invitational. Schaefer ran the 3-mile race in a 39th-place time of 19 minutes, 55.8 seconds. She was the Rams' third-fastest runner in the event, which kicked off Glenbard East's season. The Rams earned a 10th-place showing in the 23-team invitational.



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Rams run season opener

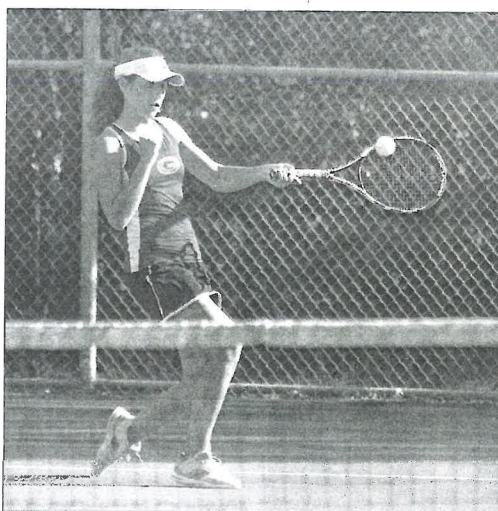
Sophomore Maeve Brasile (left) and junior Lexi Weltin (right) of the Glenbard East girls cross country team head toward the finish line during Saturday's Fenton Early Bird Invitational at Fenton High School in Bensenville. The 23-team event marked the Rams' first competition of the 2016 season. Weltin crossed the finish line just ahead of her teammate, completing the 3-mile race in a 30th-place time of 19 minutes, 40.2 seconds. Brasile earned 31st place with her time of 19:41.8. Junior Katie Schaefer provided the Rams' third-best time of the race. Schaefer negotiated the course in a 39th-place time of 19:55.8. Juniors Cailyn Biegalski (20:42.2) and Melissa Flores (21:08.2) placed 63rd and 77th, respectively. Juniors Ali Liljestrand (22:27.8) and Brenna Peters (23:43.3) rounded out Glenbard East's varsity lineup in the event. The Rams placed 10th in the overall team standings of the invitational. Downers Grove South won the team championship. Vernon Hills placed second, while Prospect claimed third place. "Our girls did well," said Glenbard East coach Joe Latala. "We were hoping for a top-seven finish, considering seven teams were ranked in the top 30 in the state leading into the weekend, but our girls had a solid debut." The Rams will run in this Saturday's Royal Cadet Invite at Marmion Academy in Aurora.



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Rams win conference opener

Senior Meghan Wozniak of the Glenbard East girls volleyball team hits a serve during last week's Upstate Eight Valley Conference match against West Aurora. The Rams defeated the Blackhawks 25-18, 25-22 in the Sept. 1 contest in Lombard. Wozniak contributed 10 assists, four kills and two blocks. She also served a pair of aces. Sophomore Allison Hamaker provided nine kills and seven digs, while junior Sam Silbernagel made 11 digs. Senior Mackenzie Bell delivered seven assists, five digs, four kills and two aces. The win over West Aurora gave the Rams an overall season record of 4-4. Glenbard East opened last week's schedule with a 25-23, 25-23 loss to St. Charles North. The Rams won three of five matches at Conant High School's 16-team Peggy Scholten Volleyball Classic, which took place Friday and Saturday. The Rams lost two of three matches on Friday, falling to Harlem and Palatine. Glenbard East's lone victory on Friday was a three-game victory over Rolling Meadows. Bell and Wozniak had 13 and 10 assists, respectively. Hamaker drilled a team-leading 10 kills, while Bell and Wozniak both hit six kills. Junior Emily Denton piled up 17 digs. The Rams closed out the event by winning both of their matches on Saturday. They beat Elk Grove 25-17, 25-19, and wrapped up the invite with a 25-19, 25-19 victory over Conant. Hamaker pounded 11 kills against Conant. She bashed 33 kills in the team's five tournament matches. Bell made 38 assists during the event. Wozniak had 36 assists.



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Rams vs. Warriors

Above: Junior Bailey Ekstrand of the Glenbard East girls tennis team won the No. 1 singles match in the Rams' season-opening dual meet at Willowbrook on Aug. 31. Ekstrand defeated sophomore Grace Wachholz 6-1, 6-2. The Rams earned a 5-2 decision over the Warriors in the dual meet, which included three matches in singles and four matches in doubles. Glenbard East junior Aisha Kamran won a 6-1, 6-2 decision in the No. 2 singles match. The Rams' No. 1 doubles team—seniors Elizabeth Melmers and Alex Vargas—scored a 7-5, 6-2 victory. The Glenbard East tandem of juniors Annie Carani and Grace Larkin prevailed in the No. 3 doubles match. They won the first set and lost the second before claiming a decisive 10-3 victory in the tiebreaker. Juniors Nayeli Magana and Schuyler Roberts provided the Rams with a 6-2, 6-3 win in the No. 4 doubles match. Right: Glenbard East senior Alex Vargas hits a volley during the Rams' Aug. 31 meet at Willowbrook. Vargas teamed with senior Elizabeth Melmers to win the No. 1 doubles match against the Warriors' tandem of senior Renee Parznat and junior Willie Zachariah. Playing in their first event of the 2016 season, the Rams defeated Willowbrook 5-2 in the Aug. 31 dual meet in Villa Park.





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Scouting this weekend's high school football games

The High Five

Glenbard East (0-2, 0-0) at

South Elgin (0-2, 0-0)

Upstate Eight Valley

Game time: 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Glenbard South 28, Glenbard East 25; Lockport 17, South Elgin 15.

Last year: South Elgin 61, Glenbard East 47.

Outlook: Winless teams typically aren't High Five material, but the visiting Rams and defending UEC Valley champ Storm would each like to factor into the race. Both are young and made strides in Week 2 after one-sided openers. Consistency, communication and teamwork will pace Glenbard East's improvement after graduating nearly all its skill players. Receiver Kenny Adams has caught 11 passes for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns, and sophomore quarterback Bret Bushka is completing 50 percent of his passes. Injuries are taking a toll. Running back Scott Szabo is hopeful after getting hurt against Glenbard South and a rare skill-side veteran, safety-kicker Justin Murphy, sat out the second half. Jack Oberli spelled Szabo with 98 yards rushing and a touchdown. South Elgin, 2-0 historically over the Rams, pressured Lockport when over the last 7:31 junior quarterback Nate Gomez completed 6 of 9 passes with 1 touchdown and ran for another.

Next week: West Aurora at Glenbard East; Bartlett at South Elgin.

Montini (1-1, 0-0) at

Fenwick (2-0, 0-0)

Chicago Catholic League Green

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Triton College in River Grove.

Last week: Montini 19, Lake Zurich 7; Fenwick 51, Bowen 0.

Last year: Montini 48, Fenwick 7.

Outlook: With Brother Rice next week and Mt. Carmel in Week 8, Montini has a slim margin for error with its 23-year playoff streak on the line. The Friars of Gene Nudo, who led Driscoll to a 1991 title and joined Fenwick five years ago, won't make it easy. Fenwick rallied from a 20-0 hole to beat defending Class 4A champion Phillips in Week 1 before the Bowen demolition. Eighteen starters return from last year's 3-6 Friars including quarterback Jacob Keller, running back Conner Lilling, receiver Mike O'Laughlin and tight end Jack Henige. Fenwick also fields veteran offensive and defensive lines. Montini's defensive front took hits when

ends Cooper Hynes and Nick Malek both hurt ankles against Lake Zurich, and Matt Morrissey needed to replace fellow junior quarterback Brad Norgle, who broke a finger on his throwing hand hitting a helmet. The 6-3 Morrissey is poised, and more good news is the Broncos look to return tailback Prince Walker, out the first two games with an injury.

Next week: Montini at Brother Rice; Fenwick at Leo.

Naperville North (2-0, 1-0) at

Wheaton North (2-0, 1-0)

DuPage Valley Conference

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Naperville North 41, Metea Valley 40 (OT); Wheaton North 37, Joliet Catholic 7.

Last year: Wheaton North 20, Naperville North 7.

Outlook: A year ago both teams were 0-2 heading into this matchup. My, how things have changed. Now Friday's winner emerges as a legitimate DVC title challenger. Both offenses are different from last year, and both are potent in different ways. Naperville North's lightning offense relies on the precision passing of quarterback Luke Cegles, who's thrown for 363 yards and 8 touchdowns, and big receivers Mitch Lewis, who's 6-foot-6, and 6-3 Nick Calcagno. The Huskies will try getting more out of their run game against Falcons linebackers Erik Mueller, Danny Walker and Bo Neidballa in addition to 6-5 lineman Lavon Thomas. Wheaton North and running back Sam Singleton, who's rushed for more than 300 yards and 8 scores, look to pound the ball again. They'd also like third-year quarterback Luke Anthony to get in a groove against a Huskies secondary featuring Grant Erickson, Cam Hardy and Kiser Floyd. Linemen Isaac Velasco and Malik Wells help bring the heat.

Next week: Naperville North at Lake Park; Wheaton North at Metea Valley.

Neuqua Valley (2-0, 2-0) at

Waubonsie Valley (2-0, 2-0)

DuPage Valley Conference

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Neuqua Valley 24, Naperville Central 10; Waubonsie Valley 29, Glenbard North 28.

Last year: Neuqua Valley 28, Waubonsie Valley 7; Waubonsie

Valley 21, Neuqua Valley 14 (Class 8A second round).

Outlook: With the Indian Prairie Classic held at North Central College from 2003-14 and Neuqua hosting the 2015 games plus a 2012 quarterfinal, this is Waubonsie coach Paul Murphy's first time hosting in his 12 years there. Neuqua starting quarterback Jack Bastable and receiver Donny Navarro clicked last week but overall the Wildcats' offense remains a little banged up. Coach Bill Ellinghaus likes his defensive front of Tommy Diesla, Jackson Keating, Josh Krajacic and Matt Quinn, who helped hold Naperville Central to 27 yards rushing. Likewise, Glenbard North held Waubonsie tailback Nate Ashford and the Warriors' ground game in check only to see quarterback Tanner Westwood throw touchdown passes of 50, 53 and 56 yards, plus the game-winning 2-point conversion to Chuck Robinson with 14 seconds left. Murphy, though, would like to see his club go on long, clock-consuming drives and finish. Defensive tackle Jake Julian creates a lot of havoc for a 170-pounder.

Next week: Wheaton Warrenville South at Neuqua Valley; Naperville Central at Waubonsie Valley.

Willowbrook (1-1, 0-0) at

Addison Trail (1-1, 0-0)

West Suburban Gold

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Willowbrook 35, Proviso West 0; Oak Park 21, Addison Trail 0.

Last year: Addison Trail 28, Willowbrook 26.

Outlook: The latest chapter of the old-school District 88 rivalry should be a good one, and the winner will come away with strong title hopes in the Gold. Two-way play will be critical on both sides, starting with Willowbrook and running back-linebacker Jack Jensen. He's a load on offense and, when paired with quarterback M.J. Ranieri's efficiency, the Warriors' offense hums. Credit also goes to an improving offensive line and the emergence of running back Chris Diaz for a unit countered by Blazers inside linebackers Nick DiBernardo and Andrew Felix. Addison Trail receiver-defensive back Dartton Conrad is fun to watch. Defenders like Warriors safeties Jon Kelso and Khalif Copeland will have their hands full against him and Blazers running back Nick D'Ambrase. Both sides need to be better at preventing big plays. Addison Trail would love to improve defensively in third and long situations. Willowbrook aims to contain the Blazers' dangerous return game on kicks and punts.

Next week: Hinsdale South at Willowbrook; Addison Trail at Downers Grove South.

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Diving into the big issues

Now that we've settled into the football season, storylines are developing everywhere. This week's edition of Eyes on Five looks at some of the issues affecting DuPage County as we head into Week 4.

1 Fallout:

Many of you were either at Neuqua Valley's 24-17 victory over rival Waubonsie Valley, or you've since watched last week's highlights. You've probably also seen the big lowlight.

A scrum broke out on Neuqua Valley's sideline after a play, and on Tuesday the IHSA announced punishments after reviewing the video. Two Neuqua Valley players and one Waubonsie Valley player will be suspended for this week's games.

The Wildcats will be short-handed at home against Wheaton Warrenville South, while Waubonsie Valley will be down a player at Naperville Central. The IHSA did not release the names of the suspended players, leaving that to the discretion of the schools.

If you watch the video, it's not difficult to figure out who won't be playing. Let's just say it'll have an impact on this Friday's action.

2 Uni-madness:

I typically don't dwell on the mundane rules of football...boring things about uniforms, cleats, equipment, etc.

This one, though, got my

blood boiling a bit.

The National Federation of State High School Associations created a rule that the front and back of a football jersey can have the school name, logo, nickname or player name on it. Specific team nicknames and general words like "Pride" or "Tradition" are no longer allowed.

Kevin Schmit

I first heard about this rule change while attending the West Suburban Conference preseason meeting and immediately turned my gaze to Glenbard West coach Chad Hetlet. He helms the Hilltoppers, but the football team is better known as the "Hitters."

Because of this new rule, "Hitters" is technically no longer allowed on the front or back of Glenbard West jerseys, although Hetlet asked for and received from the IHSA a letter stating that his team is being granted a one-year reprieve. Several other teams will be granted a reprieve because uniforms were ordered before the rule was announced.

If I'm Hetlet, I keep fighting for "Hitters" to remain on the jerseys. It means too much beyond football.

Legendary Hilltoppers coach Bill Duchon created the Hitters Club in 1964 to honor football players who competed hard on the field and were gentlemen off it. Duchon

dedicated the Hitters Club to Glenbard West graduate and football standout Bruce Capel, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1966.

As evidenced by the tributes to Capel earlier this year — the 50th anniversary of his death — he remains a vital part of the community. Whatever rule the NFHS chooses to enforce won't change that.

The spirit of Capel, termed the "Original Hitter", will not fade. Regardless, no one should try scrubbing "Hitters" off any Glenbard West jersey.

That mentality flies in the face of everything we should love about high school athletics.

3 What...me worried?:

At what point should Montini fans be worried that the Broncos won't win a second straight state title Thanksgiving weekend?

If such a point actually exists, we're nowhere close to it yet.

It's true Montini's been outscored 89-38 in three games this season. There's no avoiding the Broncos' disappointing 44-13 season-opening loss to Maine South and last week's 38-6 defeat to Fenwick in the Chicago Catholic Green opener.

Clearly there's a bunch of work to be done in Lombard. That'd be troubling if the Broncos hadn't been in this position before.

Just two years Montini (1-2, 0-1) started the season 1-2 and finished second in the state. In 2010 a 1-2 started turned into



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A new national rule could force Glenbard West to remove the word "Hitters" from its uniforms.

a state title while 2-2 starts in 2009 and 2011 ended with championships.

Adversity is nothing new to the Broncos. Don't be surprised if they bounce back from their rough start...again.

4 Projecting:

This week the IHSA posted its first playoff outlook of the season.

There's a lot of info to digest in the outlook, but the first thing I look at is playoff points. That's the strength-of-schedule number representing the total wins by the nine opponents on a team's schedule. Playoff points are a tiebreaker used at the end of the regular season to determine what 5-4 teams make or miss the playoffs.

Last year Willowbrook

missed the playoffs despite having a 5-4 record, a disappointment caused by a lack of playoff points. This year the Warriors have 7 playoff points through three games — third fewest in the state — which means they likely need to clinch a spot with 6 wins or by claiming West Suburban Gold championship.

Lake Park, which missed the 2014 playoffs as a five-win team due to low playoff points, appears in better shape with 15 points. It helps that the DuPage Valley Conference is off to a good start in nonconference play and the Lancers' nonconference opponent, DeKalb, is 2-1 and appears bound for another strong finish after the Lancers edged the Barbs on Friday.

We'll obviously dig deeper

into the playoff outlook as the season progresses. Those are just a couple of initial thoughts.

Stat time:
In Lake Park's 28-21 win over DeKalb last week, the Lancers' 97-yard touchdown pass from Jackson Behles to Johnny Pacione set a record for the longest pass in the 60-year history of the program. It also turned out to be the game-winning play.

According to retired Lake Park coach, statistician and historian Dean Bladel, the scoring strike surpassed an 86-yard pass in 1970 and an 85-yard pass in 2002.

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