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Addison Trail to stage Theatre Alumni Show

By Danielle Brink
DuPage High School District 88

Addison Trail High School graduates will take their audience down memory lane later this month when they stage their Theatre Alumni Show.

The show will take center stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, in the school auditorium, 213 N. Lombard Road.

The production features highlights from the school's 50 years of theater performances, with about 25 alumni returning to help coordinate all aspects of the show -- from performing, to lighting to backstage crew.

Theater Director Anna Jakubka said the goal is to welcome alumni back and showcase five decades worth of plays and musicals. Audience members also can expect a few surprises, including video messages from key theater alumni and staff, she said.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, \$3 with an Activity Pass and free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card.

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The Willowbrook football team regained possession of the District 88 Trophy—also known as “The Lady”—following Friday night’s 38-7 victory over Addison Trail. The Warriors are pictured with the trophy moments shortly after their resounding win in Addison. Willowbrook had not defeated Addison Trail in the annual football grudge match since 2013.

Warriors overpower AT 38-7 in annual rivalry game

The Willowbrook football team dominated Friday night’s contest against District 88 rival Addison Trail, pounding the Blazers 38-7 in Addison. The Warriors scored 21 second-quarter points on their way to a 31-7 halftime lead in the contest, which opened the West Suburban Gold Conference season. The Warriors and Blazers both entered

the rivalry game with 1-1 records.

The winner of the annual football battle between the two District 88 schools claims possession of the trophy known as “The Lady.” Prior to Friday, Willowbrook’s last win over Addison Trail came in 2013. The Blazers won the next two meetings, including last season’s exciting 28-26 victory in Villa Park. The

Warriors had a chance to win the game with a last-second field goal, but the attempted kick bounced off the upright.

Willowbrook will try to improve its overall record to 3-1 when it plays its homecoming game against conference rival Hinsdale South this Friday. The opening kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. All

Willowbrook alumni are invited to visit the alumni tent on Friday. The Willowbrook Athletic Booster Club sponsors the tent celebration, which will include treats and raffle prizes. The first 100 alumni who visit the tent will receive a Willowbrook towel.

This year’s homecoming week festivities will feature the return of

the school’s homecoming parade, which will begin three hours before the start of Friday’s varsity football game. The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. near the Rugaard Gazebo at Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. The parade route will proceed south to the school.

For a story on the game, see Sports.



Willowbrook junior running back Chris Diaz (No. 21) breaks a 33-yard run during the second quarter of Friday’s game at Addison Trail. Moments after the long run, Diaz delivered a 7-yard touchdown run to give the Warriors a 23-7 lead. Willowbrook built a 31-7 halftime lead on its way to a 38-7 victory.



Senior Khalif Copeland of Willowbrook heads toward the end zone for a 16-yard touchdown reception during the third quarter of Friday’s game at Addison Trail. Copeland’s scoring reception from senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri gave the Warriors their fifth and final touchdown of the night. Willowbrook defeated Addison Trail to improve its overall record to 2-1.



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Happy 95th birthday

York Township Supervisor John W. Valle surprised Villa Park resident Bob Kossow Sept. 2 with a birthday cake for his 95th birthday. Kossow is a longtime regular at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center. Supervisor Valle led the Senior Center lunch crowd in a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" after which Kossow made a wish, blew out the candles and cut the cake, which was served after lunch at his request. "We just wanted to remind Bob Kossow of how happy we are to have him as a regular here at the Senior Center," said Valle.

EISUS Fun Fest takes place Sept. 24 at Cortesi Park

The third annual EISUS Fun Fest—a family event featuring games for children and adults—will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park. The park is located at 320 E. Kenilworth Ave., Villa Park.

The festival is a fundraising event honoring Susan Jurkonis, a 1994 graduate of Willowbrook High School. As a toddler, Susie Jurkonis would sign her artistic creations with EISUS—her first name spelled backwards. Shortly after enrolling at Purdue University, where she received a volleyball scholarship, Jurkonis was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. She battled for over two years before passing away at the age of 22 in 1998.

In addition to featuring games, the EISUS Fun Fest will include music, light refreshments, face painting and a raffle. Admission is free; fundraising is generated by the sales of tickets for games and the raffle. The funds raised during the festival will be donated to the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) to support research, as well as to provide assistance to families touched by brain tumors.

Each of the two previous EISUS Fun Fest events raised over \$5,000 for the ABTA.

For more information, visit the Susan Jurkonis Memorial Foundation's Facebook page, or its website at www.susanjurkonisfoundation.org. Contact the foundation at cis-us15@gmail.com.

Home invasion reported in Villa Park

The Villa Park Police Department is seeking information about a home invasion that took place last week at a residence in the 500 block of North Wisconsin Avenue.

According to a news release issued by the police department, officers responded to the home at 7 a.m. on Sept. 6. Police spoke to the victim, a 64-year-old female resident, who stated a male subject had confronted her in her home.

The subject was described as a

male Hispanic, between 20-30 years old, 5 feet, 7 inches tall and of medium build. He was reportedly wearing a red or burgundy T-shirt and blue-colored Hawaiian type shorts.

The subject reportedly removed several small-value items from the home and fled the area on foot.

The police department asks anyone with information concerning the incident to contact Detective Sergeant William Lyons at 630-592-6117.

Village dignitaries to take part in Saturday's Cool Reader Readathon

The Friends of the Villa Park Library will hold its second annual Cool Reader Readathon on Saturday, Sept. 17. The 12-hour fundraising event will begin at 9 a.m. at the Villa Park Public Library, located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave. Residents are invited to stop by at any time during the event, which will feature 24 individuals who will read their favorite books out loud.

The readers in this year's event include State Rep. Deborah Conroy, Villa Park Police Chief Robert

Pavelchik, Villa Park Trustee Robert Wagner, Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, School District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano and Willowbrook High School Principal Dan Krause.

Visitors to the fundraiser can help the Friends of the Villa Park Library by sponsoring one of the readers. Donations can also be made online.

For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info, or call 630-834-1164.

Library board seeks applicants to fill vacancy; deadline to apply is Sept. 22

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 or older, a registered voter, and a resident of Villa Park.

Library board service 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, which will take place at 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.



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New staff members at Willowbrook

The District 88 Board of Education welcomed several newly hired Willowbrook High School staff members at the recent school board meeting. The photo shows five of the 19 members who are new to the Willowbrook staff for the 2016-17 school year. Pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (far right) are: (left to right) Dmitri Martinez, Amanda Rohlfing, Andrew Levin, Holly Fournier and Karina Klimek. Martinez, Fournier and Klimek work in the school's world languages department. Rohlfing is a math teacher. Levin is a member of the social studies department.

Warriors pound Addison Trail 38-7 to regain custody of 'The Lady'

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook football team's preparation for Friday's showdown with District 88 rival Addison Trail must have been exceptional. The Warriors could not have been much sharper against the Blazers.

Willowbrook traveled to Addison and raced to a 31-7 halftime lead on its way to a 38-7 victory in the opening game of the West Suburban Gold Conference season. The dominant victory gave the Warriors an overall record of 2-1. Willowbrook will play its homecoming game this Friday. The Warriors will face conference rival Hinsdale South. The Hornets (0-3 overall) opened its conference schedule with a 37-24 loss to Downers Grove South.

The winner of the annual gridiron battle between Willowbrook and Addison Trail claims possession of the District 88 Trophy, also known as "The Lady." The Warriors regained custody of the trophy for the first time since their 2013 win over their rivals. The Blazers won the next two meetings, including last year's down-to-the-wire contest in Villa Park. Willowbrook had a chance to beat Addison Trail with a last-second field goal, but the kick bounced off the upright. The Blazers edged the Warriors 28-26.

"Last year definitely hurt," said senior Jonathan Kelso, an offensive and defensive starter who provided a touchdown catch and two interceptions during Friday's victory. "We used that as fuel all week long going into this game. We just used that feeling from last year. We didn't want to lose this game, and we came up big."

A touchback on Friday's opening kickoff gave the Warriors the ball at their own 20-yard line. Willowbrook's first drive of the night ended



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Senior receiver Jonathan Kelso races into the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown reception during the second quarter of Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference football game at Addison Trail. Kelso's touchdown catch gave the Warriors a 16-7 lead. Willowbrook added two more touchdowns during the second period to take a 31-7 halftime lead. The Warriors crushed the Blazers 38-7 to improve to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in conference play. Shortly after making the touchdown reception, Kelso turned in a key defensive play by intercepting an Addison Trail pass. He added another interception during the second half.

with a 35-yard field goal by senior kicker Mike Dembowski. Addison Trail (1-2 overall) punted on its first offensive series, giving the Warriors the ball at their own 19-yard line. Junior running back Jack Jessen highlighted the ensuing 81-yard scoring drive with a 57-yard run down to the Blazers' 2-yard line.

Jessen ran the ball across the goal line on the next play. Dembowski's extra-point kick gave the Warriors a 10-0 lead with about five minutes to play in the first quarter.

"I thought we did a pretty good job," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth of the team's fast start against the Blazers. "We were able

to get things going on the ground."

Willowbrook junior Nick Sabatino made a key defensive play in the opening quarter to help the Warriors preserve their 10-0 lead. Addison Trail made a big gain on a long reception before fumbling the ball at the end of the play. Sabatino recovered the loose ball at the Warriors'

22-yard line.

Addison Trail cut into Willowbrook's lead with a 95-yard drive that ended with a 25-yard touchdown pass with about nine minutes left in the second quarter. The conversion kick reduced the Warriors' advantage to 10-7.

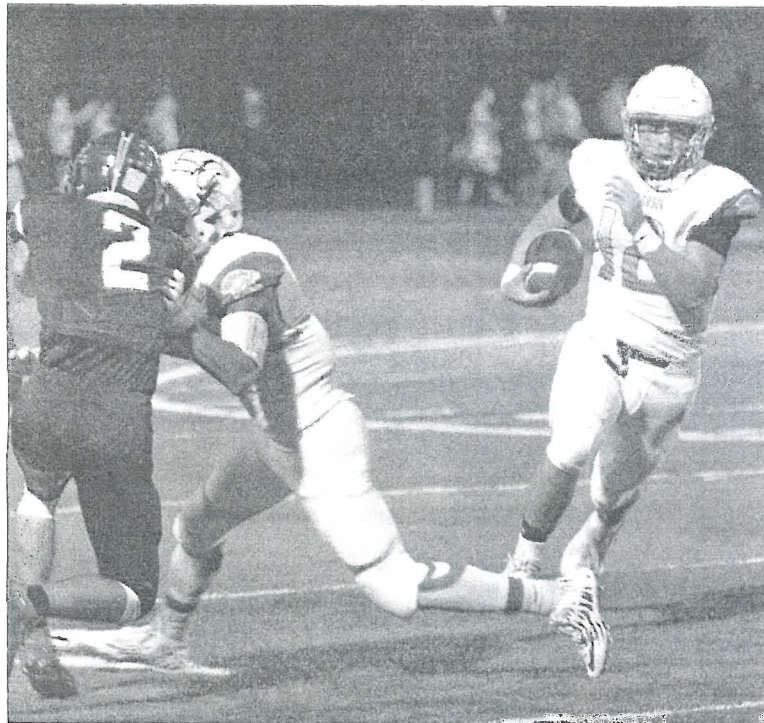
Willowbrook needed a handful of plays to rebuild its lead. A couple of runs by Jessen and a completion from senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri to senior Freddie Clay preceded Ranieri's 28-yard touchdown pass to Kelso. The extra-point kick moved the Warriors' lead to 17-7 with 8:04 left in the second quarter.

Kelso, one of several Willowbrook starters on both offense and defense, intercepted an Addison Trail pass on the Blazers' ensuing drive. The Warriors then unleashed another scoring march that ended on a 7-yard touchdown run by junior Chris Diaz with 6:15 remaining in the first half. Moments before scoring the touchdown, Diaz ran for a 33-yard gain.

The Willowbrook defense bottled up Addison Trail's offense on the next series, forcing the Blazers to punt from deep in their own territory. The Warriors' subsequent drive, which began at Addison Trail's 39-yard line, ended with Ranieri's 7-yard touchdown run with 2:33 to play in the opening half. The scoring run by Ranieri was Willowbrook's third touchdown in a span of under six minutes.

The Warriors scored their fifth and final touchdown of the night on a 16-yard pass from Ranieri to senior Khalif Copeland in the middle of the third quarter.

"I wouldn't say this was a surprise," said Jessen of Willowbrook's overwhelming victory over Addison Trail. "We were ready for this. We had great preparation for this game."



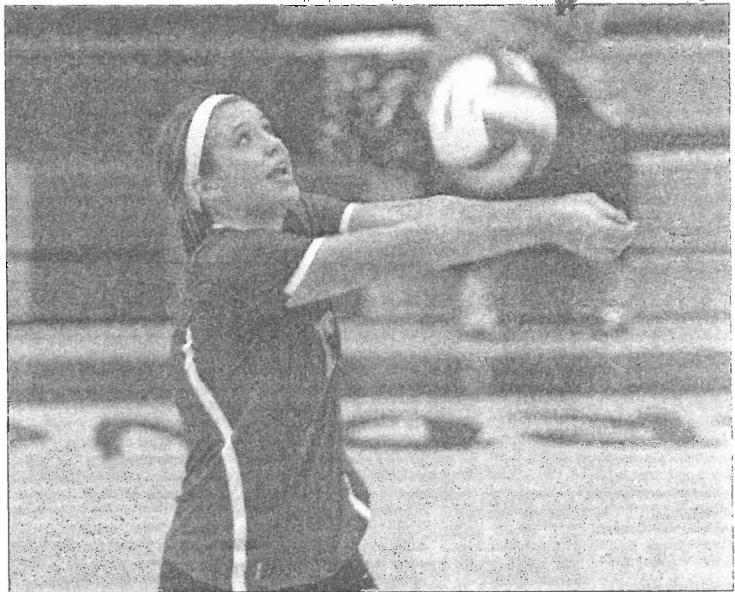
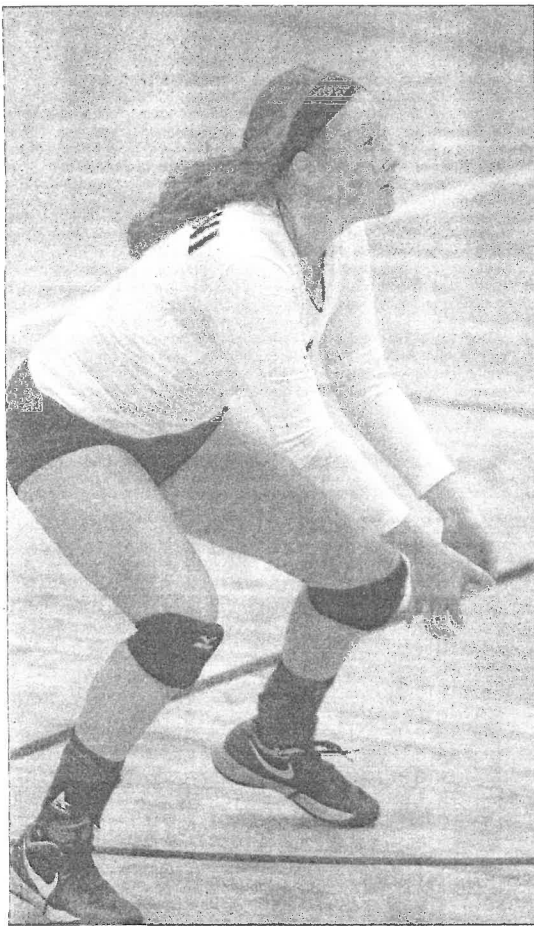
Willowbrook senior quarterback M.J. Ranieri carries the ball during Friday's football contest at Addison Trail. Ranieri ran for one touchdown and fired a pair of touchdown passes to help the Warriors to a 38-7 win in the West Suburban Gold Conference opener. Willowbrook will play its homecoming game against conference rival Hinsdale South this Friday.



DINA KWIT PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Rough night for the Broncos

Montini junior lineman Joseph Clesla (left) prepares to block a Fenwick defender during Friday night's Chicago Catholic League Green Division football game at Triton College in River Grove. Fenwick overpowered Montini 38-6. The Friars, who held a 24-0 lead late in the second quarter, improved their overall record to 3-0. The Broncos fell to 1-2. Junior kicker Michael Cooney accounted for Montini's only points with a pair of field goals. The Broncos will try to even their record at 2-2 this Friday, when they will travel to Chicago to face Brother Rice (3-0).



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Broncos vs. Warriors

The Montini and Willowbrook girls volleyball teams squared off in Thursday's non-conference match in Lombard. Playing on their home court, the Broncos defeated Willowbrook 25-19, 25-14. Montini senior Bethany Loftus (pictured at left) contributed four kills and six digs for the Broncos, who improved their overall season record to 4-8. Sophomore Johanna Kingsfield provided five kills and six blocks for Montini. Sophomore Joslyn Boyer delivered 10 assists and 10 digs. Sophomores Lexi Quaglia and Caitlyn Meeks bashed seven and five kills, respectively. Willowbrook senior Emily Ligocki (pictured above) had five assists and two kills for the Warriors, whose overall record slipped to 5-6. Junior Marissa Marcello also handed out five assists for Willowbrook. Senior Olivia Pennebaker hit a team-leading four kills. Senior Jamie Chiappetta, senior Milena Sogura and freshman Peyton Ceh each provided two kills. Montini fell to 4-9 following Friday's three-game loss at Evanston. Willowbrook won four of five matches to claim second-place honors in Saturday's tournament at Leyden. The 4-1 effort at Leyden left Willowbrook with a season record of 9-7. The Warriors defeated Westmont, Lane Tech, Lakeview and Conant at the tournament. They suffered their only loss of the event to Leyden. Ligocki handed out 59 assists during Willowbrook's five matches at the tournament, while Chiappetta and Sogura piled up 34 and 29 kills, respectively.



STEVE SPODEN PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Pool pals forever

The Paradise Pool Pals met Sept. 1 at Villa Park's Anyway's Restaurant for a special luncheon to bid farewell to the Lombard Park District's Paradise Bay Water Park's swimming season. The water park closed for the season following the Labor Day weekend. The pals are already looking forward to the 2017 opening of the water park on Memorial Day weekend. The group invites adults of all ages to join them during next year's pool season from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the walking, lap and dive pools for a good time of exercise, fellowship and fun.

School supplies donation

Employees of JC Penney, 75 Yorktown Center, Lombard, recently delivered a car load of school supplies to York Township Hall for distribution to children of York Township Food Pantry families for the new school year. Pictured at the presentation are (left to right) JC Penney General Manager Matt Johnson, store intern Alex Andrews, lingerie department employees Nancy Carino, Natalie McDermott and York Township Supervisor John W. Valle.



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The school supplies were collected as a result of a storewide contest hosted by the JC Penney's Warrior Team. "The contest ran for a month. The whole store was involved and each person was on a team based on which department they normally worked in. We want to not only give great service while you shop but also find ways to help support the community through volunteering at events and fund raising to support a cause," said Johnson. "I want to thank all the employees and management of JC Penney in Yorktown, for their generous support."



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On Sept. 2, Addison Trail was thrilled to share its Blazer Pride with WGN-TV during an "Around Town" segment in honor of the school's 50th anniversary. (top left): The Addison Trail Cheerleading Team and Blazettes pose with AT's mascot, Bucky the Blazer. (top middle): WGN-TV Reporter Ana Belaval interviews AT Principal Michael Bolden. Also



pictured are District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and District 88 Board of Education Member Lisa Lullo (an alumna of Addison Trail). (top right): Belaval speaks with AT Guidance Counselor Shane Cole (left), Director of Guidance Kevin Redding and AT students. (far left): Pictured are (from left) Deb Delawder, AT alumna and parent of AT graduates, who helped bring WGN-TV to the school; Belaval; and AT physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose, an AT alumna, who helped coordinate the segment. (left): Pictured are Addison Trail staff members who also graduated from the school.

AT featured on WGN-TV to celebrate 50th anniversary

On Sept. 2, Addison Trail was thrilled to share its Blazer Pride with WGN-TV during an "Around Town" segment in honor of the school's 50th anniversary.

Reporter Ana Belaval led the broadcast, which featured:

Interviews with District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden

and District 88 Board of Education Member and Addison Trail alumna Lisa Lullo.

AT Director of Guidance Kevin Redding and AT Guidance Counselor Shane Cole speaking with students about the school's focus on preparing students for post-secondary education through taking freshmen on a visit to University of

Wisconsin-Madison for the past 11 years.

Interviews with coaches of Addison Trail state-placing teams: Darlene Galgan, girls gymnastics; Chad Grant and Dan Styler, boys volleyball; Ryan Dini, boys soccer; Jim Llorens, wrestling; Paul Parpet, football; and Fred Dennis, boys and girls gymnastics.

An all-school assembly: Highlighted academic and athletic successes of the school through the years; introduced about 30 Addison Trail staff members who also are alumni.

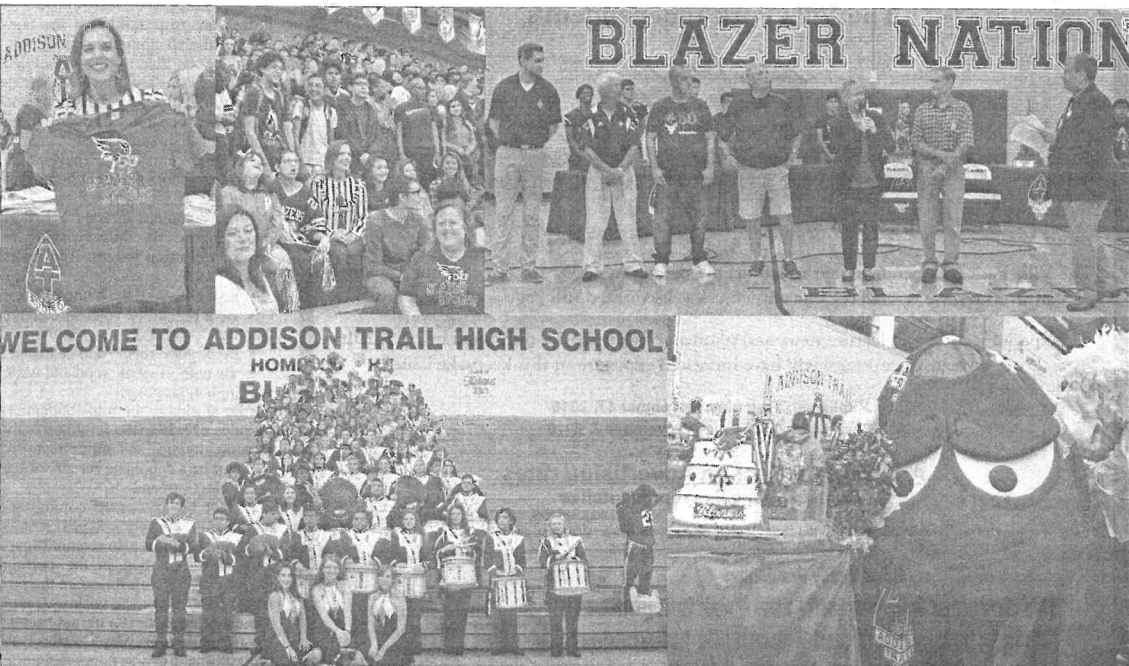
Performances by the Marching Band, Blazettes, Orchestris Band, Cheerleading Team and Theatre, who previewed the school's upcoming musical, "Grease."

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The school singing "Happy Birthday" to Addison Trail's mascot, Bucky the Blazer, and presenting Bucky with a homemade cake (made by District 88 staff member Veronica Noyola) in honor of 50 years.

Students and staff singing the "Blazer Fight Song."

Deb Delawder, AT alumna and parent of AT graduates, helped bring WGN-TV to the school, and Physical Education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose (also an AT alumna) helped coordinate the segment.



(top left): WGN-TV reporter Ana Belaval shows her Blazer Pride as she holds up the Addison Trail T-shirt she received during an "Around Town" segment on Sept. 2 in honor of the school's 50th anniversary. (top middle): Belaval sits with AT students in the bleachers during the segment. (top right): Coaches of Addison Trail state-placing teams are introduced. They are (from left): Dan Styler, boys volleyball; Jim Llorens, wrestling; Ryan Dini, boys soccer; Paul Parpet, football; Darlene Galgan; girls gymnastics; and Fred Dennis, boys and girls gymnastics). (bottom left): Pictured are members of the AT Marching Band and Color Guard. (bottom right): AT's mascot, Bucky the Blazer, poses with cake after the school sang "Happy Birthday" to him in honor of 50 years.

•Ball

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Mayor Veenstra challenges community to 'Make It A Million'

challenge in his latest newsletter to "Make It A Million." He is urging companies, businesses, groups and organizations to sponsor the event.

"In order to [hit \$1 million]," he said, "we need local companies to sponsor the event. Sponsorships help us decrease our costs and maximize the proceeds to the 20 local charities and service organizations that make up the Mayor's Community Charity Ball."

The cost of a basic sponsorship is \$400, but more levels are available. For more information about the event, including how to be a sponsor, visit addisonadvantage.org. Raffle tickets are available for sale through the Addison Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 630-543-4300 or send an e-mail to: addison-chamber@sbcglobal.net.

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We've got spirit

The Addison Trail pom team shows the spirit during half time of the Addison Trail vs. Willowbrook football game. See story on page 18.

DuPage Election Commission seeks election judges

The DuPage Election Commission is recruiting judges to work the General Election on Nov. 8. Election judges are responsible for the conduct of the election at precinct polling places on Election Day. Qualified individuals are required to report to the polling place by 5:15 a.m. and should be prepared to remain at the polling place up until two hours after the polls close at 7 p.m. They should also be available the night before for set up.

Illinois statute outlines a list of qualifications for those wishing to serve as election judges. Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a registered voter in DuPage County;
- Be of good repute and character;
- Be able to speak, read and write the English language;
- Be skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication);
- Not be a candidate for any office at the election; and
- Not be an elected committee-man.

Illinois statutes also require bipartisan representation in the polling place so a judge must declare the political party he or she wishes to represent. Attendance at a training seminar is required prior to Election Day (approximately three hours including a test) and judges are paid based on the level of training received.

For additional information, visit the Election Commission's website at dupageco.org/election.

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I'll be reading this column from France

I write this to you before I go to France and you will read while I am there. This trip has been planned for a long time. We are taking off the entire month of September to be on holiday in the south of France. The Europeans take off the month of August. Our schedules worked better for the fall.



By
KELLY SIMMONS
Columnist

When we first announced our journey, people exclaimed with delight and enthusiasm. But far more shook their heads and asked, "Aren't you afraid?"

No, we're not.

France tourism has obviously declined due to the terror attacks that have occurred there this past year or so. One MILLION fewer people have visited France in the first six months of 2016 than in years past. Many people, at least one million, are indeed afraid.

I liken it to New York City. That city was attacked and many people were killed. It was horrendous and defies comprehension. Does that mean it is not safe to go to New York?

The sad truth is that anything could happen anywhere at any time. I could be at an event in Chicago and tragedy could strike. With any trip, in these days since 9/11 and the attacks across the world, one must be more aware and extra cautious. But to stay home simply because of a "what if," does not make sense.

Travel brings me joy. This trip with my Prince has been a joy to anticipate and I'm sure will be a delight every day.

We do not have plans to be in Paris, but not because of fear of attacks. My husband is not a big city guy. We will spend a leisurely month exploring the south, mainly Provence, and enjoying a slower pace of life.

I do find it bittersweet that the state of the world is one of such mixed emotion. For all those who have a bit of good-natured envy that we are off to France for a month, there are just as many who shrink back in fear and think we're foolish.

Some people have a fear of flying and that keeps them from getting on a plane. Now the fear of terror attacks keeps people from traveling. That is sad.

I choose to focus on the good. I lived in France for a year a decade ago. At that time, there were riots and burning of cars and buildings in Paris and Toulouse, where I lived. It was much exaggerated in the media. My friends were told it was not safe to travel to France and they are so glad they trusted their intuition and came anyway. The trip of a lifetime could have been spoiled by fear.

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Color guard

The color guard and baton twirlers entertain the crowd at the District 88 rivalry game.

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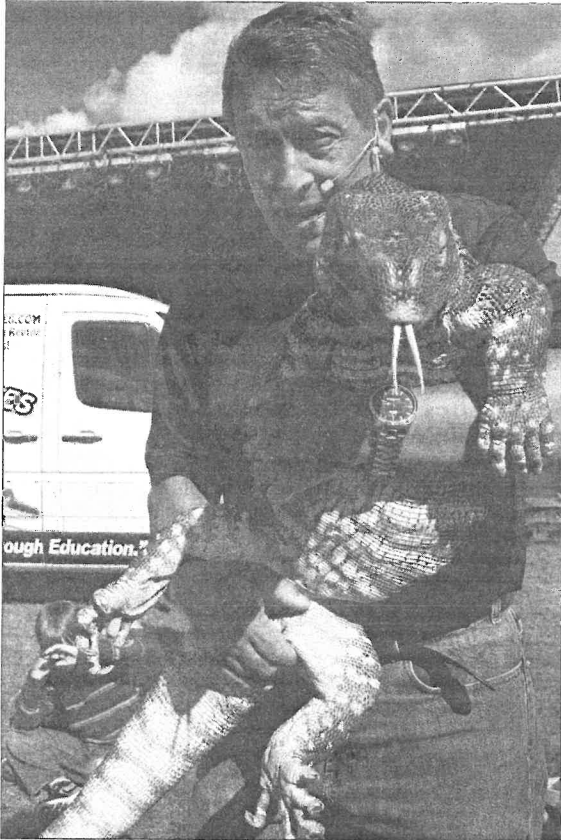
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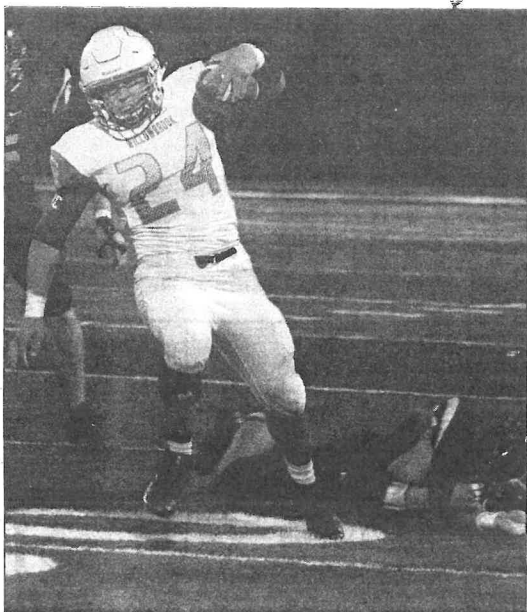
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Week 4 Preview Addison Trail (1-2, 0-1) at Downers Grove South (1-2, 1-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Downers Grove South High School

Last week: Willowbrook 38, Addison Trail 7; Downers South 37, Hinsdale South 24

Last year: Downers South 37, Addison Trail 21

Outlook: After an opening-week win over Glenbard South, Addison Trail has dropped two straight to Oak Park-River Forest and district neighbor Willowbrook. The Blazers will look to get back on track against a Downers Grove South team that is fresh off defeating defending conference champion Hinsdale South. The Mustangs opened the season with a 56-6 loss to Homewood-Flossmoor and a 27-6 loss to Hinsdale Central. Those two opponents currently stand at a combined 6-0.

Week 4 Preview Hinsdale South (0-3, 0-1) at Willowbrook (2-1, 1-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

Last week: Willowbrook 38, Addison Trail 7; Downers South 37, Hinsdale South 24

Last year: Willowbrook 27, Hinsdale South 13

Outlook: Willowbrook made it two in a row last week with a 38-7 win over district neighbor Addison Trail. The Warriors will look to move to 2-0 in conference against the defending conference champions in Hinsdale South. Don't let the 0-3 Hinsdale South record fool you. The Hornets lost 20-16 to a strong Prospect program and only lost 14-6 to defending state champion Glenbard West. Hinsdale South opened conference play with a 37-24 loss to Downers Grove South. Last year, Willowbrook defeated Hinsdale South in conference play, but Hinsdale won the conference with one less loss than the Warriors.

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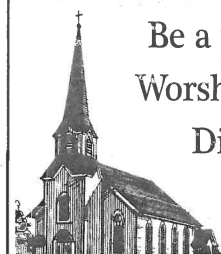
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On Sept. 2, the Addison Trail Football Team welcomed back former players, coaches and their family members.



ATHS hosts 50th anniversary alumni events for boys soccer, football

Throughout the 2016-17 school year, Addison Trail will celebrate its 50th anniversary with events and activities to welcome back alumni and to continue to engage stakeholders.

The most recent 50th anniversary

events were a Boys Soccer Alumni Celebration on Aug. 25 and a Football Alumni Celebration on Sept. 2. During those home games, alumni were announced to the crowd and had an opportunity to reconnect with

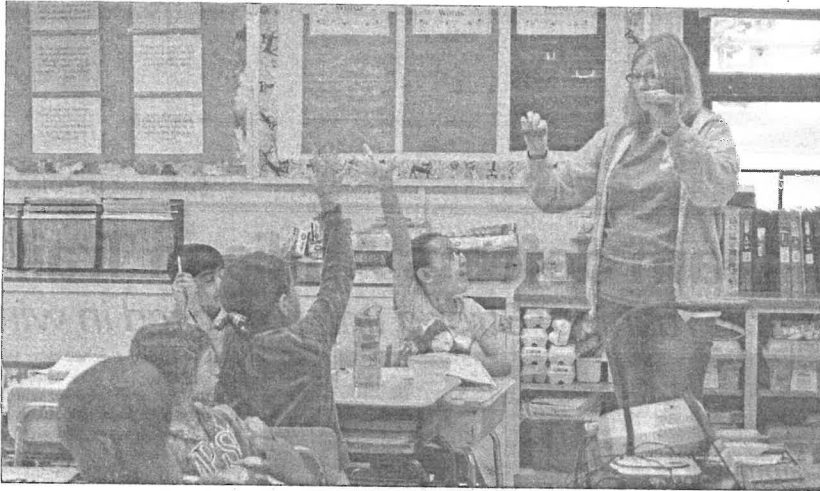
fellow graduates and Addison Trail students, parents/guardians, community members and staff. About 14 alumni attended the Boys Soccer game, and about 16 alumni attended the Football game. All coaches of

the varsity and junior varsity Boys Soccer teams are Addison Trail graduates, and three of those coaches are former players on the team.

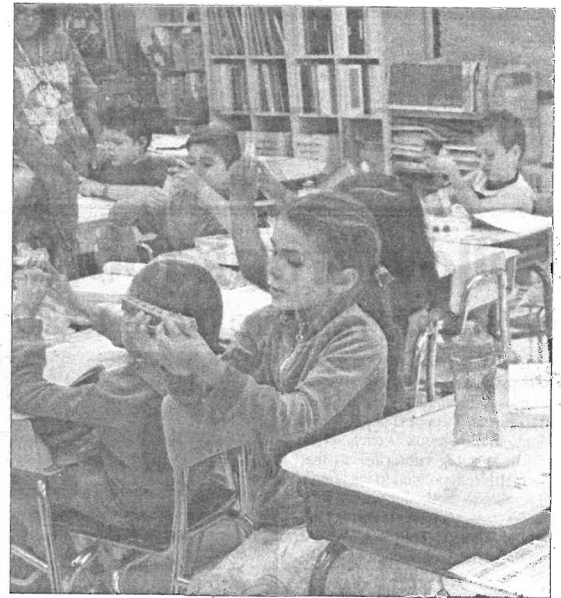
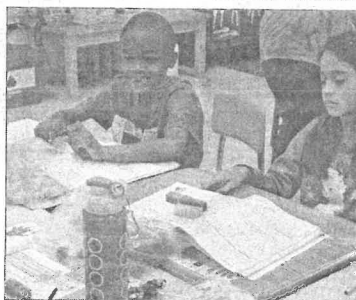
The Blazers took on Fenton High School in soccer and won 3-0. In

football, the Blazers competed against Oak Park and River Forest High School, with a score of 14-35.

For more information about 50th anniversary events, go to dupage88.net/AT50thAnniversary



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Second graders learn to manipulate – math that is!

The second graders in Mrs. Bognetti's classroom at Wesley School practicing math using manipulatives. The students combined parts (for example, 3 blue cubes and 5 purple cubes) to create a whole (8 total cubes). The exercise included students writing math sentences (3+5=8, 8-3=5, 8-5=3, 5+3=8) as they practiced combining and separating the cubes.

Drama grads to perform in AT theater production

On Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., Addison Trail graduates will take the stage during the school's Theatre Alumni Show. It will take place in the auditorium of Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road.

The event will feature highlights from the school's 50 years of theater memories, performances and more. About 25 alumni will return to help coordinate all aspects of the show – from performing, to lights to backstage crew.

Addison Trail Theatre Director Anna Jakubka said the goal is to

welcome alumni back to the stage and showcase the five decades worth of plays and musicals that have been performed at the school.

She added audience members also can expect a few surprises, including video messages from key theatre alumni and staff.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12; \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, call 630-628-3365, or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com.

Community calendar

Friday, Sept. 16 Junior High Dance

From 6-9 p.m. at Centennial Rec Center, 1776 W. Centennial Pl., junior high students are invited to dance to music by an interactive DJ on one side of the gym or play basketball on the other side.

Bean bag tournament, raffle prizes. Students must show School ID to enter the dance, no exceptions. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Fee: \$9 for residents. Info: call 630-233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org/facilities/Centennial-Rec-Center/centennial-rec.htm

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.

• 10th annual Fishing Derby

From 9-11 a.m. at Wood Dale Grove Lake, The Addison Park District and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County have teamed up for a fishing derby. Prizes will be awarded to kids ages 15-and-under who catch the biggest fish. Fee: \$5 per person; \$10 the day of the event. Info: call 630-233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org.

Thursday, Sept. 22

• Collaborative to sponsor Resource Fair

From 5:30-7:30 p.m., Addison Early Childhood Collaborative is sponsoring its 5th Addison Community Resource Fair at Indian Trail Junior High, 222 N. Kennedy Drive in Addison. The theme of the fair is "Read for Life—Today's Readers, Tomorrow's Leaders." Refreshments, crafts, and raffles will also be available to make this event fun for the entire family. Info: call 630-458-2470

Saturday, Sept. 24

• KCs pancake breakfast for Fire Dist. Explorers

From 8 a.m. to 12 noon, the Addison Knights of Columbus Council #650 is holding a pancake breakfast at the Addison VFW at 446 W. Lake St. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Proceed benefit Addison Fire District Explorer Post #343.

• Park Pride at Army Trail Nature Center

From 9-11:30 a.m. at the Army Trail Nature Center, roll up your sleeves and participate in public stewardship by pulling invasive weeds, planting trees, removing trash and having fun getting back to nature. To register your volunteer group, call 630-233-7275. Info: addisonparks.org

• ATHS theater alumni take the stage

At 7 p.m., Addison Trail alumni

will take the stage in the auditorium of Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road, to perform as part of the celebration of the school's 50th anniversary celebration. Tickets: \$7/adults, \$5/students and children ages 3 to 12; \$3/with Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, call 630-628-3365, or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com.

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 N. Lombard Road, 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.cfcsites.org.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: QuestPublishing@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

Fishing Derby, Jr. High Dance take place this weekend

The Addison Park District is hosting two special events this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17—a Back to School Junior High Dance and the annual Fishing Derby.

Back to School Junior High Dance, Friday, Sept. 16—From 6-9 p.m. at Centennial Rec Center, 1776 W. Centennial Pl., junior high students will have fun dancing to the latest tunes with an interactive DJ on one side of the gym and basketball on the other side.

There also will be bean bags and raffle prizes. All students must bring their school ID card to enter the dance (no exceptions).

Bring money for food and drinks. Fee: \$9 for residents.

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SPORTS

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Willowbrook football team defeats Addison Trail

Warriors rack up close to 300 yards rushing; Strong line play cited in win

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

They say football games are won and lost in the trenches.

And Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth is a big subscriber to that theory. Hildreth pointed to his team's strong play on both sides of the line in a 38-7 victory over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail in a Week 3 West Suburban Conference Gold Division game in Addison.

The win pushed Willowbrook to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in WSC Gold action. Addison Trail dropped to 1-2 and 0-1.

The Warriors' victory snapped a two-game winning streak in the District 88 series for Addison Trail. Willowbrook has now won three of the last five meetings. Addison Trail leads the series 11-6 since 2000.

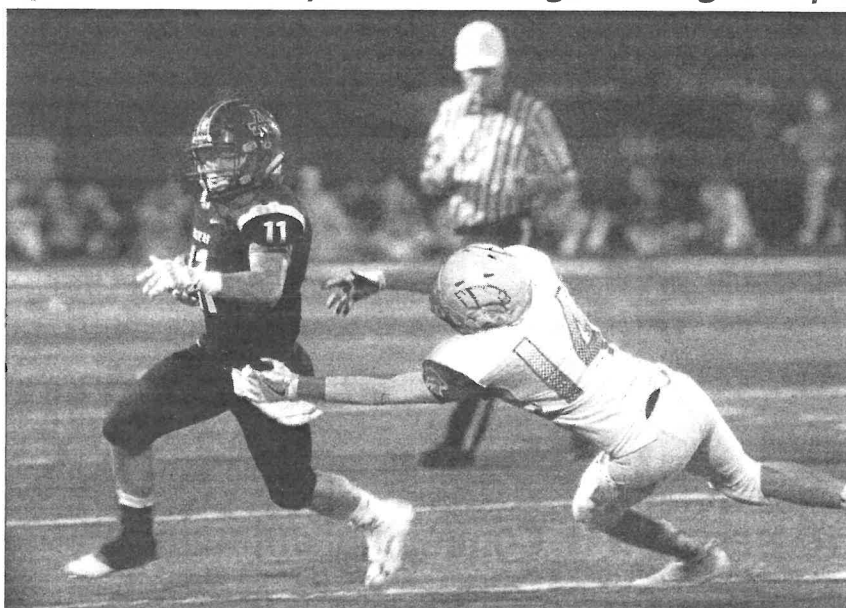
"We played very well up front on both sides of the ball," said Hildreth.

The coach also was complimentary of his squad's defensive efforts. Willowbrook has allowed seven points combined in the last two games. Jon Kelso had two interceptions and a forced fumble on defense for the Warriors, now 7-5 over their last 12 games.

"We did a pretty good job on defense," said Hildreth. "They have a nice junior running back in Nick D'Ambrose. We did not let him pop off and get any big plays."

Jack Jessen, Chris Diaz, Kelso, Khalif Copeland and MJ Ranieri each scored a touchdown.

"We had some good balance," said Hildreth.



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Addison Trail junior Nick D'Ambrose tries to avoid the grasp of Willowbrook sophomore Nick Sabatino during the Friday, Sept. 9 District 88 rivalry game held in Addison.

Ranieri threw touchdown passes to Kelso and Copeland and also ran one in himself.

"It's been up front for us," said Hildreth. "We've been able to establish the run game a little bit. We only threw it nine times against Addison

Trail and 16 times the week before. We are minimizing the third-and-long situations. We've been more efficient across the board."

Willowbrook led 10-0 after the first quarter and then scored 21 points in the second quarter to take a

31-7 lead into halftime.

Hildreth said the team isn't getting too caught up with having momentum with a two-game winning streak. "We don't really look at momentum," he said. "We roll from one week to the next. We know Addison

Trail is a well-coached and tough team. It was a very good win but it's as important as all the other wins. We are getting there. We're still a little inconsistent in spots and we know we need to improve in those areas."

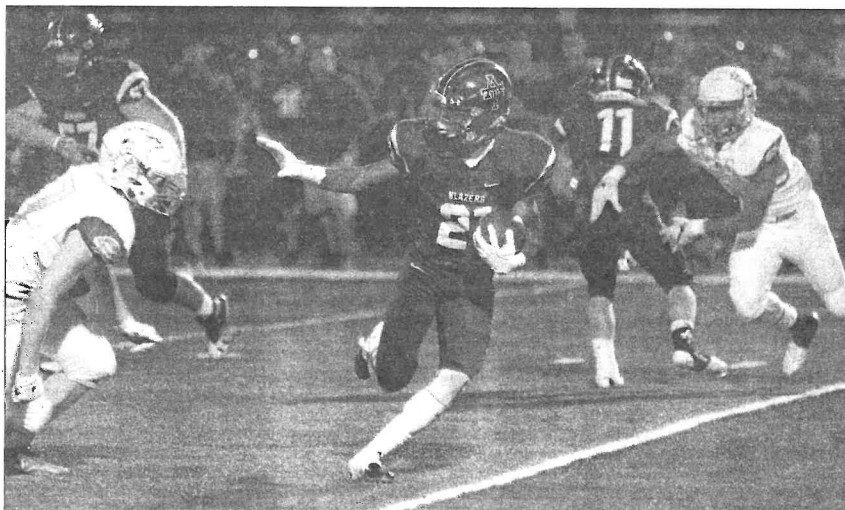
Next up for Willowbrook is a WSC Gold matchup with defending division champion Hinsdale South. "We have a 12-hour rule," said Hildreth. "We looked over the tape against Addison Trail and now we're focused on Hinsdale South. They are the defending conference champions and have a lot of players back and they've played a tough schedule. That's where our focus is."

For Addison Trail, quarterback Bobby Daniels was 9 for 16 for 149 yards and one touchdown. D'Ambrose ran 17 times for 55 yards and had a long run of 21 yards. Addison Trail was held to 32 total net rushing yards in the game.

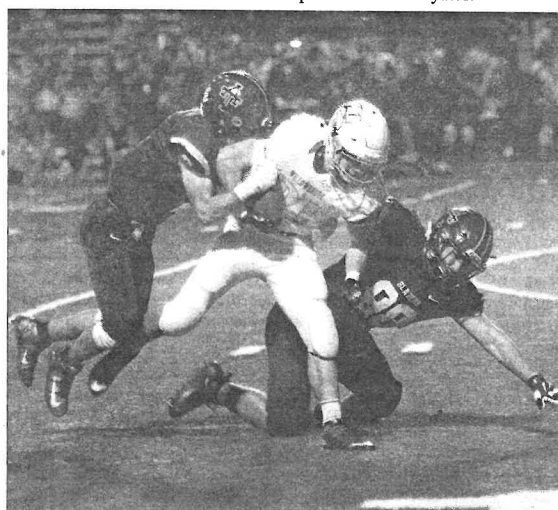
Darrion Conrad caught four passes for 96 yards, while Stevan Jones had two catches for 41 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Nick DiBernardo had 10 tackles and two tackles for loss. Andrew Felix had 10 tackles and two tackles for loss as well. Jack Domek had eight tackles and one tackle for loss. Juan Bracamontes had one tackle for loss and one quarterback sack. Alex Villareal had one tackle for loss.

On special teams, Stevan Jones had two kickoffs go for touchbacks and put one punt inside the Willowbrook 20-yard-line. Conrad had one punt return for 22 yards.



AT Blazers senior Darrion Conrad carries the ball against a tough Warriors defense. Willowbrook won the game 38-7.



Chris Diaz scored not of Willowbrook's five touchdowns against Addison Trail.

Addison Trail boys soccer team wins Joe Novy Classic

Blazers place four on all-tournament team

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a prosperous start to the season for the Addison Trail boys soccer team.

The Blazers were 5-1 overall through their first six games. Included in that total is the team winning its own Joe Novy Classic tournament. Addison Trail defeated No.

11 ranked Glenbard North 3-2 in the title contest.

Addison Trail placed seniors Enrique Luna, Edmond Montano and Brian Ramos, as well as junior Jonathan Hernandez on the all-tournament team at the Joe Novy Classic.

The Blazers also recently dropped a 3-0 decision to No. 2-ranked Morton in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

"We were tied 0-0 with 12 minutes left in the game against Morton and they were awarded a penalty kick to score their first goal," noted Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini.

Addison Trail was ranked No. 10 in the Chicagoland area through late last week.

The Blazers were averaging 3.5

goals a game through their first six contests. "Our team is doing a great job of creating opportunities," said Dini. "We have eight different players who have scored goals this season, which is impressive."

Addison Trail also has been strong on the defensive end with three shut-outs in its first six games. "All of this is being done with two starters out for all the games so far," said Dini. "They should be ready to return at the end of September, which will give our team a major boost."

Junior goalies Jacob Grygo (6-4) and Jean Avila have been splitting time in goal. "They have been excellent," said Dini.

Dini also has been pleased with the recent play of sophomore Melvin

"Our next six games line up good for us, so if we keep playing soccer the way we know how to we should have a really good record."

— Addison Trail coach
Ryan Dini

Mora and senior Carlos Velazquez. "Melvin has stepped in to play defense for us," said Dini. "He has good size and speed and has been a huge boost for us. Carlos also has

done a good job at outside midfield. He gives us good minutes on the field and has really hustled for 50-50 balls this season."

Addison Trail has started play in the Pepsi Showdown tournament.

"We are in the second-toughest bracket out of the four," said Dini, whose team is the No. 1 seed in the 16-team bracket. "We've had a great start to the season. Our only loss was to one of the top teams in the state and that game was a lot closer than what the score said at the end. I know our team can compete with any team in the state. Our next six games line up good for us, so if we keep playing soccer the way we know how to we should have a really good record."

Willowbrook girls volleyball team takes second at Leyden invitational

Ceh racks up eight service aces in win over Lakeview

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team placed second at the recent Leyden invitational with a 4-1 record.

In a 25-11, 25-9 win over Westmont, Taylor Balsitis had one kill and one assist. Payton Ceh had one kill, five aces, one assist and four digs. Grace Chantos added one assist and three digs. Stephanie Ebeling had two kills, while Jessica Ragucci had three kills. Emily Ligocki had three kills, once ace and 10 assists. Jamie Chiappetta had six kills and one ace. Marissa Marcello had four assists and three digs while Milena Sogura had four kills.

In a 25-18, 25-19 victory over

Lane Tech, Balsitis had one assist. Ceh had three aces, one assist and six digs. Chantos finished with one ace and six digs. Ebeling had four kills, while Ragucci had two kills. Ligocki had one kill, 10 assists and three digs. Chiappetta had four kills, one ace, one assist and six digs. Marcello had three assists and Sogura had a team-high seven kills to go with one solo block and one ace.

Balsitis had one kill in Willowbrook's 25-12, 25-6 win over Lakeview. Ceh had one kill, eight aces and one assist. Denise Perez had one kill. Emily Ligocki had 15 assists. Chiappetta had nine kills and two aces. Marcello had four assists, while Sogura had eight kills and two aces. Willowbrook had 12 service aces as a team.

In a 25-23, 27-26 loss to Leyden, Balsitis had one kill and one solo block. Ceh had two kills, three aces, four assists and four digs. Perez had three kills and four digs. Chantos had six digs. Ragucci finished with three kills and one assist. Ligocki had one kill, one solo block and 13 assists. Chiappetta had eight kills

and two assists. Marcello had one assist and two digs, while Sogura had four kills, one solo block and one ace.

Willowbrook wrapped up the tournament with a 19-25, 26-24, 15-8 win over Conant. The win put Willowbrook at 9-7 overall.

Balsitis had three solo blocks. Ceh had one kill, two aces, one assist and seven digs. Perez had one kill, while Chantos had four digs. Ragucci finished with one kill. Ligocki had three kills, 11 assists and three digs. Chiappetta had seven kills, one solo block, two aces, one assist and five

digs. Marcello finished with one ace and five assists, while Sogura had six kills, five solo blocks, one ace and one assist.

In earlier action, the Warriors opened West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 25-11, 25-13 win over Proviso East.

Bri Hoffmann had one dig. Balsitis had one kill, one assist and one dig. Ceh had four kills, once ace and eight digs. Chantos had three aces and seven digs. Ragucci had three kills and two digs. Ligocki finished with one kill, two aces, 15 assists and one dig. Chiappetta had eight

kills, two aces and three digs, while Marcello had four assists and one dig. Sogura had three kills. Willowbrook had eight aces as a team.

The Warriors also dropped a 25-19, 25-14 non-conference decision to neighbor Montini.

Balsitis had one kill. Ceh had two kills, one ace and five digs. Olivia Pennebaker had four kills and one solo block. Ligocki had two kills, one solo block and five assists. Chiappetta had two kills and two assists. Marcello had five assists, while Sogura had two kills and two solo blocks.

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Fenton football team records first win of the season

Addison Trail boys and girls golf teams improving

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton football team erased the memory of a pair of losses to start the season in a big way.

The Bison recorded a 33-0 Metro Suburban Conference crossover victory against Guerin Prep in River Grove.

The win moved Fenton to 1-2 overall.

Ivan Rodriguez led the Bison with two touchdowns in the game.

Fenton returns to action in Week 4 against Walther Christian. The contest against Walther starts a three-game home stand for the Bison.

Addison Trail boys golf

Addison Trail sophomore Blaise Morris shot a 1-over par at the Addison Trail invitational earlier this season and earned himself a seventh-place medal.

Junior Kenny Bartkiewicz shot a 40 in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division dual against Downers Grove South.

"We have really focused on improving our short game with putting and chipping," said Addison Trail coach Eric Norberg.

Addison Trail was scheduled to face Glenbard East in non-conference action and Morton and Leyden

in WSC Gold Division contests this week.

Addison Trail girls golf

In recent action, Addison Trail split a pair of West Suburban Conference matches against Willowbrook (won) and York (lost).

"We are very young so we are just starting out with learning the game and trying to become consistent ball strikers," said Blazers coach Phil Stewart.

Sara Gagliano and Julia Strazewski have been Addison Trail's top two scorers thus far. "They both have a decent feel for the game," said Stewart. "They just need to clean up some mistakes golfers make."

Overall, Stewart has been pleased with the team's progress. "I am very happy about the turnout of young

talent," he said. "I am hoping we can keep the program growing and improving each year we play."

Addison Trail was slated to face Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South in WSC matches this week. The Blazers will head to the Glenbard East tournament Saturday.

Fenton golf

The Fenton golf team was 2-3 in duals through late last week. In recent action, the Bison scored a 188-201 Metro Suburban Conference win against Riverside-Brookfield.

Coach Rick Johnson lauded the recent play of Andrew Hill, Nik Fischer and Marcus Astorga. "Andrew, Nik and Marcus are playing well," said Johnson.

Johnson noted Fisher, who took lessons in the off-season, has

dropped his average by eight strokes.

Johnson added the team has been hard at work improving its course management. "We are just starting to figure out how to get around the golf course—course management," he said.

Fenton is slated to face Aurora Central Catholic Friday and will head to the Eagle Quad at White Pines on Saturday.

"We're looking for a great finish," said Johnson. "These guys are getting better every week. It's a really nice group of young men and one great young lady in junior Jamie Minard."

Fenton girls volleyball

The Fenton girls volleyball team dropped a recent 25-8, 25-17 Metro Suburban Conference match to Riverside-Brookfield.

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Addison Trail girls volleyball team pushing through tough schedule

Blazers finish third at Willowbrook tournament

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The schedule has been competitive thus far for the Addison Trail girls volleyball team.

And that's the way coach Dan Styler likes it.

"We're doing better," he said. "We've definitely been tested at the beginning of the season. We play some tough teams on our schedule that have exposed some weaknesses. And we've made it a priority to work on those weaknesses and we're getting better every day."

The Blazers were 5-4 overall through their first nine matches. In recent play, Addison Trail defeated Lake Park and lost to Fenwick in three sets and lost to York in a West Suburban Conference crossover match.

Addison Trail also took third in the Willowbrook tournament where it beat Coal City and Glenbard North and lost to West Chicago in pool play.

Addison Trail lost to tournament champion Metea Valley in the semifinals and defeated West Chicago in the third-place contest.

"Metea Valley is a great team and we played them tight," said Styler. "We beat West Chicago the second day. We had a full lineup the second time against them."

Styler said one big area of improvement has occurred on first contact. "That's a priority every year," he said. "We always want more consistency with serve-receive. We're going through the highs and lows you always have at the beginning of the season. We're embracing it and the girls are committed to the process. I'm pleased with the effort they are putting forth and the fact they want to get better. We're starting to find our stride with serving aggressively and picking apart the other teams in doing so."

Styler added his players also are good with the team's strength of schedule. "I told the girls if we kept the schedule like it was a few years ago we'd probably only have a few losses," he said. "We want to be battle-tested in pursuit of October when the playoffs start. The record is secondary to the experience we are gaining from playing these elite teams. We're pushing ourselves toward the bigger picture. The girls are improving and embracing the challenge."

Sarah Petrbok and Keara Schmitt continue to lead the Blazers. "They have been very consistent for us in our first nine matches," said Styler. "They are our most steady players. Other girls are growing more comfortable with their roles based on their positions. We're seeing progress. We will be well-balanced as we continue to see the strides made by players on the team."

Addison Trail played Hinsdale South to kick off WSC Gold Division play earlier this week. "Hinsdale always is a tough matchup and it's one we look forward to," said Styler late last week.

Week 4 Preview

Walther Christian (0-3) at Fenton (1-2)

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville

Last week: Fenton 33, Guerin Prep 0; St. Edward 63, Walther Christian 8

Last year: Fenton 41, Walther Christian 8

Outlook: Fenton snapped a two-game losing streak last week by recording a road Metro Suburban Conference win over Guerin Prep. The Bison now welcome Walther Christian to town for another MSC crossover contest. Walther, which plays in the smaller-school Red Division, lost 30-0 to Milford co-op in Week 1 and then dropped a 41-14 decision to Rockford Christian in Week 2. Fenton opens Blue Division play next week.

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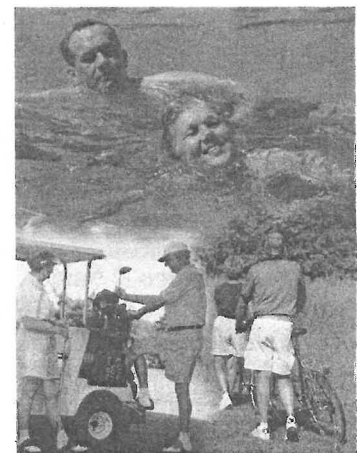
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Fenton boys soccer team third at Addison Trail tournament

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton boys soccer team has seen a healthy dose of top-notch opposition in the early going of the 2016 season.

The Bison were 2-3-1 overall through their first five contests. Fenton lost to Leyden, Addison Trail and Downers Grove North and scored wins over Willowbrook and Maine West. Fenton tied with Chicago Currie.

"The three losses were to Chicago and ranked teams," said first-year Fenton coach Jim Johns. "In the Downers Grove North game we had the better of the play yet we ended up losing on counter attacks."

Included in that 2-3-1 mark was a third-place finish at the Addison Trail Joe Novy Classic tournament.

"We are bonding together," said Johns. "We're moving the ball up fast. We certainly can attack pretty well. The guys are responding well to instruction."

The team captains include goalie Abel Carrere, defender Gerardo Lopez and midfielder Angel Barriga. Defender Andres Barriga is the team's fourth captain.

"Our goalie has made some incredible saves with breakaways," said Johns. "Gerardo has been a rock on defense and Angel was the player of

the match against Willowbrook in the Joe Novy tournament."

Johns, the former head coach at Neuqua Valley, also has been pleased with the team's defensive efforts. "Our defense is improving," he said. "One thing about them is they try to play the ball and play out. They are improving a lot. Early in the season it's hard to get a cohesive unit right at the start. These guys are improving with every game."

Johns said the squad's work ethic also is one of its greatest assets. "One thing about them is their effort," he said. "They never give up and they never quit. They keep playing hard and they keep trying. They give 100 percent effort. They play for the sport and give it everything they have."

Other key contributors for Fenton include twin-brother midfielders Eryk Plawinski and Bernard Plawinski, outside defender Chris Duarte, midfielder Johnathan Chavez, forwards Jose Bahena and Eduardo Parra, as well as Alexis Rodriguez and Alioune Mbaye.

Angel Barriga is the team's leading scorer.

Fenton was scheduled to open Metro Suburban Conference play this week against division foes Wheaton Academy and Riverside-Brookfield.

"Wheaton Academy is always a favorite to go down to state and R-B is a program that is really coming up," said Johns.

Willowbrook girls tennis team records pair of wins

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls tennis team recorded a pair of recent 5-2 victories over Morton and West Chicago.

In the West Suburban Conference Gold Division match against Morton, Grace Wachholz was a 6-1, 6-2 winner at No. 1 singles for Willowbrook. Priscilla DelValle was a 6-4, 7-5 winner at No. 2 singles.

Renee Parzgnat and Millie Zachariah were 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-4) winners at No. 1 doubles. Cate Strock and Andrea Zulawski were 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 winners at No. 2 doubles, while Kellie Lanigan and Emily Schmitt were 6-3, 6-3 winners at No. 4 doubles.

In the non-conference win against West Chicago Parzgnat and Zachariah were 6-3, 4-1 (default) winners at No. 1 doubles. Bianca Galicia and Zulawski were 6-1, 6-1 winners at No. 2 doubles. Leah Gillono and Hailey Vogt were 6-4, 6-2 winners at No. 3 doubles, while Lanigan and Schmitt were winners at No. 4 doubles.

Willowbrook boys golf

The Willowbrook boys golf team took 11th at its own John Hamann five-man scramble invitational at Sugar Creek in Villa Park. The Warriors shot 1-over 65. Wheaton North won the team title with an 11-under 53.

The Warriors also took 22nd at the Fenton invitational at White Pines

with a 382. Junior Tim Keefe shot 89. Freshman Logan Rattan shot 93, while sophomore Joey Guthrie had a 94. Junior Buddy Martens finished with a 106.

The Warriors also recorded a recent 154-240 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Proviso East at Sugar Creek. Martens was the medalist after firing an even-par 32. Keefe and Guthrie each shot 38, while sophomore Josh Lata shot 46.

Willowbrook also dropped a 173-194 WSC Silver contest to Leyden at White Pines. Martens shot 42, while Keefe and junior Max Venchus each shot 49. Lata finished with a 54.

Willowbrook girls golf

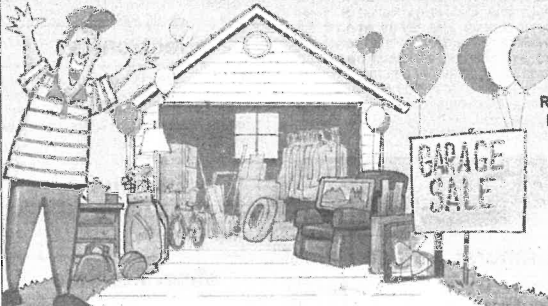
Willowbrook girls golf coach Jim White has been pleased with how his team has developed thus far this fall. "Our season is progressing," he said. "It is quite challenging when you play some of the best teams in the state. We have lost all our conference matches, but the girls have represented the school and the game with pride and dignity. I am proud of their attitude and play on and off the course."

White cited strong leadership from seniors Maggie Karcz and Jocie Traush. "They have been true leaders," he said. Juniors Arielle Alibudbud and Olivia Rundgren also have contributed. "Arielle and Olivia have been holding their own," said White.

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Winfield Police probe abduction attempt

By DOUG T. GRAHAM
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Winfield Police are searching for a man who attempted to abduct a girl near the intersection of Geneva Road and Mission Court Wednesday afternoon.

According to the girl, the man was between 25 and 30 years old, white and had medium-length wavy brown hair. The man was wearing dark blue jeans, a black T-shirt and a royal blue baseball hat.

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When parents and families visit the room — which is open 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday and 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday — they'll have access to a variety of services and resources that local nonprofits and community groups have been working together for years to offer West Chicago residents.

For example, fitness and nutrition classes that include 30 minutes of physical activity and a hands-on cooking demonstration are part of the community school offerings.

Cowal said it's an example of how the community is working together to make families healthier. The Northern Illinois Food Bank provides the food, interns from Benedictine University lead the cooking demonstration and the West Chicago Park District sends a trainer who leads the exercise.

There are also opportunities for families to get help with their education, finances and career or learn more about

medical and mental health resources available to them.

Parents coming in for English as a second language courses, for example, can rest easy knowing their children will have a chance to play and learn in another part of the room with a child development specialist.

"It can be something as simple as 'I need a computer,' or 'I need help writing a resume,' or 'how do I get my GED?'" Cowal said of the reasons people will come into the center.

"Or it just could be like, 'I need to just come and relax for an hour and get away from the noise.'"

Community school coordinator Clara Burns described the new space as a resourceful "living room," where families can spend some time together — playing games, reading books or learning something new — or parents can get some time alone.

"They can work on whatever they feel is needed for them," she said.

Health officials: two cases of MRSA found at Naperville Central

Daily Herald staff report

The DuPage County Health Department is investigating multiple cases of MRSA, a type of staph infection, at Naperville Central High School, according to ABC 7.

School officials said two students were confirmed, treated and now cleared of MRSA infections, ABC 7 reported, and nursing staff members consulted with the health department and followed proper cleaning protocols.

Health department spokesman Don Bolger told ABC 7 they were notified of the possibility of MRSA infection at the school Wednesday and began an investigation. School and district officials are cooperating with the investigation, Bolger said.

The school previously had a MRSA outbreak in 2010 involving three students. At that time, the district sent out a letter to all student families assuring them there was no immediate health danger and to emphasize prevention and follow-up steps in cases of skin infections.

Staphylococcus aureus is a bacterium found in the nose or skin of up to 30 percent of the population. When the skin is broken, bacteria can enter the body and cause infection. MRSA — Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus — refers to a strain of the bacteria that resists antibiotics commonly used to treat staph infections. About 1 percent of the population is infected with the MRSA bacteria.

Infections such as MRSA usually are transmitted by skin-to-skin contact with someone who is infected, but it's also possible to pick up the bacteria if you have an open cut, don't wash your hands, or share items such as razors or towels.

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