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## Young artists' talent on display at Willowbrook Student Art Show

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF  
REPORTER

Visitors to Villa Park's Funky Java Coffee House are accustomed to seeing artwork on display at the business, which is located at 40 S. Villa Ave. The creations of Willowbrook High School students were on display at the coffee house last week during the school's student art show.

About 75 pieces created by Willowbrook students were displayed at Funky Java from Dec. 13-19. A reception for the art show took place on the opening day of the show. A group of Willowbrook musicians enhanced the atmosphere of the show by performing during the reception. The artists and several of their parents joined Willowbrook teachers in attending the reception. Funky Java served hot chocolate, while its neighbor, Kuppie's Bakery, provided cookies.

"We have local art on display all year long," said Funky Java owner Larry Poggi on Saturday. "The local artists are amazed at how talented the Willowbrook kids are. They don't mind pulling their own art off the wall to let the kids' art go on."

Poggi, who has welcomed Willowbrook's student art show to his business for a few years, said the event provides parents with an opportunity to see their children's creations.

"It's more for the parents," said Poggi of the show, which featured a variety of media, including drawing, painting, digital art, ceramics and sculpture. Judges awarded ribbons to the top pieces in each medium. "Chances are, most parents don't get to see what their kids do in school; and a lot of kids don't tell their parents what they're doing."

One day before the Dec. 13 reception, the Willowbrook artists visited Funky Java to hang their pieces in preparation for the show.

"It was a good Christmas spirit," said Poggi of the pre-reception setup.

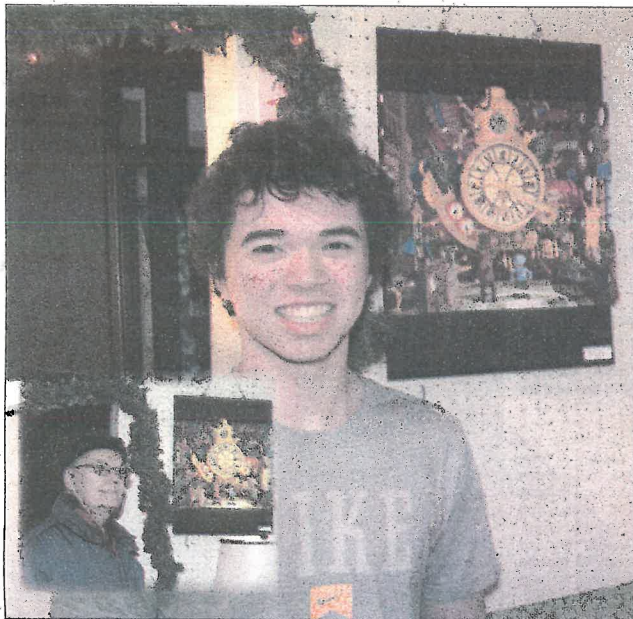
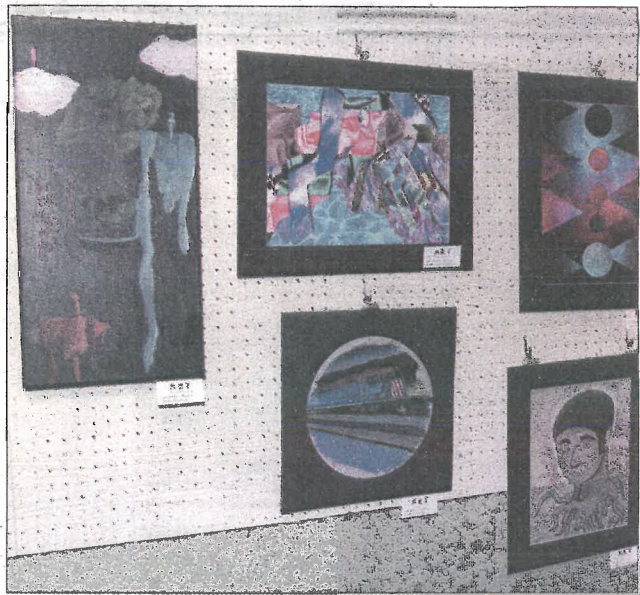
According to Poggi, the student art show has been an annual event, but it's become so popular there will be two art shows next year. The first of two 2017 shows should take place in March, he said.

"I'm more than happy to do it," said Poggi of welcoming the show to his business. "The residents love it, and I'm always impressed by the art. A lot of kids are really creative, but they don't have an avenue to show off what they can do. This is a good thing. Sometimes, at this time of year, we get lost in all the Christmas shopping and everything, and we don't look at the beautiful things our kids create."



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Villa Park Review

Last week's Willowbrook Student Art Show at Funky Java Coffee House showcased about 75 pieces of artwork created by students of the Villa Park high school. An opening reception for the art show took place on Dec. 13 at the coffee house, which is located at 40 S. Villa Ave. The photo below from the reception (taken by Paul DelGuidice) shows Willowbrook senior Kevin Lobdell in front of his award-winning paper relief creation, "Clock Shop." Also pictured (inset) is Lobdell's grandfather—Dennis McOmber—who visited Funky Java on Saturday to see the piece. The photo above from Saturday shows senior Olivia Eder and her piece, which won a first-place ribbon in the ceramics category. Funky Java owner Larry Poggi said the annual student art show, which has taken place once per year, will expand to two separate events in 2017. The first of next year's shows should take place in March.





# Sports

**LOMBARDIAN  
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## Hinsdale South hands Warriors their first loss of the season

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook boys basketball team's perfect season came to an end with Friday's 69-57 loss to Hinsdale South in a West Suburban Gold Conference battle in Darien. The Warriors fell to 7-1 overall and 3-1 in conference play. Hinsdale South improved to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Willowbrook trailed the Hornets 18-9 after one quarter and 28-17 at halftime. The Warriors trimmed Hinsdale South's lead to 42-37 in the middle of the third quarter, but the Hornets closed the period with an 8-0 run to build a 50-37 advantage with eight minutes to play.

The Warriors delivered their 8-0 run in the final period to reduce Hinsdale South's lead to 52-45, but the Hornets maintained an edge of at least seven points for the rest of the game.

"We actually came out in the first couple of possessions and shot the ball well," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after Friday's loss. "Then we kind of went cold. That put us in a deep hole."

The Warriors' pressure defense caused some turnovers, but on other occasions, Hinsdale South was able to break the pressure and score some easy baskets.

"I think we had a couple mental breakdowns in our coverages, and they had several wide-open, fast-break layups," Perkins said. "Hinsdale South is a pretty athletic team."

Willowbrook junior Sikander Zafar made a 3-point shot to cut the Hornets' lead to 42-35 with about three minutes left in the third quarter. Senior Freddie Clay scored about one minute later to drop Hinsdale South's lead to 42-37. The Hornets then reeled off eight straight points to close out the quarter. They scored a basket about 20 seconds into the fourth quarter to raise their lead to 52-37.

Clay scored four points—a driving basket and a pair of free throws—to complete the Warriors' 8-0 run early in the fourth quarter that sliced Hinsdale South's lead to 52-45. A three-point play by junior Marshawn Phillips reduced the lead to 57-50 with 4:15 remaining, but the Hornets responded with a three-point play of their own 16 seconds later to rebuild a 60-50 edge. Zafar made his third and final 3-point shot of the night with about two minutes to play to drop Hinsdale South's lead to 63-55. Junior Ethan Schuemer closed out Willowbrook's scoring with a field goal that made the score 64-57 with about 1:30 to play.

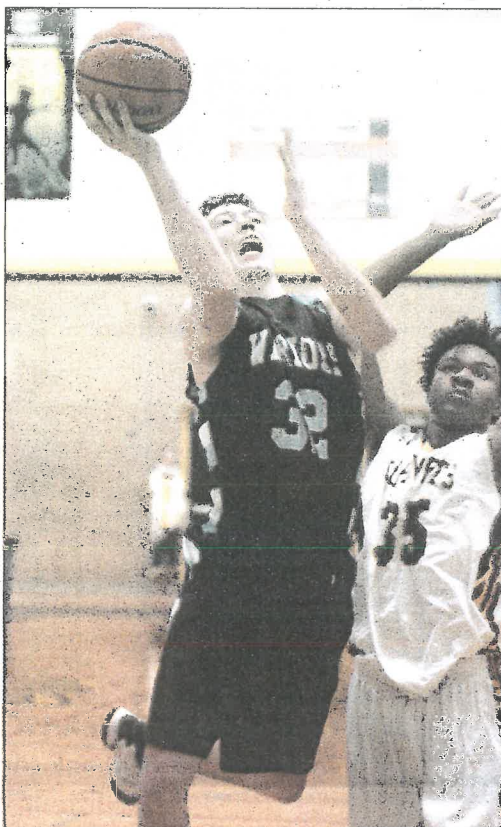
Schuemer scored a team-leading 14 points for the Warriors. He also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Clay provided 12 points and six assists, while Zafar contributed 11 points and eight rebounds.

Hinsdale South senior Diamond Anderson led all scorers with 22 points. Three other Hornets produced double-digit scoring efforts.

"I guess the thing we take away from it [the loss] is we just go back to the drawing board, and we see some things we can get better at," said Perkins. "The good thing about our conference is they get to come to our place later in the season. We'll definitely be ready for them."

Willowbrook and Hinsdale South will play their second conference game of the season on Feb. 3, 2017, in Villa Park.

The Warriors will return to action this Friday at Glenbard West's holiday tournament. Willowbrook will play four games at the event, which ends on Dec. 28. The Warriors will resume their conference schedule on Jan. 10, 2017, when they will play a home game against Leyden.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Willowbrook's boys basketball team dropped to 7-1 overall and 3-1 in West Suburban Gold Conference play following Friday's 69-57 loss at Hinsdale South. The Warriors trailed the Hornets 28-17 at halftime. Hinsdale South scored eight straight points to close out the third quarter and seize a 50-37 advantage. Junior Ethan Schuemer (No. 32) led Willowbrook in scoring with 14 points. He is pictured taking an inside shot during the fourth quarter. Senior Freddie Clay (No. 22) of the Warriors is shown taking a shot during the final period. Clay, who was fouled on the play, made two free throws to complete an 8-0 run for Willowbrook and cut the Hornets' lead to 52-45. Clay scored 12 points for the Warriors. Willowbrook will play its next four games at Glenbard West's holiday tournament. The Warriors will open the event with this Friday's game against St. Francis.

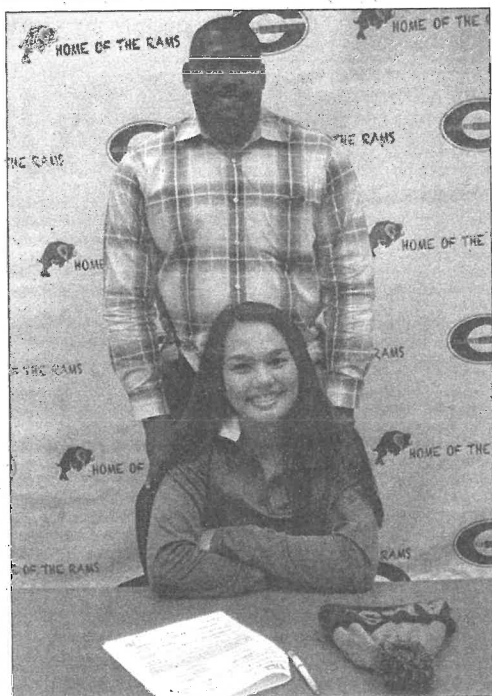


## Rams lose to the Dukes

Glenbard East's girls basketball team dropped a 55-40 decision to York in last week's non-conference game in Elmhurst. The Rams' overall record fell to 2-6 with the loss. York took a 14-2 lead after one quarter. The Dukes' lead stood at 25-13 at halftime and 39-20 after three quarters. Glenbard East matched its offensive output of the first three quarters by scoring 20 points during the final period. Junior Briana Raysby (No. 20) of the Rams led all scorers with 16 points. Raysby, who made a pair of 3-point shots during the game, scored nine of her points during the second quarter. Senior Christina Dolinski, who missed her entire junior season because of a broken wrist, contributed nine points. Dolinski (No. 44) scored all of her points during the final quarter by making three baskets and converting all three of her attempts from the free-throw line. Junior Faith Davies scored eight points and six rebounds. The Rams slipped to 0-2 in Upstate Eight Valley Conference play with Friday's 49-38 loss at West Aurora. Glenbard East will play in Riverside-Brookfield's holiday tournament, which begins on Dec. 26.

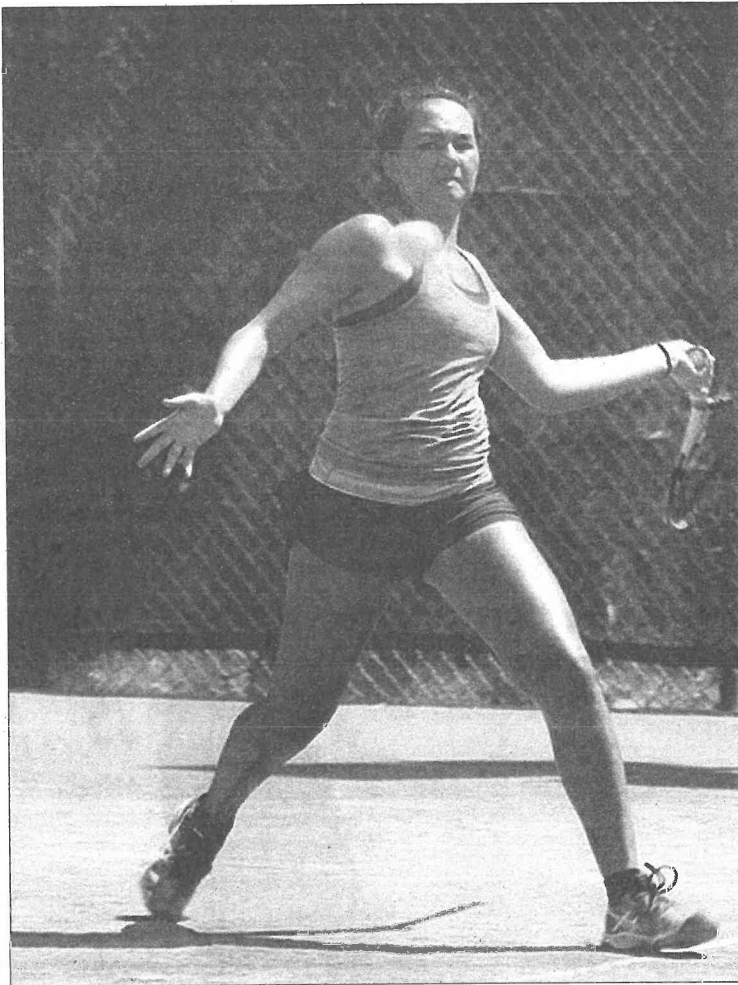
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## Playing at the next level

Glenbard East senior Priscilla Palermo will play tennis at Colorado State University. Palermo signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Rams (the mascot of both Glenbard East and Colorado State) last month. She is pictured with Glenbard East athletic director D'Wayne Bates during the signing ceremony. Palermo, whose parents are Chris and Nenetta Palermo, played for the Glenbard East girls tennis team during her freshman and sophomore years. She qualified for the IHSA state singles meet in each of those two seasons. Palermo decided to bypass her last two years of high school tennis to continue her training under Coach Tom Lockhart. About 20 schools expressed strong interest in Palermo, who decided to attend Colorado State University after visiting the school in Fort Collins, Colorado. Before signing the National Letter of Intent, Palermo thanked Lockhart, Glenbard East coach Bill Burt and Colorado State University coach Jarod Camerota.



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## Glenbard East gymnasts claim third at Illinois' Best event

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team earned a third-place finish in Saturday's eight-team Illinois' Best meet at Wheaton Warrenville High School. The unique event calls for each competing school to use one all-around gymnast and four other girls in each of the meet's individual events.

Geneva won the team title with an

overall score of 71.5. Oak Park/River Forest placed second with a score of 68.0, while the Rams turned in a score of 67.8. Glenbard East edged the Wheaton Co-op team, which finished with a total of 67.75, in the battle for third place.

Senior Veronika Srey served as the all-around competitor for Glenbard East and placed fourth out of eight gymnasts with her score of 34.25. Srey received scores of 8.75 on the vault, 8.975 on the uneven

bars, 7.975 on the balance beam and 8.55 in floor exercises. Srey's score of 8.975 on the uneven bars placed second among all 16 gymnasts who competed in the event. Geneva's Claire Rose Ginsberg, who finished first in all of Saturday's events on her way to the all-around title, delivered a score of 9.05 on the uneven bars.

Junior Krasimira Ganeva was Glenbard East's individual competitor on the vault. She earned a seventh-place finish in that event with her score of 8.7. Freshman Grace Tu of the Rams placed eighth on the uneven bars by earning a score of 7.875. Sophomore Sierra Olson turned in a third-place finish for the Rams on the balance beam. Her routine yielded a score of 8.65.

Freshman Kelsey Donovan competed as Glenbard East's individual representative in floor exercises and placed sixth out of 16 contestants with her score of 8.325.

Three days before participating in the Illinois' Best competition, the Rams earned a second-place finish in a five-team meet at Oswego High School. DeKalb won the meet with a team score of 147.2. Glenbard East produced a score of 135.95. Oswego (126.9) placed third.

Srey captured Glenbard East's best scores in three of four individual events. She was also the Rams' top all-around competitor; she placed third in the meet's all-around scoring with her total of 34.95. Srey finished third on the uneven bars (8.65), fourth on the vault (9.2) and

fifth in floor exercises (9.05). She tied for eighth place on the balance beam with her score of 8.05. Olson and Donovan achieved the Rams' top two scores on the balance beam. Olson placed sixth among all competitors with her score of 8.45. Donovan landed in seventh place with a beam routine that received a score of 8.2.

Donovan placed fourth in the all-around standings with a score of 33.65. Olson earned sixth in the all-around competition with her total of 33.45.

## Warriors earn victory over Hinsdale South

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

Willowbrook's girls basketball team improved to 3-8 overall and 2-3 in West Suburban Gold Conference play with Friday's 37-21 victory over Hinsdale South.

The Warriors took control of the game in the first quarter, grabbing a 10-4 lead after eight minutes. They expanded their lead to 25-8 by half-time.

Sophomore Hanna Konrath sank three 3-point shots to score a team-leading nine points for the Warriors, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Senior Grace Chantos added seven points, while sophomore Cecelia Lizasuin scored six points. Sophomores Katelyn McCann and Maureen Schmid both scored five points.

Willowbrook will play four games at next week's holiday tournament at Wheaton North.

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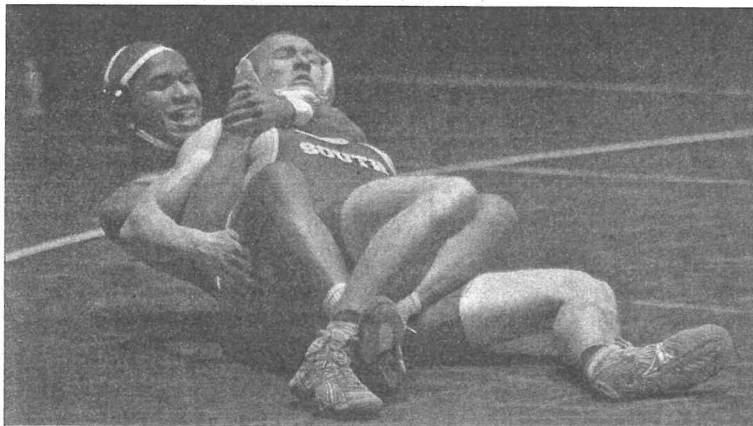
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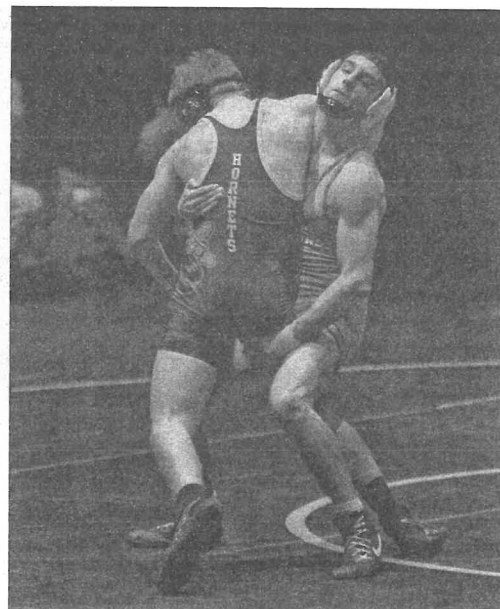
## Falcons' cheerleaders win pom title at state meet

The Lombard Falcons' fifth-grade cheerleading team earned first-place honors in its pom division to win a state championship at the Illinois Recreational Cheerleading Association's ninth annual cheerleading and dance state championship, which took place earlier this month at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. The Falcons earned their spot in the state meet with strong performances at competitions held earlier in the fall. The theme of their state-championship routine—"God Bless the U.S.A."—featured red, white and blue poms. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Morgan Hausen, Sierra Hart, Krista Hoseman, Camryn Jerome, Rebecca Beutel, Nicole



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McCombs, Lellani Cantu, Jasmine Jensen and Olivia Bennett; (second row) Kira Gamble, Samantha Graumann, Alyssa Arroyo, Kalina Henry, Cecelia Meier, Lauren Dolgin, Lily Fecarotta and Elisa Ayala; (back row) junior coach Eternity Hart, junior coach Jessica Costenaro, assistant coach Dina Dolgin, head coach Alex Gamble and junior coaches Bridget Cluskey, Sadie Westerhoff and Emily Hansel. Not pictured is cheerleader Francesca Meier.



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

## Warriors take the mat, and the stage

Willowbrook's wrestling team normally holds its home events in the school's main gymnasium, but last week's West Suburban Gold Conference dual meet against Hinsdale South took place in the Doris E. White Auditorium. Willowbrook earned a narrow 36-34 victory over the Hornets in the meet. The Warriors' winners included senior Dom Ranieri, (above right) who pinned his opponent in the 138-pound match, and senior Hunter Barnes, (above left) who delivered a 4-2 overtime victory in the 160-pound contest.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT

#### FOR THE YORK CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the York Center Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois, hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016 was prepared by our auditors, O'Neill and Gasparde of Mokena, Illinois. The FY2015-2016 audit will be filed with the County Clerk of DuPage County in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/0.01 et seq. The entire audit report and the annual statement of receipts and disbursements are available for public inspection at the District's Administrative Offices located at 1517 S. Meyers Road, Lombard, Illinois, from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

/s/

Frank Vosicky  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
York Center Fire Protection District  
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Paul Hinds  
DuPage County Clerk  
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CERTIFICATE NO. 0074734 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on NOVEMBER 30, 2016, wherein the business firm of PARTIS PROSPECTOR & RESTORATION SERVICES, 1625 WADSWORTH ROAD, WHEATON, IL 60189-7441 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Donald Gaa, 1625 Wadsworth Road, Wheaton, IL 60189-7441.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 30TH day of NOVEMBER, A.D. 2016.

Paul Hinds  
DuPage County Clerk  
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#### NOTICE OF PERMANENT REGULAR MEETING STARTING TIME CHANGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, effective January 1, 2017, and beginning with the January 5, 2017 regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard (the "Village"), the starting time for regular meetings of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village has been changed to 7:00 p.m. The location for, and dates of, said regular meetings shall remain as the Lombard Village Hall, Board Room, 255 East Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois, on the first and third Thursday of each month. Sharon Kuderna Village Clerk (Published in Lombardian/Villa Park Review Dec. 22, 2016)

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# A year to be proud of

## District 88 takes a look at the school year so far and upcoming

By Dee Longfellow  
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

In the most recent issue of the District 88 newsletter, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause wrote a column which included a review of the

2016-17 school year so far, as well as a look at what's still to come. Here are the highlights:

Academically, Krause pointed out that Willowbrook and Addison Trail have both received national recognition over the past year.

Both schools were once again named by The Washington Post as two of "America's Most Challenging High Schools." Columnist Jay Mathews implemented that national ranking system for high schools, formerly used by Newsweek, and District 88 has been ranked for nine consecutive years, since 2008.

Willowbrook and Addison Trail also were named as "Best Public High Schools" in the 2016 Niche Rankings, and District 88 was ranked 32nd in Illinois.

District 88 high schools received recognition as two of the "Best High Schools" by U.S. News & World Report.

According to Krause, Willowbrook students have completed more Advanced Placement (AP) college-level and dual-credit coursework than ever before. These courses allow students to earn college credit while still in high school.

"We also continue to expand our academic offerings to prepare students for life beyond Willowbrook," Krause said, "including our pre-engineering program through Project Lead The Way and The Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook students who are enrolled in culinary classes at the school."

On the sports scene, highlights of the year including watching the WBHS football team advance to the Quarterfinals of the 7A IHSA State Football Playoffs for the first time since 1990.

WB sophomore Elissa Haake competed in the IHSA Girls Swimming and Diving State Meet in the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle, where she placed 10th and 9th, respectively.

In music, five WB students were named All-State Musicians by the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA). The students will perform during the Illinois Music Education Conference in January.

"It's tremendous to see our students continue the Pride, Tradition and Excellence that is Willowbrook High School through earning conference, regional and state recognitions

for their performances in and beyond our building," Krause said.

Students continue to "Live the Warrior Code" and give back to the community, raising funds for those in need and participating in multiple service projects. Through blood drives, winter apparel collection, food drives, holiday gift collections and more, Willowbrook students and staff have assisted local agencies, foundations and community members throughout the first semester, Krause said.

On March 18, 2017, District 88 schools will host the annual Relay For Life of District 88 Youth, with a goal of raising more than \$55,000 for the American Cancer Society. That event is part of WB's Brook Olympics, which will take place from March 13-17, 2017.

Krause said upcoming highlights will include watching members of the class of 2017 cross the stage and graduate in May and welcoming members of the class of 2021, who will begin their high school career in August.

Willowbrook will continue with their Friday Night Connect program, which is a partnership between the high school, local clergy, the Villa Park Police Department and local governmental officials to provide students with safe, positive activities that are free to participants.

"All students in sixth through eighth grades are invited to join Friday Night Connect," he said. "They will be mentored by Willowbrook students (with adult supervision)."

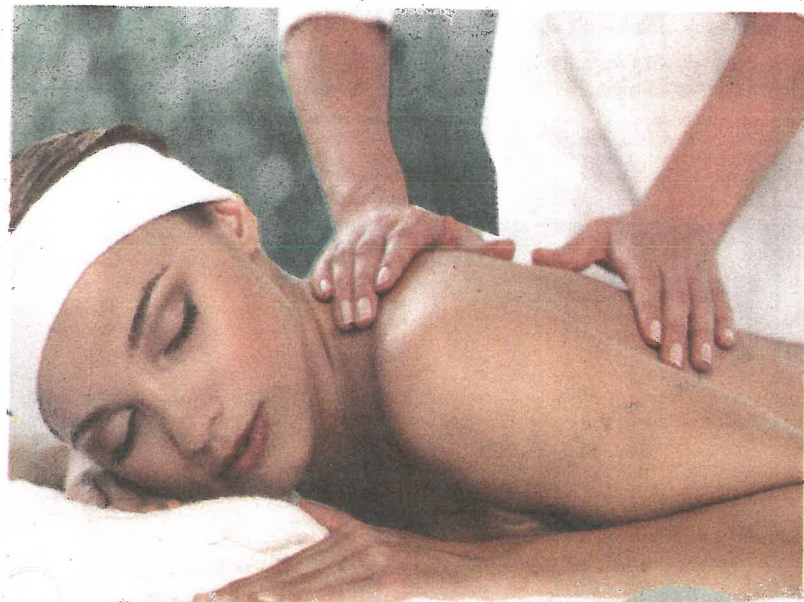
For more information visit about this program, visit [dupage88.net/site/page/6096](http://dupage88.net/site/page/6096).

"We also are excited to partner with the Villa Park Public Library to provide an Engineering Club for students in sixth through eighth grades," Krause added.

The club will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 18, 2017, at the library. For more information, contact Josh Zwart at 630-782-3025 or [jzwart@dupage88.net](mailto:jzwart@dupage88.net).



Dan Krause

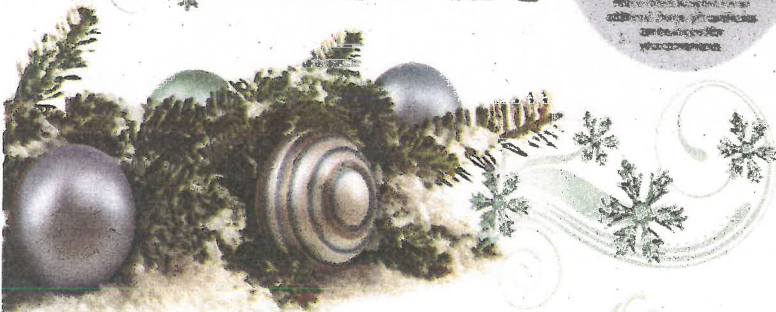


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## Elmhurst Lacrosse online registration open

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Elmhurst Lacrosse announced online registration for the spring 2017 season is now underway.

Registration closes Jan. 15 and organization officials said no registrations will be taken after that date.

Elmhurst Lacrosse is a nonprofit organization run by parent volunteers dedicated to the development and instruction of boys lacrosse.

Elmhurst Lacrosse offers league play for boys in second through eighth grades.

Elmhurst Lacrosse's mission is to

provide the youth of Elmhurst and surrounding areas with an inclusive and fun environment for kids of all skill levels to learn and participate in the game of lacrosse and to prepare the youth of Elmhurst and surrounding areas with the basic skills and understanding of the game to compete at the high-school level.

Elmhurst Lacrosse's season takes place in the spring beginning in April. Games generally are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays and occasionally midweek.

For more information, visit [www.elmhurstlacrosse.com](http://www.elmhurstlacrosse.com).



# This holiday season, help keep roads safe

**Police warn: drive sober or get pulled over**

The Addison Police Department is looking for drunk drivers this holiday season as part of a special year-end Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement.

"Beginning Dec. 16 and continuing into the New Year, motorists will see stepped-up enforcement to watch for anyone who is driving impaired, distracted or without a seat belt," said Sgt. D. Kotlinski. "We are helping Illinois drive zero fatalities to reality, so we will have zero tolerance for drunk and drug-impaired driving this holiday season."

Too often, drivers take to the roads after drinking at holiday celebrations.

Data shows the decision to drive while impaired can have serious and sometimes deadly consequences. In 2015, 35,092 people in the United States were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes, and 29 percent (10,265) died in crashes where the driver had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) over the limit of .08.

"This ought to be the 'most wonderful time of the year,' so we are doing whatever it takes to help save lives by keeping our roads safe," Sgt. Dennis Kotlinski said. "If you

choose to drive impaired, you not only risk your safety and that of others, but you will also face serious legal consequences."

Drunk or drug-impaired driving offenders often serve jail time, lose their driver's license, are charged higher insurance rates and pay dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off work. But the ultimate cost of impaired driving is causing a traffic crash that results in injury or death.

Follow these tips to stay safe on the road this holiday season:

- If you will be drinking, plan on not driving. Arrange for a safe ride home or designate a sober driver before you start the party.

- If you become intoxicated or drug-impaired, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, phone a sober friend or family member or use public transportation.

- If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys, take them home or help them arrange a safe way home.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact your local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

- Buckle your seat belt, regardless of where you are seated. By law, all occupants, in all seating positions, must wear their seat belt.

Remember, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.



Rita Keogh (back row, fourth from left), an English teacher at Montini Catholic High School, is pictured here with members of her 10th period English class, all of whom participated in Radio Station US 99.5's "10,000 Letters for Troops" campaign.

## Montini Catholic students send Christmas greetings to the military

Montini Catholic students expressed their Christmas spirit by sending greetings and well wishes to deployed military personnel.

The unique effort was part of a Veterans Day project spearheaded by English teacher, Rita Keogh and presented to her junior and senior classes.

"I was so happy to see their enthu-

siasm in writing the letters," she said. The class wrote 93 letters that were delivered to Country Radio Station US 99.5, as part of its "10,000 Letters for the Troops" campaign in an effort to send well wishes to troops who can not make it home for Christmas. "Our students took the task quite seriously when writing the letters," Keogh said. "Some even

included artwork in their letters." The radio station has promised to send all the letters along, so that military personnel will have them by Christmas Day. "We were honored to be able to participate in this worthwhile and fun project," said Keogh. "We are thankful for our men and women in the service!"

## Three from AT invited to All-State Theater Festival

Addison Trail will be well-represented during the 2017 Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF), as two students and one staff member (who is an alumnus of the school) have been selected to participate in the festival's All-State production of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

Senior Trevor Yurek will be part of the pit orchestra, senior Victor Jaimes will be part of the crew and Theatre Tech Assistant Alex Holod was asked to be part of the production team and will serve as Props Master. The performance will take place from Jan. 5 to 7, 2017, in Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The event is for participants of the IHSTF and is not open to the public.

Featuring a thrilling score by Stephen Sondheim and a witty book by Hugh Wheeler, "Sweeney Todd" tells a tale of revenge, class and murder. Based on the fabled character in 19th-century Victorian London, Sweeney Todd returns to London after being wrongfully sent away 15 years prior. Having been ripped away from his wife and daughter, Sweeney vows to avenge his unjust conviction and kill the man who cast him away.

The All-State cast, crew and pit orchestra are comprised of top student performers, musicians and technicians from throughout Illinois. Nearly 400 students from 73 high schools auditioned/interviewed for this year's production, and 109 were selected for the final production company.

"I'm really excited to represent Addison Trail," Yurek said. "I've seen previous All-State productions, and I've always been amazed at the quality of the show."

Yurek will play trombone in the pit orchestra and said he has been playing for about eight years. He added the group has been rehearsing for about 20 hours one weekend a month for about five months.

As a member of the crew, Jaimes is working on props for the show. As part of his audition process, he had to compile a portfolio of his work and interview with the



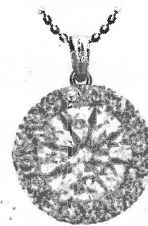
Pictured are (from left) senior Trevor Yurek, Theatre Tech Assistant Alex Holod and senior Victor Jaimes. Representing Addison Trail, the three have been selected to participate in the 2017 Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," which will take place from Jan. 5-7, 2017.

stage manager. He said it has been a fun challenge to find and create props that fit the 19th-century style of the show.

While this will be the first All-State production for Yurek and Jaimes, Holod has a different perspective. He participated in the All-State production of "Hairspray" as the light-board operator when he was a student and is excited to return as a staff member. Holod graduated from Addison Trail in 2009 and said being involved with theatre is "like being home."

"I'm incredibly honored to have been asked to participate in the All-State production of 'Sweeney Todd,'" Holod said. "It's a tremendous recognition for me, as well as for Addison Trail. It's awesome to work with some of the best and brightest students in Illinois, who are dedicated and love theatre."

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Pictured are the Addison Trail staff members who received the school's Golden Apple award on Dec. 14. They are pictured with the student(s) who nominated them in the order in which they're listed below (top row to bottom, from left to right), unless otherwise noted.



## Twenty-one receive Addison Trail's Golden Apple award

The 21 staff members who were recognized are:

Jack Andrews, special education (nominated by junior Haley Prenant)

Daniela Ariano, reading (nominated by junior Samuel García)

Matthew Bauers, math (nominated by freshman Erica Ly)  
Lindsay Bugajsky (not pictured), math (nominated by sophomore Raul Barraza)

Itzel Carranza, math (nominated by seniors Breana Crespo and Chuangyi Zhang)

Mario Fernandez, social studies (nominated by sophomore Giselle Martinez, senior Erika Delgado, sophomore Adriana Gutierrez, junior Ali Thompson and junior Zainab Ghanem)

Christopher Grice, special education (nominated by juniors Vincenza Zaccaro and Melissa Krefft)

Erin Groth, science – Department Chair (nominated by sophomore Isea Cabrera)

Jose Hernandez, social studies (nominated by senior Kaitlin Martinez)

Anna Jakubka, English (nominated by junior Roci Ceballos)

Dena Kandah, science (nominated by junior Holly Schwartz and sophomore Melissa Bouharati)

Lija Marzec, family and consumer education (nominated by senior Marie Baumgartner)

Jeffery Nellessen (not pictured), music – Choir Director (nominated by freshman Casey Kosmach)

Mark Olson, social studies (nominated by sophomore McKenna Gayon)

Ann Peters (not pictured), reading (nominated by senior Erika Delgado)

Vicki Ream, special education (nominated by senior Angelica Stewart)

Keith Santini, industry and technology (nominated by senior Jose Chavez, senior Priscilla Vega, senior Dimitrios Giannopoulos (not pictured), junior Pablo Soriano (not pictured) and senior Rafael Alvarado Jr. (not pictured))

Crystal Seitz, math (nominated by sophomore Hannah Rodrigues)

Tiffany Stone, physical education (nominated by sophomore Isea Cabrera)

Francesca Terracciano, student supervisor and Energy Rush sponsor (nominated by freshman Tania Fernandez)

Sheila Wojcik, math (nominated by sophomore Joshua Michael Meglio)



## Students duct tape staffer to the wall for Switchboard

During their lunch periods on Tuesday, Dec. 13, students and staff at Indian Trail Junior High donated money in exchange for pieces of duct tape to in order to tape Adrian Velasco to a wall in the IT Commons. The fundraiser was held to raise money for the Addison Community Switchboard's Christmas Program, which provides food baskets to area families and seniors who are in need of assistance.

Students and staff donated \$300 and Mr. V. was covered in more than 300 pieces of tape. This project was co-sponsored by Mr. Velasco and Project POP. Project POP (People Offering Positivity) is a student club that focuses on helping to create a safe, trusting and positive school environment for everyone. Club members participate in community service projects and perform acts of kindness throughout the school, encouraging others to pay it forward.



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Pictured here with students, Mr. Velasco shows off the big piece of tape that had supported him on the wall. The activity was put on for Project POP (People Offering Positivity), a student club at ITJH, which performs acts of kindness and community service projects.



## SPORTS

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## Fenton girls basketball team excelling on defensive end *Bison preparing for Northside Prep holiday tournament*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

One key area the Fenton girls basketball team has excelled in this season is defense.

"Our defense has been pretty good," said Fenton coach Tim Anderson. "Our big thing is some of these teams are lighting it up against us. Wheaton Academy shot 48 percent against us and Aurora Central Catholic shot 56% and we're not talking about giving up layups here. This is astronomical stuff."

Anderson said Fenton has been consistently challenged in the early part of the season, particularly in the Metro Suburban Conference Blue

Division.

"We've had our ups and downs," he said. "The competition we've played is very tough. We're struggling still to put the ball in the basket, but we are working on it. When the game starts we have a tendency to have too much of a sense of urgency with what we need to do. We played Riverside-Brookfield (conference team) recently and they have two senior guards who have been on the varsity since freshman year. They lit it up against us and I thought we did a good job guarding them. We got down and we tended to get a little panicky. That's been a pattern for us so far this year and we're working

hard to break it."

Anderson has been encouraged by improvement he's seen on the offensive end. "The good news is our shooting percentage has gone up, but we've been a little overmatched in some games. We're working on it," he said. "We've made a concerted effort to work on our shot and our fundamentals."

The longtime coach noted he's seen two players in particular take steps forward in the form of Patty Acosta and Amari Benbow.

"Patty has been a pleasant surprise," said Anderson. "I'm so pleased with how it happens. You have a senior and all of a sudden,

boom, you see something you haven't seen. I call it the quantum leap. Patty has been a big bright spot for us. About two weeks ago something hit her and all of a sudden, wow! Her game has been elevated. I use her as a great example to the rest of the team to keep moving forward and improving. Patty is doing a fantastic job of that."

"Amari is another one who all of a sudden, wow! Her game has been elevated as well and we need that. We need a go-to person who is saying give me the ball, give me the ball. She's kind of looking to do that."

Fenton will head to Northside Prep for a holiday tournament. Fenton finished second there last year.

"The Christmas tournament should be really good for us," said Anderson. "We were there last year and did well. We should be competitive. As long as we keep playing defense like we have we're going to be fine. These girls work really hard and I can't ask for any more than that. We have to figure out how to take what we've learned in practice and go out and execute it during the games. The hard work is why we are where we are right now in terms of progress. If the hard work wasn't there in practice it would be a different scenario. It's there and now we have to get everything to show itself in our games."

## Sasenick bowls conference-high game and series against Addison Trail

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook junior girls bowler Dana Sasenick was clicking on all cylinders during the team's recent West Suburban Conference victory over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail.

Sasenick rolled the conference

high game of the year to date with a 269 and ended with a 644 high series, also the top three-game mark in the league through late last week.

Willowbrook won at both the varsity and junior-varsity levels.

In Sasenick's 269 game against Addison Trail she rolled eight strikes in a row out of the gate and followed

that up with a spare in the ninth and a strike and spare in the 10th to notch the high game of her career.

Sasenick had games of 205, 269 and 170. Freshman Makaylah Jones rolled a 564 series with games of 178, 189 and 197. Senior Jordan Tiberi had games of 193, 184 and 200 for a 577 series. Sophomore Katie

Pettinger had a high game of 186 en route to a 494 series. Sophomore Holly Helsper had a high game of 161 and had a 446 series and junior Anna Cuccinotto had a 163 high game and a 444 series.

Tiberi, through late last week, was leading the team with a 180-percentage average. Sasenick was next at 171 and Jones had a 163 average.

"We have been really working on making high-quality shots on their first ball of the frame," said Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen. "When we make good first shots it leads to strikes and easy spare pickups."

Allen has been especially pleased with the progress of Sasenick, Pettinger and Jones. "Dana, Katie and Makaylah have really stepped up for us this year," he said. "They have made a major impact at the start of the season and will only get better as the season continues."

Allen also is thrilled with the team's overall progress heading into the winter break. "I am extremely pleased with how the team is performing so far this year," he said. "Our ability to make good quality shots is helping us score better. We are very excited for the season and

we are looking at making a major impact in conference. We are very young and extremely talented. The future is very bright."

Earlier, Willowbrook took fourth out of 30 teams at the recent Ray Maxwell Invitational hosted by Streamwood High School.

Tiberi led the Warriors with games of 225, 195, 224, 210, 180 and 157 for a total of 1,191. Tiberi was seventh individually in the tournament.

Pettinger also was strong for Willowbrook with a 1,083 six-game series. She had games of 168, 171, 189, 188, 196 and 171.

"Katie followed up Jordan's impressive performance with one of her own," said Allen.

Helsper had a 1,013 series with high games of 171, 166, 196 and 189. Sasenick finished with a 993 with high games of 194, 192 and 167. Jones had a 986 series with high games of 207 and 193.

Willowbrook shot 5,266 as a team. "We bowled very well all day," said Allen.

The Warriors led the tournament heading into the sixth game thanks to a tournament-high game of 966 in the fifth.

## AT-Willowbrook boys swimming team off to fast start

*Recent victory over Downers Grove South provides plenty of cause for optimism*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys co-op swimming team got itself off to a fast start with a pair of West Suburban Conference Gold Division wins.

AT-Willowbrook defeated Leyden and then scored a key win over Downers Grove South.

"Downers Grove South was a big win for us. They shared the conference title with Hinsdale South last year," said AT-Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. "With also beating Leyden, those were two teams we lost to last year and now we beat them. We're off to a good start."

Wahlgren benefits from having many key contributors back this season. That group includes Jacob Grygo (Addison Trail, 50, 100), Mikey Strycharz (Addison Trail, 50, 100), Lucas Walsh (Addison Trail, breaststroke), sophomore Jack Burns (Willowbrook, freestyle), Jake Roucka (Willowbrook, butterfly, sprints), Jack Wentworth (Willowbrook, 500) and Matt Sawicki (Addison Trail, distance, 500). Evan Zimmerman (Addison Trail, IM) also is back.

Burns owns the team's top times in the 50 and

100 and as well as the 200. Wentworth also recently helped out with a strong time in the 100.

Key newcomers include Thomas Holmes (Willowbrook, IM) and Eric Hoda (Willowbrook, freestyle backstroke).

"We're getting the guys back into the shape they should be in," said Wahlgren. "We've also come together as a team. Another thing I'll point out is our finishes have been very strong. The guys are listening and finishing hard. That's the difference in these relays between winning and losing. They are putting the pieces together and doing the things we ask of them."

Wahlgren said the Downers Grove South victory provided a big boost. "We have a lot of confidence now," he said. "We have high hopes in the conference. We will see what we can do against Hinsdale South. We would like to win the conference this year. The guys are excited about the future. I've always had high hopes and always imagined something like this was possible. It became a reality against Downers Grove South and now we have to keep working hard in order for it to continue."

AT-Willowbrook competes in an invitational on Dec. 27 and returns to conference action against Proviso East on Jan. 6. In between, the team plans on getting plenty of reps in the pool.

"We usually go longer sessions over the break," said Wahlgren. "That's the time where we get everybody into real good shape."

## Fenton wrestling team off to 8-0 start

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton wrestling team continues to enjoy its ride on the success train.

The Bison upped its dual-meet mark to 8-0 with recent decisive victories over Walther Christian (60-21) and Wheaton Academy (43-9).

Fenton was ranked No. 9 in Class 2A in the recent Illinois Matmen/GEI (Go Earn It wrestling apparel) rankings.

Success for the Bison has been abundant on the individual level

as well. Junior Dylan Butts (182 pounds) and senior Angel Nava (138 pounds) both were 12-2 through late last week.

Senior Kacper Piskorz (132 pounds) was 8-0. Senior Ivan Rodriguez (195 pounds) was 10-4, while senior Nikko Castaneda (160 pounds) was 9-3. Junior Isaiah Brock (heavyweight) was 9-4, while freshman Jeremy Piskorz (120 pounds) was 8-7.

Senior Kyle Higgins (170 pounds)

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## Butts, Nava leading the way with 12 wins each; Piskorz undefeated

was 9-5, while senior Ryan Mencini (145 pounds) was 8-5. Senior Michael Bailon (106 pounds) was 7-7 and freshman Danny Ramirez (126 pounds) also had a 7-7 mark through late last week. Freshman Cassinova Bateman (113 pounds) won his first two matches as a varsity wrestler recently.

Fenton also recently placed fifth out of 19 teams at the Waunakee Invitational in Wisconsin. Brock took second at heavyweight, while Butts was third at 182. Nava took third at 145, while Mencini was fourth at 138.

Castaneda was fourth at 160. Bailon was fifth at 106. Rodriguez was fifth at 220 and Park was seventh at 195.

"We have a great group of seniors and juniors who love to be challenged and expect to be successful," Fenton coach Brian Hastings said.

Mencini was ranked No. 12 by Illinois Matmen/GEI at 138 pounds and has two Top 5 tournament finishes to his credit this season. Nava earned an honorable mention placement at 145 and has two Top 3 finishes to his credit, including a title win at the Fenton invitational.

Butts was ranked No. 9 at 182 and has two Top 3 finishes, including a title win at Fenton.

Fenton competed in the prestigious Hinsdale Central invitational this past weekend. The Hinsdale Central tournament typically is considered the second-toughest tournament in the state.

# Willowbrook girls basketball team defeats Hinsdale South

## Konrath records seven 3-pointers during two-game stretch

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team notched a recent 37-21 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory against Hinsdale South.

In earlier action, the Warriors lost a 44-40 WSC Gold decision to District 88 neighbor Addison Trail.

Willowbrook led 7-6 after the first quarter, but trailed 22-18 at halftime. Addison Trail outscored Willowbrook 12-6 in the third quarter. Willowbrook did come back to outscore the Blazers 16-10 in the fourth quarter.

Hannah Konrath led the Warriors with 12 points to go with four rebounds. CeCe Lizasuain added nine points and four rebounds. Shannon Knudtson had eight points, as did Katelyn McCann.

Konrath hit three 3-pointers in the game and was 3-for-4 from the free-

throw line. Maureen Schmid pulled down nine rebounds. Knudtson had four steals. McCann had two steals.

In other recent competition, the Warriors lost 60-38 to Proviso East in a WSC Gold game.

Proviso led 19-5 after the first quarter and 40-12 at halftime. Konrath led Willowbrook with 14 points. McCann had seven points, while Lizasuain had six points.

Konrath made four 3-pointers, while McCann had two. Lizasuain had six rebounds, while Sara Fitzgibbon had four rebounds.

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# It's tipoff time for holiday hoops

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## SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

The holiday basketball tournaments are the symbolic halfway point of the season for boys and girls teams. As players get set for a busy stretch of games at the tournaments, here's the outlook for several area schools, including IC Catholic, Willowbrook and York.

### BOYS Glenbard East

**Tournament:** Jack Tosh Holiday Classic  
**Location:** York High School, 355 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 30  
**What to watch:** The Rams enter holiday play still searching for their first win of the season. Junior guard Orlando Kimbrough has been a bright spot for East (0-8), but five of the losses have been of the blowout variety. First up at the Tosh is a showdown against a solid 7-3 Conant team that counts victories against Benet and St. Viator on its ledger.

### IC Catholic

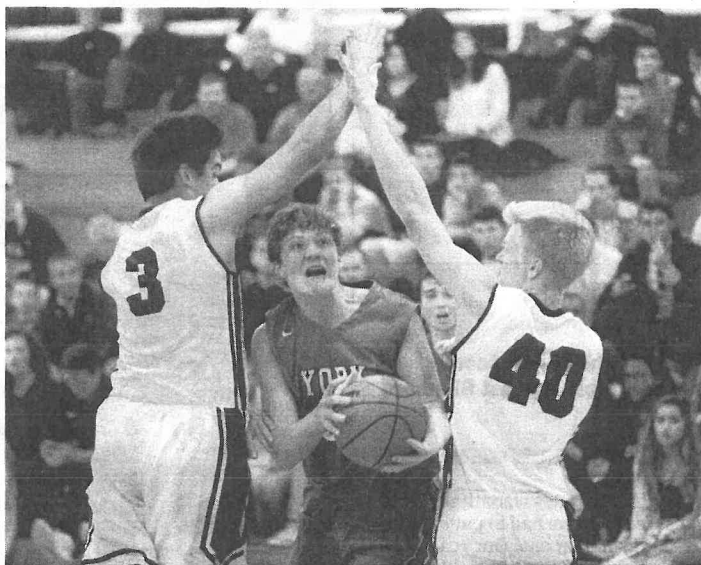
**Tournament:** Westmont/IC Catholic Christmas Classic  
**Location:** IC Catholic Prep, 217 S. Cottage Hill Road, Elmhurst

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 29  
**What to watch:** The tournament is newly expanded to a 16-team field. The defending champion Knights will be challenged from the get-go against Noble Street Muchin (7:30 p.m. Dec. 26). IC will play on its home floor throughout the tournament provided it can win the opener and get past Westminster Christian or Phoenix Military Academy in the second round or (potentially) Evergreen Park or Christ the King in a semifinal. If Amari Reed, Austin Reed, Alex Meurer and the Knights get it going at the tourney, they could play for the title at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29.

### Montini

**Tournament:** Westmont/IC Catholic Christmas Classic  
**Location:** Westmont High School, 909 Oakwood Drive

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 29  
**What to watch:** The Broncos appear to have moved on from the struggles of last season and hope to prove it at the IC/Westmont tournament. Montini will play at Westmont to start the tourney, where it opens against Holy Trinity at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 26, but the goal is to get hot and make it to IC for the championship game Dec. 29.



Erica Benson - For Shaw Media

York's Sam Walsh breaks through a double team Dec. 2 during a game against Glenbard West. The Ducks are the defending champions at their own Jack Tosh Holiday Classic tournament, which starts Dec. 26.

### Timothy Christian

**Tournament:** Jack Tosh Holiday Classic  
**Location:** York High School, 355 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 30  
**What to watch:** Timothy already has a tournament title under its belt from the Lisle Thanksgiving tourney. Winning a second tournament as the smallest school in the Tosh will be a challenge. The Trojans play Highland Park in the opener at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 26, and with a win could face De La Salle in the second round. Lyons Township, Minooka, Riverside Brookfield, Stagg and Wheaton North are all on the same side of the bracket and stand in the way of the Trojans and a berth in the title game Dec. 30.

### Willowbrook

**Tournament:** Glenbard West Holiday Classic  
**Location:** 670 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 23, 26 to 28  
**What to watch:** The Warriors got off to a 7-0 start behind the strong play of Ethan Schuemer and Freddie Clay, and they take a 7-1 mark into the Glenbard West holiday tourney. Willowbrook is one of the favorites, but it will have to get past a resurgent Glenbard South (6:15 p.m. Dec. 26) and a tough Lake Park (6:15 p.m. Dec. 27) to reach the final on Dec. 28. Willowbrook starts tourney play against St.

Francis at 4:15 p.m. Dec. 23.

### York

**Tournament:** Jack Tosh Holiday Classic  
**Location:** York High School, 355 W. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 30  
**What to watch:** Last year's Tosh champions, the Ducks enter tournament play riding a three-game losing streak, albeit against solid West Aurora, Oak Park-River Forest and Downers Grove North teams. Playing at home is a nice benefit for York (5-4), and the team's stingy defense will keep it in almost every game (three of the losses have come by a combined nine points).

Jordan Gray, Nick Kosich and Nick Trapani all have extensive experience playing in the Tosh, and Angelo Martucci, Erik Cohn and Michael Pedote join that trio in contributing to a balanced offense. First up is Providence at 8 p.m. Dec. 26, with Batavia or St. Ignatius waiting in the second round. If York can repeat its 2015 run, it would play in the championship game at 6 p.m. Dec. 30.

### GIRLS

#### Glenbard East

**Tournament:** Riverside Brookfield Girls Holiday Classic  
**Location:** 160 Ridgewood Road, Riverside

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 30

**What to watch:** The Rams have come up on the short end in their last four games and carry a 2-7 mark into the holidays, where they will look to find some consistency. East will rematch with a York team that won 55-40 on Dec. 14 in the second game of the tourney (12:30 p.m. Dec. 27). The Rams also play Argo (12:30 p.m. Dec. 26) and Beecher (12:30 p.m. Dec. 28) in pool play before competing in bracket games on Dec. 29 and 30.

### IC Catholic

**Tournament:** State Farm Classic  
**Location:** Bloomington-Normal area  
**Tournament dates:** Dec. 27 to 30

**What to watch:** Marian Central Catholic awaits on Dec. 23 before the Knights head downstate for their holiday tournament. There have been some ups and downs this season (including a four-game slide in the early going), so IC looks to get on track at the State Farm Classic. First up is St. Joseph-Ogden at 1 p.m. Dec. 27, with Rock Falls or El Paso-Gridley waiting in the second round. The tourney title game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Dec. 30.

### Montini

**Tournament:** Montini Christmas Tournament  
**Location:** 19W070 16th St., Lombard  
**Tournament dates:** Dec. 27 to 30

**What to watch:** An afternoon matinee against Mother McAuley on Dec. 23 is the only thing potentially preventing the Broncos from taking an unbeaten record into their own holiday tournament. Montini already has quality wins against Bolingbrook, Trinity and Rock Island to its name, and will look to add to the resume. First up at the tourney is Lake Zurich (4:45 p.m. Dec. 27), with Marist or Proviso East in the second round. Undefeated Geneva or Oak Park-River Forest could be possible foes on the road to the Dec. 30 title game.

### Timothy Christian

**Tournament:** Holiday Cage Classic  
**Location:** 1800 Short St., Lisle  
**Tournament dates:** Dec. 27 to 30

**What to watch:** The Trojans have won three of their last four games to improve to 7-4, including a 52-23 win against Guerin on Dec. 20 in which Olivia Hoekstra (16 points) and Ava Venema (10 points) reached double figures. If Timothy can keep playing at a high level at Lisle, where it opens against Illiana Christian at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 27, it could wind up in the championship game at 8 p.m. Dec. 30.

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# Suburban Life

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**AUSTIN  
REED**

IC CATHOLIC  
Senior | Boys Basketball

### Why Reed was selected:

Reed poured in a team-high 23 points to help the Knights come back from two double-digit deficits in a 64-57 loss against Glenbard South.

IC Catholic's boys basketball team has been on the short end of the result just two times this season. Austin Reed did his best to almost make it just once. With Amari Reed and Alex Meurer limited by foul trouble, Austin Reed stepped up and scored 23 points in a Metro Suburban Blue game Dec. 16. Reed, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney Real Estate Group, spoke with sports editor Jason Rossi about his big game against Glenbard South, playing at home for the holidays, and more. Here's an edited transcript:

**Rossi: What did it feel like to be able to help keep the team in the game against Glenbard South?**

**Reed:** I just had to step up when my team was down. I feel like that was the best way that I can personally pick up my teammates is just go hard and play to the best of my ability.

**Rossi: After Glenbard South, you topped**

**Hiana Christian in overtime (Dec. 23). How did that feel?**

**Reed:** A lot of guys were tired. It's finals week and we had to put out all our energy in that one. Our coach preaches grit and resilience. We were focused. We had to bounce back. We needed that one, it was a big conference game, and we just fought.

**Rossi: Are you looking forward to some home games at your holiday tournament?**

**Reed:** I'm ready. It's going to be fun. We're going to take it game by game starting with the first game against Noble Street Muchin and go from there.

**Rossi: How are things shaping up for the second half of the season?**

**Reed:** We've reached some highs and had some lows, so I just think we have to keep our composure and our confidence and keep playing with energy. Play hard the whole time and play to the best of our ability.

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Sarah Minor - For Shaw Media

Hailey Walker of York looks to pass the ball Dec. 10 during a home game against Glenbard West. The Dukes will head east for five games at the Riverside Brookfield holiday tournament starting Dec. 26.

### • HOOPS

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#### Willowbrook

**Tournament:** Bill Neibch Falcon Classic

**Location:** Wheaton North High School, 701 Thomas Road, Wheaton

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 29

**What to watch:** Outside of three wins this season, the most recent against Hinsdale South on Dec. 16, it has been a struggle for the Warriors. No. 1 tournament seed Glenbrook North will present a challenge for Willowbrook in the opener at Wheaton North (7:30 p.m. Dec. 27), and Downers Grove North or Schaumburg will be waiting in the second round.

#### York

**Tournament:** Riverside Brookfield Girls Holiday Classic

**Location:** 160 Ridgewood Road, Riverside

**Tournament dates:** Dec. 26 to 30

**What to watch:** The Dukes have had some ups and down so far this season under new head coach Maggie Ely, although they do have solid wins against Lyons Township and Hinsdale Central on their resume. With Danielle Dennis, Caylin Rufus and Jaclyn Saco leading the way, York looks to make a run at the RB tournament. The Dukes have pool play games against Beecher, Glenbard East and Argo at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 26, 27 and 28, respectively, and they already have a 55-40 win against East as part of their 7-4 start to the season.

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## Bullwinkel explains her decision to not run for another term

By Chris Fox

LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER  
Deborah Bullwinkel's four-year term as Villa Park's village president will end in the spring of 2017. Bullwinkel declined to run for re-election next year.

"It's been excruciating, but with a heavy heart I decided not to run," said Bullwinkel after last week's deadline for candidates to file to enter the election of April 4, 2017.

A self-employed communications/association management consultant and meeting planner, Bullwinkel cited her job in explaining her decision not to run for re-election. She said she made her decision a couple of weeks earlier, shortly before leaving for Arizona to be with her father-in-law, who died Dec. 17 after battling cancer. Bullwinkel was absent from the Villa Park Village Board meeting on Dec. 19.

"It boils down to ... I can't afford financially to do it anymore," said Bullwinkel. "It's a horrible reality. At the end of the day, I'm a resident like everybody else. I have bills to pay and obligations. I can't afford to do it (be village president) on \$4,500 a year."

Villa Park's village president, who also serves as the village's liquor commissioner, receives an annual stipend of \$4,500. Each trustee receives an annual stipend of \$3,000.

Bullwinkel said she typically spends 20 to 25 hours per week working on village-related matters. Some weeks require more time, she said.

"I completely understand what's required for this job," said Bullwinkel of the position of village president. "In order to do the job right, you have to put the time in. I don't regret one second of my time as village president. I'm not destitute, but the time this requires takes away from my ability to get new business and deal with clients. I can't tell you what a hard decision this was. I love serving the people, and I love serving as their village president. But in my heart and mind, I couldn't continue and take on any new business opportunities. I had to take a step back and reassess."

Three residents filed to run for Villa Park village president in next year's election. The candidates include two current trustees—Albert Bulthuis and Robert Taglia—as well as Charles Pickerill.

Villa Park's village board consists of the village president and six trustees. Three of the trustee positions are up for election next year. Four candidates, including two incumbents, are running for the seats. Current trustees Nick Cuzzone and Robert Wagner are joining Cheryl Orlow Tucker and David Cilella in the race.

Bullwinkel, 48, served as a village trustee before winning the election for village president in 2013. Running in her first campaign, she was one of six candidates for three available trustee seats in the 2009 election. She received 2,250 votes in that race, nearly 500 more votes than Taglia, the second-place finisher.

In 2013, Bullwinkel soundly defeated former Villa Park Police Chief John Heidelberg in the race for village president. She won 2,694 votes and beat Heidelberg by a margin of about 76 to 24 percent.

Recalling the beginning of her political career, Bullwinkel said that she used to attend village board meetings to join some of



Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel chose not to seek re-election next year. The deadline to file to run in the election of April 4, 2017, passed on Dec. 19. "I can't tell you what a hard decision this was," said Bullwinkel, who is pictured during a board meeting earlier this year. A self-employed consultant and meeting planner, Bullwinkel said she cannot financially afford to serve another term as village president. "I had to do a lot of soul searching," said Bullwinkel of her decision. "I can't afford to let business opportunities pass me by. I've let a lot go by." Bullwinkel, who has participated in numerous events in the village during her time on the village board, is pictured in one photo (right) reading a proclamation at this year's Lauren M. Kiefer 5K Family Run/Walk at Willowbrook High School. The other photo shows Bullwinkel taking part in this year's Habitat for Humanity project to build a new home in Villa Park. "I feel extremely fortunate to have had so much support from the community," stated Bullwinkel. "I've enjoyed serving them. I've put my heart and soul into this job."

her neighbors on the north side of town in discussing the area's infrastructure problems.

"We were frustrated with the condition of the streets, and we built a little community coalition," she said. "Our roads were falling apart, and it seemed like we were having weekly water main breaks. It got to the point when we couldn't handle it anymore. We knew we had to start making some noise if we wanted to get things fixed."

Bullwinkel said some fellow residents urged her to run for the village board in 2007. She declined, stating she did not have the time. Two years later, after further urging, Bullwinkel decided to run for the village board.

"It was my first-ever campaign, and I didn't know what I was doing," said Bullwinkel of the 2009 race. "But I knew I needed to talk to people."

In 2015, Bullwinkel announced her can-

didacy for the Democratic Party nomination to run to represent the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois in the U.S. House. Running in the primary of March 15, 2016, she received about 11,000 votes, or 14 percent of the overall share. She placed third in the primary, which Raja Krishnamoorthi won with about 57 percent of the vote. Krishnamoorthi went on to win a seat in Congress, defeating Republican Pete DiCianni in the Nov. 8 general election. Krishnamoorthi will replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, who won last month's election to serve in the U.S. Senate.

"I knew it was a long shot, but those opportunities aren't going to come around forever," said Bullwinkel of her bid to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Washington, D.C. "We had no money, and we were in it for seven months. I have no regrets about that campaign. I would have regretted not trying it."

Reflecting on her time as village president, Bullwinkel noted the importance of the voter-approved referendum of November 2014. Villa Park voters, by a margin of about 71 to 29 percent, voted two years ago to allow the village to borrow \$23 million to pay for road repairs.

"We did so much to get that accomplished," stated Bullwinkel. "That was 16 months of town hall meetings and talking with residents. Once that passed, that got the ball rolling with making our infrastructure better."

Bullwinkel stated her decision not to run in 2017 was so difficult because she enjoys the position so much.

"It's heart-wrenching because it's such a privilege to serve," she said. "I've loved every second of it. There are some situations you have to navigate. I've tried to do the right thing. That's my motivation. There have been some intense moments. I never let anybody bully me. I never let anybody push me around. It hasn't always been easy."

In addition to attending board meetings, studying what's on the agenda and speaking with village staff members, Bullwinkel attends several events throughout the village. She said she also spends a significant amount of time communicating with residents via telephone and e-mail.

"When people elect you, they expect to hear from you," she said. "They expect to see you at the board meetings, and they expect to see you at various events. It's part of the job."

The outgoing village president said she will continue to be committed to her duties until she hands off the gavel to her successor in the spring of 2017.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to the residents of Villa Park," noted Bullwinkel. "They have been so wonderful. We have asked a lot of them. They have gotten behind us. They may not have agreed with everything we've decided to do. We're trying to make the town the best it can be."

Bullwinkel said that if she had run for re-election and won, the upcoming term would have been her last as village president. While she is stepping away from elected office, she won't rule out any future campaigns.

"I don't feel like my work is done yet," said Bullwinkel, who said she may publicly endorse one of the candidates to succeed her as the election draws closer. "I don't think I'm going to be out of politics forever. Who knows what the future holds? Right now I just want to take a step back and breathe for a couple of minutes."

Describing herself as the luckiest village president in DuPage County, Bullwinkel said she will continue to urge her fellow residents to be involved in the village, and to vote.

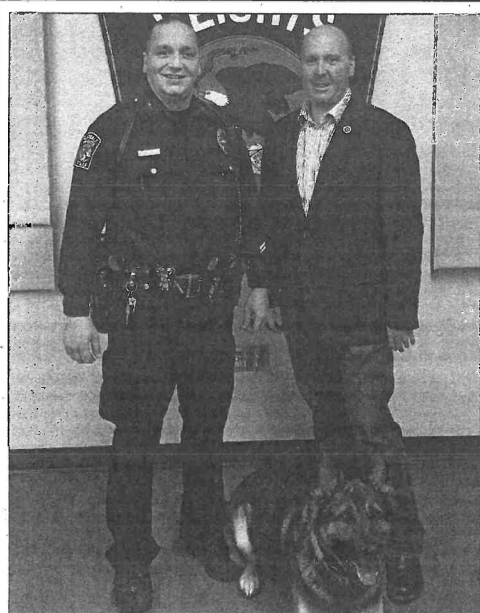
"If you don't vote, don't complain," said Bullwinkel, who referred to a razor-thin finish in the election for village trustee in 2013, in which incumbent trustee John Davis edged challenger Tony Gurdak by three votes (1,462 to 1,459) in the race for a seat on the village board. Davis resigned because of health reasons in 2014. Cuzzone won a 2015 election to serve out the remaining two years of his term.

"Municipal elections are important," Bullwinkel added. "A lot happens on the local level. You've got to step up and have your voice heard. Stand up and vote."

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## K-9 law takes effect Jan. 1

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) helped to enact Senate Bill 3129, which requires a retiring police dog to be offered to its primary handler. The law takes effect on Jan. 1. Cullerton (right) is pictured with Glendale Heights Police Officer Mike Huff and Police K-9 Orkan before the department's roll call on Dec. 21. Orkan, a 3-year-old German shepherd, started training with Huff about two years ago. Orkan performs drug searches and assists in search-and-rescue missions. "I'm happy to pass a law to not only honor the service of our communities' police officers, but also honor the relationship between a family and its dog," stated Cullerton in a news release. According to the new law, if the primary handler doesn't wish to keep the dog, it can be offered to another officer or police employee, a non-profit organization or a no-kill animal shelter.

## Villa Park residents can sign up for community garden plot

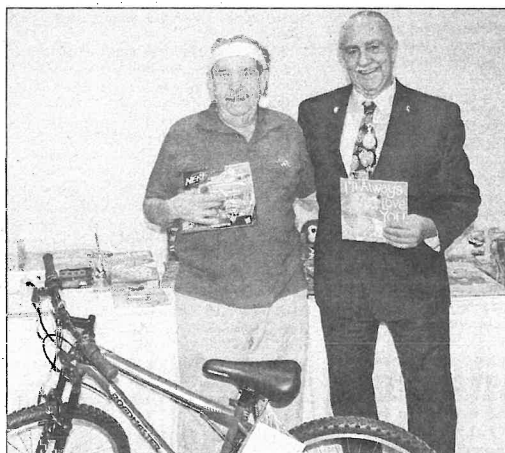
The Village of Villa Park recently announced that community garden plots will be available in May 2017. The community garden will be located at Westmore Park between Westmore and Biermann avenues.

Garden plots will be available to community members or organizations who want to grow vegetables for themselves. The community garden will feature 21 plots, with each plot covering 10 feet by 10 feet.

The fee to reserve a plot is \$10. Signups will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Signups are available at the Iowa Community Center at 338 N. Iowa Ave., and at the Villa Park Public Library at 305 S. Ardmore Ave.

More details will be posted in the future at [growhealthyvillapark.org](http://growhealthyvillapark.org).

For more information, call the Iowa Community Center at 630-834-8970.



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## Villa Park Lions donate toys and books

The Villa Park Lions Club held its Christmas party on Dec. 15 at Allegria Banquets at 237 W. St. Charles Road in Villa Park. The theme of this year's party was "Literacy for the Young." Guests were asked to bring a book and a toy to be donated to the York Township Food Pantry. The pantry will distribute the gifts to client families with children. Pictured (left to right) are Villa Park Lion Rich Hamlin and York Township Supervisor John Valle. "York Township is grateful for the ongoing support of the Villa Park Lions Club," stated Valle. "The Lions are known for their big hearts. Their generous donation will put smiles on the faces of a lot of children again this holiday season."

# Firefighters extinguish fire inside detached garage

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

Villa Park firefighters responded to a Dec. 19 fire in a detached two-car garage of a residence at 340 N. Lincoln Ave. Firefighters had the fire under control within 15 to 20 minutes, stated Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik. No injuries were reported.

According to Rakosnik, the call of the fire came in at 12:46 p.m. A homeowner who was home at the time observed smoke coming from the eaves of the garage. The homeowner called 9-1-1 after opening a side door to the garage and observing a significant amount of smoke.

"It was really a smoky fire," said Rakosnik. "We made an attack

through the service door but didn't go in. We shot the fire hose into the garage from the service door."

The chief said that firefighters from Lombard responded to the scene and removed the overhead garage door from the structure.

"Once the garage door was off, we were able to extinguish the fire and look for hot spots," said Rakosnik, who added that there was one vehicle inside of the garage. That vehicle sustained some minor smoke damage, he said. According to the chief, the fire originated on one side of the garage. The vehicle was located on the opposite side.

The fire did not cause any damage to any surrounding buildings, stated Rakosnik. A Villa Park Public Works Department salt truck responded to

the scene to spread salt in the area. The chief noted the freezing conditions on Dec. 19, when Chicago's official high temperature for the day was 16 degrees. He said firefighters had to flush water from a nearby hydrant before attaching a fire hose. That flushed water quickly turned into ice.

Rakosnik said firefighters could not determine the specific cause of the fire, which did not appear to be suspicious. The cause remains under investigation. The chief said damage to the garage was estimated at \$20,000. He stated it's more than likely the garage will have to be replaced.

Firefighters from Addison and Elmhurst joined the Lombard Fire Department in assisting Villa Park.



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Villa Park firefighters extinguished a fire last week at a detached garage of a residence at 340 N. Lincoln Ave. The call of the fire came in at 12:46 p.m. on Dec. 19. The photo, taken from video recorded by Al Stasch, shows smoke billowing from the garage. No injuries were reported, and the fire did not damage any nearby structures. According to Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, damage to the garage was estimated at \$20,000. One vehicle inside of the garage sustained minor smoke damage. Stasch's video clip of the fire can be seen on his YouTube page at [youtube.com/user/TVVillaParkStyle](http://youtube.com/user/TVVillaParkStyle).

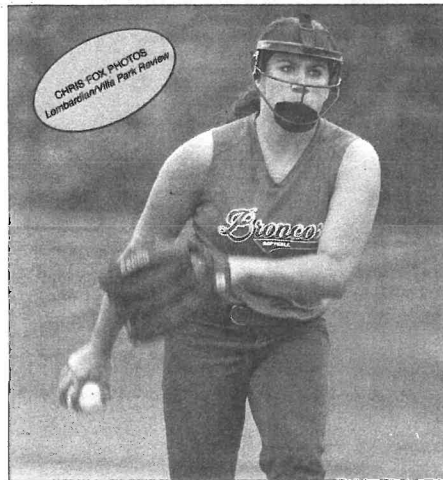


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## Cheerleaders honored at board meeting

The Villa Park Warriors' seventh-grade cheerleading team was recognized during the Villa Park Village Board meeting on Dec. 19. Earlier this month, the cheerleaders earned the third-place trophy in their division at the Illinois Recreational Cheerleading Association (IRCA) state championship meet, which took place at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates. The girls are pictured shortly after they were honored at last week's board meeting. The Villa Park team, which consists of 11- and 12-year-olds, earned its berth in the state meet at a qualifying competition in November. The Warriors' seventh-grade team, which began its season in late July, gave a strong performance during the opening day of the state meet on Dec. 2. That competition routine, which lasted just under three minutes, launched the cheerleaders into the Dec. 4 finals. They gave another performance of their routine on Dec. 4 and received the third-place trophy that evening. This is the first Warriors cheerleading squad to advance to the finals of the IRCA state meet. Members of the seventh-grade team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Grace Roscoe, Maggie Siegler, Sarah Ball, Madison Orlowski and Jazzmin Carmona; (back row) junior coach Jocie Trausch, Grace Van Dyke, Maddy Piebanski, Kalia Igelman, Katie Corsini and junior coach Paulina Kapica. Trausch and Kapica are both seniors at Willowbrook High School. The team's head coach (not pictured) is Julie Van Dyke.

## Broncos win state softball title

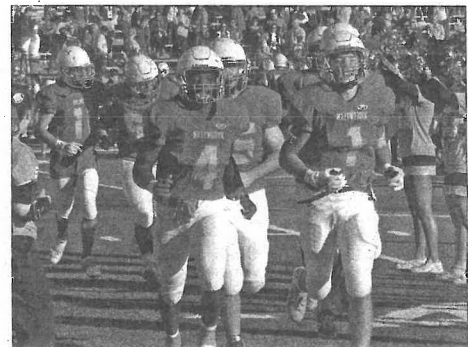


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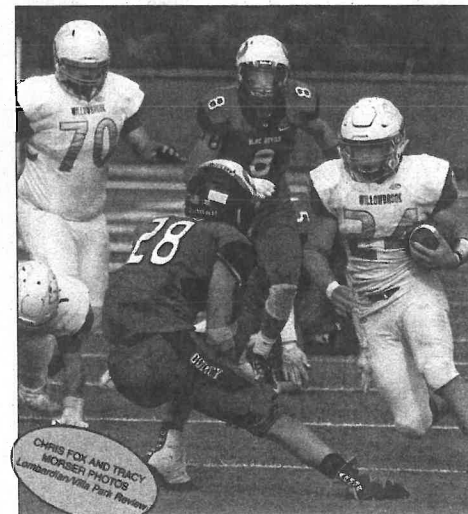
The Montini softball team won the IHSA Class 3A softball state championship on June 11, when it defeated Washington 4-1 in the title game in East Peoria. Montini, which won its final 26 games of the 2016 season, finished the year with an overall record of 37-3. The Broncos, who were coached by Mike Bukovsky, are pictured after their June 6 super-sectional victory over Nazareth Academy in Rosemont. The win over Nazareth propelled Montini into the state semifinals. Before this year, no Montini softball team had advanced beyond the super-sectional round. Junior Naomi Alonzo is shown connecting for a three-run double that helped the Broncos beat the Roadrunners 8-2 in the super-sectional contest. Also pictured is sophomore pitcher Bri Clifton, shown during Montini's 3-0 win over Glenbard South in a sectional championship battle on June 4 in Glen Ellyn. Clifton, who was the winning pitcher in Montini's sectional and super-sectional victories, also earned the victories in her team's semifinal and championship-game triumphs. She completed the season with an overall record of 22-1.



## The Warriors make a playoff run



The Willowbrook football team has made multiple trips to the playoffs in recent seasons, but up until this year, the Warriors hadn't earned a playoff victory since 1990. The 2016 team brought an end to that drought by winning a pair of post-season games and advancing to the IHSA Class 7A quarterfinals. The Warriors qualified for the playoffs with a 6-3 regular-season record. They opened the post-season with a thrilling 34-13 win at Quincy on Oct. 29. Willowbrook trailed Quincy 13-6 with about four minutes to play in the fourth quarter before erupting with a flurry of four touchdowns. Junior Jack Jessen (No. 24) scored two of the team's touchdowns during the fourth-quarter rally. The photo (taken by Tracy Morser) shows Jessen in action in the game at Quincy. The victory propelled the Warriors into a second-round contest against Glenbrook North. Playing the program's first post-season home game since 1994, Willowbrook crushed the Spartans 49-21 on Nov. 5 in Villa Park. Jessen ran for three first-half touchdowns for the Warriors, who held a 42-7 lead at halftime. The photo from the victory over Glenbrook North (taken by Chris Fox) shows seniors Khalif Copeland (No. 4) and Jonathan Kelso (No. 1) exiting the field and running toward the student section at the end of the game. The Warriors' season ended one week later with a 60-27 loss to East St. Louis in a Nov. 12 quarterfinal game in Villa Park. East St. Louis went on to win the IHSA Class 7A state title with a perfect 14-0 record. Jessen was named to this season's Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) Class 7A all-state team. The standout running back and linebacker ran for over 1,600 yards and scored 21 touchdowns in 2016.



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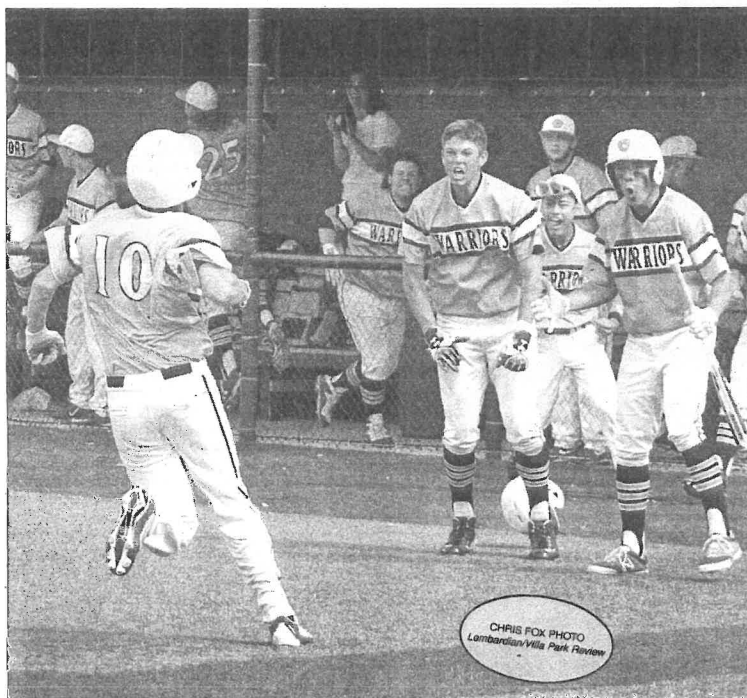
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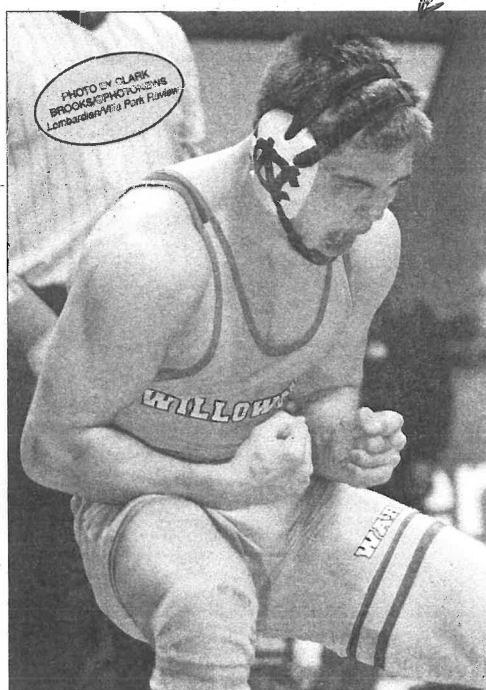
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## Improbable victory



In perhaps the craziest game of the year in our area, the Willowbrook baseball team rallied from a 7-0 deficit to win its IHSAA Class 4A playoff game against St. Francis on May 27 in Carol Stream. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning, when St. Francis erupted for seven runs to take a 7-0 lead. The Warriors, who had not scored all day, faced what seemed to be an insurmountable challenge of scoring at least seven runs in the seventh inning. Willowbrook mounted an incredible rally, which included a single by freshman Trevor Jaloszynski (No. 10, right). A wild pitch by the Spartans with the bases loaded allowed senior Mark Molitor to score from third base, cutting the Spartans' lead to 7-6. Jaloszynski, who advanced from second to third base on the wild pitch, kept on running when the catcher misfired the throw back to the pitcher. The photo shows Jaloszynski as he scored the tying run and headed toward his energized teammates. The game went to extra innings, with the two teams tied at 7-7 through seven innings. Willowbrook scored eight runs in the top of the ninth inning on its way to a 15-8 victory. The Warriors' season ended one day later with a loss to Lake Park in a regional championship game. Willowbrook finished the season with a record of 18-17.



## Record-setting state champion

Willowbrook's Matt Rowland reacts to winning the 170-pound state championship at the IHSAA Class 3A individual wrestling meet in Champaign on Feb. 20. Rowland closed out his high school career by pinning Deerfield senior Sage Heller 22 seconds into the title match. The victory, which set a Class 3A record for the fastest state-championship match, gave Rowland a 52-1 record in his senior season. As a junior, Rowland lost the Class 3A state final in the 152-pound weight class. As a sophomore, he placed fifth in the same weight class at the 2014 state meet. One year earlier, in 2013, his older brother Dan represented Willowbrook in the Class 3A state meet. Dan earned a second-place finish after losing the 170-pound championship match.

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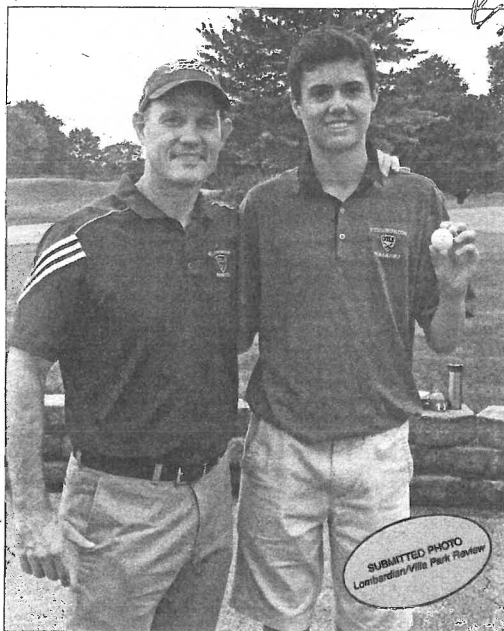
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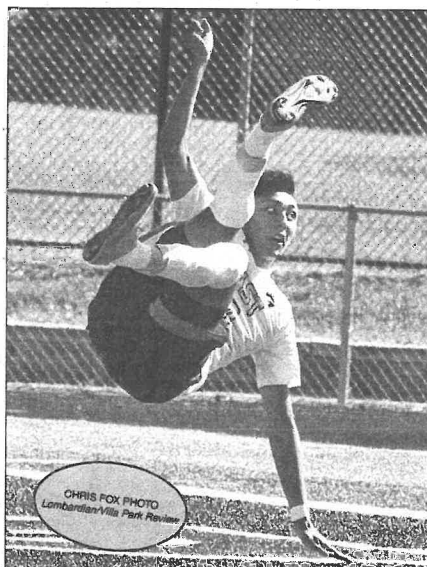
## Warrior makes an ace

Willowbrook sophomore golfer Joey Guthrie (right) made a hole-in-one during his team's Sept. 22 meet at the Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. Guthrie aced the 135-yard, par-3 fourth hole of the resort's Highland Course. He used an 8-iron on his tee shot, which landed a few feet from the cup and rolled into the hole. Guthrie is pictured with Willowbrook head golf coach Gary Walker.



## All-around standout

Willowbrook's Adam Sousa earned a fourth-place finish in the all-around competition at the IHSA boys gymnastics state meet, which took place May 13-14 at Hinsdale Central High School. Sousa, who completed his sophomore season at the event, also earned a fourth-place finish in the state meet's all-around competition as a freshman. He is pictured on the horizontal bar during the 2016 all-around contest, which took place on the first day of the meet. He received an all-around score of 52.40. The second day featured competitions in each of the six individual events. Sousa advanced to the finals in all six individual events on the second day of the state meet. He placed second on the horizontal bars with a score of 8.8. He finished second on the vault with his score of 9.35.



## Rams win first conference title in boys soccer

The Glenbard East boys soccer program captured the first conference championship in its history in 2016. The Rams clinched sole possession of the Upstate Eight Valley Conference title when they won a 2-1 battle at West Aurora on Oct. 4. Senior Tommy Ochala scored the Rams' first goal in the opening half. Senior Librado Olivares broke a 1-1 tie when he scored what proved to be the winning goal with about eight minutes left in the match. The victory gave the Rams a 4-1 conference record. The team opened its conference season with a loss to South Elgin before recording wins over Bartlett, East Aurora, West Chicago and West Aurora. Olivares is pictured scoring a bicycle-kick goal in the Rams' non-conference home match against Glenbard North on Oct. 6. The Panthers defeated Glenbard East 2-1. The Rams' season ended with a 2-1 loss to West Chicago in an IHSA Class 3A regional semifinal match in St. Charles on Oct. 18. Glenbard East finished the year with an overall record of 7-6-3.



## Matching donations presented to food pantries

Lombard VFW Lilac Post 5815 came to the aid of four Lombard food pantries again this holiday season when it presented each with a second monetary donation on Dec. 19. The second donation came from the national VFW headquarters which matched the funds that the post donated to the pantries on Nov. 15. Post members are pictured presenting the \$250 donations to representatives of (photos top to bottom) St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry at Sacred Heart Church, Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, York Township Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Christ the King Church.



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## Downers Grove North

### Bianca Spalla

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** 4.0 and above Honor Roll, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Prudential Spirit of Community Bronze Medal Winner, State of Illinois Senate Recognition Award of the 99th General Assembly, State of Illinois House of Representatives Recognition Award of the 98th General Assembly Student's GPA is 4.57.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** Band/Marching Band (Highlights include playing Carnegie Hall and Disney's Thanksgiving Day Parade), Spanish Club (Officer), P.E. Leader, Student Council.

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Bianca's Backpacks (Raised money to purchase backpacks and school supplies for underprivileged kids – Raised enough money to purchase 1,000 backpacks); Project Playground (Raised funds to purchase a playground for 2 elementary schools); COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS: President Barack Obama Recognition Letter for Project Playground (2016), The President of The United States Volunteer Service Award (2015), The President of The United States Volunteer Service Award (2014), Recognition by Board of Education School District 45 (2014, 2015, 2016), Recognition by Superintendent Anthony Palmisano for Project Playground Completion with Installation of two playgrounds (2016).

**Nominated by Cyndi Karmik, School Counselor:** When I think of Bianca, my head fills with so many descriptors. A hard-working, dedicated, and enthusiastic young lady to both her academics, school, and community. She constantly gives 110% of herself, which has been demonstrated academically through her challenging course selections and grades. Service oriented, thoughtful, initiator, and selfless, as she is a young lady who gives back to those who are in need. Musical. Bianca loves to play the clarinet. More importantly, she loves the gift that music is to other people and that nothing can be compared to the feeling of being the person to lift someone's mood. Bianca's own words capture it best, "My dedication to students and my community is at the core of who I am." I have confidence that Bianca's dynamic and generous spirit will be an integral part of her college and adult life. It will be exciting to see what great things will come next not only for Bianca, but for others!



## Addison Trail High School

### Veronique Robins

**Nominated by Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance:** Throughout her four years at Addison Trail, Robins has demonstrated how drive and attitude can shape a person, and she has taken charge of her future. She has faced many challenges in her life, but has surpassed them and succeeded in building a positive future for herself. Robins decided to challenge herself academically her junior year and enrolled in Spanish III Honors, along with two of the most difficult Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses available at Addison Trail. Robins will be the first person in her family to attend college, and she uses that goal to motivate and push herself. Robins credits her godmother and guardian, Juliette Shular-Conrad, for helping her stay focused on school when times were tough.

"Robins is an exceptional young lady, who is very driven," said Kevin Redding, Addison Trail Director of Guidance. "What most impresses me about Robins is she stands strong in the face of adversity. She is a very resilient student, who has overcome some obstacles in her life and continues to work hard in school, despite those challenges. I have no question Robins will have success in her future endeavors."

Amy Ferraro, Addison Trail English teacher and Department Chair, agreed.

"Robins is a wonderful young lady," Ferraro said. "She was in my AP Language class as a junior, and she was an excellent student – a constant contributor to discussions, consistent with her assignments, eager to ask for help and give extra effort. She did so well, I never would have known she was a student who had struggled at one point. I suppose that is the highest compliment I can give her, and it proves how worthy she is of this honor. If she had a rough patch early on, she certainly didn't use it as a crutch, and she faced the challenges of junior year head on."

Robins is busy outside of the classroom as well. On top of the 20 hours a week she



puts in at her job, she also is involved in track and field, Interact Club, UNICEF Club and Black Student Union (BSU).

In her free time, Robins enjoys reading and writing – her passion is writing (especially short stories and poetry), and she hopes to use that as part of her profession one day.

"Robins is a pleasure to have in class each and every day," said Colleen Kane, Addison Trail math teacher. "I greatly appreciate her positive attitude and sense of humor, as do her classmates. She is hardworking and determined to do her best at all times. Her maturity and the sense of responsibility she feels to always do her best are truly admirable. I discovered her love of reading while she was in my geometry class. I offered to lend her some of my favorite books, as the library book on her desk each day changed so frequently. She gladly accepted my offer, and throughout the school year, she read nearly every book I own. I honestly couldn't get them to her fast enough! Robins deserves this award, and her efforts to maintain good grades are seen daily. I will definitely miss her after she graduates."

Robins plans to attend Illinois State University or Northern Illinois University. She would like to double major in business management and writing, as her future goal is to write her own plays and open her own production company in Chicago or New York. Student's GPA is 3.5.

## Benet Academy

### Madison Gabouer

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** First Honors at Benet Academy, Illinois State Scholar. Student's GPA is 4.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** Campus Ministry, Spanish Club, Environmental Club, Chorus, Softball, LOGOS Retreat Leader, Assistant Director of Benet Musical.

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Variety of projects with Lemont Junioresettes, Girl Scouts, and Benet's Campus Ministry organization, including service at the Ronald McDonald House, Hope and Friendship Foundation, and Feed My Starving Children.

**Nominated by Amy Wesley, College Counselor:** As Madison reflects on her freshman year at Benet Academy, she remembers feeling incredibly overwhelmed and miserable, to put it mildly. To look at her grades, one would never know how hard that year was for Madison. Despite being separated from her middle school friends and feeling frustrated by the amount of homework she had every night, she also appreciated that she was being challenged academically for the first time. She joined choir and played softball, both of which started to help her find her niche; now, three years later, Madison is one of the most confident, optimistic, engaging, and outgoing student leaders in the senior class. I'm so glad Madison has grown to love Benet, because the faculty, the students, and the administration certainly love her! She is highly intelligent and curious, kind to others, and involved in our student community.

While Madison possesses a love for literature, she is also analytical and logical in her thought processes and takes a great deal of pride in her work. As a result of her diligent study habits, desire to truly learn and understand, and ability to balance one of the most demanding curriculums available while being incredibly involved in both her school and her community, Madison has managed to excel across the Benet curriculum and remain near the top of her class in doing so.

Madison has also grown into a strong leader among her peers. Others look to her for her calm and even-keeled demeanor, as well as for her knowledge and ability to make good decisions. Madison attributes some of her personal growth to her years participating with the Girl Scouts, which has been an ideal outlet for her desire to serve her community. Furthermore, Madison is involved in Junioresettes, which is a junior women's club in her hometown. It, too, hosts multiple service opportunities in her surrounding communities. Both groups have been particularly meaningful to Madison, as they have allowed and encouraged her personal growth, leadership skills, and valuable service opportunities. She has strong values, high ideals, and lofty goals, but if there ever was a student to achieve her aspirations, it is Madison Gabouer.



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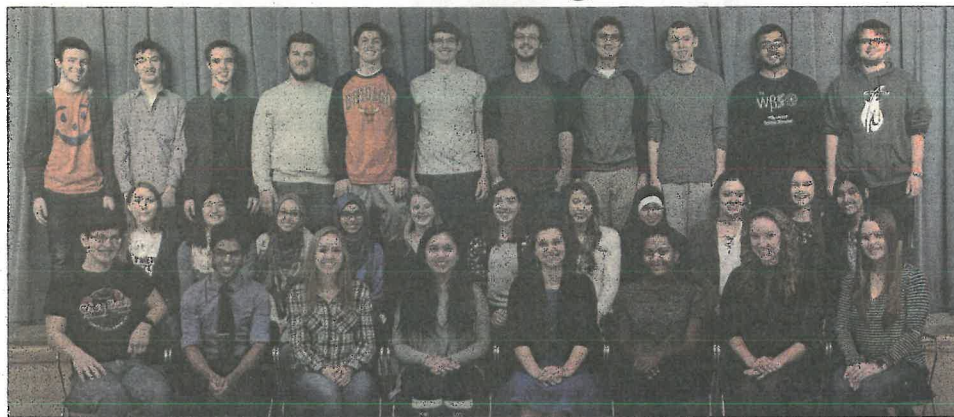
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## Willowbrook seniors recognized as Illinois State Scholars



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Forty members of Willowbrook High School's senior class have been designated as Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recently released the list of honored students. The State Scholar program recognizes students for outstanding academic performance. According to ISAC, approximately 10 percent of all Illinois high school seniors receive State Scholar distinction each academic year. The honored students (pictured left to right) include (front row) Peter Das, Mustafa Ali, Haley Warren, Camille Claudio, Rachel Wiedman, Kyla Denwood, Valentina Poggi and Paulina Kapica; (middle row) Rachel Carlson, Jessica Taylor, Syeda Quadri, Aisha Ahmed, Makana Walsh, Lauren Martin, Abigail Baumann, Nida Sultana, Sophia Flicek, Grace Guthrie and Hafsa Azeem; (back row) Jonathon Staunton, Marco Sabio, Tim Wagner, Austin Floistad, Casey King, Nicholas Anderson, Jacob Roy, Vineet Patel, Michael Cameron, Habib Hassan and Jacob Leazott. Not pictured are Owen Allen, Elizabeth Amador, Anthony Clampt, Hannah Hewitt, Aliza Jones-Kaniewski, Emily Kreiman, Patrick Littleton, Kevin Lobdell, Rachel Wagner and Brendan Waldorf.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recently announced its list of State Scholars for 2017-18. The list includes 40 members of Willowbrook High School's current senior class.

According to information provided by the commission and District 88, the State Scholar program recognizes students for outstanding academic performance. There is no application to compete for State Scholar distinction. A student's standardized test scores and class rank are key factors in determining eligibility for the honor. The State Scholar recognition is given to approximately 10 percent of the students from a school's senior class.

The State Scholar program recognizes students attending approved high schools, which are typically Illinois public high schools. The designation does not provide any financial award. Recipients receive a certificate of achievement.

"State Scholars are among the best and the brightest of Illinois high school seniors in the Class of 2017," stated ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow in a letter sent to recipients. "The combination of your exemplary college assessment examination scores and record of high school achievement indicates you have a high potential for success in college. While the accolade does not have a monetary value, it is a prestigious award on your academic resume."

According to ISAC, the recent honorees were designated as 2017-18 State Scholars—high school seniors who will be college freshmen during the 2017-18 academic year.

ISAC, which was created by Illinois state lawmakers in 1957, has a mission statement of making college accessible and affordable for Illinois students. "At every stage of the financial aid process, ISAC is there, acting as a centralized source of information and guidance and offering a comprehensive array of programs and services," notes a statement on the commission's website—[isac.org](http://isac.org).

### WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL Illinois State Scholars

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Owen Allen	Jacob Leazott
Elizabeth Amador	Patrick Littleton
Nicholas Anderson	Kevin Lobdell

Hafsa Azeem	Lauren Martin
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Michael Cameron	Valentina Poggi
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Anthony Clampt	Jacob Roy

Camille Claudio	Marco Sabio
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Grace Guthrie	Timothy Wagner
Habib Hassan	Brendan Waldorf
Hannah Hewitt	Makana Walsh
Aliza Jones-Kaniewski	Haley Warren
Paulina Kapica	Rachel Wiedman



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## Warriors win Glenbard West's holiday tournament

The Willowbrook boys basketball team won the championship of Glenbard West High School's eight-team holiday tournament, which took place Dec. 23-28. The Warriors, who won all four of their games at the event, defeated Glenbard West 67-61 in the Dec. 28 title game in Glen Ellyn. The Willowbrook team is pictured moments after receiving the first-place trophy. The four wins at the Glenbard West tournament gave the Warriors an overall season record of 11-1. Willowbrook opened its 2016-17 season by capturing the title at Stagg High School's Thanksgiving tournament. Willowbrook also won four straight games at that event. The Warriors will return to action on Jan. 10, when they will play a West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Leyden. The Warriors' conference record currently stands at 3-1. See the sports section for more about Willowbrook's boys basketball team.



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# Petitions prevent village from establishing special service area at North Avenue Townhomes

By Chris Fox  
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Two petitions have prevented the Village of Villa Park's plan to establish a special service area at the North Avenue Townhomes.

The village's proposal would have imposed a special assessment on property owners of the complex, which is located on the south side of North Avenue near Villa Park's western border with Lombard. The complex consists of 18 buildings. Each building includes six units. Each unit occupies about 1,200 square feet and features three bedrooms and a basement.

The Villa Park Village Board approved a proposal to establish a special service area at the complex during its Sept. 12 meeting. The proposal included the consideration of up to \$1.6 million in the area. Funds generated from the special assessment would have been used to repay the bonds over a period of 20 years.

The village board's Sept. 12 approval of the proposal initiated a public hearing about the matter on Oct. 10. Preventing the establishment of a special service area required two separate petitions. One of the petitions had to include signatures of at least 51 percent of the registered voters who live in the townhomes. The other petition needed the signatures of at least 51 percent of the complex's property owners. The petitions had to be filed within 60 days of the Oct. 10 public hearing—Dec. 9.

Anita Lepianka and her three

siblings own five of the complex's 18 buildings—a total of 30 units. Speaking at a village board meeting on Sept. 26, Lepianka said the special service assessment would add an annual charge of about \$1,600 to each of the 30 units owned by her family—a total cost to the family of about \$50,000 per year.

Lepianka spearheaded a successful effort to gather signatures for the two petitions. She met with village staff members on Dec. 16 to review the signatures. Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner noted during the Dec. 19 village board meeting that each petition included more than 60 percent of the required signatures. Keehner made his remarks shortly before stating that two items on the formal agenda for that meeting were not necessary. Those items called for the formal establishment of the special services area and a related levy of \$75,000 to be collected for the village's next fiscal year.

Village attorney James Binninger noted during the Dec. 19 meeting that the petition effort to stop the establishment of the special service area prevents to the village from reconsidering the issue for the next two years.

The village sought to establish a special service area at the townhomes to address long-term problems at the complex. In 2015, the village reconstructed and took over the maintenance of a lift station at the townhomes. According to information provided by the village, that action was necessary because property owners weren't maintaining the lift station. The village's other recent measures at the complex include



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Petitioners prevented the Village of Villa Park's plan to establish a special service area at the North Avenue Townhomes. The establishment of such an area would have imposed a special assessment on property owners of the 18-building complex, which is on the south side of North Avenue near Villa Park's western border with Lombard. Each of the 18 buildings includes six units. Preventing the special service area required petitions signed by at least 51 percent of registered voters who live at the complex and at least 51 percent of the complex's property owners. The two petitions had to be completed by Dec. 9. Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner noted during the Dec. 19 board meeting that each petition included over 60 percent of the required signatures. The village cannot reconsider the establishment of a special service area at the complex for the next two years.

the installation of lights and security cameras.

The village intended to establish the special service area to address several issues, including drainage, trash collection, landscaping and the condition of the complex's back alley. The proposal to establish the special service area also called for the construction of a new fence on the south side of the complex, which borders single-family homes in Lombard.

Lepianka spoke during the village

board's two meetings in September and complained that the special service assessment would have forced her family to pay for improvements to other owners' property. She also noted that the entire complex consists of private property, and that the majority of owners at the complex rent out their units. Lepianka also stated her family had repaved its portion of the back alley at a cost of about \$36,000. She added that her family hires a private firm to collect trash from their tenants.

Lepianka, who threatened to take legal action if the village established a special service area at the complex, also said the crime and trash collection issues at the townhomes would be more manageable if the village would provide more police presence and enforce code violations.

She also stated in September that her family could only provide one signature to the petition for property owners despite owning more than 25 percent of the units in the entire complex.

## Village board formally votes to place library board's referendum proposal on the ballot

By Chris Fox  
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The Villa Park Village Board voted unanimously during its Dec. 19 meeting to approve the Villa Park Library Board's proposal to place a referendum question on the ballot in the April 4 election.

The question will ask the village's voters to approve the borrowing of up to \$10.6 million to pay for renovation and expansion of the library. The library board's proposal could not be placed on the ballot without village board approval.

The village board expressed unanimous support of placing the question on the April 4 ballot during its Dec. 5 meeting, which included a presentation from Villa Park Library Director Sandra Hill. The question in the upcoming election will state:

"Shall bonds in an amount not to

exceed \$10,600,000 be issued by the Village of Villa Park, DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying costs of remodeling, improving and acquiring library materials such as books, periodicals, films and recordings, electronic data, and storage facilities therefor, and paying expenses, incidentals thereto, said bonds bearing at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum?

The library, which is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave., was built in 1969. A facility analysis of the building that was completed in 2015 noted about \$5.3 million in necessary repair costs over the ensuing five years. The problem issues with the building include its roof, electrical power distribution system and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The current building does not have a sprinkler system, and it does not meet current Americans With Disabilities

Act (ADA) standards.

In addition to meeting the structural needs of the building, the library board's proposal to borrow \$10.6 million calls for a two-level addition of about 9,300 square feet. The current building occupies approximately 24,500 square feet.

Hill said in her Dec. 5 presentation to the board that if the referendum is approved, the owner of a Villa Park home valued at \$200,000 would see a tax increase of \$7.48 per month, or about \$90 per year.

Villa Park Library Board President Pat Hubbard spoke during a public participation segment of the Dec. 19 village board meeting. Hubbard urged the village board to approve the placement of the referendum question on the ballot.

"The building is 47 years old, the systems are original to the building and need repair often," said Hubbard

moments before the village board formally approved the library board's proposal to place the referendum on the ballot. "The shelving, elevator and access to our building are not ADA compliant."

If voters approve the referendum in April, the entire project to renovate and expand the library would reportedly be completed by the early part of 2020.

"The library has become a community center where people come and stay to use the resources and/or attend programs," added Hubbard in her Dec. 19 comments to the village board. "We believe our building plan is a sound and practical one, with much consideration given to keeping the costs down. The library is an asset to our community. It offers something for everyone. Our community needs and deserves a renovated and expanded library."



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## District 88's Best for December

Willowbrook High School senior Pierre Easley (left) is his school's recipient of the District 88's Best award for December. Easley, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Dec. 19. The district's board of education and administration created the District 88's Best monthly award to honor students who reach their personal bests in a variety of areas. Easley, who graduated from Willowbrook in December, completed four Advanced Placement (AP) courses and several honors courses while in high school. He was a member of Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll in each semester of his high school career. Easley is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Easley plans to attend the University of Illinois Springfield or Kentucky State University. He intends to study psychology.

## Willowbrook musicians receive All-State recognition

The Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) recently named five Willowbrook High School students as All-State Musicians. The students are pictured at the recent District 88 Board of Education meeting, where they were recognized for the achievement. Pictured left to right are: Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, junior Julia Cicero (Honors Chorus—Alto I), senior David Stoffle (Chorus—Tenor I), junior Kathleen Cicero (Chorus—Soprano II), senior Matt Sulla (ensemble and level to be determined—double bass), senior Emily Kreiman (Honors Chorus—Alto II) and Willowbrook music department chair Karyn Wolcott. Speaking at the Dec. 19 school board meeting, Wolcott said that in her career, she could not recall as

many as five Willowbrook students earning All-State status in one year. Wolcott, who is the school's choral director, noted that Willowbrook competes in the ILMEA's District 9, one of the most competitive of the association's nine districts in the state. Prior to earning All-State distinction, the five students achieved All-District status after participating in an audition at Addison Trail High School in

October. In the choral recognition, the top eight in each vocal part from District 9 receive All-State Chorus honors, while those who finish among the top four earn All-State Honors Chorus distinction. Willowbrook's five honored students will join their fellow All-State Musicians to perform during the Illinois Music Education Conference, which will take place Jan. 26-28 at the Peoria Civic Center.



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## Christmas tree pickup in Villa Park begins next week

Villa Park's refuse collection service—Roy Strom—will pick up Christmas trees during the second and third weeks of January (the weeks beginning Jan. 9 and Jan. 16). According to information provided by the village, Roy Strom will collect the trees for recycling rather than placing them in landfills.

Residents should remove all ornaments, lights, wiring and any decorations from the trees. Roy Strom also asks residents to remove plastic bags and any string or wires used to move the trees to the curb.

## Fatal shooting in unincorporated Villa Park

*DuPage Sheriff's deputy shoots teenage subject after responding to report of violent domestic incident*

A 17-year-old male subject died after being shot by a DuPage County Sheriff's deputy late Sunday night in unincorporated Villa Park.

According to the sheriff's office, the deputy shot the subject after responding to a report of a violent domestic disturbance at a residence near Ardmore Avenue and Standish Lane at about 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 1. The residence is located about one-third of a mile south of Roosevelt Road, just south of 14th Street.

"The first responding deputy arrived and was involved in an altercation with the suspect which led to an officer involved shooting," stated a news release issued by the sheriff's office on Monday.

The teenage subject was transported to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

As of press time, authorities re-

leased few details of the shooting. Monday's news release from the sheriff's office stated the Illinois State Police is leading the investigation of the incident.

Neither the sheriff's office nor the state police responded to inquiries on Tuesday.

The DuPage County Coroner's office issued a statement on Tuesday announcing the fatal shooting. According to the coroner's office, the deceased subject is a 17-year-old juvenile.

The preliminary cause of death was listed as multiple gunshot wounds.

The sheriff's office and coroner's office did not provide the identity of the deceased subject.

Multiple media outlets however, identified the 17-year-old as Trevon Johnson.



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## Warrior Project supports Adopt A Family

Students and faculty members of Willowbrook High School representing the Willowbrook Student Council "Warrior Project" delivered Christmas presents to the York Township Food Pantry Dec. 14 for its Adopt A Family For Christmas gift program for the children of pantry client families. Every year, York Township brings together families with local individuals, companies and organizations such as the Warrior Project who wish to help at Christmas time. "I want to thank the Warrior Project for their ongoing support. Year after year, the students and faculty of Willowbrook High School support our efforts to make the holidays happier for York Township residents," said York Township supervisor John W. Valle. Pictured with their donation are (left to right) student Vineet Patel, teacher Brandon Murphy, student Casey King, teacher Jamie Gourley, student Haley Warren and Valle.



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## Duckworth: New school buses should have life-saving seat belts

Former Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, now Illinois' junior U.S. Senator, recently introduced the Seat Belts Save Lives Act of 2016 with U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen of Tennessee to ensure all new school buses include safety belts at all seating positions in order to help save children's lives in the event of an accident.

The new proposal would modernize transportation safety laws and put our nation on a path towards ensuring all children are best protected when traveling in a school bus.

"Seat belts save lives, plain and simple—our country shouldn't still be sending children to school in new buses that don't have this lifesaving equipment," said Duckworth. "While school buses already represent the safest mode of school transportation, recent fatal accidents are a tragic reminder that we must do more to ensure all children buckle up when traveling, whether in a passenger car or a large school bus."

Out of all modes of transportation, school buses—with or without lap and shoulder seat belts—are already the safest way to transport children to and from school. However, as the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has found in examining deadly school bus accidents, lap and shoulder safety belts are much more effective in protecting children involved in a school bus accident featuring a side collision or rollover. In certain instances, the use of lap and shoulder safety belts in school buses may be the difference between life and death. The National Safety Council of Itasca has also endorsed the Seat Belts Save Lives Act.

"It is a serious disconnect to restrain children in our personal vehicles, but not provide the same level of safety on our school buses," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, President and CEO of the National Safety Council.

"Kudos to Senator-elect Duckworth for introducing this life-saving piece of legislation. Our children are our most precious cargo, and the Seat Belts Save Lives Act will help ensure they are safe on every trip."

## Association members remember the needy

Lombard Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA) President Maggie Bucholz, along with association members and two young helpers, delivered a van-load of non-perishable food items to the York Township food pantry Dec. 20 to help stock its shelves for the holidays. The items were collected at the LCPAAA annual Christmas party. "On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the citizens of York Township, especially those who use our pantry, I would like to thank Maggie and the Lombard Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for their ongoing support," said York Township Supervisor John W. Valle who is pictured (second from left) with the donated items and young helpers James and Olivia Bucholz and association members (left to right) Vicky Krupka, Nora Mineo, Paul Mineo, Jim Krupka, Bucholz, Jay Tovian and Mike Mikulecky.

## AAUW meeting to feature girls' Shakespeare interpretation

A team of high school girls will discuss their experiences participating in the "Battle of the Bard" Shakespeare competition at the Saturday, Jan. 14, meeting of the Lombard Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The competition was sponsored by the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre and Chicago Youth Shakespeare.

Using Shakespeare's depictions of women ranging from an "angel" to a "strumpet," the all-female team from the Islamic Foundation School in Villa Park performed an ensemble piece titled "She Is."

The program will begin at 10 a.m. and will take place in Hatfield Hall of the First Church of Lombard, located at 220 S. Main St. on the southwest corner of Main and Maple streets in downtown Lombard. The entrance to Hatfield Hall is located on Maple

Street.

The AAUW is a national grassroots organization with the mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Since 2005, the Lombard Area Branch has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to women graduating from Glenbard East and Willowbrook High Schools, and has awarded a Return to Learning scholarship annually to a woman returning to college after a significant interruption in her studies.

AAUW membership is open to all graduates who hold an associate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution. Student memberships are available for people currently enrolled in college. For more information, check the Web site at lombard-il.aauw.net, or contact Karen Richardson (630-337-2245), e-mail: kleeogirl@yahoo.com.



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## A special delivery

William "Bud" Marks of the Lombard Fire Department delivered a load of toys Dec. 16 to York Township Hall for distribution to the Township Food Pantry's client families with children through the Township's Adopt A Family For Christmas program. Marks is pictured with the donation and township food pantry worker Lorraine Tadlock. The toys were collected during the Lombard Fire Department's Annual Toy Drive which continues to grow every year. Again this past holiday season, the fire department partnered with Yorktown Shopping Center's annual Dick Biondi Toy Drive which featured a live radio broadcast on 94.7 WLS FM. "On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the citizens of York Township, especially the families who benefit from our food pantry Adopt A Family For Christmas gift program, I would like to thank the Lombard Fire Department and Yorktown Shopping Center for their generous donations and ongoing support," said township supervisor John W. Valle.



# Sports

**LOMBARDIAN  
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## Warriors capture title at Glenbard West's holiday tournament

By Chris Fox  
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The Willowbrook boys basketball team won its second holiday tournament of the 2016-17 season when it won four straight games to claim the first-place trophy at Glenbard West's eight-team event, which ran from Dec. 23-28. The Warriors defeated the tournament host in the championship matchup, edging the Hilltoppers 67-61.

The Warriors opened their season by winning four straight games to capture the title at Stagg High School's Thanksgiving event. The four wins at Glenbard West gave Willowbrook an overall season record of 11-1. The Warriors' season resumes with a West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Leyden on Jan. 10. Willowbrook will enter that contest with a conference mark of 3-1.

The Warriors opened the Glenbard West tournament with wins over St. Francis and Glenbard South. Willowbrook then survived an overtime battle against Lake Park on Dec. 27 to earn a berth in the championship game against the Hilltoppers on the following evening. The Warriors and Glenbard West traded the lead in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter before Willowbrook unleashed a 9-0 run to take a 58-50 advantage.

Willowbrook began Glenbard West's tournament one week after suffering its first loss of the season, a 69-57 conference loss at Hinsdale South on Dec. 16. The Warriors returned to action in their first game in Glen Ellyn—a 67-56 victory over St. Francis on Dec. 23. Junior Ethan Schuemer scored a team-leading 21 points, while junior Marshawn Phillips added 20 points. Sophomore Matas Masys contributed 13 points. Phillips and Masys each sank two 3-point shots for the Warriors, who grabbed a 16-4 lead after the first quarter. The Spartans cut the lead to 38-34 by the end of the third period.

Three days after beating St. Francis, Willowbrook defeated Glenbard South 61-53. The Warriors held a 44-28 lead over the Raiders with one quarter to play. Schuemer provided 11 points and seven rebounds, while Masys, senior Freddie Clay and junior Cornelius Paxton each scored 10 points. Senior Ryan King added eight points, while Phillips scored seven points.

The Dec. 27 game between Willowbrook and Lake Park amounted to a tournament semifinal contest, as it featured two teams from the event's White pool with 2-0 records. The winner would claim the pool championship and advance to the next day's title game. The Warriors appeared to be on their way to a victory over the Lancers when Phillips made a pair of free throws to give his team a 47-41 lead with 12.8 seconds left in the fourth quarter, but the Lancers proceeded to make two 3-point shots, including one at the buzzer, to tie the score at 47-47.

Willowbrook, which held a 31-22 lead at the end of the third quarter, regrouped in the four-minute overtime period. The Lancers took a 48-47 lead with a free throw in the opening seconds of overtime, but Phillips, who made two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, hit another 3-point shot to give the Warriors a 50-48 lead and begin an 11-0 run. Schuemer scored the next five points, including a breakaway dunk that pushed the lead to 55-48 with about one minute to play.

Phillips, who scored eight of Willowbrook's 16 overtime points, did not miss a shot from the field all evening. He made all five of his field-goal attempts—including three from 3-point range—and connected on eight of 11 free throws for a team-leading total of 21 points. Schuemer added 18 points, while Masys provided 13 points.

"My teammates saw me open,"

said Phillips after the win over Lake Park. "I had to take the opportunity to knock the shots down."

"It was a good experience to have an overtime game and have our kids

come out and respond," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins, who noted the challenge his up-tempo team faced in squaring off the Lancers' deliberate offense. "We were very

pleased with that. It was a weird kind of game. Lake Park likes to hold the ball for like a minute. They limit the possessions. We're more of an up-and-down team, and there wasn't much up-and-down."

The title game against Glenbard West was tight through the first three quarters. The teams were tied at 16-

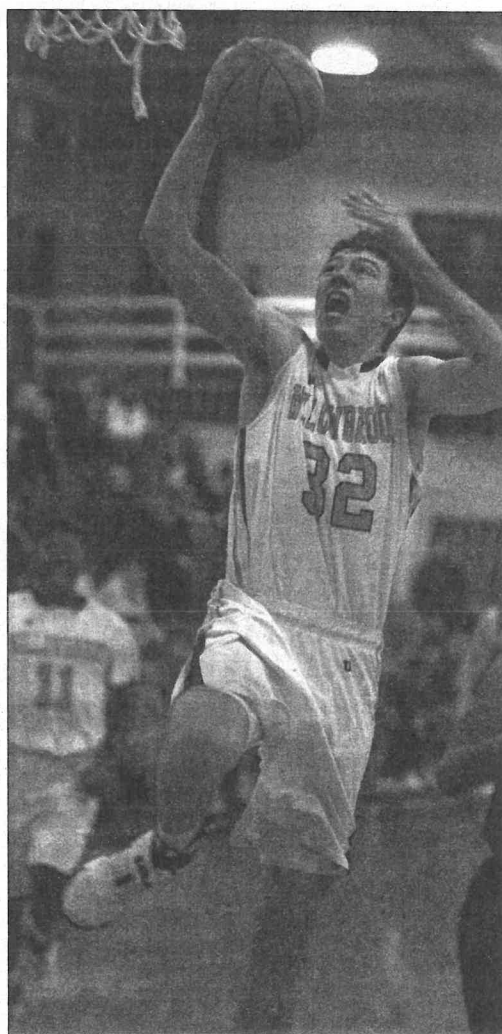
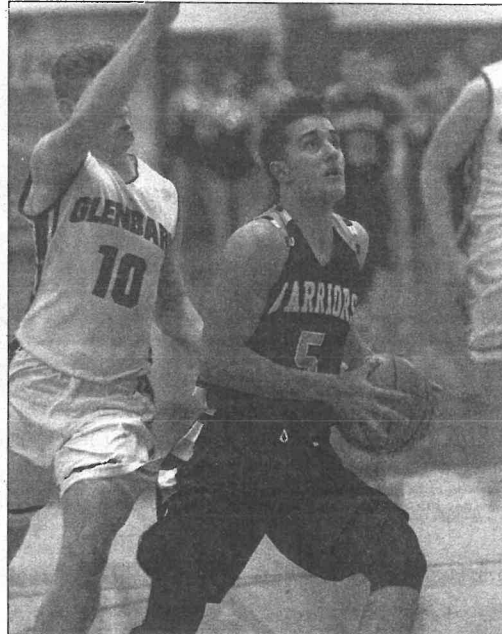
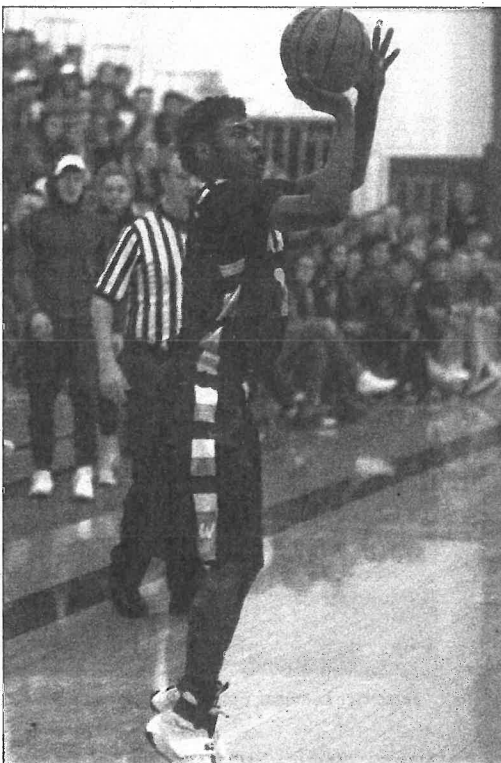
16 after one period. Willowbrook held a 30-27 lead at halftime and a 46-42 advantage at the end of the third quarter. The Hilltoppers, who scored the last five points of the third period, made two 3-point shots at the beginning of the fourth quarter to

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The Willowbrook boys basketball team earned four straight victories on its way to winning the championship of Glenbard West's recent eight-team holiday tournament. The Warriors defeated St. Francis, Glenbard South and Lake Park to earn a berth in the event's championship game. Willowbrook beat Glenbard West 67-61 in the title contest on Dec. 28. (Top left) Senior Freddie Clay (No. 22) is pictured driving to the hoop for a fourth-quarter basket against the Hilltoppers. (Bottom left) Junior Marshawn Phillips is shown launching a 3-point shot, which he converted to give Willowbrook a 56-50 fourth-quarter lead. (Top right) Junior Sikander Zafar (No. 5) is pictured heading to the hoop for a basket in the third quarter. (Bottom right) Junior Ethan Schuemer (No. 32) is shown right before he dunked the ball through the hoop during the overtime period of Willowbrook's Dec. 27 game against Lake Park. The Warriors and Lancers were tied at 47-47 at the end of regulation. Schuemer's dunk highlighted Willowbrook's 11-0 run during the four-minute overtime. The four victories in Glen Ellyn gave the Warriors an overall season record of 11-1.



# Undefeated Broncos close out 2016 by winning their own tournament

By Chris Fox  
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STAFF REPORTER

The Montini girls basketball team improved its overall season record to 16-0 by winning four straight games and capturing the title at its own 16-team Christmas tournament. The Broncos won four games in four days at their own event, which ran from Dec. 27-30. Montini edged two elite opponents in its last two victories. The Broncos scored a 65-60 win over Geneva in the semifinal round. Montini completed the tournament one night later with Friday's 59-43 championship-game victory over Benet Academy—the reigning IHSA Class 4A state champion.

While pleased with the Broncos' success, Montini head coach Jason Nichols noted that the team still has work to do to achieve its goal of earning a downstate trip to the upcoming IHSA Class 4A state tournament. The state semifinals and finals will take place March 3-4 at Illinois State University's Redbird Arena in Normal.

"I'm really proud of where we're at," said Nichols after Friday's victory over the Redwings. "But as I just told them—last year, the state champion in Class 4A [Benet] didn't win our tournament. It doesn't mean anything if you don't continue to get better, and get downstate."

One year ago, Benet lost to Whitney Young in the semifinal round of Montini's Christmas tournament. The Broncos beat Whitney Young in the championship game to improve their overall record to 16-0—the identical record this season's team held through December. While Benet went on to win the Class 4A state title in 2016, Montini's season ended with a loss to Trinity in a Class 4A super-sectional. Benet beat Trinity in the state semifinal round before defeating Fremd in the state championship game. Trinity beat Whitney Young in the third-place contest.

The Broncos opened last week's holiday tournament with a 60-19 win over Lake Zurich. Senior Kaylee Bambule and junior Ilyse Pitts both scored 13 points for Montini, which held a commanding 17-2 lead after one quarter. The lead grew to 29-10 by halftime. Bambule made four 3-point shots, while Pitts connected on three shots from 3-point range. Junior Aaliyah Patty contributed eight points.

One day after sinking 11 shots from 3-point range against Lake Zurich, Montini drained 14 long-range attempts during its second game of

the tournament—a 78-47 win over Proviso East. Bambule, who made a pair of 3-pointers in both the first and third quarters, scored a team-leading 17 points. Sophomore Frankie Kokkines made four 3-pointers and provided a total of 16-points for the Broncos, who held a 40-17 halftime lead. Senior Claudia Kunzer and junior Lindsey Jarosinski each scored 14 points, while sophomore Sam Mitchell added 11 points.

The Broncos withstood a flurry of 3-point shots in its 65-60 semifinal win over Geneva on Dec. 29. Geneva junior Margaret Whitley, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, sank nine 3-pointers to account for her 27-point output. The Vikings, who made 15 shots from 3-point land, trailed Montini 43-26 at halftime but cut the Broncos' lead to 47-43 with eight minutes to play.

Seven players contributed points in Montini's balanced offensive attack against Geneva. Patty finished with a team-leading 13 points, while Bambule scored 12 points. Kunzer, Kokkines and Mitchell each scored nine points for the Broncos, who made eight 3-pointers during the game. Jarosinski added eight points, while Pitts provided five points.

The Broncos made a pair of buzzer-beating shots in the first half of Friday's title game against Benet, which was played in front of a full house in Montini's gymnasium. Jarosinski scored an inside basket to close the opening quarter. She was fouled on the play and sank the ensuing free throw to give the Broncos a 16-11 lead through eight minutes. Patty hit a short jump shot as the second quarter expired to lift Montini to a 30-22 halftime lead.

Baskets from Patty and Bambule gave Montini a 34-22 cushion early in the third quarter. Patty added an inside field goal to give the Broncos a 37-24 lead, but Benet responded with an 8-0 run to cut Montini's advantage to 37-32. Bambule hit a 3-pointer late in the third quarter to help the Broncos to a 42-37 lead with eight minutes to play.

The Broncos delivered their own 8-0 run in the fourth quarter to boost a 44-40 advantage to 52-40 with less than three minutes left in the game. Patty made a pair of free throws at the 5:57 mark to raise the lead to 46-40. Pitts made a driving basket about 20 seconds later and Kunzer sank one free throw with 4:25 remaining. Nearly two minutes later, Pitts drained a 3-point shot that she launched from in front of the Mon-

tini bench. As Nichols stood behind her and screamed, "You've got to hit this...this is big," Pitts delivered the shot, which gave the Broncos a 52-40 lead with about 2:45 to play.

Pitts added four more points in the final quarter—an inside layup and a pair of free throws. She scored nine of her 14 points during the fourth quarter. Patty also finished the night with 14 points. Jarosinski tallied 11 points, while Bambule scored eight points.

After making 11, 14 and eight shots from 3-point territory in their first three games of the tournament, Montini made only three 3-pointers in the championship battle against Benet.

"They were taking away our threes," said Pitts of the Redwings, whose season record dropped to 16-2. "So we had to do something else—attack the basket, move the ball, set the screens and get open."

"Our post players did a good job," added Nichols, referring to the efforts of Patty and Jarosinski. The coach also noted his pride in his team's performance one night after its hard-fought victory over Geneva.

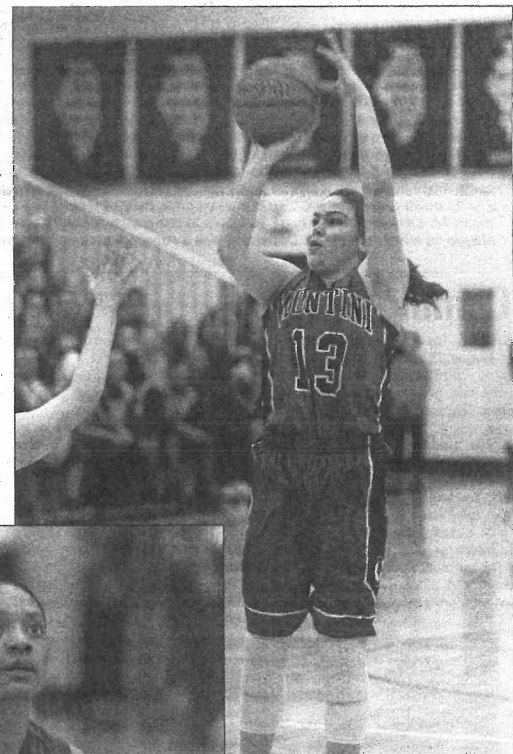
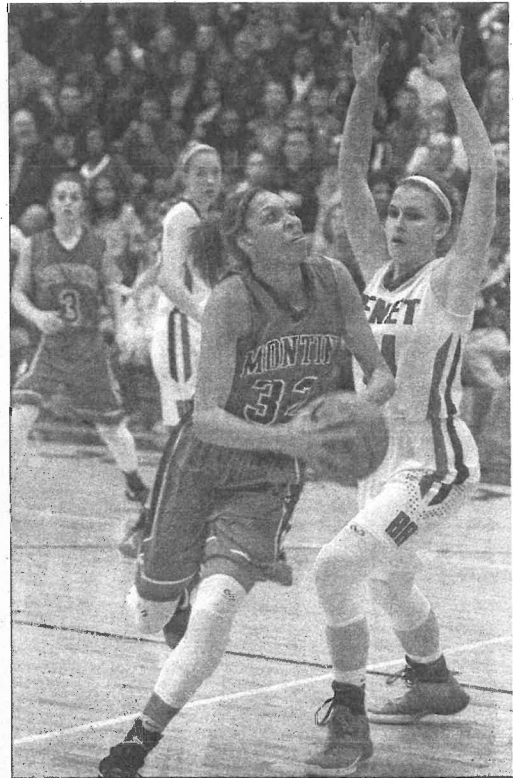
"The thing about this tournament—it's a grind," he added after the string of four games in four days. "It's unbelievably exhausting. It's very hard, no doubt about it."

Another impressive aspect of Montini's success at the tournament was the team's performance without two of its key players. Sophomore Zoe Zacker is out for the season after suffering an injury earlier in the team's Dec. 10 win over Rock Island. Senior Nikki Oppenheimer, who has committed to play at Syracuse University, has missed several games because of injury. Oppenheimer played sparingly in the Broncos' first two games of the tournament but was sidelined in the contests against Geneva and Benet.

"It's a big win, but we've got to move forward and keep playing," said Pitts shortly after the Broncos accepted the championship trophy. "We want to go downstate, so that's what we're trying to focus on."

"It was a great win," noted Patty. "They [the Redwings] are a good team. We knew we had to come out strong. We're all tired, but we knew we had to push through and get this win."

The Broncos will play their first game of 2017 this Friday, when they will travel to Byron to take on the Tigers, who are the reigning IHSA Class 2A state champion.



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## •Warriors (Continued from page 12)

complete an 11-0 run and grab a 48-46 lead. The Warriors took a 49-48 lead on a Clay's driving basket, but Glenbard West then scored to move ahead 50-49. Schuemer then scored to begin the Warriors' critical 9-0 run. A steal by Schuemer and pass to Phillips for a basket pushed the advantage to 53-50. Phillips then hit a 3-pointer with about 3:25 to play. Junior Matthew Myers completed the 9-0 run when he grabbed an offensive rebound and scored an inside basket with just over two minutes to play.

The Hilltoppers did not give up easily. Myers made a pair of free throws to give the Warriors a 61-52 lead with just 36 seconds to play, but Glenbard West proceeded to make three 3-pointers in the closing seconds. The Warriors made six free throws—four by Clay and two by Myers—during the final 36 seconds. Schuemer snared an important offensive rebound after a missed free throw with about 25 seconds to play. Clay made a pair of free throws moments later to move the Warriors' lead to 63-55 with 21.3 seconds remaining.

Schuemer, who grabbed a total of 19 rebounds in the first three tournament games, ripped down 17 rebounds (10 defensive and seven offensive) in the championship contest.

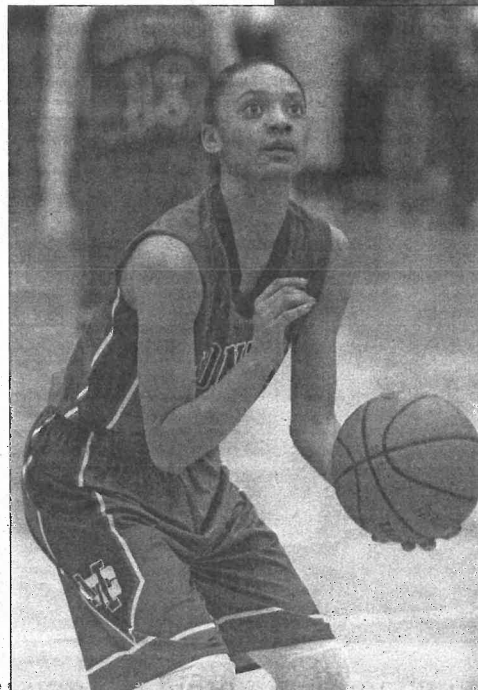
"Rebounds always kind of come naturally to me," said Schuemer. "That's one of my favorite things to do, just crash the boards and try to get as many rebounds as possible."

Masys, who made three 3-pointers, scored a team-high 15 points in the title game. Phillips added 12 points, while Myers scored 10 points. Schuemer and junior Sikan Zafar both tallied eight points, while Clay and Paxton each scored seven points.

"We've got plenty of guys who can score and are capable of putting up double digits each night," added Schuemer. "When we have that, it's really hard to beat us."

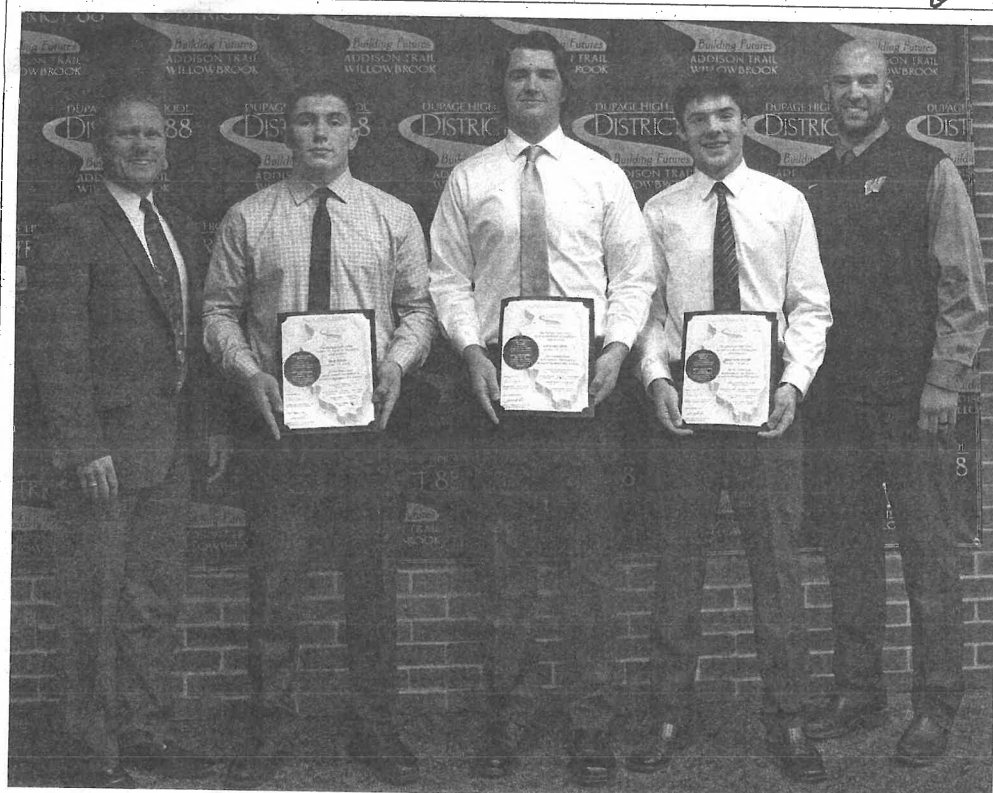
"If we blow teams out, we've got nothing to work on; that's the way I look at it," said Perkins following the victory over Glenbard West. "When we play close games we're gaining the composure and experience we need, because the playoff games are all going to be close."

"We're at where we thought we should be," added Perkins in summing up the Warriors' season through the end of December. "We're junior-heavy, but a lot of those guys are experienced. We had five underclassmen on the varsity last year. We were just able to pick up from the chemistry we continued to build during the summer, and it's showing."



The Montini girls basketball team won four games in four days to win the championship at its own 16-team Christmas tournament in Lombard. The Broncos defeated Benet Academy 59-43 in Friday's title game to improve their overall season record to 16-0. (Top right) Junior Aaliyah Patty (No. 32) is pictured driving toward the hoop for a third-quarter basket. Patty and junior Ilyse Pitts both scored 14 points for the Broncos. (Left) Pitts, who is pictured at the free throw line during the fourth quarter, scored nine of her points in the final eight minutes. (Above) Senior Kaylee Bambule (No. 13) is pictured while taking a shot in the second quarter. Bambule, who made the shot, contributed eight points. Montini advanced to the tournament championship game with wins over Lake Zurich, Proviso East and Geneva. See team photo on page 20.





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## Willowbrook football standouts recognized

Four members of the 2016 Willowbrook football team were recognized at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Dec. 19. The board honored several District 88 students at the meeting to note their achievements during the first semester of the school year. Pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (far left) and Willowbrook head football coach Nick Hildreth (far right) are: (left to right) junior Jack Jessen, senior Luke Halloran and senior Jonathan Kelso. Not pictured is senior Khalif Copeland. Jessen, a running back and linebacker, was named to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) Class 7A All-State Team. He gained over 1,600 rushing yards and scored 21 touchdowns during the season. Jessen, Copeland, Halloran and Kelso were all named to the IHSFCA Academic All-State Team. The four players helped the Warriors to an 8-4 record in 2016. Willowbrook, which had not won a playoff game since 1990, won a pair of post-season battles in 2016 to advance to the Class 7A quarterfinals. The Warriors beat Quincy 34-13 in a first-round game on Oct. 29. One week later, they defeated Glenbrook North 49-21. The team's season ended with a loss to eventual Class 7A state champion East St. Louis in the quarterfinals. Kelso played wide receiver and defensive back for the Warriors. Halloran played as a lineman, while Copeland was a running back and defensive back.

## Coming events

### Student for a day at NUHS

National University of Health Sciences, 200 E. Roosevelt Road, Lombard, will hold a Student for a Day event Thursday, Jan. 19, from 3-7 p.m.

The Student for a Day program provides an opportunity to understand student life at National University. You will experience an extended visit in which you will be able to sit in on a class lecture, shadow a clinic intern or clinician, enjoy dinner with current students and faculty, meet with admissions and financial aid representatives and tour the cam-

pus and university housing. RSVP online today and reserve your spot. This session is designed for students interested in the Master of Science in Acupuncture, Master of Science in Oriental Medicine, or Bachelor of Biomedical Science degree programs. If you have any questions about this event, contact the Office of Admissions at 800-826-6285 or admissions@nuhs.edu.

### 'Movin' and groovin' with YCPD

Burn off some energy and have a blast at the York Center Park District,

where participants ages 3-5 will use music and gym equipment in this fun, non-stop class. Tuesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 7 (four weeks); 11 a.m. to noon; \$11/\$13. Register by Tuesday, Jan. 10. Visit [www.ycpdfun.com](http://www.ycpdfun.com) or call 630-629-0886, York Center Park District, 1609 S. Luther Ave., Lombard.

### Showtime at Villa Park Library

It's showtime. Children of all ages can stop by the Villa Park Public Library on Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 3, April 14, and April 17 at 1 p.m. for special movie screenings

of new DVD releases (all rated PG). Registration is not required. For more information including the movie titles and running times, visit the library's Web site at [www.vplpl.info](http://www.vplpl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### 'Tiny Tales' at Plum Library

"Tiny Tales" Thursday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. Ages 1-2, with a participating adult. Short books are paired with fun songs, games, rhymes and play to keep your little wanderer engaged.

Register by calling 630-627-0316 or at [helenplum.org](http://helenplum.org).

## Rams still seeking their first win of the season

By Chris Fox  
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The Glenbard East boys basketball team's quest for its first victory of the season has continued into 2017. The Rams closed out 2016 with four consecutive losses at York High School's Jack Tish Tournament, which ran from Dec. 26-30 in Elmhurst. The four losses at the holiday event left Glenbard East with an overall 2016-17 season record of 0-12.

The Rams opened the event with a 71-38 loss to Conant. Senior Orlando Kimbrough scored a team-leading eight points for Glenbard East, which trailed Conant 25-9 after one quarter and 36-13 at halftime. The Rams played a much tighter contest in their next tournament game—a 64-52 loss to Waubesa Valley. Freshman Alijah Nelson poured in 27 points for the Rams, who held a 33-27 halftime lead but trailed 45-42 by the end of the third quarter. Nelson made all five of his attempts from 3-point range. He connected on three of six shots from 2-point range and sank six of seven free-throw attempts. Senior Jimmy Fairbairn-Vargas, who drained three 3-point shots, added 11 points.

Glenbard East's third contest of the tournament at York was a 61-56 loss to Metea Valley. Senior Josh Chriske and junior Korvante Davis both scored 18 points for the Rams, who trailed 31-24 at halftime and 45-41 at the end of the third period. Chriske made five of nine shots from 3-point territory. Davis made his only 3-point try of the game. In addition to scoring 18 points apiece, Chriske and Davis shared the team lead in rebounding. Each player grabbed seven rebounds.

The Rams, who played four tournament games in four days (Dec. 26-29), completed the event with a 53-50 loss to Palatine. Glenbard East held leads of 16-8 after one quarter and 25-16 at halftime. The team's advantage dropped to 40-33 by the end of the third quarter. Palatine overtook the Rams in the final eight minutes, outscoring Glenbard East 20-10 in the fourth period.

Fairbairn-Vargas made three of four shots from 3-point range on his way to a team-high 16 points. Kimbrough added nine points.

The Rams will play their first game of 2017 tonight, when they will travel to Bartlett for an Upstate Eight Valley Conference battle. The Rams enter January with a conference mark of 0-2, having suffered December losses to South Elgin and West Aurora.



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## Willowbrook's All-State swimmer honored

Willowbrook sophomore Elissa Haake was recognized at the District 88 Board of Education's final meeting of 2016. Haake, a member of the Willowbrook/Addison Trail girls swimming team, earned top-10 finishes in a pair of events at the IHSA state meet, which took place Nov. 18-19 in Evanston. Haake (center) is pictured at the Dec. 19 school board meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) and Willowbrook/Addison Trail girls swim coach Tara Murphy (right). Haake, who earned All-State designation for each of her efforts, was one of several District 88 students honored at the recent board meeting. The students were recognized for their outstanding achievements in a variety of areas during the first semester of the 2016-17 school year. Haake secured her top-10 finishes in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events. She needed to finish among the top 12 in each event in the Nov. 18 preliminaries to advance to the next day's finals. Haake qualified for the consolation finals in both events; she placed eighth in the 200-yard race and 10th in the 100-yard event during the preliminaries. Overall, Haake wound up ninth in the state in the 200-yard race and 10th in the 100-yard race. She completed the 200-yard event in 1 minute, 52.90 seconds in the Nov. 19 consolation finals. Haake finished the day's 100-yard consolation final in 52.44 seconds. Haake became the first swimmer in the history of the Willowbrook/Addison Trail girls program to earn All-State honors in two events at a state meet. She also qualified for the state meet as a freshman, earning berths in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races. Murphy noted during the school board meeting that Haake has a goal of swimming for an Ivy League school in college after she graduates from Willowbrook in 2019.

## SPORTS

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# Addison Trail wrestling team making strides

## Blazers sweep recent quad at Glenbard South

By Mike Miazga  
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The Addison Trail wrestling team recently swept a quad hosted by Glenbard South to up its dual-meet record to 8-5.

Addison Trail defeated Elk Grove 49-21, Glenbard South 48-20 and Wheaton Academy 66-18.

"We had a good day," said Addison Trail coach Rob Serio late last week. "It was a good quad. At the beginning of the season, we wres-

ted some tough team. The first three weeks of the season didn't get any easier. Now we are starting to wrestle teams who are more equivalent to us."

In other recent action, the Blazers downed York 38-26 in a West Suburban Conference crossover match. "That was another big win for us," said Serio.

And Addison Trail also won its annual District 88 showdown with neighbor Willowbrook. "We've had some big wins lately," said Serio.

Addison Trail's success has come with nine freshmen or sophomores in the varsity lineup.

"I keep preaching to the guys that we are young, but we can wrestle," said Serio. "We can go out and

wrestle and scrap. It doesn't matter who is in front of us or what school we're facing. The young kids have been around the sport for a long time through the kids' club and the Headlock Wrestling Academy. They can wrestle. It's not like we have a bunch of first-year wrestlers. I knew these guys could step in right away. The only thing I wasn't sure about was how they would take not winning every match. They've taken it well."

Serio noted the team's 106- and 113-pound sophomore wrestlers are examples of youngsters who have developed at the varsity level over the last two years. Guillermo Juarez wrestles at 106, while Christian

Arellano is at 113.

"They are both tough kids," the coach said. "I tell the kids here are two guys who took their lumps as freshmen and now they are handing the lumps out. Both of them have pretty good records this year."

Serio also lauded the efforts of Brian Reyes (138 pounds), Nick Skamra (170 pounds) and David Hernandez. "Brian is doing a nice job for us and Nick is only a freshman. He's placed at both tournaments at Lake Park and Prospect," he said. "David Hernandez is our heavyweight wrestler and he's done a nice job as well."

Skamra was second at Lake Park. Overall, Serio likes what he's seen

so far. "There are growing pains," he said. "But they listen to what we are saying and that's all you can ask for. I knew we would be similar to last season and maybe a little better. We're definitely better this year and I'm excited because we have most of these kids for the next three years. We're looking forward to that."

Addison Trail wrestles Fenton today in a non-conference match and then returns to WSC Gold Division action next Friday against Leyden.

Addison Trail is 1-2 in WSC Gold action thus far with the win against Willowbrook and setbacks to Morton (42-18) and Downers Grove South (43-22).

## Willowbrook boys basketball team wins Glenbard West tournament

### Warriors turn up defensive pressure to improve to 11-1

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team's red-hot start to the season continues.

The Warriors turned a perfect 4-0 over the holidays and won the Glenbard West tournament title. It was Willowbrook's first Glenbard West title.

The Warriors started the tournament with a 67-56 win over Wheaton St. Francis. Willowbrook led 16-4 after the first quarter.

Ethan Schuemer led the Warriors with 21 points and seven rebounds. Marshawn Phillips had 20 points, while Matas Masys added 13 points.

"We had good balanced scoring," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "We did a good job defensively. We had 12 steals and forced 17 turnovers. We did a good job with our pressure defense and getting steals and turning them into transition baskets."

Willowbrook then downed Glenbard South 61-53. "It was close at halftime and then we had a big third quarter," said Perkins. "We were able to stretch things out in the third."

Schuemer led the Warriors with 11 points. Neil Paxton Jr., Freddy Clay and Masys each had 10 points. Ryan King added eight points, while Phillips had seven points and Matthew Myers had five points.

"We had a very balanced attack again," said Perkins. "We had 16 steals. We didn't shoot the ball that well, but we had a lot of easy baskets because of our transition game."

Willowbrook then downed Lake Park 63-55 in overtime to move to 3-0 in the tournament. "This was a different game," said Perkins. "Lake Park held the ball and delayed and made us play defense for a minute straight it seemed like during their possessions. We stepped up defensively in the overtime. We came out strong and hit a 3 or two. The overtime is only four minutes so they had to start pressing and we were in the bonus. We won it from the free-throw line."

Phillips led the Warriors with 21 points. Schuemer added 18 points, while Masys had 13 points. Clay finished with eight points.

Willowbrook won the tournament title with a 67-61 victory over Glenbard West. "This game was a little different as well. They ran a 2-3 zone and zoned us the entire game," said Perkins. "Teams have gone zone before against us, but not for an entire game. They didn't run man one possession. Our guys did a pretty good job against it."

Willowbrook responded by hitting eight 3-pointers in the game.

Masys had 15 points, while Phillips added 12 points. Myers finished with 10 points. Schuemer had eight points and 17 rebounds.

"Ethan did a great job for us," said Perkins. "He had seven offensive rebounds. He was very active."

Perkins has been impressed with Willowbrook's uptick on the defensive end. "Defensively in the tournament we were getting a ton of stops," he said. "We're a pretty athletic ball club and we're able to push the ball and get out in the open court. We've done a good job converting our defense to offense. I'm very pleased. We're forcing double-digit turnovers each game. That gives us extra pos-

"We have nice balance. If one guy is having an off night, his teammates will be there to pick him up."

— Chris Perkins,  
Willowbrook coach

sessions, which helps us out as well.

Willowbrook improved to 11-1 overall with the win. It was the team's second tournament title of the year following winning the Stag Thanksgiving tournament.

Schuemer and Phillips were named to the all-tournament team.

"This is probably one of our best starts ever," said Perkins. "We've won two championships and we're sitting pretty good in conference at 3-1. Things are headed in the right direction. I couldn't ask for more. We told the guys to stay hungry. We took a couple days off over the holidays and hopefully we'll come back and hit the ground running."

Willowbrook returns to action Jan. 10 at home against Leyden in a WSC Gold contest.

"I'm also very pleased with the balance we have," said Perkins. "Ethan is our leading scorer, but when teams do a good job and try and take him out of the game, a lot of other players have stepped up. We have other options when things get difficult. We know we can get it into Ethan for an easy basket, but we also have plenty of other players who can put the ball in the hole. We have nice balance. If one guy is having an off night, his teammates will be there to pick him up."

## Fenton wrestling team improves to 11-0

### Nava, Butts ranked highly in the state in Class 2A

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton wrestling team ran its record to 11-0 overall after three recent victories against Proviso West, Rolling Meadows and St. Charles North.

Fenton defeated Proviso West 55-6 and scored a 40-21 win over Rolling Meadows, plus a 45-22 win against St. Charles North.

Dylan Butts, Angel Nava, Isaiah Brock, Ivan Rodriguez, Oz Virgen, Jerry Gutierrez, Kacper Piskorz and Jeremy Piskorz each won two matches to help Fenton record the three victories.

Earlier, Fenton took 15th place at the prestigious Rex Whitlatch Invitational hosted by Hinsdale Central, a tournament that is regarded as one of the top events in the state. Fenton was wrestling four starters.

Butts won three matches and made the finals in his weight class, where he lost a close 3-1 bout to a Stevenson wrestler.

Nava won four matches at 138 pounds and placed fourth. Kacper Piskorz took fifth at 132 pounds, while Anthony Park was eighth at 195.

Michael Bailon (106 pounds), Jerry Gutierrez (160 pounds) and Kyle Higgins (170 pounds) also won matches at Hinsdale Central.

Through late last week, Nava sported a 19-4 record. Butts was 17-3, while Kacper Piskorz was 13-2. Rodriguez was 12-4, while Nikko Castaneda was 10-3. Brock had an 11-6 record, while Virgen was 7-2. Jesse Galeana was 6-2. Bailon and Ryan Mancini each had nine wins. Jack Butts was 5-2, while Jeremy Piskorz was 10-9. Danny Ramirez had six wins.

Through Dec. 26, Fenton was ranked ninth in the state in Class 2A by Illinois Matmen/GEL wrestling apparel. Fenton has competed in three tournaments, taking first at its own event, fifth at the Waukegan (Wis.) tournament and the recent 15th-place showing at Hinsdale Central.

Nava was ranked fourth at 138 pounds in Class 2A. He won the Fenton tournament, took third in Wisconsin and fourth at Hinsdale Central. Nava wrestled at 145 pounds in Wisconsin.

Butts was ranked sixth at 182 pounds in Class 2A. He was first at Fenton, third in Wisconsin and second at Hinsdale Central.

Kacper Piskorz was ranked No. 8 in Class 2A at 132 pounds. He won the Fenton tournament and took fifth at Hinsdale Central.

Mancini was an honorable-mention recipient at 145 pounds. He was second at Fenton and fourth at the Wisconsin tournament.



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# State Board of Education uncertain of when schools can expect payments

ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) says that, as far as it knows, local schools will be paid in full for school buses and special education — eventually.

Some local schools in Illinois claim they're being told not to expect their last two mandated categorical payments. Mandated categoricals include everything from getting kids to school to expenses for special ed. The state is supposed to reimburse local schools for these costs.

Jackie Matthews, communications director at the state board, said ISBE expects schools to be paid, but when is up to the Illinois comptroller.

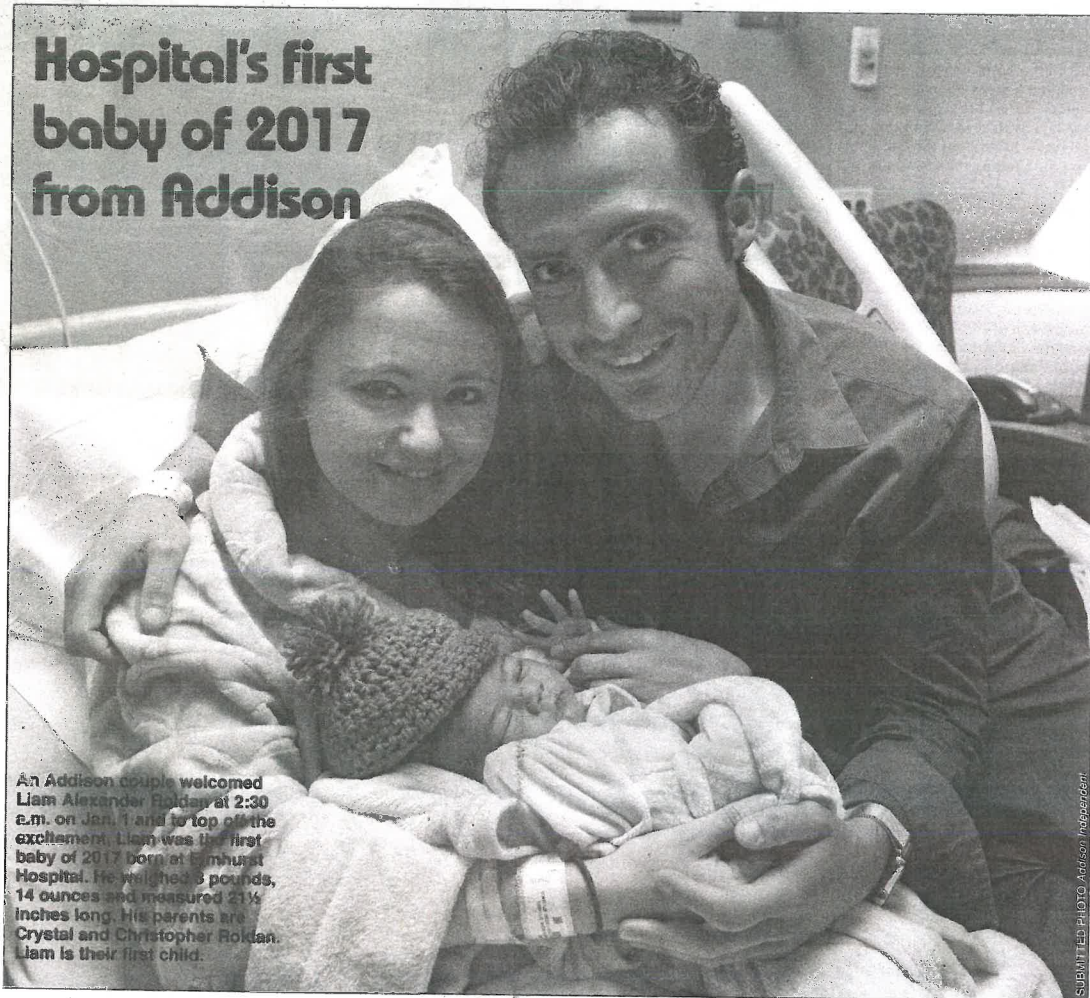
"We've done our part of the process," she said. "Right now, a lot of people are waiting for the money that's due to them. Unfortunately, the state board is only in charge of one part of the process."

Matthews also said the state board sent requests to Illinois' comptroller, but that the comptroller's office is still dealing with the state's \$11 billion in unpaid bills.

"The actual money being available for the state board to pay school districts and for districts to then pay their vendors ... that depends on general revenue money available," she said.

It currently takes Illinois' comptroller anywhere from six to eight months to process a payment.

# Hospital's first baby of 2017 from Addison



An Addison couple welcomed Liam Alexander Roldan at 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 and to top off the excitement, Liam was the first baby of 2017 born at Edmund Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21½ inches long. His parents are Crystal and Christopher Roldan. Liam is their first child.

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# Willowbrook boys, Montini girls capture tourney titles

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

At the ceremonial midway point of the season, it's safe to say that Willowbrook's boys basketball team is for real.

The Warriors won their second tournament of the season as they posted a 4-0 record to take home the title at the Glenbard West Holiday Classic.

In the championship game Dec. 28, Willowbrook knocked off a solid Glenbard West team 67-61 on its home floor as the Warriors improved to 11-1 on the season.

West's 11-0 run gave it a 48-46 lead early in the fourth quarter, but the Warriors later used a 9-0 surge to take the lead for good.

Matas Masys drained three 3-pointers and led the Warriors with 15 points. Marshawn Phillips scored 12 points, Matt Myers had 10 points, and Ethan Schuemer had eight points and 17 rebounds.

Phillips and Schuemer were both named to the all-tournament team for Willowbrook, which topped St. Francis (67-6 on Dec. 23), Glenbard South (61-53 on Dec. 26) and Lake Park (63-55 in overtime Dec. 27) on the way to the title.

The Warriors resume play at 6 p.m. Jan. 10 against visiting Leyden.

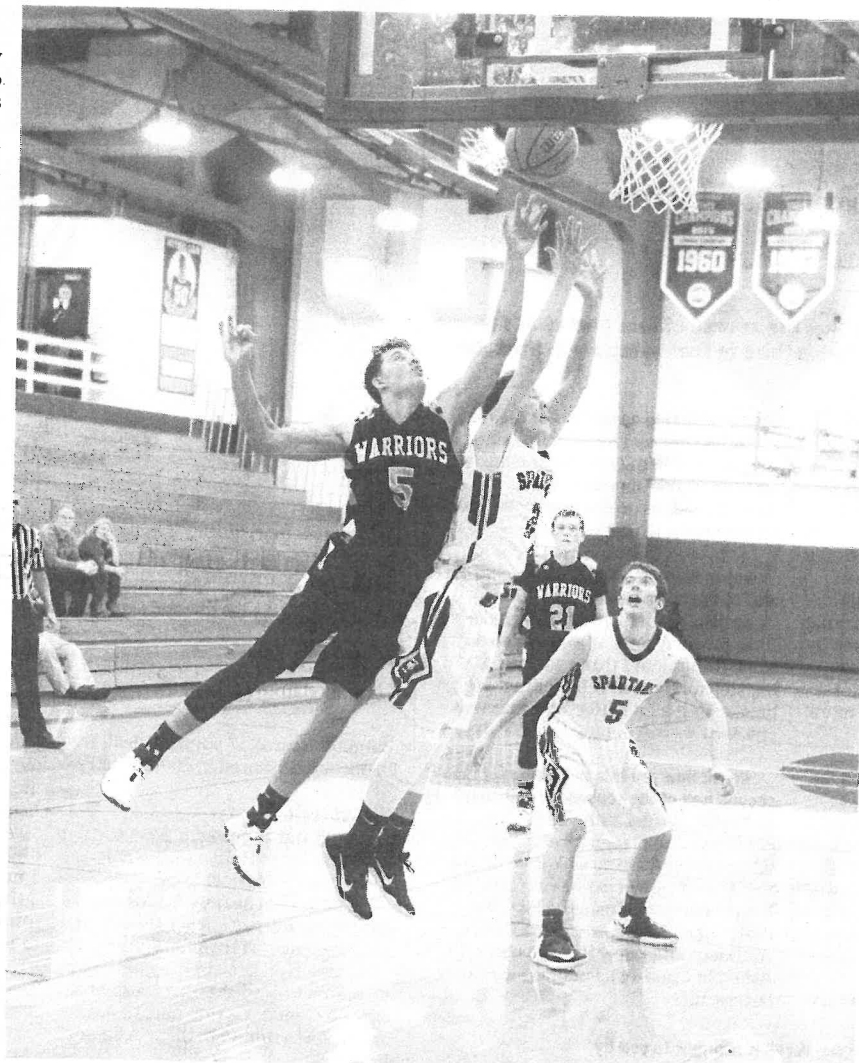
## BOYS BASKETBALL Glenbard East

The Rams went 0-4 at York's Jack Tosh Holiday Classic tournament, including losses by a combined eight points against Metea Valley (61-56 on Dec. 28) and Palatine (53-50 on Dec. 29) to end the tourney.

Korvante Davis scored 12 points per game to lead the way for the Rams (0-12) while Alijah Nelson averaged 11.3 points per game.

## IC Catholic

The Knights went 2-2 at the holiday tournament they co-hosted with Westmont. The Knights opened with wins against Noble Street-Muchin (59-35) and Phoenix Military



Willowbrook's Sikander Zafar (left) goes up to block a shot by St. Francis' Matthew Cooney on Dec. 23 during play at the Glenbard West tournament. The Warriors won four times to take home the tournament title, their second tourney title of the season.

David Toney - For Shaw Media

Academy (71-65), but fell to eventual champ Evergreen Park 64-61 on Dec. 28 and lost 66-62 against St. Edward in the third-place game Dec. 29.

IC sits at 10-4 on the season heading into a Jan. 6 game at St. Patrick in Chicago.

## Timothy Christian

At York's Jack Tosh Holi-

day Classic, the Trojans alternated wins and losses and finished their four-game tourney run with a 65-59 overtime win against Oswego on Dec. 30.

Jonny Strube had a team-high 18 points and seven rebounds against Oswego, Jimmy Allen had 16 points and five rebounds, and Brandon Orange added 12 points for

Timothy.

Timothy (10-4) also scored a 63-40 win against Elk Grove on Dec. 27 in which 10 players scored, led by Orange's 16 points and Joe Davidson's 10.

## York

After opening play at their own Jack Tosh Holiday Classic with a pair of losses, the Dukes

regrouped and won twice to finish their tourney run.

York topped Palatine 43-32 on Dec. 28 behind Erik Cohn's game-high 20 points and Nick Trapani's 11 points. The win put an end to a five-game losing streak for York.

The Dukes then won 70-62 against Metea Valley in the finale Dec. 29 as Jordan Gray had game-highs of 25 points and 15 rebounds. Trapani (17 points, 5-of-8 3-point shooting), Angelo Martucci (12 points) and Nick Kosich (11 points) also reached double figures.

York (7-6) returns to action at 6 p.m. Jan. 7 at Hinsdale Central.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL Montini

Winning Montini's tough Christmas tournament is not necessarily a guarantee of future success, but the Broncos weren't complaining after a 59-43 win against Benet in the championship game Dec. 30.

Montini improved to 16-0 on the season as Aaliyah Patty had 14 points and eight rebounds. Illyse Pitts added 14 points, and Lindsey Jarosinski scored 11 points.

The Broncos topped the two-time defending state champion Redwings despite uncharacteristically making just three 3-pointers, including Pitts' bucket that gave them a 52-40 lead with under three minutes to play.

Geneva rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to take a 60-59 lead with under a minute to play in a semifinal against Montini on Dec. 29. Moments later, Sam Mitchell drained a 3-pointer to give the Broncos the lead for good in a game they won 65-60.

Mitchell finished with nine points while Patty had 13 points and Kaylee Bambule added 12 against Geneva.

A 22-6 run in the second quarter helped Montini move past Proviso East 78-47 in a quarterfinal game Dec. 28.

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## Trump: 'I think it was Russia

He acknowledges hacking, scolds press and intelligence community

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BY PHILIP RUCKER  
AND ASHLEY PARKER  
*The Washington Post*

NEW YORK — President-elect Donald Trump acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that Russia was responsible for hacking the Democratic Party during last year's election, but he denied the leaks were intended to boost him and argued that Moscow would cease cyber attacks on the United States once he is sworn in.

In a rollicking hourlong news conference, Trump furiously denounced as "fake news" the

reports that Russia had obtained salacious intelligence about him that could compromise him. He suggested that any damaging information collected by Russian President Vladimir Putin's administration would already have been released — and he celebrated what had leaked out about Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

"As far as hacking, I think it was Russia," Trump said. "Hacking's bad, and it shouldn't be done. But look at the things that were hacked. Look at what was learned from that hacking."

Allowing his hostility and

contempt toward the U.S. intelligence community to again burst into public view, Trump also reaffirmed his belief — first expressed in a tweet earlier Wednesday morning — that intelligence officials were behaving as if they were in "Nazi Germany" with what he termed "disgraceful" leaks to the media. The Anti-Defamation League asked Trump to apologize for trivializing the Holocaust.

Trump made a series of promises but provided little specific evidence on how he would deliver

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Donald Trump takes questions Wednesday at Trump Tower in New York during his first news conference as president-elect.

### IN THE NEIGHBOR SECTION: The 2016-17 Daily Herald Leadership Team



Presenting the Daily Herald 2016-2017 DuPage County Leadership Team. Top row: AJ Panganiban, St. Francis High School; Elizabeth Spurlock, Wheaton North High School; and Julia Hildebrand, Wheaton Warrenville South High School. Middle row: Jane Boettcher, Naperville North High School; Delaney Gibbons, Naperville Central High School; and Renata Leighton, Glenbard East High School. Front row: James Doudourekas, Benet Academy; Taylor Morrissey, Naperville Central High School; and Lilia Garcia, Addison Trail High School.

## Kids who enrich the community

Daily Herald report

Meet the 2016-17 Daily Herald Leadership Team.

Supporting their peers at school, raising tens of thousands of dollars for local charities, working tirelessly to improve conditions for children around the globe — these suburban teens far exceed

expectations with their dedication to community and making the world a better place.

This year's four teams — representing the Northwest suburbs, Lake County, DuPage County and the Fox Valley — include a student who created a mentorship program for teens living in one

of the poorest parts of Africa, friends who together raised more than \$100,000 to battle Lou Gehrig's disease, a young entrepreneur who launched a business that raises money to fight pediatric cancer, and a teen who organized a "hack-a-thon" that sought digital solutions to the challenges of autism. — In Neighbor

## Coroner: Mom killed kids, herself

Lake in the Hills police don't know who called 911, where father was

BY MADHU  
KRISHNAMURTHY  
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Carla M. Lopez-Mejia son, Ezequiel Garcia, 1 her daughter, Ariana (8, dead, Schmitt said.

Authorities said Wednesday that a 27-year-old woman strangled her children to death, then hanged herself in a murder-suicide in their Lake in the Hills home.

At 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, Lake in the Hills police responded to a medical check call for an unresponsive subject at a home on Daybreak Drive, police spokeswoman Amanda Schmitt said.

Huntley firefighters were first on the scene and found

It's unclear who made the 911 call, which came outside the home. Don't know where the of the children was at the Schmitt said.

"We have been in contact with immediate family said.

"Preliminary scene investigations suggest that this is a murder-suicide confined to decedents and this local

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## Dist. 200 will put \$132.5 million in improvements on the ball

BY JESSICA CILELLA  
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for \$154.5 million in repairs, renovations and upgrades to 19 of the district's 20 schools.

spent as much money as it did in recent years on studies, surveys and community engage-

He also said he didn't like the district increasing its debt obligation and stressed that

Engage200 process, community engagement efforts, extensive research and anal-

board member Brad P said. "I think it's a goo and I'm ready to give th



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## Daily Herald Leadership Team



**Jane Boettcher**  
*Naperville North High School*

**Hometown:** Naperville  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Michael Boettcher, Irene Boettcher  
**Sponsor:** Emily Richardson, instructor and learning support coach  
**Community service:** The Merry Tutor, founded the nonprofit organization that provides free tutoring and offers high school students the opportunity to volunteer as tutors. Also created and designed the website at themerrytutor.org; The Field Museum Youth Council; Future Problem Solving Club, cofounder of the club at Naperville North  
**Personal statement:** "I've learned, through projects like The Merry Tutor and Future Problem Solving, that so many people want to change the world. And that being a pioneer means more than leaving your own legacy. It means making people believe they can make a difference too."  
**Sponsor's endorsement:** "At our particular high school, the majority of the students are high-achieving, ambitious, driven and very academically successful. Yet, Jane has a perspective that is both introspective and conscientious, allowing her to transfer information in a much more meaningful way."



**James Doudourekas**  
*Benet Academy*

**Hometown:** Downers Grove  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Doudourekas  
**Sponsor:** Amy Wesley, college counselor  
**Community service:** Boy Scouts Of America-Troop 99; Wheaton Math Circle, volunteer teaching; Redwing Engineering and Design Team, founded team to initiate and execute engineering projects; Darien Park District and Indian Boundary YMCA, volunteer summer camp counselor; peer tutoring in physics  
**Personal statement:** "I want to be a mentor to others during and after my engineering career. When I joined Boy Scouts, several older Scouts went out of their way to give me advice and teach me new skills. They also explained and demonstrated the integrity, morals, honor, and leadership that were expected of me. As a senior Scout, I greatly enjoy giving this knowledge to new members of the troop."  
**Sponsor's endorsement:** "James has an old soul. If you have the opportunity to meet with him, I think you'll feel it, too, by his thoughtful conversation and willingness to know that he doesn't know it all."



**Lilia Garcia**  
*Addison Trail High School*

**Hometown:** Addison  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Agata Kuczynska-Garcia  
**Sponsor:** Mark Olson, social studies teacher  
**Community service:** Field Museum volunteer; Marklund Children's Home; Blazer Ambassadors; Tri-M Honors Society; Relay For Life  
**Personal statement:** "There has never been a time where I've felt happier than when I've helped another person. Volunteering is something that not only brings me great joy, but also teaches me about the importance of community among citizens. I've become much more appreciative of my own life, and I am able to understand difficult problems others may rather ignore. Being able to lend a hand to someone in need, or inspire a child to follow their dreams, and seeing how it improves someone's day, has inspired me to continue dedicating my time to serving my community."  
**Sponsor's endorsement:** "Lilia is a top-notch young woman. Every day Lilia exemplifies the highest standard of which all others should attempt to reach academically and through her participation in various extracurricular activities."



**Delaney Gibbons  
Taylor Morrissey**  
*Naperville Central High School*

**Hometown:** Both from Naperville  
**Class:** Both Seniors  
**Parents:** Lisa and Dan Gibbons; Bob and Jennifer Morrissey  
**Sponsor:** Kim McIver  
**Community service:** Started the Dodgeball 4 Lou Gehrig's Disease Dodgeball Tournament in 2011 when they found out their gym teacher's wife (Denise DiMarzo) had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. The annual event has raised more than \$100,000 for the Les Turner ALS foundation.  
**Delaney's personal statement:** "There are so many rewards from just volunteering, such as the satisfaction of helping others and fulfilling one's obligation to be a responsible member of their community. Volunteering often affords us an opportunity to understand how someone in need feels and what they go through."  
**Taylor's personal statement:** "She (Denise DiMarzo) has taught me to never give up, to always stay positive no matter the situation, and, most importantly, not to take life for granted."  
**Sponsor's endorsement:** "I am so incredibly proud of Delaney and Taylor. They are true role models."



**Julia Hildebrand**  
*Wheaton Warrenville*

**Hometown:** Wheaton  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Tom and Patty Hild  
**Sponsor:** Craig M. Lawrence, English department chairman  
**Community service:** J. Kyle Leadership Foundation; Holl service project; Athletic Leadership Council; Ronald McDonald H Advisory Board; Athletic Stu  
**Personal statement:** "I strc that my purpose in life is to strengths of compassion, se integrity, and reliability in or for others. It is my goal to s education and life work to s others during the most vuln difficult times of their lives, have learned from volunteer a significant role in helping this goal."  
**Sponsor's endorsement:** "she is organizing hundreds to do service as part of our 'of Caring' event; collecting the families staying at our McDonald House; or helping with disabilities open their Christmas Eve each year, Ju inspires me with her dedica helping others."



**Jacob Kelleher**  
*Glenbard West High School*

**Hometown:** Glen Ellyn  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Bob & Pam Kelleher  
**Sponsor:** Christine Lubinecki, counselor



**Renata Leighton**  
*Glenbard East High School*

**Hometown:** Lombard  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Lauren Cheeks and Jason Leighton  
**Sponsor:** David Krodal



**Natasha Nath**  
*Neuqua Valley High School*

**Hometown:** Naperville  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Raj and Roopa Nath  
**Sponsor:** Shawna Stanley, counselor



**AJ Panganiban**  
*St. Francis High School*

**Hometown:** Glendale Heights  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Marlo and Tess Panganiban  
**Sponsor:** Trudy Rigney, director of guidance



**Elizabeth Spurlock**  
*Wheaton North High*

**Hometown:** Wheaton  
**Class:** Senior  
**Parents:** Lynne Pauly



# Page County Leadership Team honorable mentions

## Jrwal hematics Academy



**Vadini Agrawal**

**Service:** Yuda Bands, sold handmade made by women in to raise money to idren there; Key Club, service; volunteer 's Garden at Lisle iletum; tutor at iting Center; DuPage useum assistant

## Belda

### entral High School



**Allison Albelda**

House, autism walk vice president of the at The Community ial Olympics coach; Corner volunteer

## Ossle

### go Community



**Megan Bossle**

olir; Trinity Lutheran School, volunteer at its; National Honor munity service; Legacy Elite volunteer at meets

## Browne

### holic High School



**Jessica Browne**

participant; Feed My idren; Totus Tuus ; Adopt A Family and iler; 40 Days For Life

## Catalano

### High School



**Michael Kim**

ty board; Morton Arboretum, Children's Garden volunteer; Young Life; World Relief of DuPage; "Let's Talk About It" Suicide Awareness Campaign



**Eric Chang**

## Andrea Cruz

### Benet Academy

#### Hometown:

Warrenville

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Gabriela Cruz

#### Sponsor:

Amy Wesley, college counselor

#### Community service:

Waterleaf Women's Center Teen Advisory Board; Ronald McDonald House Charity Teen Advisory Board (Edward Hospital chapter); National Honor Society; S.A.L.T (Serving And Loving Together) Campus ministry



**Andrea Cruz**

## Jessica Davis

### Montini Catholic High School

#### Hometown:

Darien

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Robert and Marcy Davis

#### Sponsor:

Danielle Monroe

#### Community service:

Ray Graham volunteer; Celebrate Differences, helped those with special needs; IAJHS Leadership camp junior counselor; Miss Amazing beauty pageant; Interscholastic Equestrian Association



**Jessica Davis**

## Khalid Davis

### Glenbard North High School

#### Hometown:

Hanover Park

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Rosaline Lewis

#### Sponsor:

Kim Munro, counselor

#### Community service:

Key Club, volunteer-based service club; St. Baldrick's Day, had a role in organizing the event; VietNow, helped provide meals to homeless veterans; Northern Illinois Food Bank, volunteered on two separate occasions in 2013 and 2014; Tutored French at STRIVE



**Khalid Davis**

## Courtney Degen

### Metee Valley High School

#### Hometown:

Aurora

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

David & Elsie

#### Sponsor:

Bob Vozza

#### Community service:

Key Club, various projects with Feed My Starving Children, March of Dimes, ELIMINATE; No More Metee Valley service



**Courtney Degen**

Braid Leadership Foundation Nomination and appointment; Athletic Leadership Council, selected to serve on committee; Donations to needy people in the Dominican Republic; Buddy Baseball, volunteering and mentoring; Key Club school organization

## Janelle Finch

### Neuqua Valley High School

#### Hometown:

Naperville

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Thomas and Tina Finch

#### Sponsor:

Heather Fong, guidance counselor

#### Community service:

St. Edmund's Church, youth ministry, church acolyte; Jack and Jill of America Inc.; West Suburban Chicago Chapter, Teen Committee



**Janelle Finch**

## Dillon Hammond

### Naperville North High School

#### Hometown:

Naperville

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Troy and Sharlene Hammond

#### Sponsor:

Geoffrey Schmit

#### Community service:

FIRST Lego League Double Qualifying State Tournament volunteer; FIRST Lego League team mentoring; Blessings in a Backpack volunteer; El Salvador mission work



**Dillon Hammond**

## Jim Kenneally

### IC Catholic Prep

#### Hometown:

Elmhurst

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Jim and Maureen

#### Sponsor:

Donald Moore

#### Community service:

Young Hearts for Life; Kairos religious retreat; Immaculate Conception Parish mission trip; Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic minister; Knights of Columbus fish fry volunteer



**Jim Kenneally**

## Hasnain Khundmiri

### Glenbard East High School

#### Hometown:

Glendale Heights

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Munawer Khundmiri & Saleha Khundmiri

#### Sponsor:

Kevin Cooper, science teacher

#### Community service:

National Honor Society/Key Club, various volunteering opportunities in and out of school; Senior Leaders, spread positivity in school



**Hasnain Khundmiri**

## Michael Kim

counselor  
**Community service:** West Suburban Leadership Conference; New Beginnings tutor; mentoring, National Honor Society; Progress Leader volunteer



**Casey King**

## Madison Kranz

### Metee Valley High School

#### Hometown:

Aurora

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Gregory & Susan

#### Sponsor:

Bob Vozza

#### Community service:

Unity for Community Football Game, fundraising for local food pantries; Kicking Hunger Food Drive, fundraising for local food pantries; Confirmation retreat, church group volunteering to teach younger peers; Homecoming Color Scavenger Hunt; vacation Bible school



**Madison Kranz**

## Deirdre Lee

### IC Catholic Prep

#### Hometown:

Lisle

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Timothy Lee and Deborah Lundeen

#### Sponsor:

Cindy Thomas, English department chair

#### Community service:

Hope for Tomorrow volunteer; Women's Center for Health volunteer



**Deirdre Lee**

## Eric Lo

### Naperville Central High School

#### Hometown:

Naperville

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Chiou-Yueh Lay, Tsemín Lo

#### Sponsor:

Linda Gross, counselor

#### Community service:

Vice president of Aquahouse tutoring; tutored students at Brady Elementary School in Aurora; Junior Class Council, school volunteering; Tzu-Chi Foundation, helped at an elderly home; LINK Crew/Student Ambassadors



**Eric Lo**

## Nimah Mohiuddin

### Islamic Foundation School

#### Hometown:

Addison

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Ghouse and Samina Mohiuddin

#### Sponsor:

Yasmin Jamal, math and social science teacher

#### Community service:

DuPage PADS volunteer; library volunteer; Students for Social Justice



**Nimah Mohiuddin**

## Sydney L. Narot

### Lisle Senior High School

#### Hometown:

Lisle

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Adam and Amy Narot

#### Sponsor:

Erin Kern, high school English teacher

#### Community service:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Sunday school teacher; Lisle Senior High School Student Congress, fundraiser volunteer as class president; Lisle Senior High School Key Club, volunteer at different events in the community; Friends Feeding Families



**Sydney Narot**

## Sean Norris

### Fenton High School

#### Hometown:

Wood Dale

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

John and Kristy Norris

#### Sponsor:

Carol Smith, director of community relations

#### Community service:

Teen volunteer for the Field Museum; a "pass runner" for guidance office; helped to organize Fenton's mock election; youth group volunteer at St. Luke Church.



**Sean Norris**

## Cynthia Orizaba

### Willowbrook High School

#### Hometown:

Villa Park

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Mr. Serafin Orizaba & Mrs. Fausta Caballero

#### Sponsor:

Scott Forcash, school counselor

#### Community service:

Interact Club, community service at homeless shelters such as PADS; Eighth Grade Transition Night at Jefferson Middle School; Jefferson Middle School orchestra mentor; gave incoming freshmen tours of the high school



**Cynthia Orizaba**

## Sameer Pardiwala

### Lake Park High School

#### Hometown:

Itasca

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Nilesh Pardiwala

#### Sponsor:

Melisa Williams-Rivera, school counselor

#### Community service:

National Honor Society, Alexian Brothers Hospital help desk volunteer; Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish honors society); DECA Community Service Project; Make A Difference Day



**Sameer Pardiwala**

## Saira Rasheed

### Islamic Foundation School

#### Hometown:

Addison

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Fawaz Rasheed and



Shelter (PADS) volunteer; Bajaj Rural Development Lab, distance tutoring in Wardha, India; Learn and Educate, tutoring to fund girl's education in India; Teach for India, Pant Nagar Public School, Mumbai; volunteer classroom teacher; Education for Empowerment, Now; Conant Service Club

## Melina Thurmond

### Glenbard West High School

#### Hometown:

Carol Stream

#### Class:

Senior

#### Parents:

Jennifer Thurmond

### **Casey King**

**Willowbrook High School**

**Hometown:** Villa Park

**Class:** Senior

**Parents:** Tom and Jennifer King

**Sponsor:** Lourdes Piña, school

**Community service:** West Suburban Leadership Conference; New Beginnings tutor; mentoring; National Honor Society; Progress Leader volunteer



**Casey King**

### **Madison Kranz**

**Metea Valley High School**

**Hometown:** Aurora

**Class:** Senior

**Parents:** Gregory & Susan

**Sponsor:** Bob Vozza

**Community service:** Unity for Community Football Game, fundraising for local food pantries; Kicking Hunger Food Drive, fundraising for local food pantries; Confirmation retreat, church group volunteering to teach younger peers; Homecoming Color Scavenger Hunt; vacation Bible school



**Madison Kranz**

### **Deirdre Lee**

**IC Catholic Prep**

**Hometown:** Lisle

**Class:** Senior

**Parents:** Timothy Lee and Deborah Lundeen

**Sponsor:** Cindy Thomas, English department chair

**Community service:** Hope for Tomorrow volunteer; Women's Center for Health volunteer



**Deirdre Lee**

### **Eric Lo**

**Naperville Central High School**

**Hometown:** Naperville

**Class:** Senior

**Parents:** Chiou-Yueh Lay, Tsemin Lo

**Sponsor:** Linda Gross, counselor

**Community service:** Vice president of Aquahouse tutoring; tutored students at Brady Elementary School in Aurora; Junior Class Council, school volunteering; Tzu-Chi Foundation, helped at an elderly home; LINK Crew/Student Ambassadors



**Eric Lo**

### **Nimah Mohiuddin**

**Islamic Foundation School**

**Hometown:** Addison

**Class:** Senior

**Parents:** Ghouse and Samina Mohiuddin

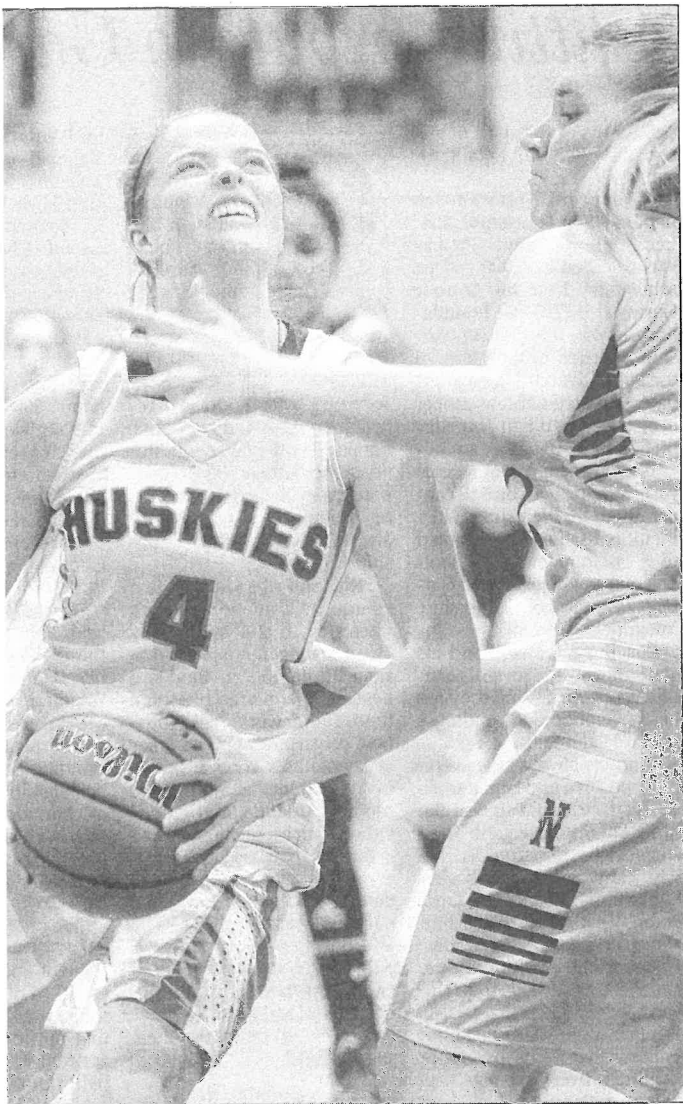
**Sponsor:** Yasmin Jamal, math and social science teacher

**Community service:** DuPage PADS volunteer; library volunteer; Students for Social Justice UNICEF; Helping Hand for Relief



**Nimah Mohiuddin**





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Lauren Platou looks for 2 of her game-high 14 points against Neuqua Valley's n and Rachael Tait on Wednesday at Naperville North.

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# A bittersweet meet for Addison Trail seniors

BY CHRIS WALKER  
Daily Herald Correspondent

## Girls gymnastics

Kennedy O'Neill never realized it would go by this quickly. The Addison Trail senior suddenly found herself competing in the final home meet on Wednesday night, and she made the most of it.

O'Neill won three events as well as the all-around with a 34.4 to lead the Blazers to a 126.4 to 112.3 victory over Willowbrook.

"Being a captain and senior, and this being the final home meet, I'm upset that it's almost over," O'Neill said. "It's amazing how fast these four years have gone. Here I am on Senior Night and it's crazy. I'm so happy for my time here and I'm excited for the future here but it's also kind of sad."

O'Neill wasn't the only senior wandering around in the gym afterward with seemingly no rush to head for home. Classmates Terra Garcia and Jessica Rosal were also in reflective moods.

Garcia scored a 31.85 in the all-around and Rosal had a 30.45.

"It hasn't hit me that this is the final home meet, but it's kind of crazy, because I've been with these coaches and teammates for four years now," Garcia said. "We're here six days a week for three hours each time so that's a lot of time spent together. It's going to be so weird and sad when this is all over."

While reminiscing, the Blazers almost forgot that they handed the Warriors their first loss in the West Suburban Gold.

"We had a good meet and this was a nice win for us," Rosal said. "We know we can still do much better, but I'm proud of my team."

While Addison Trail is relying heavily on seniors this winter, Willowbrook is big on freshmen and those newcomers have made a huge impact.

"I've been super impressed with the new leadership and new freshmen that started with us this year," Willowbrook coach Deanna Zuchowski said. "These freshmen understand the competitive mentality and that has helped the rest of the

team." One of those freshmen, Karolina Terlikowski led the Warriors.

"Tonight went pretty well," she said. "We had some tough patches, but overall I think everybody improved somewhere, even if it was one event or just a trick."

Another freshman, Karli Wilson, was right behind Terlikowski with a 30.0 as the Warriors only had four gymnasts who competed so they counted every score.

"This wasn't our best meet, but we'll grow from this," Wilson said. "Even when you have a tough meet like this you know you can do better next time."

Willowbrook has shown that it's a program on the rise. The Warriors had the least highest score among the teams in the IHSA last year and have scored more than 17 points higher than that this year.

"It's been different with me stepping in as a new coach, but they've responded well," Zuchowski said. "The atmosphere around the team is a good one and they're all pushing each other to get better."

## Sidelines: Getting ready to add lacrosse

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those slashing and screening foul calls, so the IHSA will host a free educational event for potential lacrosse officials from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Glenbard West's Biester Fieldhouse.

Clinicians will provide a basic overview of officiating and will explain the differences between them. IHSA officials will present on each sport independently, and the event will close with scrimmages so attendees can watch, learn, ask questions. The IHSA also

Matt Troha at mtroha@ihsa.org or via the IHSA's Facebook page event.

### This just in

Glenbard North junior offensive lineman Jose Vazquez has been named to the 2017 United States Under-17 National Football Team that will compete against Japan in the eighth International Bowl at AT & T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Saturday. The 6-foot-3, 295-pound guard was one of three Illinois selections.

Lisle 138-pounder Drew Sonnefeldt won his 100th match, a 6-3 decision over Erie-Prophetstown's Kerrick Cameron.

Joining fellow senior Mark Pivek as a two-time team captain, Sonnefeldt is the 12th Lion to reach 100 wins, according to coach John Ruettiger. Dan Hajek, the 1993 state champion, heads the list at 126.

"He's an outstanding kid not only as a wrestler but as a person," Ruettiger said of Sonnefeldt. "He's been a big tribute to our program the last four years. He continues to