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Men's Volleyball

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Romeoville, Ill. - The Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) announced on Tuesday (Jan. 17) that Lewis University redshirt senior middle blocker [Jacob Schmiegelt](#) (*Lombard, Ill./Willowbrook*) has been selected as the MIVA Offensive Player of the Week for the period ending January 15th.

Schmiegelt averaged 12.5 kills and 0.78 blocks-per-match and hit .526 (25 kills, 5 errors, 38 attacks) in victories over both Harvard (Jan. 13) and No. 5 Pepperdine (Jan. 14). His most impressive performance came against the nationally-ranked Waves, as he finished with 15 kills and a career-best hitting percentage of .737 (15-1-19).

"Jacob has been tremendous (this season) and has really imposed his will," Lewis head men's volleyball coach [Dan Friend](#) said. "He has been fun to watch play as (both) a spectator and as a coach."

For the season, Schmiegelt is hitting a team-best .590 (42-6-61) and is second on the team with 42 kills in four matches.

No. 8 Lewis returns to action on Friday (Jan. 20), as the Flyers head to Happy Valley for a 7 PM ET showdown with No. 15 Penn State.

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Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame banquet takes place Feb. 2

The 2017 Willowbrook High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will take place Thursday, Feb. 2, at The Carlisle, located at 435 E. Butterfield Road in Lombard. The social gathering will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The presentation of this year's hall of fame class will take place immediately after dinner.

Founded in 2010, the Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the athletic and personal successes of the school's standout student-athletes and staff members. A screening committee comprised of current and former coaches, community representatives and members of the school's staff and athletic booster club selects each year's inductees.

The Class of 2017 inductees are: Mike Battista (Class of 1964), Chris Kuntz (Class of 1976), Pete Kolzow (Class of 1993), Bryan Murphy Jr. (Class of 1998), John Hamann (Coach—1966–2000), Rich Rentner (1984–present; outstanding contributor) and the 2004-05 state-champion pom team. This year's inductees will be recognized before Willowbrook's boys varsity basketball game on Feb. 3.

Tickets for the Feb. 2 banquet cost \$55 per adult and \$20 for children 10 years old and younger. Attendees should RSVP by Jan. 23. For more information, contact Willowbrook Athletic Director Bob Daly at rdaly@dupage88.net, or at 630-530-3406.

Former state senator: No love lost between Obama, Blagojevich

ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich is asking President Obama to end his corruption sentence early. But one former Democratic state lawmaker thinks that's

"I think (Governor) Blagojevich looked at President Obama and said 'That should've been me.'"

— Former Quad Cities State Senator Mike Jacobs

probably too much to ask for.

Former Quad Cities State Senator Mike Jacobs served with Barack Obama and Rod Blagojevich. Jacobs knows them both, and he said the two men don't really like each other. "One of the things I learned in government is to be nice to people on the way up. Cause on the way down you're going to see everyone of them," Jacobs explained. "I think Rod Blagojevich didn't understand that lesson."

Jacobs doesn't think the out-going President will pardon or commute the former governor's sentence.

"I think (Governor) Blagojevich looked at President Obama and said 'That should've been me.'" Blagojevich is five years into a 14 year corruption sentence for trying to sell Obama's seat in the U.S. Senate.



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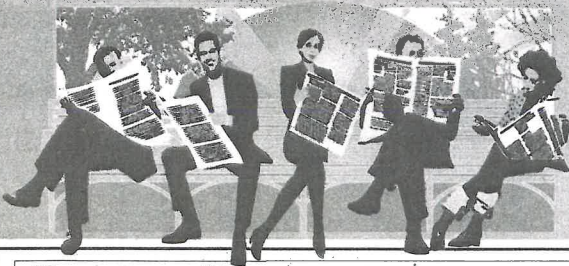


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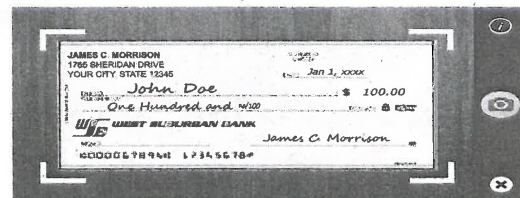
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Broncos move to 20-0 after pulling away from Loyola

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

Montini's girls basketball team improved its 2016-17 season record to 20-0 with Friday's 48-40 home victory over Loyola Academy. The Broncos trailed the visiting Ramblers 19-17 at halftime before seizing a 32-26 lead by the end of the third quarter. Senior Claudia Kunzer sparked the Broncos in the fourth quarter, when she scored 10 of her team-leading 16 points.

"I don't think Loyola did anything we didn't expect," said Montini coach Jason Nichols after the game. "We were prepared for that game, but we didn't execute. We didn't rebound the ball very well, and we didn't execute on the offensive end like we should."

Loyola's record dropped to 14-6 with the loss. The Ramblers scored a

basket in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter to cut Montini's lead to 32-28. Baskets from sophomore Frankie Kokkines and junior Lindsey Jarosinski helped the Broncos to a 36-30 lead over the next two minutes. Kunzer then delivered a pair of 3-point shots from the same corner to push Montini's lead to 42-30. Kunzer hit the first 3-pointer with about 4:30 to play. She connected on the next long-range shot at the 3:40 mark.

"Coach [Nichols] just kept telling me to shoot," said Kunzer. "I knew I had missed some before, but I had to keep shooting. That's my good spot, right in the corner."

Kunzer made all four of her free-throw attempts in the closing minutes to help the Broncos seal the victory. The Ramblers made a 3-point shot at the buzzer to cut Montini's winning margin to eight points.

In addition to scoring 16 points,

Kunzer grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds. Junior Aaliyah Patty scored eight points.

Sophomore Sam Mitchell made two 3-pointers to account for her six points. Jarosinski also scored six points.

"That record's great, but it's all about playoff basketball," said Kunzer in commenting on Montini's 20-0 mark. "That record's not going to mean anything when playoffs come. You've got a clean slate. Right now we're just trying to build and go up. When February comes, that's when it really means everything."

Three days before beating Loyola, the Broncos moved to 19-0 with a 59-25 win over St. Ignatius. Junior Ilyse Pitts scored 13 points for Montini in the Jan. 10 victory. Senior Kaylee Bambule provided 12 points by sinking four 3-point shots. Patty added 11 points.



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Senior Claudia Kunzer (No. 1) of the Montini girls basketball team connected on a pair of 3-point shots in the fourth quarter of Friday's game against Loyola Academy. Kunzer is pictured as she connects on her second 3-pointer of the period. She made the two shots in a span of less than one minute to push the Broncos' 36-30 lead to 42-30. Kunzer added four free throws in the final period to help Montini to a 48-40 win. She scored a team-leading 16 points in the victory, which gave the Broncos an overall season record of 20-0.

Warriors open up the new year with a conference win over Leyden

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook boys basketball team played its first game of 2017 on Jan. 10, when it faced Leyden in a West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors defeated the visiting Eagles 54-42 to improve to 12-1 overall and 4-1 in conference play.

The Warriors improved to 14-1 by winning their first two games at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King Tournament. Willowbrook won a pair of tournament contests on Saturday, beating Lake Forest Academy 73-68 in overtime and edging the host team from Sterling 63-58 in another overtime contest. The Warriors finished the tournament at Sterling with two more games on Monday.

Junior Ethan Schuemer led Willowbrook in scoring and rebounding during the Jan. 10 battle against Leyden, which was the Warriors' first game since they won four

straight contests and claimed the title at Glenbard West's holiday tournament in late December. Schuemer scored 16 points and yanked down 22 rebounds against the Eagles. Junior Sikander Zafar added 10 points for Willowbrook, which held a 26-18 halftime lead. The Warriors outscored Leyden 14-12 in both the third and fourth quarters. Sophomore Matas Masys and junior Matthew Myers contributed nine and eight points, respectively.

Schuemer turned in another productive game against Lake Forest Academy by piling up 27 points and 15 rebounds. Schuemer made 12 of 16 attempts from the field and converted three of five free-throw attempts. Junior Marshawn Phillips scored 11 points, while Masys and senior newcomer Iman Reynolds both scored eight points. Reynolds, who formerly attended Hinsdale South, made his Willowbrook debut on Saturday.

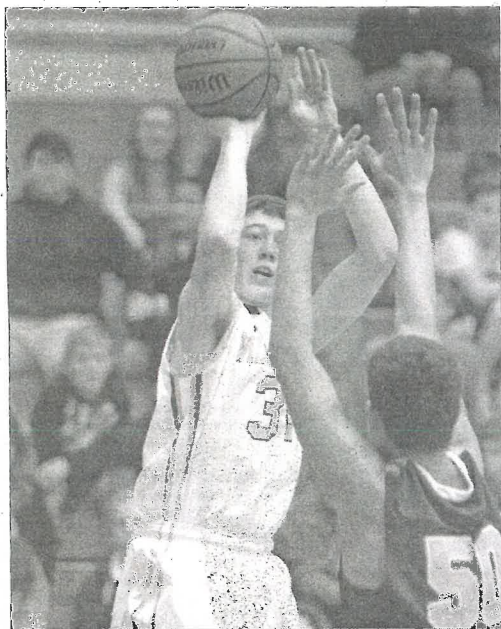
The Warriors held a 26-25 half-time lead over Lake Forest. Wil-

lowbrook's lead stood at 44-42 after three quarters. The Warriors held a 51-44 advantage in the fourth quarter, but Lake Forest fought back to tie the score at 61-61 by the end of regulation.

Willowbrook led Sterling 42-28 late in the third quarter of Saturday's meeting. For the second time of the day, the Warriors couldn't hold a lead, and Sterling rallied to even the score at 51-51 at the end of regulation. Just as they had done against Lake Forest, the Warriors outscored Sterling 12-7 in the four-minute overtime period.

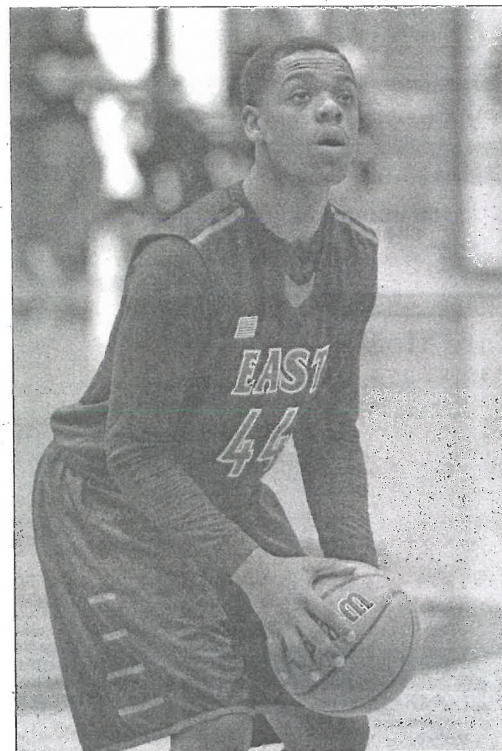
Schuemer scored a team-leading 24 points, while Phillips contributed 12 points. Masys scored 11 points and accounted for the Warriors' only successful 3-point shot of the game. He made one of eight attempts from 3-point range. The team suffered through a 1-for-17 performance from 3-point territory.

Willowbrook will play a conference home game against Downers Grove South this Friday.



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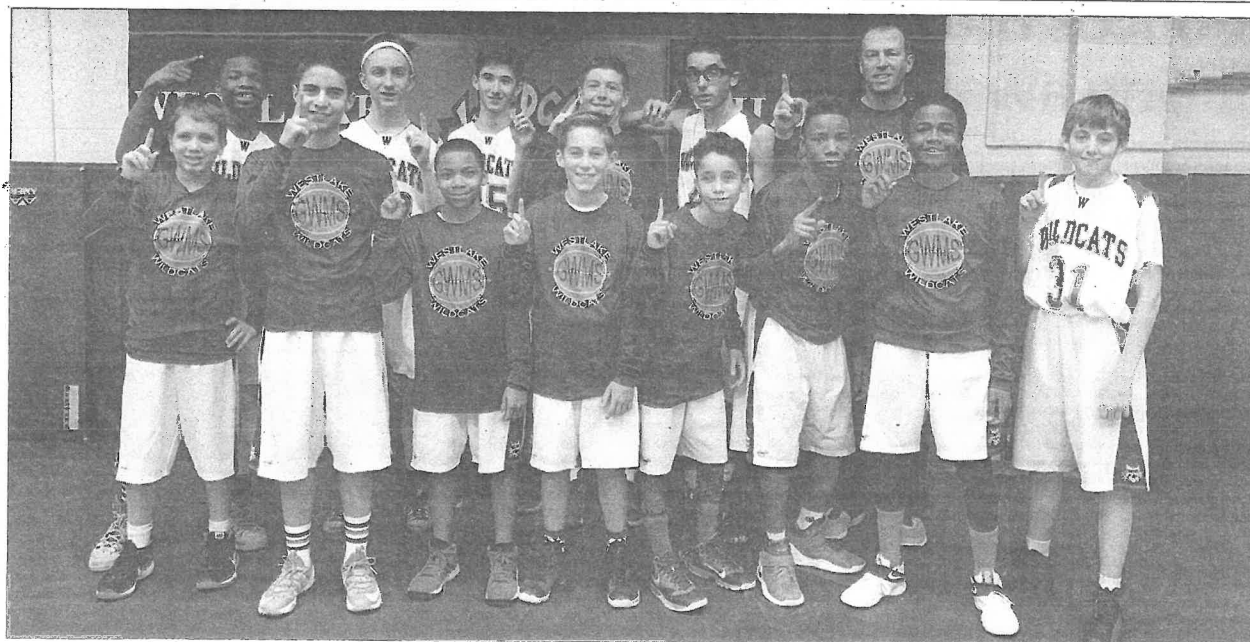
Willowbrook junior Ethan Schuemer delivers a shot during last week's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Leyden. Playing their first game in nearly two weeks, the Warriors beat the Eagles 54-42 in Villa Park. The victory gave Willowbrook an overall record of 12-1 and a conference mark of 4-1. Schuemer provided 16 points and 22 rebounds in the victory in the team's first game since it won the championship game at Glenbard West's holiday tournament on Dec. 28. The Warriors improved their overall record to 14-1 with Saturday's pair of overtime victories at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King Tournament.



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Trying to earn their first victory

Junior James Peterkin (No. 44) of the Glenbard East boys basketball team prepares to shoot a free throw during Saturday's game against the host Tigers at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King Tournament. Peterkin scored 12 points in the Rams' 65-43 loss. Peterkin also scored 12 points one night earlier in Glenbard East's 66-61 Upstate Eight Valley Conference loss at West Chicago. The Rams played two games at Wheaton Warrenville South's tournament on Saturday. A few hours after losing to the Tigers, they suffered a 52-50 loss to York. That loss gave the Rams an overall season record to 0-16.



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Wildcats win conference title

Glenn Westlake Middle School's seventh-grade boys basketball team won the regular-season title in the DuPage Metro Valley Conference with a 9-1 record. The Wildcats captured the school's first seventh-grade conference championship since 2002. Glenn Westlake received a first-round bye in the post-season conference tournament. The Wildcats beat Glenside Middle School 39-36 in a tournament semifinal

game on Jan. 12. Glenn Westlake will play in this week's conference tournament championship game. Members of the Wildcats (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Daniel Weimers, Sam Alouri, Kylie Jones, Ryan Junior, Jacob Pook, T.J. Epling, Ramell Barnes and Aidan Snell; (back row) Trevor Burnett, Dylan Crowe, Ian Clarke, Jordan Rech, Adrian Bellezza and Coach Thomas Surdam.

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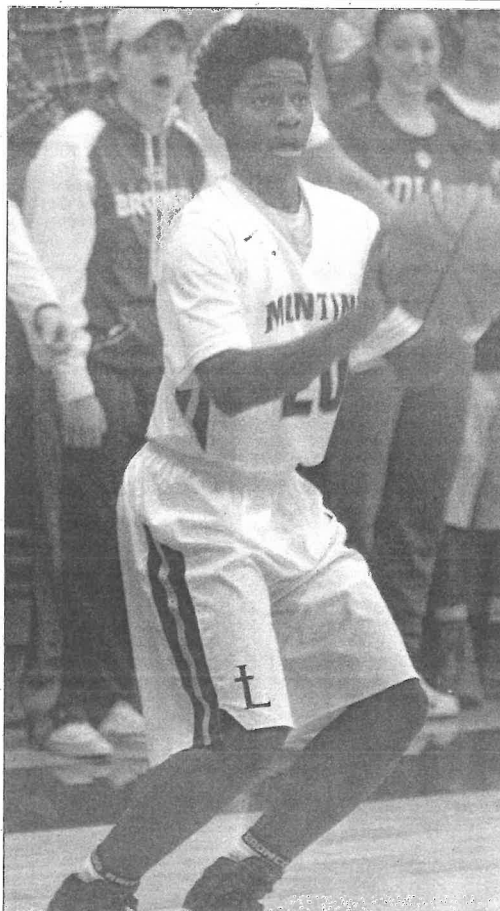
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Warriors play their first game of 2017

Sophomore Hanna Konrath (No. 21) of the Willowbrook girls basketball team shoots and sinks a 3-point attempt during Saturday's game against St. Ignatius at the Chicagoland Girls Prep Classic. The Wolfpack beat the Warriors 61-26 in Villa Park. Konrath made a pair of 3-point shots and scored a team-leading nine points for the Warriors, whose overall record dropped to 5-11. Sophomore CeCe Liza-sual provided seven points for Willowbrook in the team's first game since Wheaton North High School's holiday tournament. The Warriors won two of four games at that event, which ended on Dec. 29. St. Ignatius led Willowbrook 18-4 after one quarter and 26-11 at halftime. The Warriors will play a West Suburban Gold Conference home game tonight against Morton. Willowbrook enters the game with a conference record of 2-4.

Broncos suffer a narrow loss

Senior Michael Orr of the Montini boys basketball team launches a shot during Friday's game against St. Ignatius in Lombard. The visiting Wolfpack outscored the Broncos 43-40. Montini's overall record fell to 9-6. The Broncos trailed St. Ignatius 34-26 with eight minutes to play, but they narrowed the gap to 39-36 when sophomore Raymond Dennis scored a little more than one minute to play. Junior Mychale Hyland scored two baskets for Montini during the final 20 seconds. St. Ignatius maintained a lead of at least two points during the game's waning moments. Sophomore Jayston Williams scored a team-leading 16 points for Montini. Dennis added eight points, while junior Matt Morrissey provided seven points. Orr and Hyland both scored four points.

Layoff leads to rocky outing for Trojans

By DAVE OWEN
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ELMHURST – After a break from basketball for a worthy cause, it was an uneven return to play for Timothy Christian's boys basketball team.

In Arizona for the New Year on a service trip, the Trojans ended a two-week break between games with a 56-53 loss to Glenbard South on Jan. 13.

"It [the layoff] definitely affected the game," TC junior center Brandon Orange said. "We were a little more tired than usual, and I feel the touch around the basket [wasn't there]. I was a little rusty out there."

Joey Davidson (17 points), Orange (12 points, six rebounds) and Jonny Strube (12 points) shook off any rust to produce strong games.

"Brandon's a tough kid inside, Joey played well, Jonny hit a couple – we have some kids who can step up in different spots," Trojans coach Jack LeGrand said. "But [Glenbard South] did a good job, and every time we clawed back they had an answer."

In a seesaw first half, the Trojans, who slipped to 10-5 overall, used a 7-0 run capped by an Orange basket to grab a 23-22 lead.

Timothy then was outscored 9-1 over the final 3:25 of the half to trail 31-24 at the intermission.

The back and forth continued to the wire. A steal and layup by Jimmy Allen (four points, four assists) late in the third quarter brought Timothy to with-

in 46-40, and a Davidson bucket made it 46-44 with 6:16 to go.

Timothy answered again after a 6-0 Raiders run.

A Strube steal and layup pulled the Trojans to within 52-49, but two straight turnovers kept Timothy's deficit from shrinking any further. A 3-point attempt to tie at the buzzer was blocked.

"It was a game of runs, and they just finished stronger than us," Orange said.

The Trojans shot 51 percent from the field (22 of 43), but had 16 turnovers to Glenbard South's six.

"We had some empty possessions after we fought back," LeGrand said. "But that's the next stage of development – to get high-percentage shots and know exactly what we want to do."

Ty Merrick added four points and three assists for Timothy.

Recent events should aid the Trojans, starting with the team mission to Arizona.

"It was a good experience," Orange said. "We did service stuff there, and we bonded a lot as teammates and built some really cool relationships. I think we really came together."

Back from their break, the Trojans are focused on a strong second half of the season.

"We'll be OK," LeGrand said. "These kids play hard. I knew we'd be a little rusty today, and hopefully we'll get rid of that."



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Timothy Christian senior Joey Davidson (left) goes up for a shot Jan. 13 as Glenbard South senior Billy Powers plays defense. The Trojans were playing their first game in nearly two weeks and looked a bit rusty as they fell 56-53.

Sterling trip as good as gold for Willowbrook

By CODY CUTTER
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STERLING – Icy roads and icy first-half shooting couldn't stop Willowbrook's boys basketball team from making a trip downstate worth it.

In the Warriors' first year competing at the Martin Luther King tournament in Sterling, they captured the championship with a 4-0 record.

On Jan. 16, they downed a tough United Township team 52-47 and only 30 minutes later polished off their slate with a 70-64 win against Belvidere North for the title.

Originally, the Warriors (16-1) were supposed to have a rest period on Jan. 16, but when Lake Forest Academy backed out because of the weather conditions, the rare back-to-back opportunity presented itself.

"It's kind of no different than in summer league," Willowbrook coach

Chris Perkins said. "You usually play back-to-back games or three games within four hours. It's something they were accustomed to, just never done it in a real live game. But I told them, it's the same kind of concept. Our bodies are loose, we're already lathered up and got a sweat, so let's come out."

"It's not really that bad because we've done three games back-to-back," Warriors junior Marshawn Phillips said. "There really wasn't pressure. We just had to come out aggressive and get the 'W.'"

The Warriors shot a dismal 5 for 22 from the field in the first half against United (18-3), including a 1-for-10 showing from 3-point range. Foul trouble hurt the Warriors early as junior Matthew Myers was called for two fouls in the first 2:48 of the game and Phillips had three fouls before halftime.

United's lead grew to as many as 17 points with 3:10 to go in the third. De-

spite the foul trouble, Phillips led the Warriors' charge in the third quarter with eight points as Willowbrook closed the deficit to 41-33 entering the fourth.

With the momentum, the Warriors amped up their defensive pressure in the fourth quarter. Phillips had three of his team's six fourth-quarter steals, despite picking up his fourth foul with 6:07 remaining.

Behind the hot shooting of Iman Reynolds, the Warriors clawed back to tie it at 44-44 after the second of his three treys. Freddie Clay and Ethan Schuemer then had buckets to push Willowbrook ahead 48-44 with 1:23 to go.

"We came to the locker room and had to rediscuss everything," Phillips said. "We had to come out with enough pressure and go all out. I really wanted to win that game, so I didn't want to let us down."

Reynolds led the Warriors with 18 points, 15 of which came in the second

half. Phillips added 10 points, six assists and five steals. Schuemer pulled down 10 rebounds and had seven points.

Schuemer, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, led the Warriors with 22 points in the win over Belvidere North. Phillips added 13 in the victory. North led 28-27 at halftime, but Perkins didn't want to take any risks running a man-to-man defense in the second half and instead opted for a half-court zone.

"Belvidere did a good job pushing it and getting easy layups because our guys were slow to get back," Perkins said. "The kids pulled through and made enough plays."

The Warriors have a crucial West Suburban Gold game against Downers Grove South on Jan. 20 and are looking to carry the momentum forward.

"They're a real good team," Phillips said. "We've got to have three good practices [before that game]."



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'This kid made such an impact on us and our entire community.'

— Frank Giammarese, Bloomingdale police chief, on Officer Raymond Murrell, right



Police on Wednesday escort the hearse carrying Bloomingdale Police Officer Raymond Murrell into Oakridge-Glen Oaks Cemetery in Hillside.

Fallen officer remembered as 'Sweet Baby Ray'

BY KATLYN SMITH
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Raymond Murrell gave his dad a book he wrote for Father's Day almost two decades ago.

Then 10 years old, Murrell scribbled some pictures of palm trees and father and son lifting weights. He also left a message of thanks.

"I'm glad that you love me enough to let me choose any dreams," the youngster wrote.

For his son's funeral Wednesday morning, Anthony Murrell wrote his own letter. He couldn't bring himself to read it, but he asked

Raymond's aunt to share his words at Wheaton Bible Church near West Chicago.

Anthony Murrell wrote about how proud he was of his son, who relentlessly pursued his dreams of becoming a Bloomingdale police officer. He wrote about how his son supported him in the "low moments," when Raymond Murrell wouldn't ask questions and wouldn't pass judgment.

"I remember you telling me, 'Hey dad, I got your back. Don't worry, I got your back,'" Anthony Murrell wrote.

That was Raymond Murrell. A loyal 27-year-old who still



Bloomingdale officers mourn the death of fellow Officer Raymond Murrell after Wednesday's service at Wheaton Bible Church near West Chicago.

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Senators skip vote on budget

Illinois lawmakers to meet again today

BY JOHN O'CONNOR
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois senators, still grappling with the sticker shock of a tax increase and other far-reaching restructuring to end the nation's longest state budget deadlock, skipped a much-anticipated vote on the massive package and adjourned early Wednesday evening.

Senate President John Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat, and Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno of Elmhurst had set up Wednesday as decision day on their plan to end the longest budget draw state since World War II. That plan new taxes to drive down a multi-billion deficit while attempting to address Gov. Bruce Rauner's demands for ease the cost of business and crime of unions and politicians.

The Senate vote was to cap a big Capitol. The Republican govern the Senate's cooperation earlier during his annual State of the State joint session of the General Assembly. "Please don't give up. Please keep the people of Illinois need you to

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Funeral: More than a thousand mourners attend

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considered his high school classmates his best friends. A man who helped raise his niece as if she was his own daughter.

"Under his thick skin was a human being who enjoyed life to the fullest," friend Eddie Gutierrez said.

That charisma earned him the nickname "Sweet Baby Ray" around the Bloomington Police Department.

"This kid made such an impact on us and our entire community," Chief Frank Giammarese told his family.

Murrell was killed Jan. 19 when his police SUV crashed into a pole and utility box at Army Trail Road and Cardinal Avenue. He was responding on wet and slippery streets to a reported retail theft at a business on Army Trail.

More than 1,000 mourners, many of them law enforcement officers from across the suburbs and even Mishawaka, Indiana, attended the funeral to pay tribute to Murrell, who would have celebrated a year on the force in March.

Murrell previously worked for the Cook County sheriff's department and in security. He had jobs at a photo studio and as a greeter at an Applebee's. He once washed cars.

So when he finally got the interview for the job he dreamed about since he was 6 years old, Murrell was persistent.

"I want to be a Bloomington police officer," he told Giammarese.

"We got a good guy here," the chief thought.

The Addison native, who graduated from the College of DuPage police academy with distinction, was credited with helping save a man's life even before he officially started the job. Murrell was enrolled in the department's field training program when he and another officer used a defibrillator on the man, who was suffering a heart attack.

As an uncle, he helped raise his niece, Mia, mentored her, taught her how to ride a bike and took her to dances. If he had his way, she wouldn't date until she was 30, her mom and Murrell's sister, Antoinette Williams, told the gathering.



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The flag-draped casket of Bloomington police officer Raymond Murrell is carried to the funeral coach Wednesday at Wheaton Bible Church near West Chicago.



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The mother of Bloomington police officer Raymond Murrell, Mary L. Aguero, is joined by police officers from across the region as she mourns the loss of her son.

"You were the best uncle in the world to her," she said.

His Bloomington co-workers filled the pews behind Murrell's family. Stoic before the service, they left the church in tears.

A funeral procession of

about 1,000 police and fire vehicles then headed to Murrell's final resting place in Oakridge-Glen Oaks Cemetery in Hillside.

At the grave, a large crowd of friends, family and police officers gathered for

a brief service. Before leading mourners in a prayer, a speaker called Murrell a "true hero."

"We long for real heroes, and we have one here," he said.

Murrell was buried in his police uniform.

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Boys basketball notes

Faced with an upcoming weekend that looks similar to the last one, Willowbrook's boys basketball team is jumping out of the frying pan and back into the frying pan.

The Warriors (18-1, 5-1 West Suburban Gold) notched a key conference win over Downers Grove South last Friday and followed up with Saturday's rivalry win over Glenbard East in the When Sides Collide Shootout. The same kind of challenge awaits this weekend against Proviso East and Addison Trail.

"Now we've got to get ready for another big conference game and another big rivalry game," said Warriors coach Chris Perkins. "We made it through this challenge, but it's on to the next one."

Thanks to Proviso East's win over Hinsdale South last Friday, Willowbrook moved into sole possession of first place in the Gold. The Warriors on Friday must beat those same streaking Pirates, whom they beat 59-53 in early December, in Maywood to maintain their top spot.

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On Saturday, Willowbrook faces another road test at District 88 rival Addison Trail. Even though the Warriors rolled to a 74-51 win in December, the matchup is traditionally a struggle for both sides.

Since suffering its lone Gold loss to Hinsdale South on Dec. 16, Willowbrook has won 11 straight games, including championships at the Glenbard West holiday tournament and the Sterling Martin Luther King Jr. Day tournament.

"These are always tough weekends," Perkins said. "Sometimes after that first game you might be a little flat, and it's something we have to be aware of."

Lions roaring:

For the first time since the Interstate Eight Conference Tournament debuted in 2005-06 Lisle will play for the title, 7 p.m. Friday against Plano at Coal City.

"We told the kids we treat the conference tournament as a rehearsal for the regional. So far it's gone well," said Lions coach Mark LaScala.

Winner of 10 straight games, No. 5 seed Lisle (14-8, 5-2) got 18 points from Josh Jamison, 15 by Mark McGrath and 14 from Trevor Stitt in Tuesday's 65-59 win over Manteno to reach the final against No. 2 Plano.

The Lions opened with an easy win over Wilmington then beat No. 4 seed Peotone in a 53-51 thriller Jan. 21. With 3.8 seconds remaining McGrath made a free throw to tie the score, Bryan O'Connell stole Peotone's inbounds pass and on a third-chance

putback Jamison scored at the buzzer.

"It was highly improbable," LaScala said.

Judged by Plano's 64-44 win over Lisle on Dec. 22, and the uniform height advantage owned by Reapers such as 6-foot-7 Jermaine Boyd, Lisle's chances Friday may too be a long shot. One can't measure heart, though.

"Size-wise, we don't match up at all, but I think we're a different team than when we played them last," said LaScala, who hopes to keep the score in the 50s.

"We'll have a plan," he said. "We'll see how the plan works."

Alum spurs improvement:

Fenton has shown program-wide improvement under Chaz Taft, the 1996 Fenton graduate in his first year as Bison coach. The varsity has won three straight games, which it didn't do last season.

"I just think it's starting to click with them all," Taft said. "I think they're doing a great job of playing with each other and just playing hard."

Junior point guard Andrew Hill, senior guard Javy Sanchez and three-year starting and just playing hard."

Junior point guard Andrew Hill, senior guard Javy Sanchez and three-year starting swingman Bryan Larsen are reducing turnovers that previously sabotaged good starts. Between Larsen's 12.8 points and contributions from Sanchez, forward Nick Schaub and senior forward Tyler Santagata, averaging 11.3 points and 5 rebounds, Fenton (6-13, 0-6 Metro Suburban Blue) gets balanced scoring.

Larsen brings a high basketball IQ.

"When I'm coaching another player on the team, he does a great job of listening to that and doing that," Taft said. "That's what separates him from not just our guys but from other guys on other teams."

Starting the week Fenton's sophomores were 8-9, the freshmen 7-12. In 2015-16 the freshmen didn't win a game, Taft said.

"I'm happy with the way we're competing. I'm happy with the way they come to practice and are working hard every day, not just from a varsity standpoint but from the sophomores and freshmen. It's fun," he said.

Getting closer:

Metea Valley senior forward Jeremy Hunter scored a personal-high 33 points in a 66-47 win over Glenbard North on Jan. 20. Hunter made 14 of 15 2-point shots. Coming off a 27-point game in a win over Glenbard East, Hunter nearly matched Kenny Obendorf's program-record 34 points.

Winning its fourth straight game Tuesday, Metea (8-13, 4-5 DuPage Valley Conference) has trended up.

"I think it's a combination of trusting teammates (and) believing in our system and also their role on the team, they're kind of embracing that," said coach Matt Walpole. "Also I think they're starting to understand how hard they have to work day in and day out to win in this conference."

Point guard Jayden Reed — a football cornerback just offered by Central Michigan — and Payton Thorne each assisted on 6 of Hunter's baskets against Glenbard North.

"Jayden Reed continues to provide the leadership for our kids," Walpole said. "He's the best teammate I've ever coached."

Slashing senior forward Ashton Creal averages 11.3 points, and the Mustangs recently returned 10-point scorer Ethan Helwig from injury.

"I think a goal for us right now is to make a good run at the second round in conference. We ended up 3-5 in the first round and we want to improve on that," Walpole said.

Halfway home:

Hinsdale Central (11-7, 6-0 West Suburban Silver) wrapped up the first half of conference play last weekend with home wins over two teams pegged as preseason favorites — Downers Grove North and Oak Park.

The Red Devils are a bit of a surprise, especially after sweeping the six other Silver teams in the first round. Following upcoming home games against Proviso West and Lyons Twp., Hinsdale Central closes league play with four straight on the road in hopes of winning its third Silver title in five years.

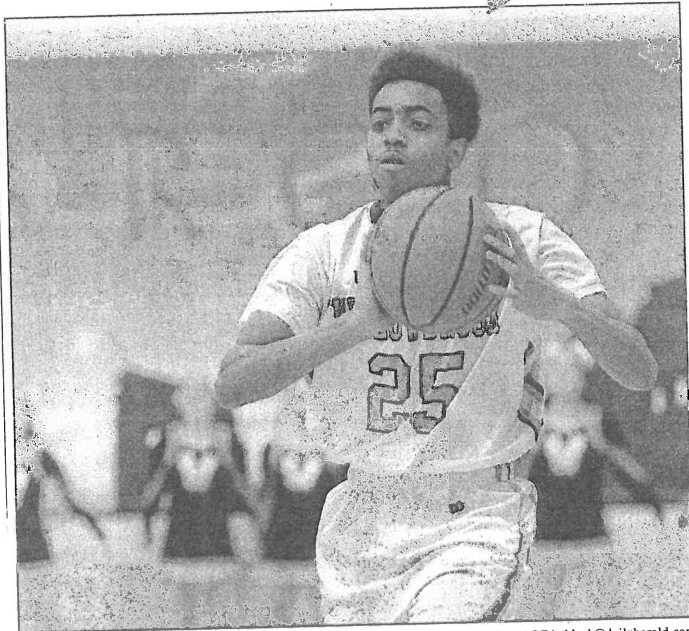
"We obviously have to continue to play at a high level," said Red Devils coach Nick Latorre. "Four road games the second time through won't be easy."

Backcourt mates Jack Hoiberg and Chris Eck, respectively averaging 14.6 and 12.2 points, have led the Red Devils in recent games but they've seen contributions deep into their rotation. Unlike past seasons when they've enjoyed dominant post players carrying the load, this year's team is succeeding with five additional players averaging between 5 and 9 points a game.

The Red Devils are starting to distance themselves from the .500 mark after starting the season with three losses.

"It allowed us to find out what we needed to do to be competitive," Latorre said. "We needed to improve our defensive effort and be more efficient on offense, and I think we're starting to do that."

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Junior Cornelius Paxton Jr. and his Willowbrook teammates are 18-1 this season.



ca's 2008 gold medal-winning relay team, Usain Bolt, 2nd right, Michael Frater, right, Powell, left, and Nesta Carter celebrate after the men's 4x100-meter relay final in the National Stadium at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Usain Bolt has been stripped of one 9 Olympic gold medals Wednesday in a doping case involving teammate Carter.

Bolt loses 2008 Olympic relay gold teammate Carter's doping case

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JEVA — Usain Bolt has one of his 9 Olympic gold medals because of a doping case involving Jamaican teammate Nesta Carter.

IOC said Wednesday Carter tested positive for methylhexanamine, a stimulant, in re-analysis of samples from the 2008 Olympics.

IOC rules state that the relay team can be disqualified and stripped of medals if a runner fails a doping test.

Bolt and Carter were on the winning relay team, which set a record of 37.10 seconds. Bolt took the baton third and also included Michael Frater and Asafa

the Jamaican team is disqualified," the IOC said in a statement. "...the correspondents, medalist pins and medals are withdrawn and returned."

Bolt's relay title in Beijing ended the first of Bolt's medal sweeps in the 100-meter relay at three straight Olympics.

Bolt set world record times in the 100-meter sprint titles at the Beijing Games, establishing himself as the defining superstar of the track.

time of 36.84 seconds that stands today. Bolt ran the final leg on that team. He took the baton from Yohan Blake, who served a ban in 2009 for ingesting the same substance as Carter.

Carter and Bolt also helped lower their relay world record between the Olympic titles, taking gold at the 2011 world championships in Daegu, South Korea, in 37.04.

The 31-year-old Carter has teamed with Bolt on three straight world championship relay-winning teams, from 2011 through 2015. He also took an individual bronze in the 100 in 2013 in Moscow, behind Bolt and Justin Gatlin of the United States.

Carter, who did not compete at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, faces a ban from the IAAF.

Trinidad and Tobago is in line to get the gold medal from 2008, Japan could be upgraded to silver, and fourth-place finisher Brazil could get the bronze medal.

Carter testified by videoconference to an IOC disciplinary hearing held in Lausanne on Oct. 17.

The IOC's ruling states that Carter noted he was taking supplements in 2008 "advised in this respect by his coach, Mr. Stephen Francis."

"The athlete explained that he had given several samples for doping controls whilst he was taking Cell Tech and Nitro Tech before the 2008 Olympic Games and he had never tested positive for a prohibited substance," the detailed verdict stated.

"He therefore did not believe that these supplements could contain prohibited substances.

was not specifically named on the 2008 list of prohibited substances, it "fell within the scope of the general prohibition of stimulants having a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect as the listed stimulants," the judging panel of three IOC members wrote.

The panel doubted if the supplements identified had caused the positive test given that Carter "used such supplements regularly and that this did not lead to other problems."

The runner cast doubt on his own ability to avoid doping rule violations. In a written statement to the IOC, "(Carter) asserted that he did not remember having received any formal anti-doping training in his career."

Carter can appeal the sanction to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. However, the IOC panel already anticipated one challenge in its written verdict.

"The Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") has confirmed that the presence or use of substances falling within the scope of generic definitions of the prohibited list, can be used as a basis of establishing anti-doping rules violations," the verdict said.

In a separate ruling Wednesday, another former Olympic champion was stripped of two silver medals from the Beijing Games.

The IOC said Russian athlete Tatiana Lebedeva tested positive for the anabolic steroid turinabol in re-tests, and would be disqualified from her runner-up placings in the long jump and triple jump.

Lebedeva won long jump

Tompson, Bartlett triumphant

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Boys basketball

After Schaumburg senior guard Aaron Kline had connected on a pair of foul shots to bring his team within 4 points with just 3:40 left, Bartlett's Ben Tompson knew his team needed to respond on the defensive end as the Saxons inbounded the basketball.

"I knew we needed to regain the momentum," Tompson said of the free throws that came as a result of a technical having been called on his teammates. "We had built a lead by playing together as a team, and we had to preserve it."

As a result of picking off the inbound pass and laying it up for the final 2 of team-high 13 points, the 6-foot junior guard helped preserve a 52-48 Hawks win Wednesday night in nonconference play.

"I was really happy with our ball movement as we were able to take advantage of the good looks we had early on," Bartlett coach Jim Wolfsmith said. "Schaumburg is a very nice team that is especially pesky on defense, and I was pleased with our recognition

of that and how we were able to make the needed adjustments that created those openings that we successfully attacked."

Bartlett (12-8) went on an 8-0 run in the second period to break free from an 18-18 tie as consecutive 3s from Jake Ibegbulem and Drew Martin and a successful drive into the lane by Austin Gates gave the Hawks a 26-20 halftime lead.

Martin helped maintain the edge with a trio of 3s in the third quarter, giving Bartlett its biggest lead at 35-26 with 5:30 remaining in the period.

Schaumburg (8-11) responded with a 7-0 tear that pulled it within 35-33. The spurt started with Kline's third trey and was followed by back-to-back hoops in the paint from Michael Hodges.

Bartlett responded with a bucket from Tompson and back-to-back scores from 6-foot-2 junior guard Tomas Vikonis to grab a 41-35 lead heading to the fourth.

That final quarter was a frustrating one for the Saxons, who pulled within 4 points on five

occasions. Ultimately, 5-for-17 shooting from the floor was too much to overcome.

"Bartlett is a solid team where if you fail to capitalize on the opportunities that are given to you, you're not gonna win," said Schaumburg coach Wade Heisler.

Kline led all scorers with 15 points, and Hodges, a 6-1 sophomore, had 14.

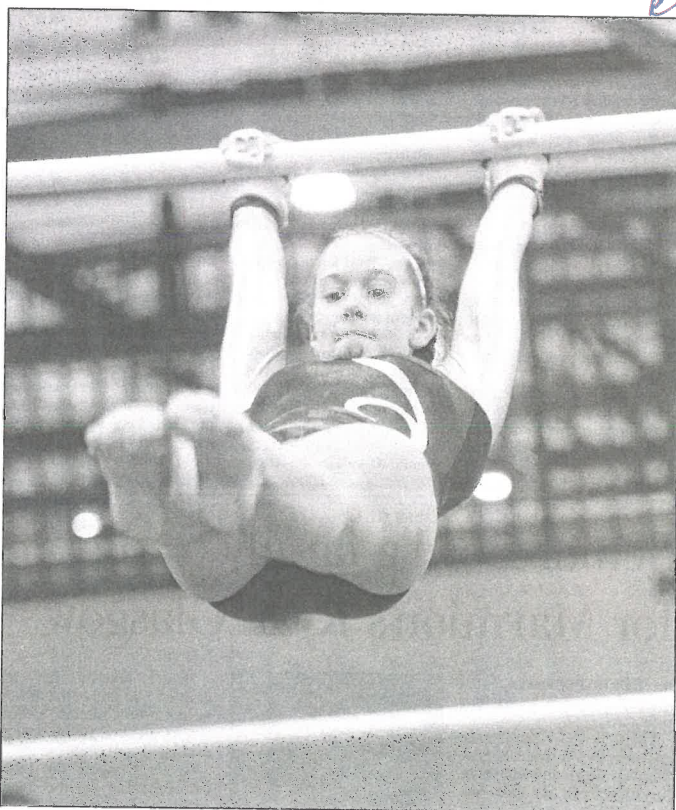
Aaron's been a consistent threat for us outside all season, and for Mike his ceiling is so high that as he learns more he'll become more of a factor," Heisler said.

The Upstate Eight Valley-leading Hawks next have a Friday night trip to face Tai Bibbs and West Chicago.

"Bibbs is awesome and they are extremely tough at home," Tompson said. "We know that if we're going to have a chance we need to play good team basketball."

A return to Mid-Suburban West play is on the Saxons' schedule, with undefeated frontrunner Fremd visiting on Friday evening.

"They are an extremely sound team," Heisler said of Fremd. "We need to be prepared to face them."



Willowbrook's Melanie Hutson performs on the bars during Wednesday night's dual meet.

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'Grease' is the word at Addison Trail

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Addison Trail High School will present "Grease," the classic story of adolescence, as its winter musical.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the school, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison.

Set in the 1950s, "Grease" follows the love story of Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski as they and their high school friends deal with the challenges of being a teenager -- fitting in, discovering who you are and remembering what's really important is spending time with the ones you care about.

Theater Director Anna Jakubka said she chose this musical in honor of Addison Trail's 50th anniversary this year.

"'Grease' is a perfect fit to celebrate 50 years of Blazer Pride," she said. "It definitely brings you back to your high school days and gets you reminiscing about your alma mater."

Addison Trail senior Sevina Topalska, who plays Betty Rizzo -- Rydell High School's rebel and girl with a "reputation" who's dating Kenickie, played by Addison Trail theater newcomer senior Dominic Zumpano, -- said she grew up watching "Grease" and is thrilled to bring the well-loved songs, dances and characters to Addison Trail.

"You want to portray everyone's perception of these iconic characters," she said. "Each one has a distinct personality, and it's a fun challenge to portray those traits."

Senior Olivia Czerepko, who plays Sandy, said audience members of all ages will enjoy the show, as the themes and relationships span generations.

"Everyone can relate to at least one of the characters," Czerepko said. "They're almost stereotypical, which is what makes the musical so timeless."

Sophomore Connor White, who plays Danny, said the stage version of "Grease" is different from the movie, and the school looks forward to adding its own artistic flare to the production.

"Those who come to watch the show can expect to feel nostalgic," White said. "They will get to see the aspects of 'Grease' they love, as well as new things they didn't know were in the play."

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

A Teacher-Parent Organization Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 4 to 6:15 p.m. Saturday between the two productions. Dinner tickets are \$6, \$3 for seniors 65 and older and kids ages 3 to 10, and free for younger children.

A raffle and silent auction will also be held.

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