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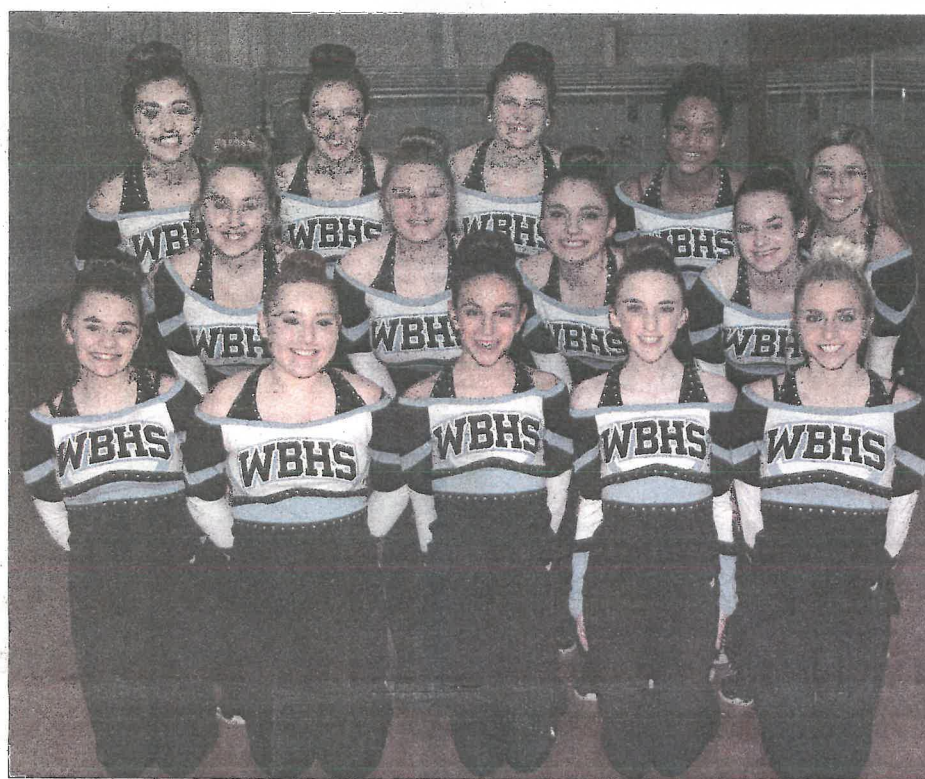
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Pom team competes at sectional

Willowbrook High School's pom team competed at Saturday's IHSA competitive dance sectional at Geneva High School. Competing with 13 other teams in the Class 2A-1 level, Willowbrook needed to finish among the top six to qualify for this week's IHSA state meet in Bloomington. The Warriors narrowly missed a state-meet berth. They received a score of 78.50 for their sectional performance, which featured a rock-and-roll theme. Sixth-place Nazareth Academy earned a score of 78.67. This is the second year Willowbrook has competed in the IHSA competition. The team also finished one spot out of a state-meet berth at last year's sectional. The group photo was taken before the pom team's Friday-night performance at the school's boys basketball game. Pictured left to right are: (front row) senior Kiana Gleason, junior Lauren Lehman, freshman Gianna Irion, sophomore Claryce Dooley and junior Lexi Wedoff; (middle row) junior Sarah Ryan, senior Julia Holden, sophomore Samantha Corso and sophomore Kristy Holloway; (back row) sophomore Kaylee McEllin, junior Shannon Frank, senior Maggie Sommers, senior India Garner and sophomore Katie Freeman. The team's coaches are Maggie Lamb and Autumn Jones. Both coaches are Willowbrook graduates and members of the 2004 pom team that was inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame last year. See the sports section for photos from Willowbrook's sectional performance.

District 45 school board appoints two new principals for 2017-18

The District 45 Board of Education approved the appointment of new principals at two district schools for the 2017-18 school year. Regina Leeberg will be the next principal at Ardmore Elementary School, while Jill Amrhein will be the next principal at Jackson Middle School.

The board approved both appointments at its Jan. 17 regular meeting. Leeberg and Amrhein will begin their new positions on July 1.

Leeberg is currently the principal at Meadowville Elementary School in Woodridge. According to a news release provided by School

District 45, the Meadowville Elementary School's Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) scores have increased by 13 percent in English Language Arts and 11 percent in mathematics since Leeberg became the school's principal in 2013. The Woodridge School also received top scores in the state on the 2015 Illinois 5Essentials Survey.

District 45's news release also noted that while serving as the principal of Meadowville Elementary School, Leeberg completed professional development at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and created a Genius Hour program that was presented at the Illinois Reading Council Annual Conference.

Before becoming the principal of the Woodridge school, Leeberg was the director of literacy and social studies for PreK-5 in Valley View District 365U in Romeoville. She also served as an instructional coach in Lisle Community Unit School District 202. She began her career in education as a first-grade teacher at the district in Lisle.

Leeberg earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Benedictine University in Lisle, which was formerly known as Illinois Benedictine College. She holds a master's degree in reading from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, and a master's degree in leadership and administration from North Central College in Naperville.

Leeberg will replace current Ardmore Principal Michele Cummings, who is retiring at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Amrhein has been the assistant principal at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn since August 2011. According to District 45's news release, Amrhein was instrumental in leading the school's English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Under her leadership of the ESL program, the school implemented an after-school tutoring club in conjunction with the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center.

Amrhein served as Hadley's parent-teacher advisory committee and took the role of lead administrator for the school's mental health committee. Before becoming the assistant principal at Hadley, Amrhein taught seventh- and eighth-grade mathematics at the Glen Ellyn school, and at Heritage Middle School in Berwyn.

Amrhein earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a master of science in special education from Dominican University, River Forest, and a master of arts in school leadership from Concordia University, River Forest.

Former Jackson Principal Renee Reynolds moved to a position in another district shortly before the beginning of the current school year. Jackson has had two interim principals while the board conducted a search for the school's next principal.



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New principals

The District 45 Board of Education approved the appointment of new principals at two Villa Park schools during last week's regular meeting. Regina Leeberg (above left) will be the next principal of Ardmore Elementary School, located at 225 S. Harvard Ave. Jill Amrhein (above right) will be the next principal at Jackson Middle School, located at 301 W. Jackson St. Leeberg and Amrhein will begin their respective positions prior to the start of the 2017-18 school year. Both appointments will be effective on July 1.

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Sports

Strong finish helps Warriors pull away from Glenbard East

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN/VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

Saturday's boys basketball game between Willowbrook and Glenbard East featured two teams in the middle of extremely different seasons. Willowbrook, which entered the game with only one loss, has found a way to win a bunch of close decisions. Glenbard East, on the other hand, has wound up on the losing end of numerous battles. The Rams entered the contest against their Villa Park rival with only one victory.

Glenbard East hung right with Willowbrook through three quarters, but the Warriors unleashed a 16-0 run in the fourth quarter on their way a 48-33 win in Lombard.

Willowbrook, which extended its winning streak to 11 games, improved its overall season record to 18-1 with the non-conference victory. Glenbard East's overall record fell to 1-19 after losing the fourth and final game of its own one-day "When Sides Collide" event. Jacobs beat Hillcrest in the first game. Whitney Young beat Joliet West in the second contest, while Naperville North earned an overtime win over Evanston in the third game.

Two players who began their seasons this month figured prominently in the neighborhood rivalry, which featured boisterous student sections from both sides. Glenbard East junior James Peterkin scored 17 of his team's 24 first-half points. Willowbrook senior Iman Reynolds provided a team-leading 14 points and 10 rebounds for the winning Warriors. Both players became eligible to play in January.

Reynolds connected on three attempts from 3-point range during the second half. Those three shots equaled Glenbard East's entire offensive output in the half. The Rams scored six points in the third quarter. They went scoreless for nearly the entire fourth period, producing their only points of the quarter on a 3-point shot from junior Korvante Davis in the game's closing seconds.

Peterkin, who made a pair of 3-point shots in the first half, helped Glenbard East to leads of 10-7 after one quarter and 24-18 at halftime. The Rams did not score in the first four minutes of the third quarter, until junior Anthony Janega made two free throws to give his team a 26-22 lead. Moments later, Reynolds sank a 3-point shot moments later to cut the Rams' lead to 26-25.

Reynolds made a driving basket to tie the score at 27-27. Willowbrook junior Sikander Zafar gave the Warriors their first lead of the night—a 29-27 edge—when he sank two free throws with 2:33 left in the period. About 30 seconds later, Reynolds grabbed an offensive rebound, dribbled the ball outside the 3-point arc, and drilled a long-range shot to push Willowbrook's lead to 32-27.

Glenbard East freshman Alijah Nelson made a 3-point shot with about one minute to play in the period to account for the final points of the quarter and cut the Warriors' lead to 32-30.

Willowbrook proceeded to reel off 16 straight points, beginning with a 3-point shot from junior Marshawn Phillips at the beginning of the final period. A 3-pointer from Reynolds with about 4:30 to play extended the lead to 39-30. Senior Freddie Clay contributed to the Warriors' run with four straight points—a pair of free throws and a driving layup to move the advantage to 44-30. Junior Ethan Schuemer delighted Willowbrook fans with a breakaway dunk in the game's final minute.

"I thought we were energetic; the shots just weren't falling," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the win over the Rams. "Sometimes one side of the ball isn't going for you. Today our offense was sluggish and our defense was able to pick us up. We pulled away at the end."

"I'm getting comfortable; I'm letting the game come to me," said Reynolds after the win over the Rams, which marked his sixth game as a Warrior. "We're a good team. We have high expectations for ourselves."

Schuemer supplied nine points, while Clay scored seven points. Phillips and Zafar both scored five points.

Peterkin did not score in the second half, but he still led all scorers with 17 points. Nelson contributed six points by making a pair of 3-point shots.

"Willowbrook's got a great team," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller, who noted the Warriors and Rams had not faced each other in the last few years. "I thought we battled for almost three quarters. I don't know if we ran out of gas. We couldn't put the ball in the basket in the fourth quarter. I'm really proud of our guys. We're getting better."

One night before beating the Rams, the Warriors earned an important West Suburban Conference victory over Downers Grove South. Willowbrook edged the visiting Mustangs 56-53 in Villa Park. The Warriors completed the first half of their conference schedule with the win, which raised their mark to 5-1. Willowbrook's only loss of the season was a conference setback at Hinsdale South on Dec. 16. The Warriors and Hornets will play their second conference tilt of the season on Feb. 3 in Villa Park.

Downers Grove South cut the

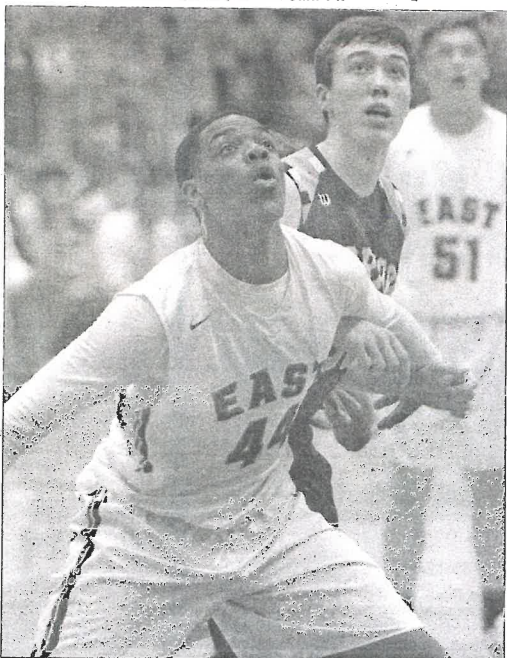
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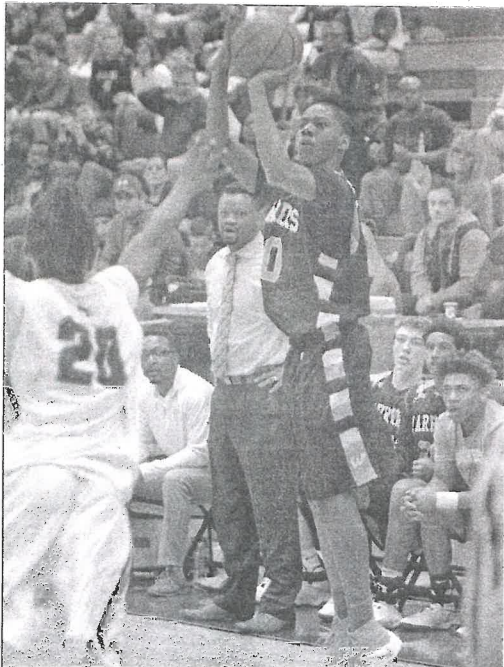
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Glenbard East freshman Alijah Nelson (No. 22) handles the ball during Saturday's boys basketball game against Willowbrook. Nelson scored six points in the Rams' 48-33 loss. Nelson made six 3-point shots and scored 25 points to lead Glenbard East to its first victory of the season on Jan. 16. The Rams, who lost their first 16 games of the season, beat Huntley 63-50 at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King tournament. Nelson also made six 3-point shots in the Rams' previous game of the tournament—a 52-50 loss to York on Jan. 14.



Willowbrook senior Freddie Clay (No. 22) scores an inside basket during Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Downers Grove South. Clay scored 14 points to help the Warriors to a 56-53 victory in Villa Park. Clay scored the final points of the game when he made a pair of free throws with 8.5 seconds to play. One of the team's key reserve players, Clay came off the bench to score 10 points during the first quarter. Friday's victory over the Mustangs gave Willowbrook a conference mark of 5-1. The Warriors will begin the second half of their conference schedule with this Friday's game at Proviso East.



Glenbard East and Willowbrook squared off in Saturday night's boys basketball game in Lombard. The game was close into the fourth quarter, but the visiting Warriors outscored the Rams 16-3 in the final period on their way to a 48-33 victory. Willowbrook improved its season record to 18-1, while Glenbard East slipped to 1-19. The above photo shows junior James Peterkin (No. 44, left) of the Rams and Willowbrook junior Ethan Schuemer watching a free throw. Peterkin led all scorers with 17 points. Schuemer scored nine points.



Senior Iman Reynolds of the Willowbrook boys basketball team launches and makes a 3-point shot during Saturday's game against Glenbard East. The successful attempt gave the Warriors a 32-27 lead in the third quarter. Reynolds connected on three shots from 3-point territory during the second half to help Willowbrook to a 48-33 win. He finished the game with a team-leading 14 points. Reynolds played his first game as a Warrior earlier this month.

Warriors' comeback bid comes up short in a loss to Morton

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN/VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook girls basketball team nearly pulled off a miraculous comeback in last week's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Morton. The Warriors, who scored a total of 22 points in the first three quarters, trailed the visiting Mustangs 40-22 through three quarters of the Jan. 19 contest in Villa Park. Willowbrook piled up 24 points during the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to complete the comeback, as Morton defeated the Warriors 51-46.

The Warriors' key players in the furious comeback included sophomore Katelyn McCann, who scored seven of her team-leading 13 points during the final eight minutes. McCann made one 3-point shot and a pair of 2-point attempts in the fourth quarter. She made a pair of 3-point shots in the first half.

Senior Grace Chantos, sophomore Hanna Konrath and freshman Shannon Knudston joined McCann in making one shot from 3-point range in the fourth quarter. Knudston, who made three 3-pointers in the game, finished with 10 points. Chantos and Konrath both scored five points.

Knudston's fourth-quarter 3-pointer cut Morton's lead to 43-30 with about 4:30 to play. Konrath made a 3-point shot about one minute later to reduce the lead to 45-33. Freshman Sara Fitzgibbon's basket trimmed the lead to 10 points with about 2:15 remaining. The rally continued with a free throw by Knudston and a basket by McCann, followed by 3-pointers from McCann and Chantos. The long-range shot by Chantos cut Morton's lead to 47-44 with under 20 seconds to play. The Mustangs made a pair of free throws with 12.5 seconds left, but McCann responded with a driving basket a few seconds later. The Warriors then fouled the Mustangs, who made two free throws with 2.3 seconds to play.

Sophomore CeCe Lizasuain scored seven points, while sophomore Maureen Schmid contributed



Sophomore Katelyn McCann (No. 22-right) and freshman Shannon Knudston (No. 14-left) helped the Willowbrook girls basketball team mount a furious rally during the fourth quarter of last week's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Morton. The Warriors trailed the Mustangs 40-22 with eight minutes to play in the Jan. 19 game in Villa Park. Willowbrook scored 24 points in the final period of its 51-46 loss. McCann scored seven of her team-leading 13 points in the fourth quarter. Knudston, who made three 3-point shots, added 10 points. McCann, Knudston, sophomore Hanna Konrath and senior Grace Chantos each made one 3-point shot in the fourth quarter. Willowbrook earned a conference victory in its next game—Saturday's 28-25 win at Leyden.

four points.

Willowbrook bounced back from its loss to Morton by defeating Leyden 28-25 in Saturday's conference game in Northlake. The Warriors trailed the Eagles 21-16 at the end of the third period.

Willowbrook improved to 6-14 overall and 3-5 in the conference with Saturday's victory.

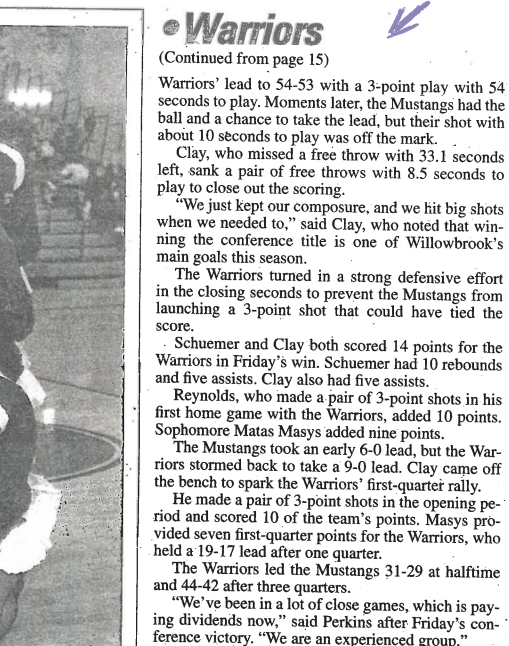
Lizasuain scored 12 points in Saturday's win, which moved the Warriors to 6-14 overall and 3-5 in conference play. Konrath and Mc-

Cann each scored five points. Knudston had four points, and Fitzgibbon scored two points.

Two days before facing Morton, the Warriors dropped a 43-30 decision in a non-conference game at Lemont. McCann provided a team-

high 12 points, while Konrath scored eight points. McCann and Konrath each made a pair of 3-point shots.

The Warriors' season continues with this week's conference home games against Proviso East and Addison Trail on Friday and Saturday.



Warriors

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Warriors' lead to 54-53 with a 3-point play with 54 seconds to play. Moments later, the Mustangs had the ball and a chance to take the lead, but their shot with about 10 seconds to play was off the mark.

Clay, who missed a free throw with 33.1 seconds left, sank a pair of free throws with 8.5 seconds to play to close out the scoring.

"We just kept our composure, and we hit big shots when we needed to," said Clay, who noted that winning the conference title is one of Willowbrook's main goals this season.

The Warriors turned in a strong defensive effort in the closing seconds to prevent the Mustangs from launching a 3-point shot that could have tied the score.

Schuemer and Clay both scored 14 points for the Warriors in Friday's win. Schuemer had 10 rebounds and five assists. Clay also had five assists.

Reynolds, who made a pair of 3-point shots in his first home game with the Warriors, added 10 points. Sophomore Matas Masys added nine points.

The Mustangs took an early 6-0 lead, but the Warriors stormed back to take a 9-0 lead. Clay came off the bench to spark the Warriors' first-quarter rally.

He made a pair of 3-point shots in the opening period and scored 10 of the team's points. Masys provided seven first-quarter points for the Warriors, who held a 19-17 lead after one quarter.

The Warriors led the Mustangs 31-29 at halftime and 44-42 after three quarters.

"We've been in a lot of close games, which is paying dividends now," said Perkins after Friday's conference victory. "We are an experienced group."

The Warriors will open the second half of their conference schedule with this Friday's game at Proviso East. Willowbrook will play a conference road game at Addison Trail this Saturday.

Glenbard East fell to 0-5 in Upstate Eight Valley Conference play following Friday's 55-49 loss at East Aurora. The Rams earned their first victory of the season in their third of four games at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King event. Glenbard East beat Huntley 63-50 on Jan. 16. Nelson made six shots from 3-point range and piled up a team-leading 25 points in the victory.

Nelson also made six 3-point shots in the Rams' previous tournament game two days earlier—a 52-50 loss to York on Jan. 14.

Glenbard East will continue its conference season with this Friday's game at South Elgin.



Sectional champions

The Montini Broncettes pom team won a championship at Saturday's IHSA competitive dance sectional at Geneva High School. The team is pictured moments after it was awarded the championship plaque. The first-place effort gave the Broncettes a berth in the IHSA state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington. One of 15 teams to perform in the sectional's 1A level, Montini won first-place honors with its Las Vegas-themed routine, which received a score of 84.53. Second-place Aurora Central Catholic earned a score of 84.33. The top six teams from the sectional's 1A level earned berths in the upcoming state meet. The Broncettes qualified for last year's IHSA state competition, where they earned a fifth-place finish. The members of this year's team are: seniors Daniela Ricchio, Tia Sondej and Jade Whaley; juniors Natalie Blahnik and Samantha Salvo; sophomores Isabella Florio, Sophie Gallagher and Tori Scavone; and freshmen Olivia Broeski, Carmen Giordano, Katherine Isoda, Christine Jarvis and Shannon Williams. The Broncettes' head coach is Eugenia Scavone. The assistant coaches are Carrie Ohman and Taylor Scavone. All three coaches are Montini graduates and former Broncettes. The photo from Saturday's sectional-championship performance shows Whaley (inset), who is a resident of Lombard.

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Rams take the floor

The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team faced Glenbard South and Fenton in last week's meet in Lombard. The Rams won the competition with an overall team score of 136.1. Fenton posted a team score of 115.85, while Glenbard South turned in a score of 98.85. Two Rams—Freshman Kelsey Donovan (above right) and senior Veronika Srey (above left) delivered the meet's two best scores in the floor exercises. Donovan received a score of 9.2 for her routine, while Srey earned a score of 8.9. The two gymnasts are pictured during the floor exercises. Srey produced the meet's best score in two individual events—the uneven bars (9.35) and the vault (9.2). Donovan claimed second-place honors in both events, earning an 8.8 on the uneven bars and an 8.9 on the vault. Glenbard East sophomore Sierra Olson was the competition's top scorer on the balance beam. Olson's beam routine yielded a score of 8.05. Junior Krasimira Ganeva of the Rams contributed scores of 8.8 on the vault and 8.5 in floor exercises. Sophomore Sydney Nasternak provided Glenbard East with a second-place score of 7.7 on the balance beam and a fourth-place effort (8.5) on the uneven bars.



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Competition routine

The Willowbrook High School pom team participated in Saturday's IHSA competitive dance sectional at Geneva High School. Willowbrook competed in the Class 2A-1 level. The team narrowly missed a berth in the upcoming IHSA state meet. The top six teams from the 14-team Class 2A-1 level earned spots in the state meet, which begins this Friday in Bloomington. Willowbrook finished seventh—a fraction of a point behind sixth-place Nazareth Academy. The photos from Willowbrook's sectional performance in Geneva show senior India Garner (center, foreground) and sophomore Claryce Dooley (above left).

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College of DuPage students can display their talents at the second annual Apollo Live! competition.

COD to bring back Apollo Live!

By JENNIFER DUDA
College of DuPage

The McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage will host the second annual Apollo Live! student talent competition at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, in the Belushi Performance Hall in the McAninch Arts Center on campus, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Admission is free.

In celebration of Black

History Month, and in recognition of the famed, "Live at the Apollo" performances hosted at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York, this event will feature COD students competing against each other in a variety of areas, including dance, gymnastics/acrobatic, music, singing and spoken word performances. The top three performers will receive prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

For information, visit cod.edu or contact competition Associate Producer Mandy Rakow at (630) 942-3018.

The competition is open to College of DuPage students. Prospective contestants must submit a 30- to 60-second audition video by midnight Monday, Feb. 6, to MAC Director Diana Martinez at martinezd59@cod.edu. Visit the website to download an application.

If you go

What: Apollo Live! student talent competition

When: 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27

Where: Belushi Performance Hall in McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

Cost: Free

Info: (630) 942-3018

'Grease' is the word at Addison Trail

By DANIELLE BRINK
DuPage High School District 88

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; 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

If you go

What: "Grease"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4

Where: Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison

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

Info: (630) 628-3368 or at.theatre88@gmail.com

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.

Lake Park
to take
Woody
Allen toBy SHERRI ANDER
Lake Park High School Distr.

Lake Park High soon will perform the Allen comedy "Don't Drink the Water," a tale taken identity and characters.

In the play, the Hollander family, from New Jersey on vacation in Europe, they are mistaken for a communist count take refuge in the American Embassy, which is in the ambassador's by her diplomatically petent son, Axel.

In true Woody Allen, the Hollanders are by a steady parade of characters, including whose hobby is magic a temperamental character with a definite flare dramatic.

The play fits the department's theme season, "Find Your Tr

Leading characters Walter Hollander, played by senior Giuliano C. Marion Hollander, played by sophomore Clarissa Susan Hollander, played by senior Kelsey Magee, played by junior Ben Herri-ter Drobney, played by Morgan Rahe; and Mr. portrayed by senior Herron-Cologna.

The curtain goes up 7 p.m. Thursday through day, Feb. 2 to 4, at the East Campus, 600 S. M Road, Roselle. Admission for adults, \$3 for non-Lake Park students, and free for younger than 13, Lake Park students with ID and citizens. Tickets may be chased at the door.

If you go

What: Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb.

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Barnes & Noble 'My Favorite Teacher Contest' still open

District 88 students
encouraged to
participate; Essays
due by Feb. 17

Students at Willobrook and Addison Trail high schools still have time to nominate their favorite instructors for the Barnes & Noble 'My Favorite Teacher' contest.

According to Barnes & Noble's website, (www.barnesandnoble.com/h/my-favorite-teacher), the contest is an opportunity for "students (to) write an essay, poem or thank-you letter sharing how a teacher has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire (that teacher)."

The competition is open to middle school and high school students, and the deadline to participate is Feb. 17. Each entry must include an entry form, and a parent/guardian must sign that form to acknowledge he or she has read the Official Contest Rules. Submissions must be e-mailed to District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at dbrink@dupage88.net, or mailed to/dropped off at the District 88 Office (2 Friendship Plaza Addison, IL 60101).

The students who author the winning essays, poems or thank-you letters will receive a certificate of recognition and will be honored at their

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'Grease' is the word at Addison Trail

Addison Trail will present its winter musical, "Grease," on Feb. 2, 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. (also a 2 p.m. performance on Feb. 4). Pictured are (from left) sophomore Connor White (Danny Zuko), senior Olivia Czerepko (Sandy Dumbrowski), senior Sevina Topalska (Betty Rizzo) and senior Dominic Zumpano (Kenickie). The Teacher-Parent Organization (TPO) will hold a Spaghetti Dinner between the two productions on Feb. 4 from 4 to 6:15 p.m. See details at <https://www.dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3212>. Tickets: Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, call 630-626-3365, or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com.

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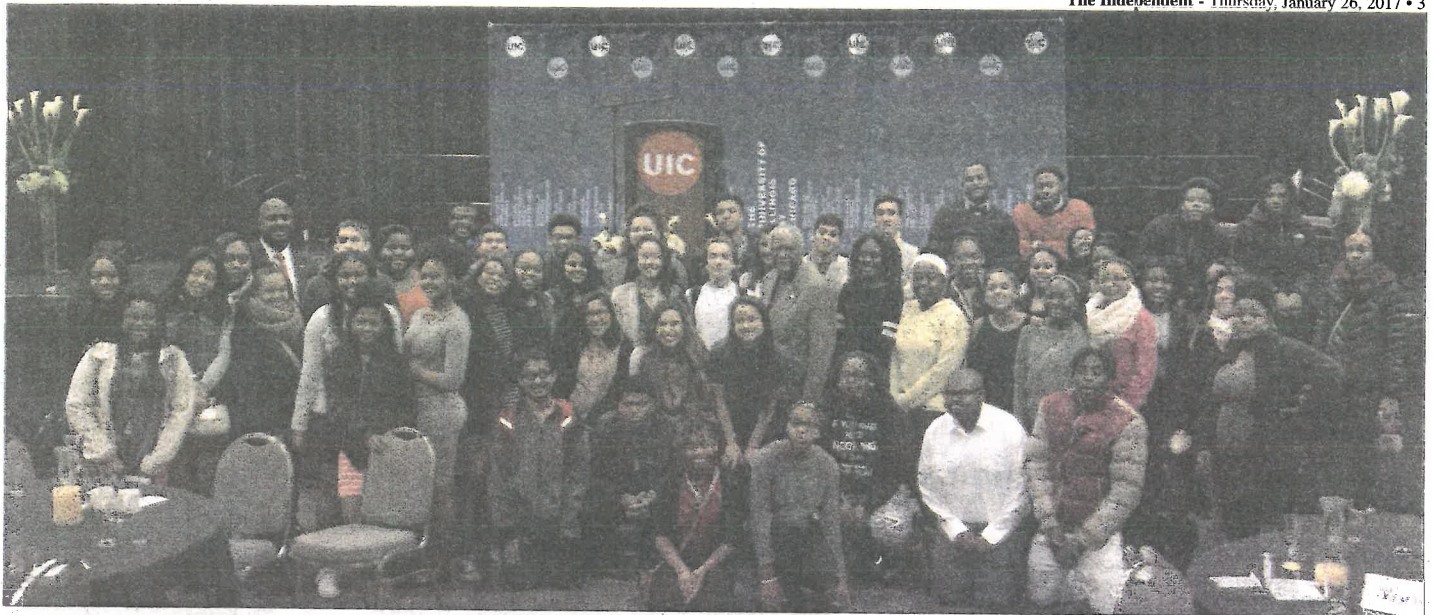
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District 88 students pose with Congressman Danny Davis (center) during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Breakfast on Jan. 17 at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

District 88 high schoolers attend Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Breakfast

Travel to UIC for holiday

On Jan. 17, Addison Trail and Willowbrook students attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Breakfast at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Participants heard from featured keynote speaker Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry. She is the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University, the Executive Director

of the Pro Humanitate Institute and the Founding Director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center. She also is Editor-in-Chief at ELLE.com. Harris-Perry spoke about the electoral process and encouraged young women to take an active role in politics and other leadership positions. She also discussed the narratives and stories told to the public and helped students begin to think critically about the information they receive. Guests also were entertained by the university's Unity in Christ Gospel Choir.

Twenty Addison Trail students participated in the event, and those students are part of the school's Black

Student Union and the Youth Equity Stewardship Series (YESS!) training taking place in District 88 to improve cultural competency. That program is being led by Benjie Howard and Wade Colwell-Sandoval from the New Wilderness Project and is from their Youth Voice Leadership Series.

Thirty-three Willowbrook students participated, and they are part of the school's Black Organization for Student Success (B.O.S.S.) and Talented African American Leaders Embarking on Their Educational Dreams (T.A.L.E.N.T.E.D.) groups. All students were invited to attend the event.

Elmhurst College art faculty to exhibit work in a variety of media

Members of the Elmhurst College Department of Art will display their distinctive artistic visions during Multiple Visions II, the College's Art Faculty Exhibition, beginning on January 30.

"This exhibit highlights 12 artists, 12 voices, each showing a group of recent work, and each expressing a very individual concept and style in their work," said Suellen Rocca, Elmhurst College's curator and director of exhibitions.

The faculty artists include Dustin Creech, Danielle Dobies '12, Eric Fuentes, Lynn Hill, Joshua Johnson, Brad Kisner, John Nester, Richard Paulsen, Curtis Readell, Suellen Rocca, Morgan Sims and Mary Lou Stewart.

The exhibition, which features painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, digital art and graphic design, begins on Monday, January 30, and runs through Friday,

JANUARY 30 - MARCH 17, 2017

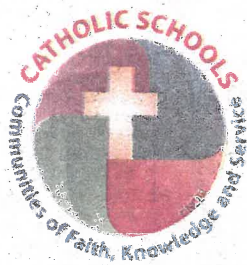
MULTIPLE VISIONS II

ART FACULTY EXHIBITION

March 17, in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center. A public reception will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, in the Founders Lounge. An artists' talk begins at 5:00 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

The Elmhurst College Art Faculty Exhibition is one of about a dozen art shows that the College hosts each academic year in two campus venues.

In addition, the College's A.C. Buehler Library permanently houses the College's unparalleled collection of Chicago Imagist and Abstractionist Art, which explores the vibrant, often outrageous, yet precisely crafted works of Chicago artists between 1950 and the present. For more information, please contact Director of Exhibitions Suellen Rocca at (630) 617-6110 or srocca@elmhurst.edu.



Holy Family Catholic School Open House

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Police Reports

Area Police Departments recently reported the following arrests and citations.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that subjects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Addison

Jan. 19

Christopher C. Krieg, 28, of Villa Park, was charged with battery near Mill and Stevens at around 2:11 a.m. Police said Krieg punched a victim and struck the victim on the head with a beer bottle.

Jan. 14

Marco A. Delgado Jr., 18, of Addison, was charged with DUI and illegal transportation of alcohol by the driver near Park and Myrick at around 2:41 a.m. Police said officers responded to a complaint of loud music coming from a parked vehicle, and Delgado Jr. was found to be DUI and illegally transporting open alcohol.

Police said Berenise Saucedo, 24, of Addison, had a failure to appear warrant out of the DuPage County Sheriff's Department for traffic violations.

Villa Park

Jan. 14

James M. Connelly, 24, of Villa Park, was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia near Villa and Park at around 8:12 p.m.

Sherry A. Stunf, 53, of Lyons, was charged with retail theft at a store at around 1:29 p.m.

A female juvenile from Chicago was charged with three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile and driving while license suspended in the 700 block of N. Second at around 8:30 a.m. May 25, 2007. The original complaint and arrest warrant was issued Jan. 14.

Jan. 13

Jaden J. Su, 20, of Chicago, was charged with possession of cannabis in the 100 block of E. North Ave. at around 1:39 a.m.

Jan. 12

Theft was reported in the 1-100 block of W. St. Charles Road at around 3:05 p.m. Police said unknown suspects stole an iPhone that was inadvertently left in the men's bathroom.

Theft was reported near Roosevelt and Ardmore at around 3:23 p.m. Police said two male suspects

stole a wallet from a pedestrian.

Jan. 11

William G. Wilgus, 60, of Franklin Park, was charged with leaving the scene of a person injured accident in the 100 block of W. North Ave. at around 12:46 p.m.

Jan. 10

Carl M. Pohrte, 33, of Naperville, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia near North

and Villa at around 11:28 p.m.

A 24-year-old Villa Park man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 300 block of N. Illinois at around 2:40 a.m.

Jan. 9

Awad Akell, 38, of Oaklawn, was charged with retail theft at a store at around 11:29 a.m.

Anthony J. Hughes, 58, of Villa Park, was charged with un-

lawful consumption of alcohol in the 1-100 block of S. Ardmore at around 7:16 p.m.

Jan. 8

Theft of services was reported in the 300 block of N. Illinois at around 6:36 p.m. Police said two unknown male suspects failed to pay their cab fare after being driven to the above area.

Bloomington police officer involved in fatal accident

The DuPage County Coroner's Office along with the DuPage County Sheriff's Police are currently investigating a single vehicle fatality involving a Bloomington Police Officer.

Officer Raymond Murrell, 27, of Addison, Illinois was involved in a single vehicle crash on Thursday,

January 19, 2017 at approximately 9:36 PM. Officer Murrell was transported by ambulance to Glen Oaks Medical Center, Glendale Heights, IL and pronounced dead at 10:50 PM.

An autopsy was performed on Friday, January 20, 2017 with the preliminary findings of multiple trau-

matic injuries.

Details of the accident are being investigated by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Salerno Funeral Home in Roselle, 630-889-1700.

Toxicology and autopsy results are pending.

District 88 refinances bonds

Projects \$10.6 million savings to taxpayers

By Paul DelGuidice
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

Taking advantage of favorable interest rates, School District 88 (Addison Trail H.S. in Addison and Willowbrook H.S. in Villa Park) has refinanced \$80 million of bonds. According to District 88 Chief Financial Officer Ed Hoster, the refinancing will save taxpayers about \$10.6 million in repayment interest.

"That refinancing of \$80 million of bonds (which was approved by the District 88 Board of Education on Dec. 19) will save the district and taxpayers \$10.6 million throughout the remaining 10-year bond term and future tax levies," said Hoster in a release.

The savings to taxpayers amounts to approximately \$63 per property owner in 2016, based on \$300,000

assessed value of their property. The savings will be about \$33 for each year thereafter throughout 2028. The bonds were approved by voters in the 'Building The Future' referendum and were initially issued with a 4.95% interest rate. The District refinanced the bonds at 2.714%.

Hoster also announced that District 88 recently received an Aa1 rating by Moody's Investors Service. This is the second highest possible rating and is used to gauge lending and other decisions by investors, including potential interest rates for bond issues.

"While we face a challenging economy, we continue to look at ways to be financially efficient, while still providing a high-quality and comprehensive high school environment for all students," Hoster said.

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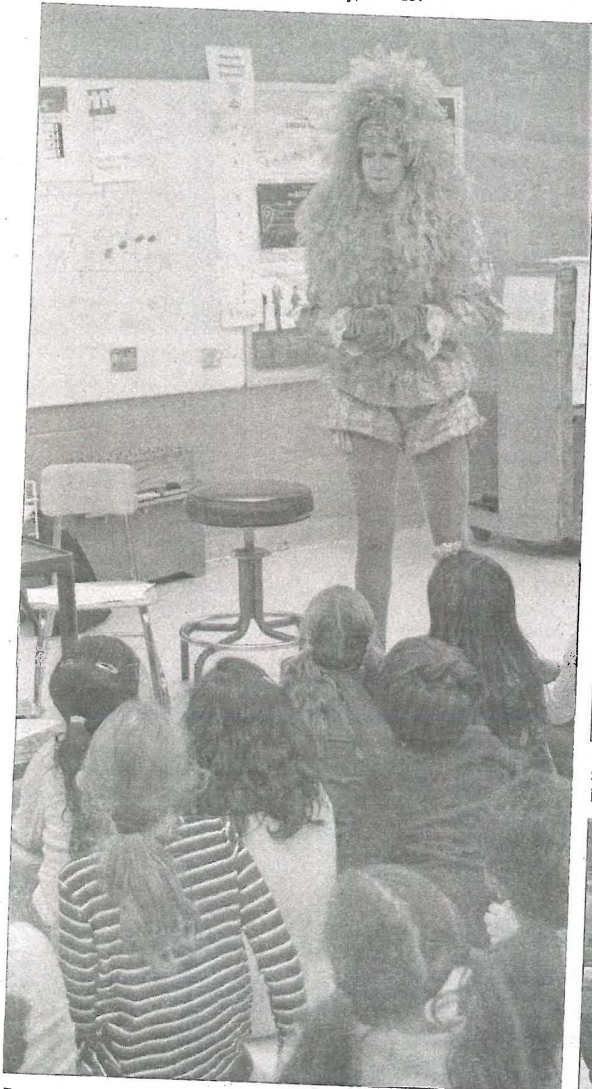
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Stone school kids learning about ballet

Second grade students at Stone School are participating in a six week 'artist in residence' program presented by Kelly Stokes of Salt Creek Ballet. Stokes works with the students teaching ballet terms and steps, developing movements that help them understand how ballet can tell a story. Each week's lesson is based on a story that the students read and

discuss ahead of time and Ms. Stokes comes to school dressed as a character from the story. The story for this week was The Lonely Lioness and the Ostrich Chicks.

Students will be presenting dances representing a story they read at their 2nd grade Musical/Literacy Showcase which is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15.



Dressed as the title character, artist in residence program presenter/teacher Kelly Stokes of Salt Creek Ballet tells Stone School 2nd graders the story of "The Lonely Lioness and the Ostrich Chicks."

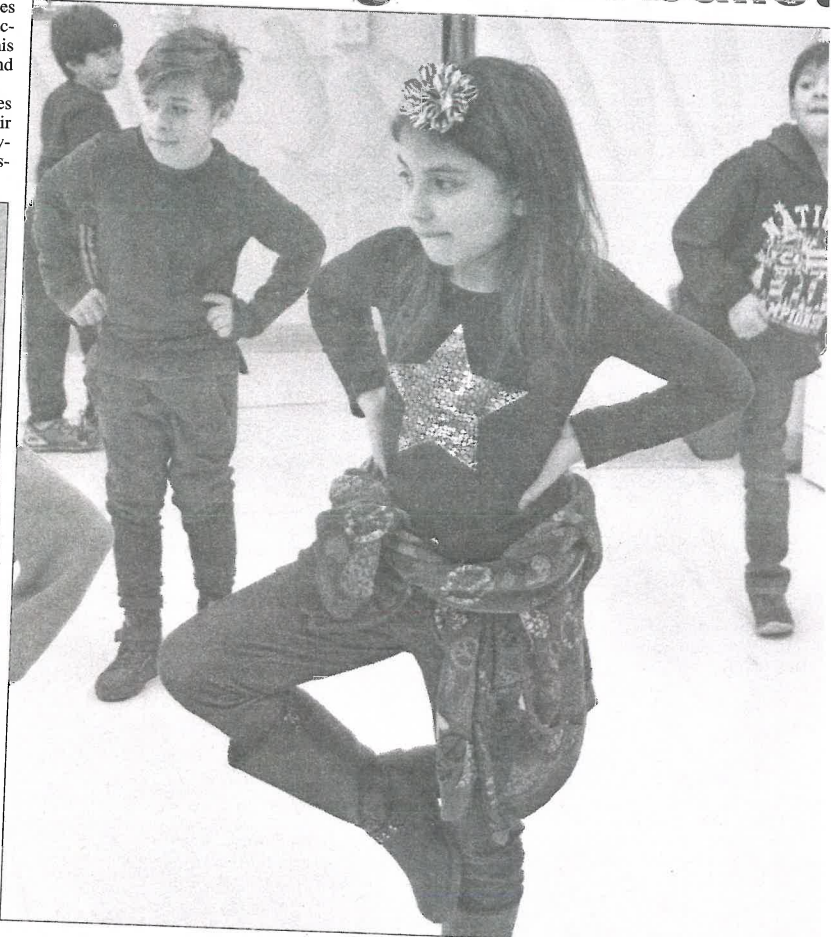
•Teacher (Continued from front page)

local store during a ceremony for the winning teachers from their schools. The student who authors the winning essay, poem or thank-you letter for the teacher who wins the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" award also will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift certificate and a NOOK device.

The five regional-winning teachers will each receive a \$500 Barnes

& Noble Gift Card. The winner of the "Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year" award will receive \$5,000 and will be recognized during a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000 as well.

For the Entry Form and Official Contest Rules, go to www.barnesandnoble.com/h/my-favorite-teacher.



Second grade students at District 4 Stone School try out some ballet steps as part of a six week "art in residence program."



Learning the steps to perform a story in ballet is the focus of this class at Stone School.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail girls basketball team defeats Hoffman Estates Blazers recently completed tough stretch of games

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls basketball team hit double digits in wins with a recent 29-24 non-conference win against Hoffman Estates.

The win put the Blazers, who led 16-11 at halftime, at 10-9 overall.

In earlier action, the Blazers dropped a 51-42 non-conference game to Streamwood.

"We were down a couple kids against Streamwood," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader. "We were winning the whole game and then with about six-and-a-half minutes left we

hit a wall. We played extremely hard, but we couldn't finish it."

Diamond Pikulyk led the Blazers with 20 points. "Diamond played a phenomenal game," said Schader. "Streamwood has a 6-2 girl and Diamond played against her well. It was an excellent effort."

In other recent action, Addison Trail defeated West Chicago 48-40 in another non-conference game.

"We played very well against West Chicago," said Schader. "We played very hard and things worked out."

Schader was pleased with the team's defense in the win against Hoffman Estates. "We had Jazmin Mehmeti back in that game and she had a couple

big rebounds down the stretch for us. Alyssa Pham played well. She rolled her ankle and gutted it out. We held Hoffman Estates scoreless in the third quarter. We played well enough to win that game. We were exhausted. We had been short-handed for a couple weeks. It was nice to get that win. It was 17-16 at the end of the third and then we scored 12 points in the fourth quarter. We had an offensive explosion."

Schader continues to be impressed with Pikulyk's play of late. "She's been great," the coach said. "It's getting to the point now where teams are putting two and three girls on her. She's averaging 11.1 points and 9.1 rebounds a game."

Also playing well in recent times are the likes of Pham, Nicci Scorza, Marie Baumgartner and Diana Graciano.

"Diana wasn't going to play for us this year, but she came back," said Schader. "Thank goodness. She's done a great job for us the last few weeks starting for us."

Schader likes where the team is sitting at right now.

"We're 10-9 and have seven games in the regular season left," he said. "We feel like there were at least two games there we could have had a different outcome. The kids are getting better. We have a chance here to finish strong."

Fenton girls basketball fights through tough part of schedule

Veteran coach Anderson thrilled with team's work ethic and attitude

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Longtime Fenton girls basketball coach Tim Anderson warned of a certain portion of the team's 2016-2017 schedule that lurked ahead.

"I had mentioned we were about to come upon the toughest stretch of the season," he said. "It was those four games we played after Christmas. My goodness. They were extremely challenging. Glenbard South and Kane and are the two best teams we've seen this season. Walther Christian and Illiana Christian are good as well. Illiana has a player who is the best guard we've seen this season."

Fenton lost all four games, but Anderson was not deterred by what he saw from his team. "I might start sounding like a broken record, but I'm proud of the girls," he said. "They're getting better. Glenbard South's defense is the best we've seen in a long time. There was nothing there or us. Even so, we played at our tempo. Kaneland came into the gym and hot 62 percent. We shot 40 percent. That was our best shooting night of the season at that point. Walther was the one game where we didn't play to our tempo. They got us to play at their tempo and we didn't play as well as we could have played."

Anderson was curious to see how his team would perform the second me around in Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division play. Illiana was the first team the Bison saw for second time this season.

"I was excited to see how we would do compared to the first game," he said.

"The second time around was a much better performance than when

we were at their place. They have a terrific guard who put on a show against us and scored 25 points. What we're trying to do is continue to get better and that's what we are doing. It's what I keep preaching and selling and they are buying. We are working hard and the attitudes are great. I can't ask for anything more from them. We knew that would be a tough stretch of games."

Fenton had conference games against Wheaton Academy and Riverside-Brookfield scheduled this week.

"It doesn't get any easier," said Anderson. "But our girls are up for the challenge. They are something special. As long as they are working hard and have great attitudes, we are going to keep moving forward. Our goal is to be competitive in every game as much as we can. You can't ask for anything more."

Amari Benbow and Ashley Lira continue to lead the way for the Bison.

"Both of them made the all-tournament team at Christmas," said Anderson. "They have gotten better and all the girls on the team are improving. That's what is supposed to be happening. It's just a matter of if we are going to get better at a faster rate than our opponents. My job is to make sure we are improving individually and collectively as a team every day. They are doing that. If our record was flipped the other way, you'd still want the same thing."

Anderson expressed in strong terms how far the team has come.

"I can't believe it's the same team as we had five weeks ago," he said. "They see it now and they are getting a lot of power out of getting better. If you were to graph our progress in a line graph the last five weeks, it's moving up. We're all improving and I'm happy with how hard they are working. We're excited to see these teams the second time around in conference."

Willowbrook girls basketball team making strides

Warriors playing a variety of underclassmen this season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

There is a youth movement in full swing with the Willowbrook girls basketball team.

Warriors' coach Terry Harrell noted the team plays four sophomores, two juniors and two freshmen.

"Almost everybody on the team is going to be back next year," said Harrell. "Our record might not be the greatest, but in terms of defense we are doing a good job and getting better. We are a young team, but we are getting better."

Willowbrook was 5-12 overall through its first 17 games.

"We are giving up an average of 48 points per game," said Harrell. "The problem is we are only scoring 35 points a game."

The Warriors have been playing without 15-point-per-game scorer Kelsie Kraebel, who has been out with an injury.

"We've made some adjustments," said Harrell.

"There is nobody at that same consistency level to replace her, but we've had people step up on different occasions. Our defense has gotten a lot better. We lost to Lemont, but gave up only 43 points. Lemont was averaging about 60 points a game and we lost 43-30. We played well against Lemont defensively and did a good job on the boards even though we are undersized. We took them out of a lot of things they wanted to do. We didn't score enough buckets, but defensively we've done quite well."

CeCe Lizasuain has been one of numerous bright spots for Willowbrook. She's averaging about eight points and eight rebounds per game.

"She's been an impact player inside for us," said Harrell. "She's a sophomore and she's getting better every day. We're looking for her to step up even more and play an even bigger role."

Katelyn McCann has been strong with her

shooting. "She's shooting very well," said Harrell. "Katelyn had 12 points against Lemont. She's one of our 3-point specialists. She's shot the ball well the last few games."

Freshmen Shannon Knudston and Sara Fitzgibbon also have been contributing. "Shannon and Sara have both logged some serious minutes for us," said Harrell. "We're a young team, but those youngsters are out there competing. We've had some kids step up big for us."

On the defensive front, Jayla Smith has been a spark for the Warriors. "She's probably our best defender," said Harrell. "She's not the biggest guard in the world, but she has long arms. In a four-game stretch she was averaging three steals a game."

Harrell likes the progress the team has made and is looking for even more. "The girls are getting better," he said. "The future is bright. We just have to keep plugging away. These girls were used to winning games at the youth and club basketball levels and then they come to high school and someone grabs you and says you are on the varsity. The girls are adjusting. I feel very good about the future here."

In the loss to Lemont, McCann led the Warriors with 12 points, Hannah Konrath added eight points, while Lizasuain had four points. Maureen Schmid finished with five rebounds. Knudston had three assists. Konrath and Knudston each made two 3-pointers.

Willowbrook led 11-10 after the first quarter and trailed 20-15 at halftime. Lemont outscored Willowbrook 12-6 in the third quarter and 11-9 in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors also dropped a 52-47 West Suburban Conference Gold Division game to Morton.

Morton led 9-5 after the first quarter and 26-14 at halftime. Morton outscored Willowbrook 17-9 in the third quarter, but the Warriors held a 24-9 advantage in the fourth quarter.

McCann led the Warriors with 13 points. Knudston added 10 points, while Lizasuain had eight points and five rebounds. McCann had four rebounds. Grace Chantos had three assists.

Taking the next step

*Fenton wrestler Dylan Butts
has developed into a
state-ranked competitor*

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton standout junior wrestler Dylan Butts competed for the first time in the Greco Roman nationals this past off-season.

Butts, representing Team Illinois, finished in the Top 12 and was one match away from earning All-American status.

"It was a great experience," he said. "I learned a lot from it. It was amazing. After Greco nationals I was a lot more offensive-minded and a lot more of an in-your-face wrestler. I've improved on a lot of my offense and just being more aggressive with my hand-fighting skills."

Butts has carried that off-season improvement over to the high-school mat where he was ranked No. 5 at 182 pounds in Class 2A by Illinois Matmen last week.

"Right now the best part of my game is probably my offense in the neutral position," he said. "I'm aggressive with getting the legs and working a lot of pinning combos. I've been using a lot of half-nelsons and arm bars."

Butts said his favorite match this season was a loss he suffered in the championship match of the tough Hinsdale Central tournament. "Even though I lost, it was a great experience," he said. "It was exciting being in the finals of that tournament. The other guy got the 'W' at the end, but I had a great experience and had a hard and tough match at the end of the tournament."

Butts, who also plays football at Fenton and has played baseball in the spring in the past there, got into the sport at the age of five with his twin brother, Jack, who also wrestles in the Fenton program.

"There was a flier at a school about a local wrestling team and my dad saw it and decided it would be a good experience," he said. "We've stuck with it ever since. I like that wrestling isn't really a team sport, it's more individual. It's all you out there. If you mess up, it's on you and you get the blame, not anybody else. If you lose it's all yourself. You can't make a lot of excuses. It's also a sport that toughens you up. It makes you accept what happens."

Butts tipped his cap to the Fenton coaching staff for his development. "We get a lot of great coaching at Fenton," he said. "Brian Hastings (Fenton head coach) and Mike Manganello (Fenton assistant) have turned me into the wrestler I am today."

Butts also is thrilled about the progress the Fenton wrestling team has made this season. Fenton was ranked No. 9 in Class 2A last week.

"We're doing very well," said Butts, who has three Top 3 tournament finishes to his credit this year, including a win at the Fenton tournament. "We just won our 23rd meet in a row. We're getting after it and pushing ourselves. We want to do great things and achieve our goals. Everybody is working super-hard to do better. We want to place in state, for sure. The loss to Antioch last year (in the dual-team sectional) burned. We want to win team sectionals this year and get to dual-team state."

Fenton's Ames qualifies for boys bowling state finals

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton senior Jeremy Ames is heading to state.

Ames bowled a 1,243 series and earned one of the individual state-qualifying positions at the recent Glenbard East sectional held at Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights.

Ames will compete in the state finals tournament this weekend at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon, Ill.

Ames advanced to the sectional after bowling a 1,239 series at the IC Catholic Prep regional held at the same Brunswick Zone house.

Fenton as a team finished in eighth place in the sectional with a 4,846 score.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team was a 28-25 winner over Leyden in recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Leyden led 8-4 after the first quarter and 14-13 at halftime. Leyden outscored Willowbrook 7-4 in the third quarter, but Willowbrook roared back in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

CeCe Lizasuain led the Warriors with 12 points and eight rebounds. Katelyn McCann added five points, as did Hannah Konrath. Shannon Knudson finished with four points. McCann also had seven rebounds. Maureen Schmid had two steals.

Willowbrook outrebounded Leyden 39-24 and held an 11-2 advantage on second-chance points.

Willowbrook girls bowling team wins Hinsdale South invitational

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team recently won the Hinsdale South invitational.

The Warriors also placed seventh at the Fenton invitational at Wood Dale Bowl.

At Hinsdale South, the Warriors had five girls place in the Top 20 of the tournament. Dana Sassenick was second, while Jordan Tiberi was fourth. Holly Helsper placed eighth, while Katie Pettinger was 14th and

Elizabeth Soriano was 18th.

Sassenick through early last week had the team's high average in the West Suburban Conference with a 195.

Sassenick also owns the team's high game of the year with a 269 and the team high series with a 646.

Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen also lauded the contributions of Helsper and Soriano: "Holly and Elizabeth have really stepped up recently and are starting to stand out for us," he said.

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Willowbrook girls gymnastics team defeats Glenbard South

Warriors continue to make improvements heading toward conference meet

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team split a pair of recent dual meets with Glenbard South and Addison Trail.

The Warriors scored a 122.8 at the varsity level to defeat Glenbard South. Willowbrook lost a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet to Addison Trail, posting a 112.3 score. Willowbrook's junior-varsity team won both meets against Glenbard South and Addison Trail.

"The team has learned to push each other," said Willowbrook coach Deanna Zuchowski. "While gymnastics is an individual sport, each of the girls on the team has assisted

each other in learning new tricks. We have upped our bonus value and have continued to push hard for stuck routines."

Zuchowski thanked former Willowbrook head coach Andy Isaacson for his assistance this season. "We all have grown this season," she said. "Being my first year, it has been helpful having Andy show me the ropes of high-school gymnastics. We have been able to take a struggling team and change the way they look at gymnastics and being on a team. We push the importance of working as a team and doing all you can do to help your team. It has been a great year for all of us."

Zuchowski noted the Warriors are strongest currently on beam and floor.

"Beam usually is not a strong suit for teams, but our team has made it a point to start more difficult tricks that many girls are afraid of," she said. "They also are understanding the

importance of staying on and hitting a beam routine and how it makes or breaks a meet."

Zuchowski had high praise for the likes of Savannah Catalano, Autumn Palacios and Melanie Hudson. "Savannah has made it a point to be our team captain," she said. "As a senior, she has assisted in teaching the underclassmen how to become a team. She starts and ends each practice and also makes sure the girls always are working and making sure they are progressing. Autumn has pushed herself to new limits, trying more and more difficult tricks on each event."

She also has assisted in perfecting floor routines. Melanie has shown strength and perseverance being one of our top competitors at the varsity level."

At the JV level, Caitlyn Owen took first in the all-around scoring against Glenbard South and also was first against Addison Trail. Palacios was third against Glenbard South in the all-around and second against Addison Trail. "Caitlyn and Autumn have been assisting our JV1 team to their wins in each of the meets, helping keep the JV team second in conference," said Zuchowski.

Willowbrook competed against Downers Grove South earlier this week and will be in the WSC Gold meet on Saturday.

"If this team wants something, they show their ability to try to capture it," said Zuchowski. "They have more determination now than at the beginning of the season and have bonded well at all the levels. I am very proud of how these girls have grown. Individually, each has better and more difficult tricks than when we started. Within the team, they have learned how to motivate each other and help each of their teammates."

Willowbrook boys basketball team continues to roll

Warriors win Sterling tournament with 4-0 record; Schuemer named MVP

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Another tournament and another first-place trophy for the Willowbrook boys basketball team.

The Warriors headed out west to the Sterling Martin Luther King tournament and walked away with a 4-0 record and a first-place finish. It was Willowbrook's third tournament title this year. The Warriors also won the Stag Thanksgiving tournament and the Glenbard West Christmas tournament.

In a win against Lake Forest Academy in overtime, Ethan Schuemer had 27 points and 15 rebounds. Marshawn Phillips had 11 points. Imari Reynolds and Matas Masys each had eight points. Matthew Myers and Sikander Zafar each had six points.

"We were able to get the ball inside against Lake Forest Academy," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "They ran a zone and we were able to penetrate the gaps and get some good looks."

The Warriors recorded another overtime win, this time against host Sterling. Schuemer had 24 points and seven rebounds. Phillips added 12 points and six rebounds. Masys had 11 points, while Myers had six points.

Willowbrook needed a major comeback to defeat East Moline United Township. "We were down by 16 or 18 points at halftime," said Perkins. "We did a good job coming back. Our full-court press created some havoc and we were able to create a lot of turnovers and convert those into easy baskets in order to get back into it."

Reynolds, who was seeing his first action of the season in the tournament, finished with 18 points and five rebounds. Phillips had 10 points, while Schuemer had seven points and 12 rebounds. Myers had six points.

Willowbrook closed out the tournament with a win against Belvidere North. Schuemer had 22 points and 10 rebounds. Reynolds added 13

points, while Zafar had eight points. Phillips and Masys each had six points.

Schuemer was named the tournament MVP after scoring more than 20 points in three of the four contests. "Ethan played really well," said Perkins.

Perkins liked the team's resolve in Sterling. "I liked the way the guys battled through adversity," he said.

"Two of the games went to overtime and one of the other ones we were down by a lot of points and came back to win. That's pretty awesome to see the kids respond the way they did."

Perkins noted because of a weather-related cancellation on the final day of the tournament, the Warriors

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Boys

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had to play their last two games back-to-back.

"The other team in the second game was fresh," he said. "The kids played through a lot in this tournament. I'm proud of the way they responded."

The four wins moved the Warriors to 16-1 overall.

"We're just chugging along right now," said Perkins. "We're definitely thrilled right now. I told the kids I knew we were going to be good, but if someone asked me that after 17 games we'd be 16-1, I probably would have said no. That being said, the guys are meeting the challenge. We have a lot of different players making contributions. I couldn't be prouder of this group right now."

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Suburban Life Scholars

Addison Trail High School

Jonathan Loi

Nominated by Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance: When Loi graduates, he will have taken 17 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 11 Honors courses, and he has received a grade of A in all of them to date. He is a Semifinalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program, a National AP Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

"Loi makes a huge contribution to the class," said Laura Jurik, Addison Trail English teacher. "He reads Shakespeare fluently and is always there with a good question or comment. Other students line up to work with him because he is so bright and helpful. He's a top student academically, and he continues to challenge himself with tougher reading, vocabulary and writing."

Addison Trail science teacher and Science Olympiad co-sponsor Kira Bonk agreed. "Loi has been a strong leader for Science Olympiad this year and is very determined to make it to State," Bonk said. "He has been encouraging his team members to work hard and is extremely dedicated. He is always seeking new challenges and has an appreciation for knowledge. It is obvious Loi is going to go on and do great things, and we are all interested to see exactly what those great things will be!"

Loi said the staff members at Addison Trail have helped him be successful, and he credits his counselor, Tina Gatses, for leading him to such a positive path.

"Loi is extremely driven," Gatses said. "He is passionate about computer science. He excels in everything he does and always gives 110 percent. He has really come out of his shell and is not afraid to go after what he wants. I am extremely proud of the young man he has become."

Loi also is highly involved with extracurricular activities at Addison Trail. For four years, he has been a member of the Boys Cross-Country Team, Math Team, Science Olympiad Team (which encouraged him to pursue a career as a scientist), Psychology Club and Key Club, among other activities.

After graduating from high school, Loi's top choice for college is Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also is applying to Georgia Institute of Technology and California Institute of Technology. Loi plans to study biology because of its complexity and how much we still don't understand in that subject area. He wants to help the world with his discoveries. Specifically, Loi would like to study genetics and how to manipulate genes to make improvements in the health field and possibly the environment. He also wants to work toward finding a cure for cancer and is considering a career in oncology. Student's GPA is 4.7.



St. Francis High School

Victoria Martin

Notable Student Academic Achievements: St. Francis Top Ten Student for 2017, A Honor Roll all four years, Student of the Month for Religion 2014, Student of the Month for English 2015, National Honor Society member, Math Team State Qualifier, Her poem, "Flawless" published in national journal, Of Faith and Inspiration. Student's GPA is 5.

Student Involvement in Activities: National Honor Society, Math Team, Arts and Crafts Club Co-President, Track and Field.

Student Involvement in Community Service:

Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENS, IMPACT Youth Group, Mission Trip to Davidson, Michigan, Mission Trip to Oil City, Pennsylvania, Mission Trip to Louisville, Kentucky, Phil's Friends, NHS tutoring, NHS Rise Up Leadership Program.

Nominated by Trudy Rigney, Director of Guidance: One of our highest achieving seniors, Victoria is a student who loves to learn! She welcomes challenges and strives for excellence in all of her endeavors. Despite her high intelligence and impeccable work ethic, Victoria is humble about her ability and accomplishments. She is a kind-hearted, empathetic and inclusive person who cares about the marginalized in society. Victoria is a wonderful role model both inside and outside the classroom. She is a terrific candidate for the Suburban Life Scholars program.



Downers Grove South

Valerie Blackmore

Notable Student Academic Achievements: During her four years at Downers Grove South High School, Valerie has challenged herself with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, taking nearly every honors and advanced placement class available to her. She ranks near the top of her large and talented class, scored impressively on the ACT, and has earned National Merit Commended status. All of this said, you will not find a more humble, grounded young woman than Valerie – she is kind and open minded to everyone she encounters. Student's GPA is 4.42.

Student Involvement in Activities & Community Service: Outside of school, Valerie actively pursues learning opportunities and seeks to help others in her community. Notable experiences for Valerie include the Farrell Fellows Summer Internship and Science Achievers program at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, serving as a counselor in training during summer Girl Scout camps, taking a two week summer research computing class at the University of Notre Dame, volunteering at Safety Town for younger children, and traveling to Spain with her Spanish class. Here at DGS, Valerie is a part of Scholastic Bowl, Movie Club president, Snowball, Freshmen Play, National Honor Society, and Key Club.

Nominated by Kate Blader, School Counselor: Valerie Blackmore is a positive, ambitious, and genuine young woman. She is incredibly creative, uniquely intelligent, and persistent in working toward her goals. In her own words: "I'm a die-hard optimist and, consequently, I think anything is possible!" Valerie has proven herself to be not only one of my top students, but also someone I truly look forward to hearing about as she navigates beyond her high school years.



Downers Grove North

Abigail J. Murphy

Notable Student Academic Achievements: 4.0+ honor roll for 5 out of 6 semesters (2013-2016) AP Scholar with Distinction, Member of the All State Journalism Team (2016) 4th in State for Newspaper Design (2015) 3rd in State for Newspaper Design (2016) National Honor Society (2016) Spanish National Honor Society (2016). Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: 1st in sectionals for Newspaper Design (2015) 1st in sectionals for Editorial Writing (2016) 3rd in sectionals for Journalism sectionals (2015 & 2016) IJEA 3rd place for Serious Commentary (2016) IJEA 3rd place for Personality Profile (2016) Excellent in Online News Package at the NSPA national convention (2014) 4 years-Track and Field and 2 years basketball team.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Volunteer-HGNA (Helping Girls Navigate Adolescence), Feed My Starving Children, Retirement Home.

Nominated by Kevin M. Leslie, Guidance Counselor: Abbey has been a great student and positive contributor to our school in academics, activities, and athletics. Her character and leadership has shown most in her passion for journalism and contributions through the "Omega" newspaper. She is bright, compassionate and caring. I am proud to recognize Abbey as a Suburban Life Scholar.



Benet Academy

Alexandra Munson

Notable Student Academic Achievements: First Honors 9, 10, 11, 12; First Honors is a grade point average of an A (92%-100%); National Honors Society. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: Swim Instructor; Pool Manager - Stillwater Pool Chicagoland • Performed many tasks including making schedules, organizing meetings, being responsible for the proper condition of the pool. • Dealt with chemicals and cleaning filters and pumps to keep pool running and clean; Lifeguard - Stillwater Pool and Tennis Club • Enforced rules, CPR certified, Lifeguard certified every two years. National Honors Society Treasurer; Jump High Athletic Club, participates in track and pole vault, attending track meets throughout the season; Benet Track 9,10,11,12: Benet Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12 - placed 6th in state sophomore year for pole vault and placed 6th in 3A state. Holds the school record at Benet at 11'9"; 1st in state junior year in pole vault.

Student Involvement in Community Service: National Honors Society Treasurer; Young Hearts for Life Junior Board Member; Board member of an organization that raises awareness in sudden cardiac arrest and death in young adults - help promote and create fundraisers to raise awareness - 5 hours of service required - learn how to do an EKG - go to schools and communities to provide EKG's to young adults to help screen for any cardiac irregularity.



Nominated by Laura Lundstrom, College Counselor: I am going to start off by unequivocally stating that Ali qualifies on many different levels for this honor. Among her many qualifications is the fact that she is the 2016 State Champion in Pole Vault, a skilled swimmer, gymnast, scholar, Treasurer of National Honor Society, and Benet's 2016 Homecoming Queen. She stays away from the drama that surrounds many teenagers by using what is around her like athletics, reading, piano, and family to find her "center" so to say. Her classmates gravitate to her because she is approachable, happy, and gracious. But of all these accomplishments, the reason I am nominating Ali is because of her service to our community.

Ali was approached by a teacher who asked if she would be willing to teach English to a few of our maintenance staff at Benet. Ali jumped at the opportunity even though her schedule of all AP's and Honors classes along with her athletic schedule leaves her little time. Ali's mother worried about how she could fit everything in, but Ali assured her that she could do it all and more importantly, volunteering her time makes her happy. So instead of a study hall, Ali is using the time to teach English. The feeling of satisfaction when helping others is difficult to put into words, states Ali but it is something she wants to continue doing - well, for as long as she has air to breathe.

Ali carries herself with a peaceful maturity. She is extremely close to her family, especially her mother, and with their support and encouragement, they have raised a confident and talented young woman. At the time of this letter, Ali is earning a GPA upwards of 94% while taking an extremely difficult schedule. She has lofty goals for herself; cardiovascular medicine to be exact which made her selection to the Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine at Brandeis University all the more special. Ali also wants to add Spanish in as a minor. "It could come in handy."

Ali is an impressive and multi-talented young woman and I am proud to enthusiastically recommend her for this honor.

Willowbrook High School

Pierre Easley

Notable Student Academic Achievements: As a student, Pierre consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook High School. At the conclusion of his high school career, he will have successfully completed 4 Advanced Placement courses as well as a multitude of honors courses. Pierre has also been recognized with Outstanding Student Honors for the Math Department and has been a member of the Distinct Honor Roll member each semester of his high school career. Student's GPA is 4.

Student Involvement in Activities: In addition, Pierre is an inductee of the National Honor Society, Civitas, our Social Studies Honor Society, and the National English Honor Society. Beyond the classroom, he demonstrates his leadership as a member of the Principal Leadership Team, Youth Equity Stewardship Series, TALENTED, Interact Club, and the Black Organization for Student Success.

Student Involvement in Community Service: Pierre demonstrates his leadership and service as a member of the Principal Leadership Team, Youth Equity Stewardship Series, TALENTED, Interact Club, and the Black Organization for Student Success.

Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal: Pierre Easley is a leader in and out of the classroom amongst the Class of 2017 at Willowbrook High School. He has an outstanding record of academic and co-curricular achievements that is coupled with a proven record of leadership and commitment to success. Pierre credits his success to the support of his mother, older brother, and staff members in helping him to work at 100% and not accept anything less.



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College commitments

Hinsdale Central High School students will be signing a letter of intent as follows: Jacqueline Ahe (tennis) Salernitano College; Josh Bean (football) Columbia College; Mia Chappie (swimming) Denison University; Brian Foley (football) Holy Cross College; Megan Gauthier (tennis) Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Niko Ivarisavic (football) Princeton University; Nick Molash (cross country/track & field) Grinnell College; Eric Oke (tennis) Kenyon College; Erin Citty (soccer) Carthage College; Eric Schaefer (basketball) Carnegie Mellon University; Jake Simon (lacrosse) Arizona State University; Connor Wike (soccer) University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Boys basketball

Saturday's late results

DOWNERS GROVE NORTH vs. GLENBARD WEST 58 (3 OT)
Downers Grove North—Henderson 3 5-7 11, Pustelnik 2 1-2 5, Castellvecchi 4 0-0 10, Jakobsz 6 4-7 18, Davis 1 1-2 3, Boston 2 5-10 10, Siranti 0 0-0 0, Manna 2 1-3 5, Blake 0 2-2 2, Totals: 20 19-33 56.
Glenbard West—Nelson 4 0-0 11, Mullins 2 3-6 7, Taylor 3 6-8 12, Langan 2 0-0 5, Larson 2 0-0 4, Morrison 0 0-2 0, Philstrom 3 2-7 8, Thomas 1 6-9 8, Ludington 1 0-0 2, Totals: 18 17-32 58.
Downers North 4 9 14 13 7 4 7—58
9-point baskets: DGN: Castellvecchi 2, Jakobsz 2, Boston, GW: Nelson 3, Langan 2. Fouled out: DGN: Pustelnik, Castellvecchi, Jakobsz. GW: Mullins Philstrom.

Girls gymnastics

Monday's results

Hinsdale Central regional

TEAM RESULTS

Hinsdale Central 140.175; Sandburg 139.4; Riverside-Brookfield 130.475; Hinsdale South 125.925.

AUTOMATIC ADVANCES

Vault — Jones (HC) 9.45; Roe (Sand) 9.425; Oglio (Sand) 9.375; Torsberg (HC) 9.1; Elliott (HC) 9.05.
Uneven bars — Roe (Sand) 9.2; Gerard (HC) 8.55; Jones (HC) 8.475; Spring (HC) 8.4; Torsberg (HC) 8.35.
Balance beam — Roe (Sand) 9.625; Oglio (Sand) 9.3; Jones (HC) 9.1; Torsberg (HC) 8.525; Lee (HC) 8.475.
Floor exercise — Oglio (Sand) 9.4; Roe (Sand) 9.375; Torsberg (HC) 9.2; Jones (HC) 9.175; Weiner (HS) 9.0.
All-around — Roe (Sand) 37.625; Oglio (Sand) 36.2; Jones (HC) 36.2; Torsberg (HC) 35.075; Weiner (HS) 33.075.

Upcoming events

TODAY

Boys basketball
Conant at Lake Park, 7 p.m.
Fenton at Oak Lawn, 7 p.m.
Glenbard South at Rolling Meadows, 7 p.m.
Hoffman Estates at Willowbrook, 8 p.m.
IC Catholic Prep at Wheaton Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Melo Valley at Naperville Central, 7:30 p.m.
Montini at DeLaSalle, 7 p.m.
St. Francis at St. Ignace, 7 p.m.
Stevens at Benet, 7 p.m.
Timothy Christian at Westmont, 7:30 p.m.
Waubesa Valley at Neque Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Wheaton North at Naperville North, 7:30 p.m.
Wheaton Warrenville South at Glenbard North, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Downers Grove South at Hinsdale South, 7:30 p.m.
Fenton at IC Catholic Prep, 7:30 p.m.
Glenbard East at Bartlett, 7 p.m.
Glenbard South at Riverside-Brookfield, 7 p.m.
Glenbard West at Hinsdale Central, 7:30 p.m.
Leyden at Addison Trail, 7 p.m.
Walton Christian at Timothy Christian, 7 p.m.
West Chicago at West Aurora, 7 p.m.
Willowbrook at Morton, 7:30 p.m.
York at Oak Park-River Forest, 7 p.m.
GCAC Tournament
St. Francis at Morton, 5:30 p.m.
Penwick vs. Loyola at Montini, 7 p.m.
Boys swimming
Addison Trail at Hinsdale South, 5 p.m.
Girls bowling
Glenbard East at Update Eight Tournament (Bowling Green), 4 p.m.

Boys basketball Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Fremd (20-0)	On verge of clinching MSL West Meeting every challenge
2. Geneva (24-0)	Tigers were 14-8 at this point last season
3. WW South (21-1)	Nice victory over New Trier
4. Jacobs (18-1)	Two st. No. 1 Fremd
5. Conant (17-4)	Hosts Stevenson in a dandy Tuesday
6. Benet (16-6)	Looking to avenge loss to Hinsdale S.
7. Willowbrook (20-1)	Youcef Merabet making an impact
8. Naperville North (14-4)	Slipped up against Warren
9. Stevenson (15-3)	Hosts St. Charles East on Tues.
10. St. Charles North (13-4)	Has taken lead in MSL East
11. Prospect (16-4)	Visits St. Charles N. on Tues.
12. St. Charles East (13-7)	Biggie at Naperville North on Tues.
13. Wheaton North (14-5)	Most recent win streak at 2
14. Burlington Central (18-2)	Leading UEC Valley
15. Bartlett (13-8)	Nonconference record is 5-7
16. Hinsdale Central (12-7)	Streak hits 6; hosts W. Aurora on Fri.
17. South Elgin (14-6)	Beat Glenbard West in three OTs
18. Downers Grove N. (14-6)	OT loss at Batavia stings
19. West Aurora (15-7)	Thomas got 31 — in loss to Lakes
20. Grayslake North (13-5)	

Girls basketball Top 20

Team	Comment
1. Montini (23-1)	St. Francis up next in GCAC tourney
2. Benet (21-3)	A big week for senior Jaseckas
3. Wheaton North (18-4)	Key DVC game Saturday at Naperville Vikings back on track
4. Geneva (17-4)	Fendley goes for No. 400 Tuesday
5. Hersey (21-3)	Hosts Hersey in big one Friday
6. Rolling Meadows (18-6)	Clinched 8th straight MSL West
7. Fremd (21-5)	"Big 3" scored 61 vs. St. Charles No
8. St. Charles East (20-4)	8-0 in Central Suburban North
9. Maine West (20-3)	Pats visit Libertyville on Friday
10. Stevenson (16-5)	First 20-win season since 2011-12
11. Warren (20-4)	Coach Kroehnke reached 300 wins
12. WW South (16-8)	Tough loss to WW South
13. Naperville Central (20-7)	Sequoits beat Grayslake Central by 1
14. Antioch (22-3)	Trinity snapped win streak
15. Glenbard South (17-5)	Big win vs. Proviso West
16. Hinsdale Central (16-7)	Martens' big night beats Sycamore
17. Kaneland (18-5)	Lost 2nd half lead to SCE
18. St. Charles North (14-8)	Closing in on historic conference title
19. St. Edward (20-5)	Wildcats have won 10 of 12
20. Libertyville (15-9)	

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Willowbrook boys basketball team continues to roll

**Warriors score
12-point win over
conference foe Leyden**
By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team kept up its winning ways with a recent 54-42 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Leyden.

The win pushed Willowbrook to 12-1 overall and 4-1 in WSC Gold action.

"We led from beginning to end

and had several players who played very well," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins.

Ethan Schuemer led the way for Willowbrook with 16 points and an impressive 22 rebounds. The Warriors also received key scoring contributions from Matthew Myers, Matas Masys and Sikander Zafar.

Willowbrook again excelled on defense, forcing 17 Leyden turnovers.

"Our defense was our strength," said Perkins. "We were able to create turnovers and get easy fast-break baskets. Our guys are locked in on

their defensive assignments. We used a lot of full-court pressure, half-court trap and man-to-man. All three were strengths against Leyden."

Willowbrook did shoot only 1-for-17 from the 3-point line. "We did not shoot particularly well," said Perkins. "That wasn't a strength, but everything else went well."

Willowbrook was playing its first game since Dec. 28. "We had talked about coming out and staying aggressive," said Perkins. "We had to shake out the rust. We hadn't played a game in a long time and Leyden had played twice last week. They

were in better game shape. We also were playing on a Tuesday at 6 p.m. That's not our regular time and it wasn't our regular crowd. The guys did a good job of overcoming different adversity. I'm proud of that and I'm proud of them going out there and getting the win."

Schuemer continues to be a key presence for the Warriors. "Ethan is our leading scorer and rebounder," said Perkins. "He's shooting over 50 percent from the field through 13 games. So far, so good. He's done a great job for us."

Willowbrook wrapped up play

earlier this week in the Sterling High School Martin Luther King tournament. Willowbrook played a total of four games there—two doubleheaders. Going into this year's event, Willowbrook was 6-2 there over the last two years.

"Our goal is to get a third tournament championship," said Perkins, whose team won its tournaments at Thanksgiving and Christmas. "We like playing in three tournaments. They are spaced out and the nice thing with the Sterling one is it's two hours away from home, so we're facing teams we usually don't see."

AT-Willowbrook boys swimming team moves closer to conference title

**Major victory at Hinsdale
South keeps squad
unbeaten in WSC Gold**
By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook co-op boys swimming team moved one step closer to the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title

recently.

AT-Willowbrook scored a key 89-81 WSC Gold win at Hinsdale South to move to 4-0 in conference swims.

AT-Willowbrook is scheduled to swim this week at Morton. A win there and the team would clinch the WSC Gold regular-season conference title heading into the conference meet at Hinsdale South.

"We've been doing well," said AT-Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. "Hinsdale South was very close and exciting. We were able to pull it out."

Wahlgren said the team received key performances from its 500 freestyle swimmers and members of the 200 and 400 relay teams.

"The guys worked together and were able to achieve this great feat," he said.

Jack Burns won both the 100 and 200 for AT-Willowbrook. "Jack also was in those last two relays that won," the coach pointed out.

Mike Strycharz also was a busy swimmer. He won the 50 and 500 freestyle races and was part of the 400 freestyle relay team that won and the medley relay team that took second place.

Jack Roucka won the 100 butterfly. "Hinsdale got us in the breaststroke, but we took second and third there, which helped us," said Wahlgren. "Lucas Walsh helped us in the breaststroke and in the fly as well."

Evan Zimmerman won the 100 backstroke and swam in three relays.

"Hinsdale was co-conference champs last year with Downers

South," said Wahlgren. "We beat Downers South earlier this season. Hinsdale was a big meet for us and we were able to pull it off. It came down to the last few events. We trailed at the beginning of the meet. I thought the 500 freestyle was the turning point in the meet. We were leading going into the 200 free relay and we got first and third there and that helped with the lead. The 400 free relay helped give us a better advantage. These guys are coming together as a team. They are making sure they are completing each race and not slowing down. They are going through and picking up the pace whether it's that second 50 or toward the end of the race or going hard into their walls. They are using that as motivation against other teams."

Wahlgren lauded the season-long performances of Burns and Strycharz.

"They are our top two guys," he said. "Without them, we'd be struggling a little bit. Jack Burns has really stepped it up of late."

Jack Wentworth also came up big against Hinsdale South where he dropped 24 seconds off his time in the 500.

"He took third in that race and that helped us with points," said Wahlgren. "That 500 is where it turned. It's when we took over and ended up finishing things and winning the meet."

The 200 free relay team consisted of Zimmerman, Eric Hoda, Jacob Grygo and Burns, while the 400 team had Zimmerman, Grygo, Strycharz and Burns.

AT-Willowbrook's meet at Morton will be the team's senior night. AT-Willowbrook does not have a home competition pool and swims all meets and invitationals on the road.

"The Morton meet will be fun. The guys are looking forward to it," said Wahlgren. "If we win it will be fun because we'll have gone undefeated in the conference and it's senior night."

AT-Willowbrook also recently took second out of 12 teams at the Chicago Little Village invitational over the holidays.

AT-Willowbrook still has invitationals at Shepard and West Chicago followed by the conference meet at Hinsdale South.

"The conference meet will be a big day for us," said Wahlgren.

**Fenton wrestlers run record to
14-0 with win against Addison Trail**
Bison grapplers ranked in the top five in the state
By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The wins continue to pile up for the Fenton wrestling team. This time, the Bison recorded a 49-14 non-conference win over Addison Trail. The win moved Fenton to 14-0 overall in dual meets this season.

"We wrestled well against a tough Addison Trail squad," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings. "All 13 of our wrestlers competed very well and we ended up winning 11 of those matches."

Nikko Castaneda, Kyle Higgins, Dylan Butts and Isaiah Brock each scored pinfall wins for Fenton.

Through late last week, Angel Nava was leading Fenton with a 22-4 record. Butts had a 19-3 record, while Kacper Piskorz was 14-2. Castaneda was 13-3 and Ivan Rodriguez had a 14-4 mark. Brock was 13-6, while Jeremy Piskorz had a 13-9 record. Higgins and Ryan Mancini each had 12-9 records, while Anthony Park was 10-10. Danny Ramirez and Michael Bailon each had nine wins.

Fenton hosted Riverside-Brookfield and IC Catholic Prep earlier this week in a triangular Metro Suburban Conference meet.

In terms of state rankings, Fenton still was ranked No. 9 in the state in Class 2A by Illinois Matmen (www.illinoismatmen.com).

Individually, Nava was ranked No. 5 in Class 2A at 138 pounds. Nava has three top-five tournament finishes and what the ranking service considers three notable wins.

Butts was ranked fifth at 182 pounds and had three top-three tournament finishes, plus one notable win.

Piskorz was ranked No. 9 in Class 2A at 132 pounds. He has two top-five tournament finishes and what the ranking service considers one notable win.

Mancini earned an honorable mention ranking at 145 pounds. He has two top-five tournament finishes.

Fenton girls basketball

The Fenton girls basketball team dropped a recent 46-15 Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division game to Glenbard South. The Bison also lost 72-35 to Kaneland in non-conference play and dropped a 60-33 MSC crossover game to Walther Christian and a 59-32 MSC Blue Division contest to Iliana Christian.

Addison Trail girls bowling team faring better

**Schmelter ranked sixth
in West Suburban
Conference**
By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

While the Addison Trail girls bowling team doesn't have much to show for it in terms of wins, it has made strides on the lanes this season.

"We don't have the wins, but we are getting better and we are improving," said Addison Trail coach Steve Gilliam. "We have some individuals who are doing well."

Molly Schmelter is one of those individuals. Through late last week, Schmelter ranked sixth in the West

Suburban Conference in average.

"Molly has been very consistent," said Gilliam. "She is averaging 185 in conference. Most games she's around 180. She's in that range all the time. It's not like she bowls a 220 one game and then a 160 the next game. She's been very good for us."

Gilliam also lauded the work of the team's other senior Kaitlin Martinez. "Kaitlin is bowling really well," said Gilliam. "Kaitlin is doing a better job of picking up spares and throwing better first balls."

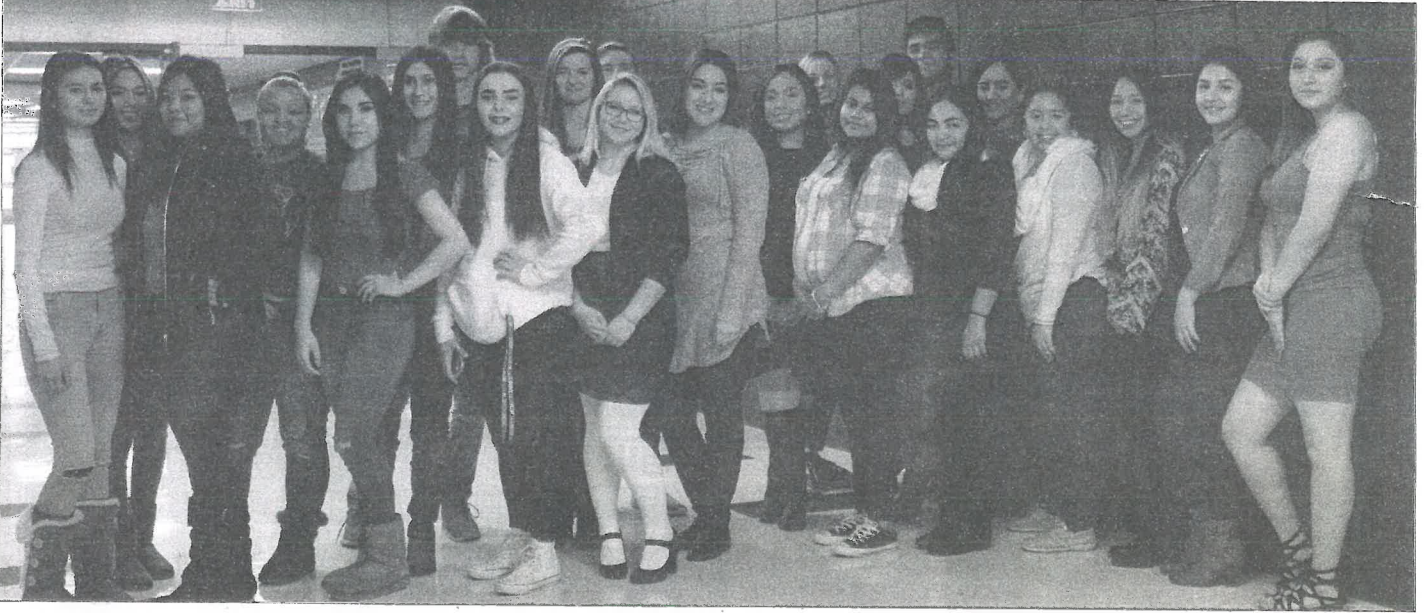
But improvement has been seen throughout the roster. "We have some other juniors and sophomores who are working and getting better," said Gilliam. "We have some young-

er girls who are getting over the nervousness of playing on the varsity. They are picking up more spares and when they do that their scores will go up."

Schmelter recently placed 25th at a competitive tournament hosted by Prospect. "Being 25th at a 36-team tournament is sort of like being in the sectional with all these top teams," said Gilliam. "She was Top 25 and that is very good. She knows what she needs to do to move onto sectionals and get into the state tournament."

Addison Trail recently bowled in a WSC match against Downers Grove

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COURTESY PHOTO Addison Independent
Pictured are Addison Trail students who were recently named as December graduates of the school.

Illinois-American Water seeks applicants for Environmental Grant Program

Projects to improve, restore or protect watersheds could receive up to \$10,000

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

The application process is now open for Illinois American Water's 2017 Environmental Grant Program. The program supports innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect watersheds through partnerships. Diverse activities like watershed cleanups, reforestation efforts, biodiversity projects, streamside buffer restoration projects, wellhead protection initiatives and hazardous waste collection efforts are supported through grants of up to \$10,000.

"Illinois American Water is committed to ensuring water quality through testing and treatment, as well as through consumer education and community source protection programs," said Bruce Hawk, the current president of Illinois American Water. "We believe everyone is an environmental steward in protecting the nation's water supplies, and this program is a way to help communities play an active role in this important effort."

To qualify, proposed projects must be located in an Illinois American Water service area and:

- address a source water or watershed protection need in the community
- be completed between May 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017 • be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program
- be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations;
- provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the American Water grant monies are utilized)

In 2016, Illinois American Water issued six grants totaling \$15,000 as follows: - The Alton Community School District #11's Rock Spring Park Watershed Restoration Project received a \$4,000 grant to construct a bio retention system and rain garden in an outdoor classroom. - The City of South Beloit received a \$3,000 grant for the Nature at the Confluence Stream Team Program which educates and engages residents through citizen stream monitoring, container gardening and more. - Urbana Park District Douglas Creek Restoration Project received a \$4,000 grant to restore native plants, trees and shrubs in the wetland and creek channel. - Peoria Park District's Illinois River Sweep received their full grant request of \$1,500 to fund supplies for the annual Illinois River clean-up effort. Over 100 volunteers attended the event to remove trash and debris. - The Pekin Park District received a \$2,500 grant for the Lick Creek Watershed Invasive Species Control and Restoration project. Volunteers removed invasive species along 15 acres of the Lick Creek Corridor.

Grant information and application forms can be found at illinoisamwater.com. Applications should be e-mailed by March 27, 2017, to karen.cotton@amwater.com.

Addison Trail announces December grads

On Dec. 15, Addison Trail recognized 26 students as December graduates of the school.

Those students have met the requirements set by District 88 to earn a high school diploma and worked hard to complete those requirements early. They have demonstrated the skills

and knowledge necessary to pursue a successful future and to be college and career ready.

The students include: Paola Arzeta, Arcangela Balice, Jasmin Brambila, Jennifer Bravo, Fernando Corrales, Breana Crespo, Angelika Danieliszyn, Erika Delgado, Antonio Diaz Vazquez,

Angelica Garcia, Brianna Garcia-Silva, Veronica Gutierrez, Maximilian Horak, Vanessa Hurtado, Erik Medina, Rose Otero, Cassandra Perez, Jennifer Quintana, Karina Robles, Diana Salazar, Liliana Sandoval, Wolfgang Sauck, Brooklyn Thomas, Brenda Vences and Michelle Wachniak.

Lake Park holds PBIS assembly

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

District 4 held an all-school PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) assembly on Thursday, Jan. 12 at Lake Park School.

Principal Dave Smogor opened the assembly by complimenting the students on their exemplary behavior in the first half of the school

year and telling them all to give themselves a pat on the back. Second grade teacher Mrs. McQuillen then spent some talking to the students and reviewing ways in which they can show that they are being safe, respectful and responsible in school.

The highlight of the assembly was a 'Minute to Win It' competi-

tion where two students from each classroom had the opportunity to compete in fun one-minute contests that included cup stacking, dice balancing, bottle flipping, and tissue pulling.

Teachers joined in the fun in the last contest of the day by moving a cookie from their foreheads to their mouths without using their hands.



COURTESY PHOTO Addison Independent

This group of Lake Park students try to bounce and flip water bottles during a Minute To Win It contest on Jan. 12 at the PBIS Assembly.

Community calendar

Thursday, Jan. 19 Community meal at Calvary United Methodist

Calvary United Methodist Church will host its monthly "Third Thursday Community Meal with Speaker." Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by a guest speaker, Susan Kliene-Weiner of Metropolitan Family Services who will discuss the services that this organization provides for seniors and how to make application. Calvary UMC is located at 136 E. Highland in Villa Park. The public is welcome and there is no charge for dinner. Info: call 630-530-8200 or visit calvaryumc.org.

Monday, Jan 23 Therapy dogs to visit the library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold Bark for Books from 4-5 p.m. A variety of dogs, certified by Therapy Dogs International to be gentle listeners, will be at the library, waiting for a reader. Children of all ages are invited to sign up for a 10 minute session with a furry companion. Those under the age of 7 must attend with an adult. All participants should choose a book to read to in advance. Registration is required. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Tuesday, Jan. 24 Library hosts Creative Science Program for children

The Villa Park Public Library will hold another entertaining children's science program from 3:30-4:30 p.m. At Creative Science: Dinosaurs, children ages 5-and-up can enjoy making fossils while exploring the Jurassic world. Registration is required. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 LEGO® Builders Club at the library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold a session of its LEGO® Builders Club on this date from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 6 and older. Registration is required for this session. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Friday, Jan. 27 Library hosts LEGO® Program for younger children

Children ages 2-5 are invited to LEGO® DUPLO® Build + Play for an hour of building, playing, and socializing with other kids and families. Sessions will take place at the Villa Park Public Library from 10 to 10:45 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required for each session. Info: visit the

library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Saturday, Jan. 28 Library offers free SAT practice test

The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to partner with the Huntington Learning Center to offer high school students a free SAT practice test from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Students will practice taking a full-length test under the same conditions they will experience during the actual exam. All registrants must live in or attend a high school in Villa Park or Oakbrook Terrace. Attendees should bring their own calculators and pencils. Registration is required. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Monday, Feb. 13 Therapy dogs to visit the library

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Wednesday, Feb. 15 LEGO® Builders Club at the library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold a session of its LEGO® Builders Club on this date from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 6 and older. Registration is required for this session. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

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Monday, Feb. 20 Library screens holiday matinees

Children of all ages can stop by the Villa Park Public Library 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 website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 LEGO® Builders Club at the library

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Ongoing events Library offers Mini-Library at Jefferson Middle School

In an on-going partnership with School District 45 and Jefferson Middle School, the Villa Park Public Library offers a mini-library for families and kids of all ages at Jefferson Middle School (255 W. Vermont St.) from 3-4 p.m. every Thursday through April 17, except March 30 (closed) and March 2 (12 noon-1 p.m. only). Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Gymnastics program

Parks and Recreation has announced a new gymnastics program in partnership with Tumbling Times Gymnastics, 400 Rohlwing Road. A wide variety of gymnastics classes are available for all ages and skill levels. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-8970.

Engineering Club for grades 6-8

The Villa Park Public Library and Willowbrook High School are teaming up to bring the exciting world of engineering to middle school students. Led by Willowbrook teachers Joshua Zwart and Kevin Quinn and a few of their students, the library will hold Engineering Club on from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 21, March 21, and April 18. All students in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend this fun and educational program. Registration is required. Info: visit the Villa Park Library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

VFW Friday Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday eve-

ning, the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, holds its Fish Fry. Menu available for purchase includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

Widows or Widowers meeting

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs meets on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m.

Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst.

Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-40 or www.cfsites.org.

TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
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15 CH 001683

227 N PRINCETON AVE
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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2016, Sheriff of DuPage County will on February 14, 2017, in 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 21 (EXCEPT THE NORTH 100 FEET THEREOF) IN NORTH ARDMORE, IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 5, 1914 AS DOCUMENT 118541, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TAX NO. 06-04-409-008

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 227 N Princeton Ave
Villa Park, IL 60181

Description of Improvements: WHITE, ALUMINUM SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY, TWO CAR DETACHED GARAGE

The Judgment amount was \$23,550.63.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE

RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website <http://ilforeclosuresales.mprllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - Pie & Associates, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorneys N. Dearborn St. Suite 1300, Chicago, 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file # 254438.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DE COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than set forth in this notice of sale.

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Public Hearing Notice

The Village of Bensenville will be holding a public hearing to review an application for a DuPage County Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Grant for the 2018 Storm Sewer Improvement Project. The project proposes to install various sizes of pipe along Wood A Center St/York Rd ranging from 36-in 48-inch diameter to improve storage capacity issues in the area.

The Public Hearing location and time as follows:

6:30 PM, January 24, 2017
Bensenville Village Hall Board Room
12 South Center Street
Bensenville, IL 60106

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Questions regarding this hearing, the grant application, or project may be directed to Mehul Patel at 6594-1196.

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Public Hearing Notice

The Village of Bensenville will be holding a public hearing to review an application for a DuPage County Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Grant for the George Street Bypass Storm Sewer Project. The project proposes to install a 42-inch bypass storm sewer for the existing culvert to Redmond Reservoir to improve flow capacity issues in the area during high flow events.

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AT seeks speakers who have traveled abroad

Presentations sought for upcoming International Fest Week

From Feb. 21 to 24, Addison Trail will celebrate International Fest Week.

During that week, students will hear presentations in which speakers will discuss their travels and experiences from throughout the world.

The school is looking for adults to share their stories of traveling abroad, and those who are interested can sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/O4lQjXf5jyWZqvn42>.

The week will culminate with the International Dance Show on Feb. 24. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature dances that represent a variety of countries/cultures. A portion of the proceeds from this year's show will be donated to Maestro Cares Foundation. According to the foundation's website (maestrocares.org), "Maestro Cares Foundation improves the quality of life of orphaned and disadvantaged children in Latin America and the U.S. (It does) so by providing housing, educational programming and the essential resources to support their growth and development, so they can become tomorrow's leaders." More details will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski at iniewinski@dupage88.net or 630-628-3307.

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Today!

IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team downs Walther Christian

Sutton provides spark with 15 points

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The IC Catholic Prep boys basket-
ball team snapped a three-game losing
streak in convincing fashion.

The Knights were 65-25 winners
over Walther Christian in Metro Sub-
urban Conference crossover action.

IC Catholic Prep had lost the last
two games in its Christmas tourna-
ment and then lost a non-conference
game to a tough Chicago St. Patrick
team.

The win moved IC Catholic Prep
to 11-5 on the season.

"We controlled the game from the
start," said IC Catholic Prep coach TJ
Tyrrell. "Our pressure set the tone."

The Knights led 21-8 after the
first quarter and 34-12 at halftime.
IC Catholic Prep outscored Walther
19-6 in the third quarter and 12-7 in
the fourth quarter.

Matt Sutton led the Knights with
15 points (3 three-pointers). Austin
Reed scored 11 points (2 three-point-

ers). Nico Gaudio added eight points,
while Alex Meurer also had eight
points. Kevin Cheng finished with
seven points and Amari Reed had six
points.

The Knights made seven 3-point-
ers in the contest.

"We had a strong offensive ef-
fort," said Tyrrell. "Matt Sutton had
15 points and gave us a lot of energy
off the bench. He was a big spark for
us. We did a much better job being
patient and with ball reversals. We
talked all week about getting the best
shot and asking ourselves on each

possession if that's the best shot we
can get? We showed patience against
Walther and did a nice job."

Tyrrell also lauded the work of
Galvin Gecsey and Gaudio. "Galvin
and Nico both did a good job in the
post and running the floor in transi-
tion," he said.

Meurer and Pat Shannon also were
cited for strong play. "Pat and Alex
continue to bring intensity," said
Tyrrell. "They leave everything they
have on the floor all the time and as
a coach there is not much more you
can ask for."

Tyrrell also took time to reflect on
the non-conference loss to Chicago
St. Patrick. "We lost to a very good
St. Patrick team," he said. "It was a
tough loss. We struggled a little in the
first half. We had no flow or rhythm
going. Their pressure was tough. In
the second half I was proud of our
guys for staying resilient. They bat-

tled and never quit. Scheduling a
team like St. Patrick is a good thing.
Even though we lost, we don't get to
see that type of athleticism very of-
ten. Coming home from that game I
was very optimistic even though we
lost. We took a step forward in being
able to play teams of that level."

IC Catholic Prep plays crosstown
neighbor Timothy Christian in a
Metro Suburban Conference game
Friday. That game also will feature
a 10-year reunion of IC Catholic
Prep's first boys basketball team that
advanced to the Sweet 16 round of
the state playoffs. Tyrrell was an as-
sistant coach on that team.

"We'll recognize them at halftime
and hopefully as many guys as possi-
ble can come back for the reunion,"
said Tyrrell.

IC Catholic Prep was 3-2 in MSC
Blue Division games through late
last week.

District 88 assures health, well-being during winter months

At District 88, the safety and
well-being of students and staff is
the No. 1 priority. And winter means
the Buildings and Grounds crews are
stepping up ensuring air quality and
the daily sanitization of the district's
buildings.

According to the Centers for Dis-
ease Control and Prevention website,
"Most of the time, flu activity peaks
between December and February ..."
Below are steps District 88 is taking
for the health of students and staff
this season.

Frequently cleaning classroom
desks, common areas and cafeteria
tables with disinfecting wipes or
soap and water

Spraying an aerosol disinfectant to
help clean classrooms

Continuously disinfecting door
handles, locker handles/locks and re-
strooms (walls, floors and plumbing
fixtures)

Placing hand sanitizer dispensers
at all classroom entrances

District 88 continuously monitors
the sanitization and cleanliness of its
facilities to provide the best environ-
ment possible.

Bowling

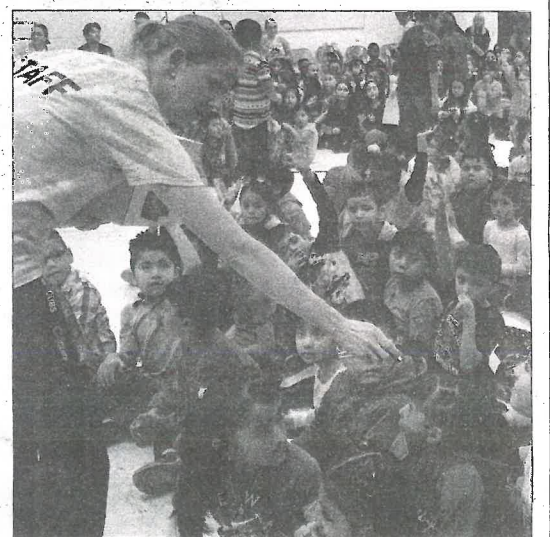
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South. The Blazers had a pin total of
2,362. Schmelter had the high series
at 557, while junior Rachel Saucie
had the high game with a 191.

The Blazers also faced Morton in
a WSC competition and had a 2,347
pin total. Schmelter had the high
series once again at 515 and sopho-
more Liz Cruz logged the high game
with a 171. Cruz had a 410 series.

Addison Trail will be busy on
the practice lanes this week before
heading to the Leyden invitational at
Brunswick Zone on Saturday.

"We'll be able to get in a lot of
practice and that will help us to keep
getting better," said Gilliam. "We're
getting to the point now where we're
adding to our skills."



COURTESY PHOTO Addison Independent

A lesson in responsibility

Lake Park 2nd grade teacher Mrs. McQuillen holds a micro-
phone to the mouth of a student who shares in the discussion.
McQuillen reviewed ways the students could demonstrate being
safe, respectful and responsible in school.

Author, American studies scholar to give MLK lecture

Dear Martin: How Do We Build
Democracy In An Anti-Democratic
Age?

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 beginning
at 4 p.m., Randal Maurice Jelks will
present this year's Martin Luther
King Jr. lecture at Elmhurst College.
Jelks is an award-winning profes-
sor of American studies, African, and
African American studies at the Uni-
versity of Kansas. His program, Dear
Martin: How Do We Build Democra-
cy in an Anti-democratic Age?, will

be held in the Founders Lounge of
the Frick Center on the campus of
Elmhurst College.

Professor Jelks is the author of
two popular books, co-editor of the
journal American Studies, and is an
ordained member of the Presbyterian
clergy.

Admission is \$10 for the general
public; free for students, faculty, staff
and alumni of the college. For tickets
and information, call 630-617-5186
or visit elmhurst.edu/tix.



Willowbrook's multi-sport star Jack Jesse shines on the field and on the mat

February 2, 2017

PHOTO BY GARY LARSEN

By JARED BELL

Illinois Matmen

Jack Jessen can do it all.

No matter the sport, the Willowbrook 182-pound junior is a star.

A two-time state medalist and a state-title contender this season, Jessen has experienced p of success both on the wrestling mat and the football field.

"It's kind of rare to excel at both sports the way he does," said Willowbrook wrestling coach Brandon Murphy, who's also on the Willowbrook football chain gang. "There aren't too many who are all-state in multiple sports like he is."

An all-state running back and linebacker for the Warriors, Jessen ran for 1,671 yards and 2 touchdowns last fall as he helped the squad to the Class 7A quarterfinals.

Once he was done, he turned his attention to wrestling and hasn't lost yet.

"The reason I feel that I've been successful in football is because of wrestling," said Jessen, two-year starter in football. "Wrestling has gotten me to the point where it helps me tremendously in football. It teaches you balance, the strength of the legs, staying low and power. There's also endurance and speed. It plays a big role."

Wrestling, however, has his heart.

Already verbally committed to wrestle at Northwestern University, Jessen says he's a wrestling guy.

His dominate season so far has showed that.

After he went 100-6 in his first two high school seasons, Jessen is currently 41-0 and ranked 2 in the current Illinois Matmen GO EARN IT Wrestling Apparel Class 3A 182-pound ranking

"We talk about trying to be the best in the county and working toward that because if you're best in the country you're going to be the best in the state," Murphy said. "Our goal is just to be better and better, but I know in the back of his mind he's pushing himself and he's envisioning himself being a state champion and at the top of the podium this year."

It's a spot he's come painfully close to twice.

Two years ago as a 170-pound freshman, Jessen lost in the state title match and, last year sophomore, he fell in the state semifinal and settled for third.

"I don't really feel much pressure to win a title this year, but rather it's a want," Jessen said. "I want to get back there, and I know I can win it."

That quest begins Saturday in the Class 3A Lyons Regional.

"When you see Jack wrestle, he's like a machine," said Murphy, who's coached Jessen since was a young kid. "The wheels are always spinning. He rarely gets tired, never complains and goes to work every day."

A wrestling junkie, opponents haven't always loved facing him.

In a dominate season this winter, Jessen has only gone the distance a handful of times and a quest to finish with 1,000 career takedowns as he is currently in the 700s with this year's postseason and next year to go.

"My offense is really where I break people and where I score points," Jessen said. "I feel as as I stay on offense that I can do really well. I try to force the action every second of the m I'm always on my opponent. If they're taking a break, I'm on them. In between whistles, I'm finding ways to try to score more points."

Jessen, who spent even more time in the weight room during the offseason, has also exper plenty of offseason success as he placed fourth in Fargo in both Junior Greco and Junior Fre last year and has also represented Illinois in offseason duals.

"Freestyle and Greco have definitely helped me in Folkstyle," Jessen said. "I get so many m matches in so many different styles than a lot of guys. Freestyle and Greco styles give me different perspective, tools and techniques that I've been able to use in Folkstyle."

Jessen is hoping all the work – during the season and the offseason – translates into his ult goal of winning a state title.

"I think it'd be the greatest feeling in the world," Jessen said. "When I was in youth wrestlir would go to state and watch all the high school wrestlers compete and, from that first mom always wanted to be down there, win a state title and have that moment. I've come so clos twice that I'm hungry to get it."

Jared Bell can be reached at (815) 220-6938. Follow him on Twitter @NT_SportsJared.

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