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The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce announced its 2017 Business of the Year at its recent installation and member recognition dinner. The chamber's honoree this year is Mike's Market, located at 32 S. Villa Ave. Mike's Market has been in business in Villa Park since 1969. Owner David Casey, whose late father Mike founded the business, was not able to attend the chamber's Jan. 25 installation and recognition dinner. The photo shows Casey (far left) and some of his employees with the award. Pictured left to right are: Casey, Jim Chennelle, Ryan Coyne, Steve McCuen, Nicole Clinton, Mike Fedanzo, Chuck Wiebe, store manager Brian Lynch and Marcial Jimenez. Responding to the chamber's honor, Casey stated what Mike's Market is known for: "Good meat, good deli, good customer service and great customers!"

## Willowbrook/Addison Trail swimmers win first WSG title in program history



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The Willowbrook/Addison Trail boys swimming team won the first conference championship in program history by winning the 2016-17 West Suburban Gold Conference title. The team enjoyed a perfect 5-0 record in conference dual meets this season. The Willowbrook/Addison Trail swimmers will compete in this Saturday's IHSA sectional at Downers Grove South High School. Each sectional competitor will strive to qualify for the IHSA state meet, which will take place Feb. 24-25 at New Trier High School in Winnetka. The Willowbrook/Addison Trail team members (pictured left to right, front row to back row) are: Willowbrook freshman Thomas Holmes, Willowbrook junior Jeremy Vaupell, Coach Amy Martello, Addison Trail junior Lucas Walsh, Addison Trail junior Michael Strycharz, Addison Trail freshman Marco Chaldoz, Willowbrook sophomore Robert Fagan, Willowbrook junior Mohamed Eldeen Allam, Willowbrook senior Jacob Roucke, Addison Trail junior Jacob Grygo, Willowbrook freshman Eric Hoda, Willowbrook junior Jack Wentworth, Coach Neil Wahlgren, Willowbrook junior Phillip Campbell, Willowbrook sophomore John Burns and Addison Trail sophomore Evan Zimmerman.



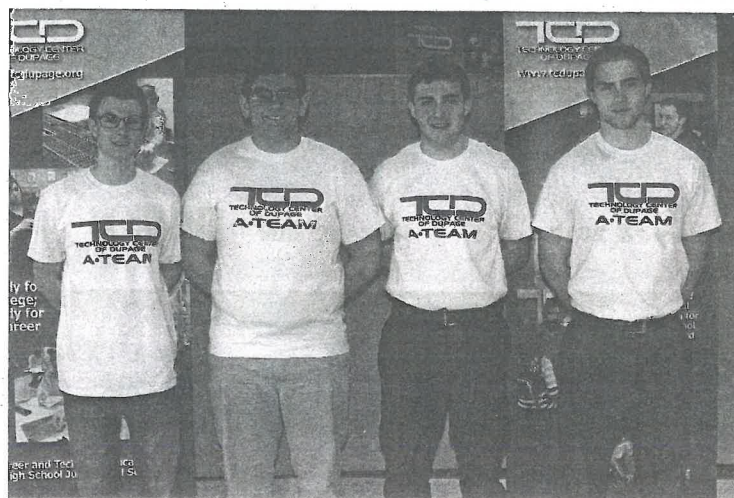
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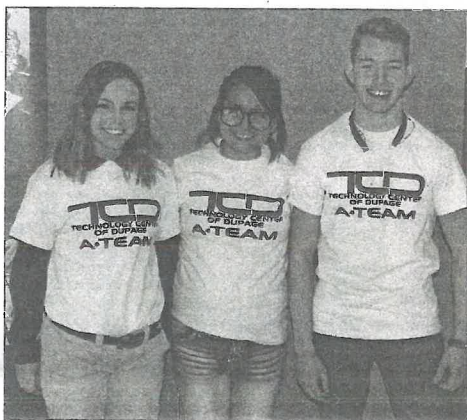




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## Honored students

Ten students from Willowbrook High School have been named to the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) A-Team Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2016-17 school year. To earn a place on the A-Team Honor Roll, students must receive an 'A' grade in their TCD program electives. According to information provided by District 88, the recognition represents excellence in occupational skills and the program's applied academics. The A-Team members were recognized in this month's ceremony held in their honor at TCD, which is located at 301 S. Swift Road in Addison. The Willowbrook students who were honored (pictured left to right in the top photo) included: junior Samuel Ricchetti, senior Miguel Mora, junior James Reed and senior Jack Skilton, as well as (pictured at right, left to right) senior Alliese Psaras, senior Isis Perez and senior Zachary Zeffiro. Not pictured are seniors Sean Gillespie, Megan Ledenbach and Abbigail Willis.



## District 88's 3-on-3 tournament takes place March 4

The District 88 Foundation will hold the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 4, at Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison.

Check-in and registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with games beginning at 9:30 a.m. The tournament will include boys and girls divisions in four levels: Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12 and Adult (18 and older).

Teams will play in a double-elimination event that will allow participants to play at least three games. Each team may consist of three to four players of similar age and gender. Teams will be placed in their

oldest player's division. Teams may be moved to a different division. Transportation will be provided from Willowbrook High School to Addison Trail.

Team fees are \$30 for the grade-school and high-school levels, and \$60 for the adult level. Registration must be received by Feb. 27. Walk-in registration will also be accepted.

The fundraising event is named in honor of the late Dennis Doyle, a former boys varsity basketball coach at Willowbrook High School.

For more information about the tournament, call Dani Brink at 630-530-3989, or go online and visit <http://tinyurl.com/zxdtbty>.

The District 88 Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving public school students in District 88 and other area districts, including District 45 and Salt Creek District 48. For more information about PIE, visit [www.piefoundation.org](http://www.piefoundation.org).

Funds raised by the PIE and District 88 foundations have supported students through several initiatives, which include: providing computers and Internet access, subsidizing Advanced Placement (AP) college-level tests and offering mini-grants for staff members to develop instructional enhancements for students.

## Montini holds Father/Daughter dance

Every winter, Montini Catholic High School in Lombard holds a special dance for all female students, with their fathers as the guests of honor. The Father/Daughter dance, organized by the school's Parents' Club, has become a cherished tradition at the school. The young ladies and their fathers took part in this year's dance at King's Hall Banquets in Lombard on Jan. 29. Pictured are junior Caeley O'Connor (left) dancing with her father Pat. The O'Connors are residents of Villa Park.



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## Villa Park briefs

### Friday waste pickup shifts to Thursdays beginning March 2

Villa Park residents who receive refuse collection on Fridays will have their waste collection day change to Thursdays, starting March 2. The final Friday collection will take place Feb. 24.

According to information provided by the Village of Villa Park, affected residents will receive a notice in the mail, as well as reminder stickers, informing them of the schedule change.

Collection material should be curbside by 6 a.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service at 708-344-5000.

### ComEd performs tree trimming in Villa Park during February

ComEd will perform village-wide tree trimming and vegetation management in Villa Park this year. The maintenance program, which begins in February, will help to ensure the reliability of the electrical system. According to ComEd, vegetation contact with ComEd equipment is a leading cause of outages.

Large trees and branches can cause extended power outages when they come into contact with overhead power lines, states ComEd, which has notified affected property owners of its maintenance program.

ComEd noted that vegetation management can cause concern for residents because trees located near electrical wires are trimmed significantly and can occasionally require removal. ComEd has contracted with qualified in-line clearance workers to perform the tree pruning. Supervisors and general foremen will be in close contact with the crews to ensure the work is performed properly.

Call 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) for more information.

### District 45 kindergarten registration for 2017-18 begins in March

School District 45 will hold kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year in March. Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, should contact their local school regarding kin-

dergarten for the 2017-school year.

Registration will be conducted at five District 45 schools, including two Villa Park schools, in March.

Registration at Ardmore School (225 S. Harvard Ave.; 630-516-7370) will take place Wednesday, March 15, at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

North School (150 W. Sunset Drive, 630-516-7790) will hold kindergarten registration from 3-7 p.m. on March 15, and each school day during the week of March 13 from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

According to District 45, kindergarten registration may also be completed during normal school hours from March 13-17. Contact the school office for more information.

### Photo exhibit at Park Art Center continues through April 1

Park Art Center in Villa Park will display the work of Chicago-based photographer Marc Hauser in "A Blink of the Eye" from Feb. 10 through April 1. The center, located at 9 E. Park Blvd., is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

Hauser has earned more than 100 awards for his photography, which has included images of prominent figures including Woody Allen, Aaron Copland, Mariel Hemingway, Michael Jordan, Dr. Timothy Leary, Sophia Loren, Julia Roberts and John Waters.

For more information, call Park Art Center at 630-501-1455, or visit its website at [www.parkartcenter.org](http://www.parkartcenter.org).

For more information about Hauser, visit [www.hauserportraits.com](http://www.hauserportraits.com), or his entry on Facebook—marchauser-portraits.

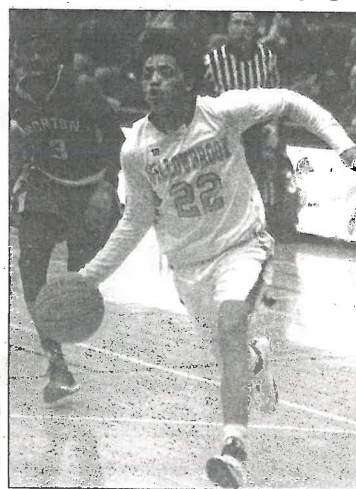
### Pioneer Garden to hold free seed-starting seminar on Saturday

Pioneer Garden and Feed will hold its second annual seed-starting seminar on Saturday, Feb. 18. Call 630-832-0815 to make a reservation for the free seminar. Spaces are limited for the two sessions, which will take place at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Pioneer Garden and Feed is located at 118 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park.

Bill Karges, a longtime staff botanist at Pioneer Garden and Feed, will lead the seminar.

## A big win for the Warriors

Senior Freddie Clay (No. 22) helped the Willowbrook boys basketball team to a 52-39 victory over Morton in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. Clay scored five points, including a 3-point shot that gave the Warriors a 35-26 lead late in the third period. Clay made the shot after Morton had reduced the Warriors' 13-point halftime lead to six points. Willowbrook improved to 23-2 overall and 8-2 in conference play. The Warriors tied the program record for victories in a season with the win. The 1969-70 Willowbrook team also won 23 games. Friday's triumph helped the Warriors in their quest for the West Suburban Gold Conference title. Willowbrook began this week alone in first place in the conference standings. The Warriors will close out their conference schedule with this week's games at Leyden and Downers Grove South. Willowbrook will clinch sole possession of the conference title if it wins both contests. See the Sports pages for more about the Warriors.



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# Sports

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The Willowbrook boys basketball team improved to 23-2 overall and 8-2 in West Suburban Gold Conference play with Friday's win over Morton in Villa Park. The Warriors, who played their final home game of the season on Friday, tied the school record for victories in a season with the win, which equaled the mark set by the 1969-70 team. Willowbrook also moved closer toward winning this season's conference title. The Warriors and Hinsdale South both entered Friday's game with two conference losses. Hinsdale South lost to Downers Grove South on Friday to drop to 6-3 in the conference standings. Willowbrook can win sole possession of the conference title by winning this week's games at Leyden and Downers Grove South. Pictured above during Friday's victory is senior Sikander Zafar (No. 5), who is shown driving for a basket early in the fourth quarter. Also pictured at left is Junior Cornelius Paxton (No. 25), who contributed a pair of baskets in the fourth quarter.

## Willowbrook ties school record for victories in a season Two wins this week will lock up the conference title

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

Friday night's West Suburban Gold Conference action unfolded nicely for the Willowbrook boys basketball team. The Warriors and Hinsdale South both entered Friday's play with two conference losses. By the end of the night, Willowbrook had a simple path to sole possession of the conference championship.

The Warriors defeated Morton 52-39 in Friday's conference battle in Villa Park. Hinsdale South, meanwhile, lost 51-27 to Downers Grove South. Willowbrook improved its conference record to 8-2 with Friday's victory. Hinsdale South, which has dealt the Warriors their only two losses of the season, dropped to 6-3 in the conference with Friday's loss to Downers Grove South.

If the Warriors can win their last two conference games—this week's road contests at Leyden and Downers Grove South—they will win sole possession of the conference title.

Friday's win didn't just help the Warriors in their bid for a West Suburban Gold Conference title. The victory gave Willowbrook an overall season record of 23-2. The 23 victories ties a program record for wins in a season. The 1969-70 Warriors also won 23 games.

"The school record for wins wasn't a primary thing," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after Friday's victory. "We had other goals. Catching the school record is a by-product of those goals."

Junior Ethan Schuemer scored a team-leading 16 points in Friday's victory. Schuemer, who scored eight points in each half, made six of nine

field-goal attempts and converted four of six shots from the foul line.

"It feels great," Schuemer said when asked about reaching the 23-win mark. At the beginning of the season, Schuemer said the Warriors were gunning for 25 wins.

"We've still got a lot of work to do, but this is definitely a huge milestone for us. We feel we can get to that 25-win mark."

Like Perkins, Schuemer said reaching a certain number of wins was never the team's primary objective.

"I think the main goal is always the conference title," he said. "When we were about 15-1, that's when we really started shooting for the school record."

Senior Iman Reynolds added 12 points, all of which came during the first half. Reynolds caught fire in the

second quarter, when he made four shots, including a pair of 3-point attempts. His 10-point output in the second period helped Willowbrook build a 28-15 halftime lead.

Sophomore Matas Masys provided nine points, while junior Cornelius Paxton scored six points. Senior Freddie Clay, who made a key 3-point shot in the third quarter, finished the night with five points and a team-leading eight rebounds.

The Mustangs reduced the Willowbrook lead to 32-26 with about two minutes left in the third quarter. Clay then made a 3-point shot to increase the Warriors' lead to 35-26. Willowbrook fielded a 35-28 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

The Warriors opened the fourth quarter with a 5-0 run that featured a steal and basket by junior Sikander Zafar and a 3-point shot from

Masys. Morton then scored four straight points to cut the lead to 40-32. Schuemer responded with two inside baskets in a span of less than 30 seconds to push the lead to 44-32. A layup by Masys and two straight baskets from Paxton helped the Warriors increase their lead to 50-34 with a little more than two minutes to play.

The Warriors earned their 22nd win of the season on Feb. 7, when they hung on for a 61-57 victory over Marian Central Catholic in Villa Park. Schuemer piled up 19 points and 18 rebounds for Willowbrook, which held a 30-23 halftime lead. The Warriors held a 46-41 edge at the end of the third quarter. Masys, who made four shots from 3-point range, scored a team-leading 20 points. Masys scored five points—one 3-pointer and one 2-point basket—in each of the game's four periods.

## Rams close regular season with a pair of conference victories

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

Glenbard East's girls basketball team closed out its regular season by winning a pair of Upstate Eight Valley Conference games last week. The victories over West Chicago and East Aurora gave the Rams an overall season record of 9-16 and a conference mark of 5-5.

Glenbard East beat West Chicago 40-31 on Feb. 7 in Lombard. The Rams finished their regular season with another conference home victory—Friday's 53-29 win over East Aurora.

Junior Briana Raysby poured in 21 points in the victory over West Chicago. Raysby made three 3-point shots in the first half. She accounted for all seven of the team's second-quarter points with two 3-pointers and one free throw. Raysby turned in a perfect performance from the free-throw line, making all 10 of her attempts. She converted six foul shots during the fourth quarter.

Junior Mattie Pusateri supplied 12 points, eight of which came during the fourth quarter. Pusateri contributed a 3-point basket and a 2-point field goal in the final eight minutes. She also made three of four free-throw attempts. As a team, the Rams converted 16 of 21 foul shots.

Glenbard East led West Chicago 20-17 at halftime, but the Wildcats held a 26-24 lead by the

end of the third quarter. Raysby made a pair of free throws to tie the score at 26-26 with 7:29 to play. She added two more foul shots with 6:51 remaining to give the Rams a 28-26 lead. West Chicago scored four straight points to take a 30-28 advantage, but Pusateri gave the Rams a 31-30 lead when she netted a 3-point shot with 5:17 left in the game. Senior Christina Dolinski made an inside basket to push the Rams' lead to 33-30 with under four minutes to play. A steal and breakaway basket from Pusateri increased the lead to 35-30 with 2:35 remaining. The Wildcats scored their last point of the game when they made a free throw at the 2:02 mark. Pusateri made three free throws in the final minute. Raysby made a pair of foul shots with 51.9 seconds left in the game.

Glenbard East led East Aurora 20-15 at halftime of Friday's regular-season finale. The Rams outscored the Tomcats 19-4 in the third quarter to take a 39-19 lead with eight minutes to play. Raysby scored 10 points during the third period.

Dolinski scored 14 points in Friday's win over East Aurora. Raysby finished with 12 points, while junior Faith Davies provided 10 points.

The Rams will open the IHSAA Class 4A post-season with this week's regional quarterfinal game against Hoffman Estates at the Hoffman Estates Regional.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review  
The Glenbard East girls basketball team completed its regular season with last week's Upstate Eight Valley Conference wins over West Chicago and East Aurora. The Rams beat West Chicago 40-31 on Feb. 7. Three nights later, they beat East Aurora 53-29. The two victories in Lombard gave Glenbard East a conference record of 5-5. Pictured during the win over West Chicago are juniors Briana Raysby (above left No. 20) and Mattie Pusateri (above right). Raysby scored a team-high 21 points against the Wildcats. She converted all 10 of her attempts from the free-throw line. Pusateri provided 12 points. She scored eight of those points during the fourth quarter. The Rams swept a pair of conference games from both West Chicago and East Aurora. They split their pair of conference battles with West Aurora and lost two games apiece to Bartlett and South Elgin.



# Reason to celebrate; Rams win two in a row

## Conference victories over West Chicago and Bartlett

By Chris Fox  
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The Glenbard East boys basketball team enjoyed its most successful week of the 2016-17 season last week by posting two Upstate Eight Valley Conference wins in Lombard.

The Rams, who have struggled through a rough 2016-17 season, earned their first conference victory of the season on Feb. 7, when they beat West Chicago 60-55. Two nights later, the Rams edged Bartlett 44-43.

The Feb. 9 win over Bartlett gave the Rams a conference mark of 2-6 and an overall record of 3-22.

"Coming out of Christmas, we've been playing better," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller after the victory over Bartlett. "Our young guys are really getting better. Our defense, rebounding and shot selection are improving. The kids are having fun. I'm proud of them for sticking with it. It would have been easy to quit and give up. They haven't done that."

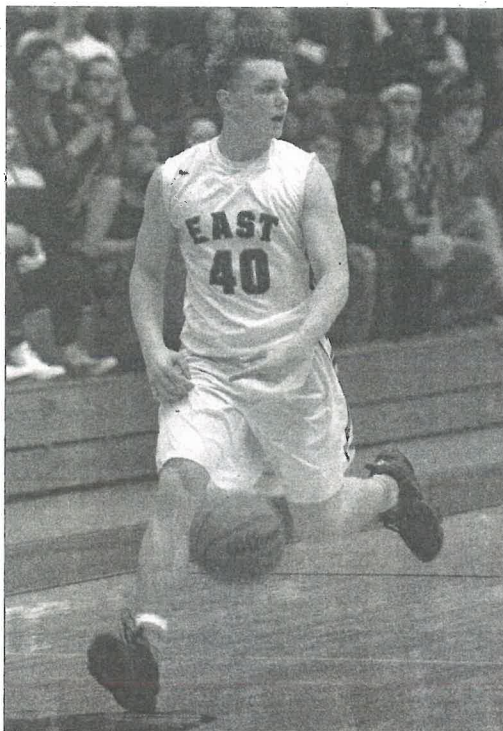
Freshman Alijah Nelson drained five 3-point shots and scored a team-leading 22 points in the win over West Chicago. Nelson made a pair of 3-pointers in each of the first two quarters. He sank his fifth 3-point shot of the night in the fourth period.

Junior Austin Esterly added 11 points in the win over the Wildcats, while sophomore Anthony Shockey contributed 10 points. Junior James Peterkin provided seven points. Senior Jimmy Fairbairn-Vargas scored all six of his points during the fourth quarter by making one field goal and connecting on four of six free-throw attempts.

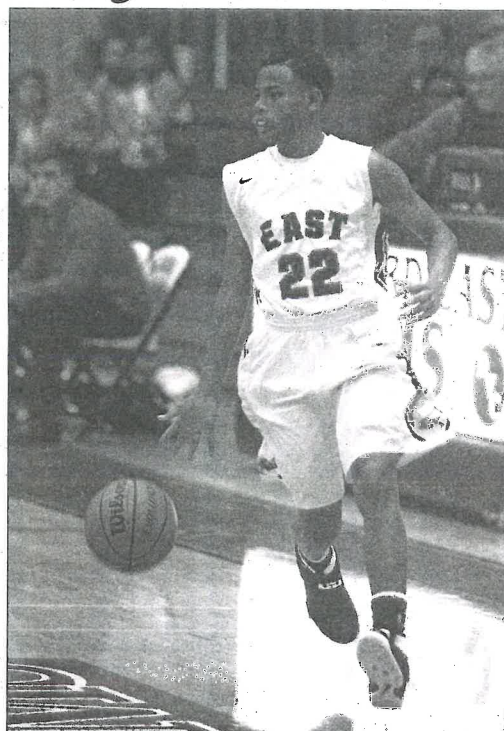
Glenbard East led West Chicago 15-13 after one quarter, 32-24 at halftime and 42-33 through three quarters.

Peterkin provided half of the Rams' offensive output by scoring 22 points in the Feb. 9 win over Bartlett. Fairbairn-Vargas scored 10 points, and sophomore Jeremy Johnson provided six points by making two 3-point shots during the fourth quarter.

The Rams trailed Bartlett 10-5 after one period. The visiting Hawks held a 22-19 halftime lead, but the Rams grabbed a 32-31 edge by the end of the third period.



The Glenbard East boys basketball team earned its first two Upstate Eight Valley Conference wins of the season last week. The Rams beat West Chicago 60-55 on Feb. 7 in Lombard. Two nights later, Glenbard East defeated Bartlett 44-43 in Lombard. The two victories gave Glenbard East a conference record of 2-6. Freshman Alijah Nelson (No. 22, pictured above right) made five 3-point shots and scored a team-high 22 points in the win over West Chicago. Sophomore Anthony Shockey (No. 40, pictured above left) contributed 10 points in the win over the Wildcats. Junior James Peterkin scored 22 of the Rams' 44 points in the Feb. 9 win over Bartlett.



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Johnson hit a 3-pointer during the first minute of the fourth quarter to give the Rams a 35-31 lead. Peterkin provided a basket and a pair of free throws in the next two minutes to help Glenbard East maintain the lead. Johnson's 3-point shot with about 4:40 to play gave the Rams a 42-38 lead. Bartlett then scored five straight points to take a 43-42 lead. Fairbairn-Vargas provided what turned out to be the game's final points when he scored a basket with about 40 seconds to play.

Bartlett missed an inside shot with under 10 seconds to play. The Hawks maintained possession after a held ball, but a strong defensive effort from the Rams helped to prevent Bartlett from scoring a go-ahead basket in the final seconds.

"I feel comfortable being back; it's a great feeling," said Peterkin after the narrow win over Bartlett. Peterkin didn't play his first game of the season until January. "We've just got to stay with the process and get better. It's the little things that get us

the wins."

Peterkin saluted his teammates, including those on the bench, after the Rams' second straight win.

"Our bench is amazing; we feed off their energy," said Peterkin in describing Glenbard East's enthusiastic reserve players, who were on their feet during most of the fourth quarter of the battle against the Hawks. Peterkin also noted the connection between his inside game and the team's outside shooters.

"If I'm hot on the inside, those

guys are ready to shoot; we have a lot of good shooters on our team," Peterkin said.

"He was really a force today," said Miller of Peterkin after the Feb. 9 win. "He makes people collapse on him. That helps open it up for the perimeter guys to start hitting shots."

The Rams will play a conference home game against West Aurora this Friday.

They will complete their regular season with a Feb. 22 conference home game against East Aurora.

## Eleven area wrestlers advance to individual state meet

### Jessen closes in on a state title, and a perfect season

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

Eleven wrestlers from area schools earned berths in the IHSAA Class 3A individual state meet with their top-four finishes at the Downers Grove North Sectional.

Seven Montini wrestlers will join two athletes from both Willowbrook and Glenbard East to compete in the state meet, which begins today at the State Farm Center in Champaign. The top four finishers in each weight class at the sectional secured state-meet berths.

Willowbrook junior Jack Jessen maintained his perfect season record by winning three straight matches and claiming the title in the sectional's 182-pound weight class. Jessen pinned Montini sophomore Pete Christensen in the first period of Saturday's sectional final. Jessen improved his overall season record to 47-0 with his three sectional victories.

As a freshman, Jessen claimed second place in the 170-pound division at the state meet. One year ago, he placed third in the 182-pound class in Champaign.

"I've always wanted that high school championship, ever since I was a little kid," said Jessen after winning the sectional title on Saturday. "Being so close and not getting there has definitely motivated me."

Jessen added that he feels comfortable wrestling in Champaign, and he won't alter his game plan for any of his opponents.

"I face the guy who they put in front of me," he said. "It's a matter of execution. I go out there and I wrestle the match the way I want to wrestle. I don't let my opponent dictate the match."

Senior Dominic Ranieri of Willowbrook earned his first state-meet berth by battling to a third-place finish

in the sectional's 132-pound weight class. Ranieri lost his first sectional match on Friday. He then won four straight matches on Saturday, including a 3-2 decision in the third-place match.

"It's an honor to be moving on to state," said Ranieri, who improved his season record to 41-11 with his sectional performance. "It's so amazing to be able to do this."

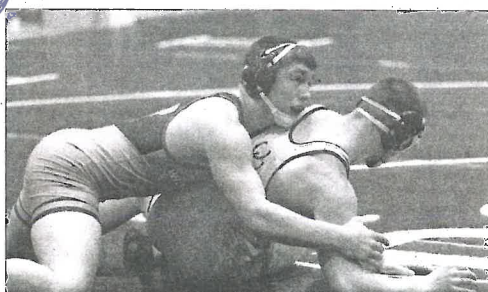
Ranieri had not competed in a sectional until this season. He narrowly missed a sectional berth as a sophomore. He suffered an injury late last season and was unable to wrestle in the post-season.

"I had nothing else to lose," said Ranieri of his mindset after losing his opening match at the sectional. "I just came back and dominated."

Glenbard East seniors Scott Szabo and Brandon Raines qualified for the individual state meet by earning fourth-place finishes in their respective weight classes. Szabo placed fourth in the 138-pound level, while Raines finished fourth in the 285-pound division. Szabo will enter the state meet with an overall season record of 32-8, while Raines heads to Champaign with a 38-7 record.

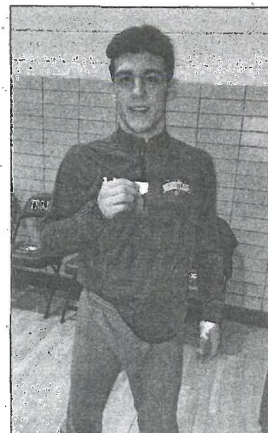
Four Montini wrestlers won sectional championships at Downers Grove North. The Broncos' sectional winners included freshman Dylan Ragusin (106 pounds), junior Real Woods (126), freshman Fidel Mayora (132) and junior Will Lewan (145). Ragusin and Mayora will both head to the state meet with season records of 40-3. Woods finished the sectional with a 32-2 record, while Lewan improved to 36-2 with his sectional victory.

Christensen advanced to the state meet with his second-place finish behind Jessen in the 182-pound division, while junior Joey Melendez (113) and sophomore Matt Ortiz (152) earned state-meet trips for the Broncos with third-place finishes at the sectional.



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Two wrestlers from both Willowbrook and Glenbard East joined seven Montini wrestlers to earn trips to this week's IHSAA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign with their efforts at the Downers Grove North Sectional. Pictured above at Saturday's sectional is Willowbrook junior Jack Jessen, who won the 182-pound title when he pinned Montini sophomore Pete Christensen in the first period of the championship match. Jessen improved his overall season record to 47-0 with his three sectional victories. Also pictured at right is Willowbrook senior Dominic Ranieri, who earned his state-meet berth with a third-place finish in the 132-pound division.





# Rams turn in strong sectional performance

## Veronika Srey qualifies for the state meet

By Chris Fox  
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The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team produced its best score of the season in last week's Glenbard North Sectional in Carol Stream. The Rams finished the Feb. 8 meet with a team score of 139.85. That output was slightly better than the team's previous top score of 139.625, which came eight days earlier at the Lake Park Regional. That regional effort secured Glenbard East's first sectional berth in the history of the school's girls gymnastics program.

Senior Veronika Srey, who produced the Rams' best individual scores in three sectional events, qualified to compete in the IHSA state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at Palatine High School. Srey qualified for the state meet's all-around competition. She also earned state-meet berths in three individual events.

Srey placed eighth in the all-around standings at the highly competitive Glenbard North Sectional, which included gymnasts from DeKalb, Glenbard West, Lake Park and Geneva. She earned scores of 9.275 in the vault, 9.325 on the uneven bars, 9.175 on the balance beam and 8.75 in floor exercises for her all-around total of 36.525.

Srey finished 22nd in floor exercises, which was the Rams' first event of the sectional. She proceeded to deliver her score of 9.275 on the vault, which tied for 10th place. She added her 9.325 on the uneven bars, which earned a tie for sixth place in the sectional. Srey completed the meet with her score of 9.175 on the balance beam, which was good for an eighth-place tie.

Srey earned at-large berths to the state meet with her performances at the sectional. The top five finishers in each individual event and the all-around competition secured automatic berths into the state meet. The 12 best scorers from each individual event (and the all-around competition) among all contestants in the

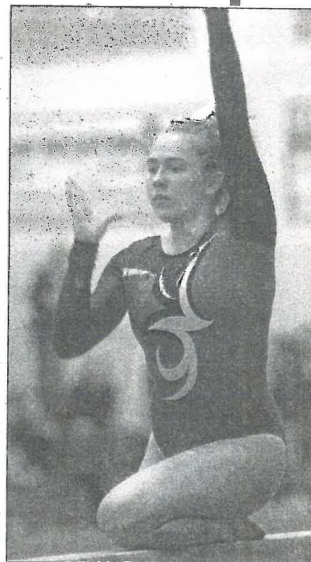


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The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team participated in the Glenbard North Sectional on Feb. 8. The Rams, who had never competed in girls gymnastics sectional as a team until last week, produced their best score of the season at Glenbard North. The Rams finished the event with a 139.85. Senior Veronika Srey (pictured above on the uneven bars at the sectional) qualified for this week's IHSA state meet with her strong sectional performances. Srey secured a berth in the state meet's all-around competition. She also qualified for the meet in three individual events—the vault, the uneven bars and the balance beam. Pictured (top middle) on the balance beam at the sectional are freshman Kelsey Donovan, who placed 14th in the sectional's all-around competition, and (top right) sophomore Sydney Nasternak. The Rams completed the sectional with five solid performances on the balance beam.

state's four sectionals earned at-large berths to the state meet.

Glenbard East freshman Kelsey Donovan



placed 14th in the sectional's all-around standings with her total of 35.075. Donovan earned a score of 9.05 for her routine in floor exercises, which was good for 13th place.

Sophomore Sierra Olson provided the Rams with an 18th-place finish in the all-around standings. Olson's total score of 34.25 included an 8.8 on the balance beam, as well as an 8.65 on the uneven bars.

Glenbard East's sectional lineup also included junior Krasimira Ganeva, junior Breanna Page, sophomore Sydney Nasternak and freshman Grace Tu. The quintet of Tu, Nasternak, Srey, Olson and Donovan completed the sectional with five strong performances on the balance beam. The Rams struggled on the beam at the Lake Park Regional, but they were much sharper in that event at the sectional, with no falls in any of the team's five beam routines.

When Donovan completed the Rams' final performance on the beam, the entire Glenbard



East team converged around her for a celebratory group hug.

"We had a great sectional meet," stated Glenbard East coach Jessica Bugajsky. "We hit five of five beam routines, which was a great improvement from the regional. We also did great on all of the other events."

DeKalb won the sectional title with a team score of 148.575. Glenbard West placed second with its total of 145.725, while Lake Park placed third with a 144.10. The Rams landed in fifth place with their overall total of 139.85.

DeKalb earned an automatic berth to the team competition at the state meet, while Glenbard West and Lake Park both secured at-large berths.

This year's state meet will feature a total of nine teams—the four sectional champions plus five at-large qualifiers. Lake Park and Conant both earned at-large berths after posting identical sectional scores of 144.10.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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## Warriors narrowly miss a state-meet berth

### Jordan Tiberi qualifies as an individual

The Willowbrook girls bowling team needed a fourth-place finish in Saturday's IHSA Oak Lawn Sectional to earn a spot in this week's state meet in Rockford.

The Warriors came up a few pins short in their state-meet bid, placing fifth in the 12-team sectional, which took place at Palos Lanes in Palos Hills.

Willowbrook finished the sectional with a total score of 5,307, exactly 100 pins behind fourth-place Oak Lawn (5,407). Waubensie Valley won the sectional title with a score of 6,212. Richards placed second with a team

total of 5,949, while York secured third place with its total of 5,428.

Senior Jordan Tiberi of Willowbrook qualified for the state meet as an individual with her six-game sectional total of 1,204. Tiberi opened the sectional with a 232 and added scores of 168, 229, 203, 202 and 170 to earn one of the sectional's five at-large individual bids to the state meet. Tiberi finished 10th among all individuals at the sectional.

Willowbrook sophomore Katie Pettinger turned in a 41st-place sectional score of 1,045. Junior Dana Sassenick placed right behind Pettinger with her six-game total of 1,044. Sophomore Holly Helsper rolled a sectional total of 1,021, while junior Betsy Soriano delivered a six-game score of 993.

## Warriors finish the regular season at 8-19

The Willowbrook girls basketball team completed its regular season with a pair of losses last week. The Warriors dropped a 54-28 decision to Lyons Township on Feb. 8. One day later, Glenbard South defeated the Warriors 54-42 in Glen Ellyn. Willowbrook finished the regular season with an overall record of 8-19.

The Warriors trailed Lyons Township 14-1 after one quarter and 30-13 at halftime. Sophomore Hanna Konrath scored a team-high 12 points for Willowbrook in the team's season-ending crossover game against an opponent from the West Suburban Silver Conference.

Konrath made three shots from 3-point range and scored 15 points in the loss to Glenbard South. Sophomore Maureen Schmid added seven points. Sophomore Katelyn McCann provided six points, while senior Jayla Smith and freshman Sara Fitzgibbon both scored five points. The Warriors led the Raiders 13-12 after one quarter, but Glenbard South overtook Willowbrook in the second period and seized a 31-22 lead by halftime.

The Warriors will begin the IHSA Class 4A playoffs with this week's game against Oak Lawn at the Oak Lawn Regional.

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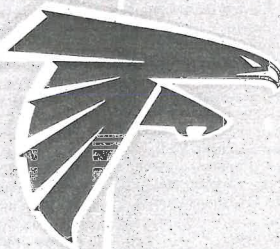
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## Could there actually be good news from Springfield? *Positive efforts are taking place*

By Dee Longfellow  
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

It's true — when the constant discussion of the state's budget impasse gets all the news, the good news gets swept under the rug. But there is good news to report, according to Constance Beard, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue who discussed the effort to transform state government.

"The Grand Bargain is an effort in the Senate to get rid of the logjam, create jobs and restrain spending," she told those who attended the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Legislative Summit on Wednesday, Feb. 8. "Rauner's administration has improved things for the better. We're not getting out the good news."

There are five areas which have seen improvement, Beard said: ERP/SAP agency conversion; a new Department of Innovation and Technology; state agency administrative hearing reform; "Cutting Red Tape;" and lean management training and implementation.

The Enterprise Resource Project (ERP) was prompted when Governor Rauner recognized that all state agencies were doing things differently. His first act was hiring a technology expert who said the state was about 40 years behind in its technology and software. Some agencies were still using software from the late 1960s and 1970s. Once everything was automated and done digitally, they were able to consolidate 75% of outdated systems into one that covers all agencies state-wide.

"It allowed us to replace more than 120 redundancies," Beard said. "It will save between \$52- and \$193-million a year."

The Department of Innovation

and Technology (DoIT) consolidated state agency IT services and enhanced IT security, such as better protection of Social Security numbers. The effort also retired redundancies and expensive antiquated systems, according to Beard.

"Right now many are being trained in the new system which will allow more mobile response to the workforce," Beard said. "It allows working directly with agencies to achieve strategic goals. After just three months, everything has been

corrected, we are now using the last four digits of [Social Security numbers] for better security."

She said there is a site called MyTaxIllinois.gov that allows people to actually look into their state tax account to see when payments were

made, etc.

Unemployment Insurance Tax Collection has leveraged the Department of Revenue's general tax system.

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## Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swim team wins first WSC championship in school history

On Feb. 4, members of the Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swim team (pictured here) made school history by becoming the schools' first boys swim team to win a West Suburban Conference Gold Division Championship. The team went undefeated (5-0) in Conference dual meets this season and will now compete in the Sectional meet on Feb. 18 at Downers Grove South High School. Pictured are members of the team. They are (from left to right, front row to back row) WB freshman Thomas Holmes, WB junior Jeremy Vaupell, Coach Amy Martello, AT junior Lucas Walsh, AT junior Michael Strycharz, AT freshman Marco Chaidez, WB sophomore Robert Fagan, WB junior Mohamed Eldeen Allam, WB senior Jacob Roucka, AT junior Jacob Grygo, WB freshman Eric Hoda, WB junior Jack Wentworth, Coach Neil Wahlgren, WB junior Phillip Campbell, WB sophomore John Burns and AT sophomore Evan Zimmerman. Full story can be found in Sports.

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## • Efforts

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"There were people working, but still collecting unemployment," she said. "[Correcting] that is saving \$17 million. Consolidated registration and reporting is working well for business tax payers, too. You register just once and don't have to fill out separate forms."

Centralized administrative hearings was a program developed after the system in place was taking too long when people had disputes with a state agency.

Beard said the effort has eliminated case backlogs, reduced resolution time, offered more transparency for taxpayers and created a consistency between state agencies in administrative processes.

"All cases are being resolved in a much more timely manner," she said.

By Executive Order in 2016, Rauner called on all agencies to "Cut the Red Tape" and perform comprehensive reviews of their own rules and regulations and remove anything that is redundant, outdated, repetitive, unnecessary, confusing or harmful. The Illinois Competitiveness Council even offers an online portal for the public to share ideas to simplify or reduce regulations, Beard said.

"It is our goal to be more responsive to people," she said.

And with the new "Lean Management" training, there is further elimination of items that waste time, effort or money. Each agency was asked to identify each step in their processes and then revise and remove that which holds no value to the agency or to the public.

"There are 67 teams already reviewing operations to focus on continued improvement, such as using less paper," she said. "Now, an issue comes in electronically, it's immediately 'triaged' to the right place and it is made viewable to taxpayers. There's no [spending] involved, just common sense."

Beard is glad things are moving forward in a positive way.

"It's embarrassing to say we still do it the old-fashioned way," she said. "It's been fun to watch the various teams get involved and go ahead and it's done."

During Q&A, someone asked about taxing Internet sales, but Beard was doubtful that would happen.

"Internet online sales may seem to be impacting local dollars," she said. "But many pay taxes where they have distribution centers, including Illinois."



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## Addison Trail to host 45th annual Flower Show

Addison Trail Horticulture Club students show off with their floral arrangements at a previous Flower Show at the school. On Feb. 28, the school will host its 45th annual Flower Show beginning at 7:15 p.m. It will feature local florists and there will be free prize drawings for more than 60 floral arrangements to be given away. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens. Proceeds benefit the horticulture program. For tickets and information, contact Horticulture Club Sponsor Andrea Stawieri at [astawieri@dupage88.net](mailto:astawieri@dupage88.net) or 630-458-4177.

# Rauner's advisor on economic development paints bleak picture

**Biggest issues:  
fewer jobs, workers  
comp, licensing**

By Dee Longfellow  
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, a small group of Chamber members joined Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry president & CEO John R. Quigley on a one-day trip to Springfield for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Summit. The event is held annually just after the new session of the General Assembly convenes.

The first speaker was Mischa Fisher, economic development policy advisor to Governor Bruce Rauner, who painted a matter-of-fact perspective of where we've been and where the state is going in terms of economic development. Fisher said manufacturing jobs have fallen off, while they used to have their "economic grounding" in the Midwest. Comparing Illinois to other states and the U.S. as a whole, manufacturing jobs dropped across the board in the past few years, but have since recovered — everywhere except Illinois.

Fisher posed the question, "how do we stay robust when we are doing so poorly?"

He said the second biggest factor was pension funding; that Illinois has the second largest pension debt and the worst funding ratio, the highest taxes and the highest amount of overall debt.

Another issue is workers compensation, which needs reform in Illinois.

"Business relocators go through the Department of Commerce," Fisher said. "Workers compensation insurance rates average \$3- to \$5-million."

He talked about licensing as well. "In terms of basic entrepreneurial businesses, the state has 2 million," Fisher said. "But one in three

**“Comprehensive tax reform at the federal level needs to take place, then we could see growth across the country, but it hasn't been done since Reagan was in office.”**

— Mischa Fisher, economic development policy advisor to Governor Bruce Rauner

The bright news is that the state is working on ways to expedite the licensing process after Gov. Rauner ordered an overview of all agencies who are responsible for licensing with a goal of reducing it by 25%.

Asked if the state could file bankruptcy, Fisher said no. Cities can but states cannot.

"We are required to keep up our pension liabilities, which will keep pushing us deeper and deeper in debt," he said. "[Without reform] all other spending and services won't happen."

Asked for a best case scenario, Fisher said if workers compensation gets under control, and we keep things going forward, then the state can grow. Illinois still has one of the lowest rates of state income tax, but we're losing 1000 jobs a year, he said.

"Comprehensive tax reform at the federal level needs to take place then we could see growth across the country," Fisher said, "but it hasn't been done since Reagan was in office."

He did commend the local government consolidation that has taken place recently.

"We still have I believe 6,500 units of government, which is twice as much as the next closest state," Fisher said. "Some special assessment districts have been eliminated."

## Women's Club of Addison honors veterans through writing

Write a letter to a veteran is the activity planned for the March meeting of the Women's Club of Addison on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Addison Village Hall, Room 1301-A, 1 Friendship Plaza in Addison.

This month's program was inspired by a presentation on "Honor Flight Chicago," a program that sponsors eligible veterans for a flight to Washington, DC for a day of honor and remembrance. Women's Club members will each write a letter of thanks that will be presented to each veteran as they return home to Chicago. For more information on Women's Club activities, contact Karen at 630-878-6305 or visit our Facebook page. Guests are welcome at meetings.

requires a permission slip from the government to keep their jobs. There may be 16,000 more jobs but a rise of 300% more regulation. If you want to braid hair, be an interior decorator or a landscaper, you need [certification] and there are 470 others."

Fisher reminded the audience about the funeral director who was caught a few years ago improperly disposing of bodies. He got his license revoked but continued to do it.

"Government oversight through licensing is a way of delivering value to customers that people can rely on," he said.





These Lincoln students show off their 100th day of school posters.

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## ATHS names Klea Gjonaj 88's Best for January

Klea Gjonaj has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition for her stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. Gjonaj, a senior, was recognized during the Jan. 30 District 88 Board of Education meeting. To watch Gjonaj's 88's Best presentation, go to <https://www.dupage88.net/site/page/6277>.

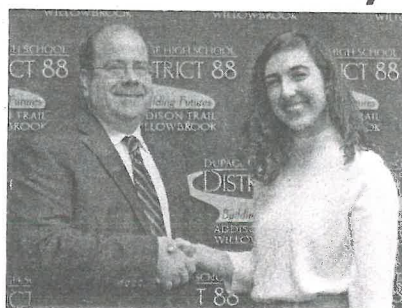
When Gjonaj first stepped into Addison Trail as a freshman, she had hardly spent any time participating in clubs and had never been an athlete. However, she did have peers she looked up to, and all of those students were involved – and Gjonaj knew she wanted to be a part of that as well. Gjonaj now competes at the highest level in swimming and track, and she is involved in an extensive number of clubs and activities at Addison Trail.

Along with being successful in the world of sports and clubs, Gjonaj has always been an academic superstar. When she graduates from Addison Trail, Gjonaj will have completed 14 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and nine Honors courses. She is at the top of her class and challenges herself every chance she gets. She has been on the Honor Roll all four years of her high school career and is an AP Scholar with Distinction.

"Gjonaj impresses me on a daily basis," said Amy Ferraro, Addison Trail English Department Chair. "Her ability to balance co-curricular activities and a rigorous academic load is second to none. I'm most impressed by Gjonaj's ability to connect with just about everyone she meets. She has demonstrated tremendous leadership through her work with Youth Equity Stewardship Series (YESS!) training. As a member of National Honor Society, she sets the standard for academic excellence and integrity in our school and is a stellar role model for her peers. As an athlete, she has excelled in the pool and on the track, and she incorporates the arts into her world through her work with theatre. She is a well-rounded, motivated and thoughtful young lady, whose determination to succeed and ability to see issues from a variety of perspectives allow her to contribute in the most positive fashion to our school community. I'm confident she will continue her positive work when she gets to college."

Not only has Gjonaj dedicated extraordinary amounts of time to swimming and track, but she also has been a major contributor to National Honor Society, Key Club, Theatre, Science Olympiad, YESS! training to enhance cultural competency within the school, Blazer Ambassadors and Pay It Forward (freshmen orientation), among others. She is President of Lettermen's Club, Secretary of Key Club and President of Science Olympiad.

"Outside of the classroom, Gjonaj has exhibited strong character and leadership, which, combined with



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**Pictured here with Principal Michael Bolden is Addison Trail senior Klea Gjonaj, who has been named as January recipient of 88's Best recognition.**

her academic record, have made her an invaluable role model for our young women at Addison Trail," said Laura Magnavite, social studies teacher. "I am astounded by the variety of activities to which she has devoted herself; from varsity athletics, to theatre to academic clubs, Gjonaj has not simply dabbled, but instead has invested her time and rose to attain positions of leadership. She is well-respected by our faculty and her peers for her tireless dedication to her extracurricular and volunteer work – all carried out with her signature smile and positive attitude."

As a freshman, Gjonaj trained extensively in track, and it paid off – she and her teammates qualified to the State meet, where she also competed during her sophomore year. She has been an integral part of growing the Girls Track and Field Team at Addison Trail, serving as co-captain her junior year. Pay It Forward also has had a positive impact on Gjonaj. She has participated in that event since eighth grade, and she has been a core leader since her freshman year. This year, she is one of two student directors for the orientation day.

"The different clubs and activities broaden my horizons and make me a part of a larger community," Gjonaj said. "It gives me a broader community sense, and it means a lot to me for my own personal growth and achievement."

Gjonaj has applied to many colleges and universities throughout the U.S., including Tufts University, Stanford University, Yale University, Princeton University, Brown University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Michigan. She is undecided where she will attend, but she plans to study chemistry, with the hope of one day becoming a doctor.



To celebrate the 100th day of school at Lincoln Elementary these students bounced a basketball 100 times.

## Lincoln celebrates 100th day of school

First graders at Lincoln School celebrated the 100th day of school on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Students made posters using 100 items of their choice yesterday. After working on 100 day projects, the students went to the

gym and did 100 ball bounces, 100 exercises, jumped rope 100 times, and painted 100 houses. Other District 4 student celebrations included parades, dressing like a 100-year-old person, and lots of counting!

## Brink honored by NSPRA as Front-Runner of Region

District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink has been recognized by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Executive Board as the 2016-17 NSPRA Front-Runner for the North Central Region. NSPRA's Executive Board identified Brink as an emerging leader, who is doing outstanding work for District 88, NSPRA and the Illinois Chapter of NSPRA (IN-SPRA). Front-Runners have demonstrated professional leadership at the state and national level and have been recognized for innovation and excellence through NSPRA award programs or presentations.

During its Jan. 30 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education, along with the administration, presented Brink with a certificate in honor of that recognition, and a video clip from representatives of NSPRA and IN-SPRA was shared. Brink also will be recognized by NSPRA during the organization's annual seminar, which will take place from July 9 to 12 in San Antonio.



Dani Brink

## Activities are boundless at Holy Family Catholic School during Catholic Schools Week

The students of Holy Family Catholic School, Bensenville celebrated Catholic Schools Week (January 29 through February 4) with a variety of activities:

The week started on Sunday, with an All-school Mass at St Charles Borromeo Church with an Open House and reception.

Wednesday was Grandparents/VIP Day and special guests were treated to a Talent Show. The performing students sang their favorite songs, played guitar, danced, performed tricks with hula-hoops, and did stand-up comedy. The show ended with the cheerleaders, and a gymnastic display.

On Thursday, multi-age teams competed in relay races before a cheering crowd. Relay races included building and crawling through hula hoop huts, bobsled races, and a mummy wrap.

On Friday, the students got up close and personal with the exotic animals from Animal Express. The menagerie included a bearded dragon, an albino corn snake, a chameleon, a skunk, a ferret, a fox, a rose-haired tarantula, a Russian tortoise, an English hedgehog, and a scarlet Macaw. The students, staff, and other guests learned about each animal; like Macaws can live to be 80 years old!

The whole school participated in "Bring the Change," a fund-raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Monday, students and staff brought in pennies; Tuesday they brought in nickels; Wednesday they brought in dimes; and Thursday they brought in quarters. On Friday they brought in all the coins and bills they could. The school raised over \$600 to aid research for a cure to blood cancers.



# Addison Trail names AT's Best

On Feb. 7, 45 Addison Trail students were named as AT's Best.

The AT's Best award honors students who have achieved a Personal Best in the areas of service, Blazer Pride, cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, humanitarian spirit or unique contributions. Students receive a pin or a T-shirt for their efforts and are honored during a breakfast.

## AT's Best recipients are:

• Senior Logan Bero, senior Liana Buttacavoli, senior Amy Cortes, senior Alfred Lugo and senior Zuleyda Reynoso

*Nominated by: Science teacher Andrea Stawley*

• Senior Jesus Banuelos

*Nominated by GOAL instructor Rita Heneghan*

• Senior Ryan Cabildo, junior Madeline Danhouer, senior Karlee Frewert, senior Victor Jaimes, senior Chris Lodzinski, junior Ethan Macaraeg, senior Rebecca Robles, junior Natalia Salamon, junior Taylor Campbell, junior Alyssa Sitkowski and senior Giulia Ciaccia

*Nominated by English teacher and Theatre Director Anna Jakubka*

• Senior Anne Jankowski, sophomore Benny Zhao, senior Terra Garcia and junior Burke Parent

*Nominated by Guidance Department Administrative Assistant Karen Grady*

• Freshman Irene Bonilla, freshman Jenny Hernandez, freshman Jasmin Bulaon, freshman Michelle Montoya, freshman Jakub Sitko, freshman Jose Yambo Jr. and freshman Jayde Thornton

*Nominated by English teacher Patti Subers, Special Education teacher Anna Grice, social studies teacher Jose Hernandez and science teacher Laura Garcia*

• Junior Asraar Ahmed, freshman Jonathan Chambers Green, freshman Teagan Whitaker, freshman Cindy Pham, freshman Parvathy Nair, freshman Dominika Zdanowicz, freshman Jorge Duran, freshman Roberto Guzman, freshman Sulaeman Ahmed, freshman Andreja Duncovic, freshman Alaisia Hunt and freshman Jaelene Vargas

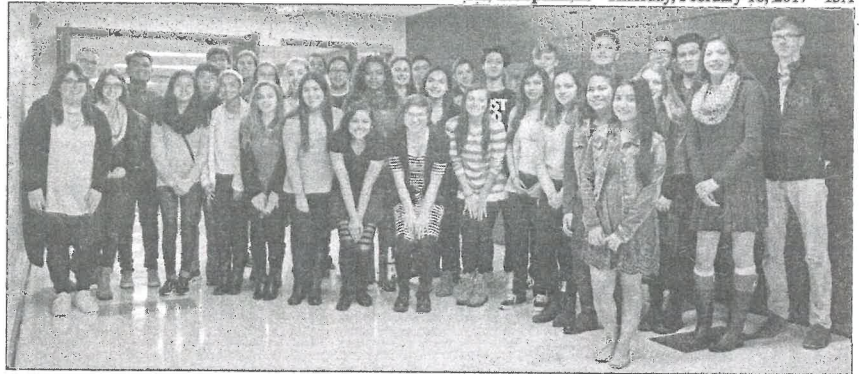
*Nominated by social studies teacher Christina Trapani, English teacher Claire Shoup and science teacher Aileen Sullivan*

• Junior Eliel Martinez

*Nominated by Dean Curtis Tate*

• Sophomore Nina Canals, sophomore Jeffrey Paul Jr., sophomore Maritza Olascoaga and sophomore Eduardo Hernandez

*Nominated by Sullivan*



Pictured are Addison Trail students who were recognized as AT's Best during a breakfast on Feb. 7.

## Learning about lungs at Army Trail

At Army Trail School, 3rd and 5th grade students spent their physical education class learning about respiration from Respiratory Therapist Kimberly Stafford. She spoke to the students about how the lungs work with the heart to provide oxygen-rich blood to the body. The students enjoyed having the opportunity to use a stethoscope to hear the difference in breathing and heart rate before and after physical exertion.

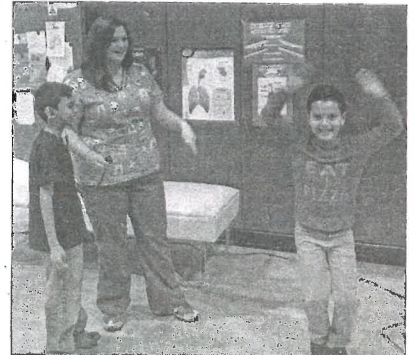
According to physical education teacher Gale Stafford, the elementary PE teachers now have to teach health because of changes made at the state level.

"This semester we teach the body systems," said Stafford. "Last week I taught the respiratory system to all the students. One day last week I arranged to have my daughter, Kim Stafford, come in to do a presentation to my classes that I had that day."

Kimberly is a respiratory therapist at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. The students watched a short video then Kim spoke to them about the respiratory system and how it works. She also talked about issues such as asthma. She brought in some respiratory equipment and showed the students what would happen if they had to go to the hospital and needed help breathing.

Kim demonstrated to the students how a doctor uses a stethoscope and showed them how to listen to their own lungs. Then the students were given stethoscopes to listen to each other's lungs and breathing. After doing exercise they listened again to compare the difference.

Students in Mrs. Scimeca, Ms. Carroccio, Mrs. Roza and Mrs. Kardadi's classes participated in the presentation and activities.



This Army Trail student does jumping jacks to rev up his lungs for a special unit on the respiratory system. A stethoscope was used before and after he exercised, so the numbers could be compared.



These three girls take turns using a stethoscope to listen to their heartbeats, which can measure their lung capacity as well. They were able to hear the difference in breathing and heart rate before and after physical exertion.



These young ladies from Army Trail School tried out a stethoscope on each other to test their lungs by listening to their heartbeats. It was part of a unit on health and the human body. According to physical education teacher Gale Stafford, the elementary PE teachers now have to teach health because of changes made at the state level.

## Community calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 22

### Ben's Bubble Show

Using his bare hands and a few simple tools, Ben Jimenez with share beautiful bubbles, big bubbles, mind-boggling bubbles ... just lots and lots of bubbles during this humorous presentation from 7-7:45 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, filled with plenty of audience participation. Info: Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

### Can you afford to retire?

Greg Kurinec will help you evaluate your personal ability to retire from 7-8 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. He will provide you with a self-assessment, checklists, and will guide you through the 10 critical questions any retiree needs to answer with confidence. Info: Call 630-458-3320 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

Thursday, Feb. 23

### Ladies Night at the Links & Tees Golf Dome

Gather your golfing friends and meet at the dome, 120 E. Oak St., starting at 7 p.m. Your \$25 fee includes 90 minutes of dome time practice, short game practice and PGA/LPGA/USGTF certified golf coaching.

Light snacks and complimentary water are included. All ladies will receive a ticket for a glass of wine with additional glasses available at a discount. RSVP is required by noon the day prior to each event. Info: Call 630-ADD-PARK, Option 4.

Friday, Feb. 24

### Mexican Flag Day

Drop in from 3-4 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. Come celebrate el día de la bandera with festive activities and food. All ages are welcome. Info: Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

Saturday, Feb. 25

### Stressed Out? Chill Out

Drop in from 2-4 p.m. at the Addison Public Library to learn about stress and new, fun ways to cope in this interactive program. No hay inscripciones. Ven y aprende a enfrentar el estrés de manera interactiva y divertida. Info: Call 630-458-3306 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

### Ladies Morning at the Links & Tees Golf Dome

Gather your golfing friends and meet at the dome, 120 E. Oak St., starting at 9 a.m. Your \$25 fee includes 90 minutes of dome time practice, short game practice and PGA/LPGA/USGTF certified golf coaching. Light snacks and complimentary water are included. All ladies will receive a ticket for a glass of wine with additional glasses available at a discount. RSVP is required by noon the day prior to each event. Info: Call 630-ADD-PARK, Option 4.

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## SPORTS

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# Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team wins conference title

*Swimmers earn all-conference honors in every non-diving event*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team made some more history recently.

AT-Willowbrook finished third at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet and as a result tied for the overall conference title with

Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South.

It is the first conference title in the program's history.

AT-Willowbrook finished the regular conference season with a 5-0 record.

"It was awesome," said Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. "The guys were very excited about winning the conference title. We did not taper our guys for the conference meet and other teams did. We should be able to fare well against these other teams at sectionals (this Saturday). We'll have the opportunity to show

how good of a team we are. We did a lot of good things in this meet."

AT-Willowbrook had an individual swimmer or relay earn all-conference honors (Top 4 for individual events and Top 3 for relays) in every non-diving event. AT-Willowbrook does not have divers because it has no home pool or practice facility for divers.

AT-Willowbrook won two of the three relay events. The team won the 200 free relay with Evan Zimmerman (AT), Jacob Grygo (AT), Mikey Strycharz (AT) and Jack Burns (Willowbrook).

AT-Willowbrook also won the 400 relay conference title with Strycharz, Grygo, Burns and Jack Wentworth (Willowbrook).

The team placed second in the medley relay with Zimmerman, Lucas Walsh (AT), Jake Roucka (Willowbrook) and Grygo (AT).

Roucka won the 100 butterfly conference title, while Zimmerman was the backstroke champion. Zimmerman placed second in the 200 IM,

while Roucka was third in the IM.

"That was pretty big for us to finish second and third in the IM," Wahlgren noted.

Grygo earned all-conference honors in the 50 free with a fourth-place finish. Burns was fourth in the 100, while Strycharz was third in the 500.

Wentworth was fifth in the 500.

"Jack Wentworth just missed all-conference. He's dropped a lot of time in the 500 over the course of the season," said Wahlgren. "He's dropped pretty close, to a minute, which is awesome. He dropped 15 seconds at the conference meet."

Walsh finished fourth in the breaststroke. Thomas Holmes was fifth in the event.

"Thomas is only a freshman so that was pretty exciting to see," said Wahlgren.

AT-Willowbrook will compete in the Downers Grove South sectional this Saturday.

"Over the last three years when this group came in, it was about training them and getting their

form down," said Wahlgren. "They worked out and did the yardage and now understand how to be racers. They understand how to face in the pool and they have gotten better and better. They have come a long way as a team. We are a team. Each guy relies on the other guys and we've been able to win conference because of it and we've done something no other AT-WB team ever has done before."

Wahlgren said his group is looking forward to the challenging sectional.

"We're going to be in a tough sectional," he said. "It's going to be fun. We'll see a lot of fast swimmers. Our guys are going to be up there. We will compete against some teams that we wouldn't have been able to before. Hinsdale Central is there and won state two years ago and Lyons Township won state last year. We're going to have some fun and guys will get some personal bests and we'll see if we can't fare well against the other teams in the West Suburban Conference. We want to show how strong our taper is."

## Willowbrook's Jessen, Ranieri headed to state wrestling

*Tiberi qualifies for state bowling meet*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook junior wrestler Jack Jessen continued his dominance at the recent Downers Grove North sectional.

Jessen moved his record to a perfect 47-0 by winning the 182-pound Class 3A sectional title there.

Jessen pinned Montini's Pete Christensen in the 182-pound final in just 1:46.

Jessen advances to the Class 3A individual state tournament in Champaign this weekend. Jessen finished third in the state at 182 pounds last year.

He'll be joined by teammate Dominic Ranieri who placed third at 132 pounds at Downers Grove North.

Ranieri won his third-place match by a 3-2 count over Stagg's Noah Price. Ranieri brings a 41-11 record into Champaign.

### Willowbrook girls bowling

Willowbrook senior Jordan Tiberi qualified for this weekend's IHSA girls bowling state finals out of the Oak Lawn sectional recently.

Tiberi rolled a 1,204 series to earn an individual qualifying spot in the state finals near Rockford.

As a team, Willowbrook finished fifth in the sectional with a total pinfall of 5,307. The Warriors finished 100 pins out of the final team state-qualifying spot.

### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent 54-28 West Suburban Conference crossover game to Lyons Township.

The Warriors trailed 14-1 after the first quarter and 30-13 at halftime. Hannah Konrath led the Warriors with 12 points and hit two 3-pointers. Sara Fitzgibbon added four points, as did Sydney Verdino. Jayla Smith had two assists.

Willowbrook also lost 54-42 on the road at Glenbard South in non-conference action. Willowbrook led 13-12 after the first quarter, but Glenbard South came back and took a 31-22 lead into halftime.

Konrath led the Warriors with 15 points and shot 3-for-5 from the 3-point line. She also had four rebounds.

Maureen Schmid added seven points, four rebounds and three blocks. Katelyn McCann had six points, five rebounds and three assists. Fitzgibbon had five points, while Shannon Knudtson had four rebounds.

## IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team continues winning ways

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team continued to pile up the wins recently.

The Knights recorded wins last week against Fenton and Glenbard South—both Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division foes.

The two wins moved IC Catholic Prep to 17-7 overall and kept it in at least a tie for first place in the MSC Blue with an 8-2 record.

IC Catholic Prep downed Fenton 62-50 and defeated Glenbard South 61-57.

Earlier, the Knights scored a thrilling double-overtime win against Aurora Central Catholic that put the team in a three-way tie for first place in the conference with ACC and Glenbard South.

"We started out on a positive note in the first quarter against ACC. Austin Reed got us going by distributing the ball to his brother (Amari) who had eight points in the first quarter," said IC Catholic Prep coach TJ Tyrrell.

Amari Reed finished with 22 points, while Austin Reed had 16 points.

Tony Gaudio hit two free throws near the end of regulation to send the game into the first overtime.

"Tony knocked down both free throws. He was clutch," said Tyrrell. "We had to get one stop after that and we did. The clutch free-throw shooting was awesome to see. Tony stepped up in that moment."

Kevin Cheng went 5-for-5 from the line in the overtimes, while Amari Reed was 4-for-4 and Austin Reed was 3-for-4. Cheng sank 10 of 11 free throws covering the fourth quarter and the two over times. Tyrrell also noted Cheng hit some clutch 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. He had 11 points in the fourth quarter.

"We had very good free-throw shooting down the stretch and in overtime," said Tyrrell. "That was a big difference-maker for us."

Tyrrell also was pleased with how the Knights adjusted defensively. "Two of ACC's key guys fouled out late in the game," he said. "We did a good job of using a box-and-one and a triangle-and-two on one of their players, who is one of the top guys in the area. He had four points

in the first half and then scored 37 in the second half and the two overtimes. We focused on trying to contain him as much as possible. Down the stretch for us it was a good team effort."

The Knights also received strong play from Alex Meurer and Nico Gaudio. "Alex stepped up as he has done all year for us," said Tyrrell. "He guarded their best player and gave us a lot of great minutes. Nico is a junior and played one of his best games of the year. He was a solid physical presence and played strong and with confidence."

Kris Askew also had a fine game. "We had some solid minutes from Kris Askew," said Tyrrell. "He's starting to play a lot better as of late."

The Knights also got word that junior Luke Ricobene, the quarterback on the state-championship football team, has been cleared to return after being out all season.

"Luke has been practicing and played in a JV game," said Tyrrell earlier last week.

The two recent victories gave the Knights six wins in a span of seven contests.



# Willowbrook's Jessen, Ranieri make way to state

By JASON ROSSI

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**DOWNERS GROVE** – From the start of the postseason, the odds were stacked against Dominic Ranieri.

He bucked the odds in a big way.

The Willowbrook senior overcame a first-round sectional loss to win four straight matches and finish third at 132 pounds at the Class 3A Downers Grove North sectional.

A consolation semifinal win clinched Ranieri's first state berth, and he avenged his sectional loss by topping Stagg's Noah Price 3-2 in the third-place match. Ranieri scored a takedown midway through the third period and rode out for the win.

"First round I took a tough loss. I was up 10-4 and put myself in a bad position and got pinned. I had a long night to think about it [Feb. 10], and I came back ready," Ranieri said. "Every kid here I think can be downstate. We have probably one of the hardest sectionals out there, and it's an honor to be moving on to state."

At the Lyons Township regional the previous week, Ranieri was the No. 4 seed and finished third to move on to the sectional.

Sectional tournaments favor regional champs and award them first-round byes, and the road to state for wrestlers who fall in the first round of the sectional is arduous. Ranieri survived the test.

"It was just all mental and physical. I wouldn't say I'm a big 132-pounder, I'm about average size. A lot of the kids are strong, and it's just so amazing to be able to do this," Ranieri said.

This was the first sectional tournament for Ranieri, who started wrestling when he got to high school. He was on the freshman team his first year, made the varsity postseason lineup as a sophomore and finished fourth at the regional, and was injured before last year's regional tourney.

"Just making it downstate for the first time – it's my senior year, I had nothing else to lose," Ranieri said.

Ranieri had a good resource to ask what the state experience is like in junior teammate Jack Jessen.

Jessen locked up his third state berth with a 20-8 major decision win in a 182-pound semifinal at the sectional. He claimed the title with a pin at the 1:48 mark of the final.

Jessen entered the state tournament



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Willowbrook's Jack Jessen (left) takes down Montini's Fidel Mayora on Feb. 11 during the 182-pound championship match at the Downers Grove North sectional. Jessen won the title to remain unbeaten. Teammate Dominic Ranieri also advanced to the state tournament.

with a 47-0 record, but said he had a few things to work on as he set his sights on his first state championship. He was second at 152 as a freshman and third at 182 last season.

His previous state experience and the fact he is doing some of the best wrestling of his career should put him on the short list of possible state champs.

"Being down there before, I feel comfortable, I feel at home, and I'm not intimidated by it," Jessen said. "I definitely feel like I've reached a high this season and I feel like I'm in shape and my technique is the best it's ever been."

Zach Zeffiro (126) also was a sectional qualifier for the Warriors, but he came up shy of making it to state.

## If you go

- **WHAT:** Individual wrestling state tournament
- **WHEN:** 1 p.m. Feb. 16 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18
- **WHERE:** State Farm Center, 1800 S. First St., Champaign

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# Team effort keeps Knights in title hunt

By JASON ROSSI

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ELMHURST – Kevin Cheng enjoys the camaraderie he feels with his IC Catholic boys basketball teammates.

The Knights were enjoying it even more Feb. 10.

Without leading scorer and rebounder Austin Reed as well as younger brother Amari Reed, the Knights found a way to knock off Glenbard South 61-57 for a key Metro Suburban Blue victory.

"I think it says a lot about our team," Cheng said. "Even though we lost some guys, we were able to keep our heads and stay together. We have a lot of chemistry and tonight was a fun game."

"I think we all had a lot of fun. Everyone was getting their minutes and everyone was playing hard."

It truly was a team effort for the Knights against the Raiders as seven players scored four or more points.

IC trailed throughout the second quarter and went into halftime down 24-22 before battling back and taking a 45-36 lead on Nico Gaudio's two free throws with 6:10 remaining.

The Raiders responded with a 19-8 run for a 55-53 lead with 1:41 left. Gaudio drained a shot to tie it moments later, and Alex Meurer calmly sank two free throws with 32.6 seconds left to put the Knights ahead for good. Cheng hit four free throws in the final 11.3 seconds to ice the win, and IC converted 12 of 13 foul shots in the fourth quarter.

"We just emphasized, 'We're going



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IC Catholic's Kevin Cheng (right) looks for room to maneuver Feb. 10 during a home game against Glenbard South. Cheng scored a team-high 18 points in a 61-57 win that kept the Knights tied atop the Metro Suburban Blue conference.

to win this game. We just have to stay positive and stay focused," Cheng said. "Even though I made that turnover and they went up two, I don't

think we ever doubted ourselves, and I think that was the biggest thing."

Cheng (18 points) and Meurer (12) were the only Knights to reach double

"We just emphasized, 'We're going to win this game. We just have to stay positive and stay focused.'"

**Kevin Cheng**

IC Catholic boys basketball player

figures, but Gaudio had six points in the fourth quarter and Matt Sutton had six after halftime as each finished with eight points. Kris Askew tallied five points while Luke Ricobene and Galvin Gescey each scored four.

The victory against the Raiders kept IC at the top of the MSB standings along with Aurora Central Catholic. Each team was 8-2 in conference play after Feb. 10 wins.

IC improved to 18-7 overall and 9-2 in conference with a 67-63 road win against Illiana Christian on Feb. 13. ACC kept pace with a 56-38 MSB win against Wheaton Academy on Feb. 14.

The Knights host Wheaton Academy at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 while ACC welcomes Fenton the same day in the final MSB game for each team.

"This was a huge hurdle. Since we've been in the conference we had not beaten Glenbard South," said IC coach T.J. Tyrrell, whose record against Glenbard South is 1-5. "They were right behind us [in the conference race] at 6-3, but we focus on one game at a time and every game that we play is a conference championship game."

## Willowbrook sets record for wins, eyes conference title

By MATT LE CREN

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VILLA PARK – After being academically ineligible for nearly two years, Willowbrook senior Iman Reynolds finally returned to the basketball court last month.

The 6-foot-4 guard was motivated by the chance to play with a team that was making history.

"I missed the end of my sophomore year and my whole junior year and I came back because I wanted to play with these guys," Reynolds said. "It's been great being able to play with these guys, not just any people. It's a great group that I feel like can make a strong run in the playoffs."

The Warriors have made a tremendous run through the regular season. They beat Morton 52-39 in West Sub-

urban Gold action Feb. 10 for their 23rd victory, tying the school record set in 1969-70. The Warriors then set the record for wins with a 52-48 victory against WSG foe Leyden on Feb. 14.

"I told the kids that the record was set in the 1969-70 season, so ... that's 47 years," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "That's a long time, longer than I've been alive, so it's pretty neat."

The Warriors (24-2, 9-2) also are poised to break another long drought. Though they shared the WSG title two years ago, they have not won an outright conference championship since 1972.

The wins against Morton and Leyden, coupled with Hinsdale South's Feb. 10 loss against Downers Grove South, gave the Warriors a 1 1/2-game lead with two games to go.

"I think [an outright title] is a big deal," Willowbrook junior center Ethan

Schuermer said. "Willowbrook basketball has not always been a huge deal."

"Everyone talks about, 'Oh, you're not going to be good, you don't have Alonzo [Verge] anymore. But coming into this year we had high hopes and so far it's worked out well."

Thanks in large part to the 6-foot-7 Schuermer, the Warriors got off to a terrific start this season. The addition of Reynolds, who came off the bench against Morton and scored all 12 of his points in the first half to stake Willowbrook to a 28-15 halftime lead, has made a good team even more formidable.

"He's been huge, especially when he gets hot," Schuermer said of Reynolds. "When he shoots that ball, I have confidence in him every time. We're always looking for him."

It's not hard to see why. Reynolds drained five straight shots against Mor-

ton (8-13, 3-7), including two 3-pointers.

"He had it going for a while," Perkins said. "He has a different dynamic."

"He's a bigger guard and he's a lefty. He can handle the ball, so I can put him at the point, and I can put him on the perimeter, so it's a different dimension for our team."

Reynolds still defers to Schuermer, who has been amazingly consistent all year. Schuermer tallied 16 points – eight in each half – to go with five rebounds, two steals and two blocks. He scored four straight points in the fourth quarter during a 9-4 run that came after Morton had pulled within 7.

"My role is to keep my guys together," Reynolds said. "When 'Shue' is down, I pick him up. We look to Shue a lot. He's a junior, but he's our leader. He carries most of the load. I help him out when I can."



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## Trojans' last shot drops Willowbrook

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## Boys basketball

Bryan Jakobsze knew the shot was long but stopped short of calling "bank."

In the heat of Tuesday's postgame celebration, it didn't really matter.

Called or not, the senior forward's banked-in 3-pointer just before the buzzer still gave Downers Grove North a 60-57 West Suburban Conference cross-over victory over visiting Willowbrook.

"It looked good, but I knew it was a little bit long," said Jakobsze, who scored a game-high 23 points. "My teammates did a good job of getting me going. Toward the end of the game, I knew I was going to shoot the last shot. I'm glad my teammates had the confidence in me to shoot it."

Downers North (19-7) faced its largest deficit of 49-34 midway through the third quarter and trailed 57-50 with four minutes left in the game on a dunk by Ethan Schuemer.

The Warriors (24-4) didn't score again.

Downers North closed on a 10-0 run, including Trey Boston's game-tying layup with

49 seconds left. Willowbrook, which committed 14 of its 21 turnovers in the second half, was whistled for over-and-back on the ensuing possession, giving the ball to the Trojans with 29 seconds left.

After draining nearly a half-minute, Jakobsze whipped around a screen and lofted the game-winner from the left wing.

"We did it to ourselves," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "We knew they were going to make a run, and we were supposed to combat that and just be solid. Silly turnovers came back to haunt us and it cost us the game."

The Warriors led the bulk of the game after Ryan King's 3-pointer put them ahead 20-18 early in the second quarter. Schuemer scored 17 points for Willowbrook, while Neil Paxton Jr. added 10 points and Matas Masys scored 9 points.

"We do a lot of end of game situations, just like everybody else does," said Trojans coach Jim Thomas. "You just try to get the ball into your best player's hands and give them an opportunity to get a shot up."

its Class 3A dual team sectional match against Catholic League rival Mt. Carmel.

The Broncos trailed by 16 points at one juncture.

But Montini hit Mt. Carmel with a haymaker, outscoring the Caravan 32-6, including the final 20 points in succession, for a 38-28 victory Tuesday night at the Class 3A Hinsdale Central sectional.

The Broncos (17-2) advanced to Bloomington for the 11th consecutive year but will have to knock off three-time defending state champion Oak Park-River Forest in a Saturday-morning quarterfinal to earn yet another state trophy.

Fidel Mayora, the Broncos' 132-pound all-stater, gave Montini the lead for good at 29-28 with a second-period fall.

"I realized I needed to do whatever I could to get our team to state," Mayora said. "That was my motivation. Once I saw my opportunity,

set the stage for Mayora with a technical fall at 126 pounds.

Montini trailed Mt. Carmel (20-3) by 10 points when Woods took the mat.

"We just work the hardest in the room," Woods said. "I just thought that it showed tonight."

After the Mayora triumph Jake Stiles stunned Kendall Coleman, whom Glenbard North senior Austin Gomez vanquished for his third state title last Saturday.

"Getting a takedown right off the bat and forcing him to work (was the key)," Stiles said. "I wanted to get him back (from the Downers North sectional semifinals)."

State champion Will Lewan and Matt Ortiz closed out the Caravan with decisions at 145 and 152 pounds.

Mt. Carmel state champion David Riojas' fall at 182 pounds staked his squad to a 13-0 lead.

Peter Christensen



Montini's Peter Christensen wrestles Mt. Carmel's Kendall Coleman during the Class 3A Hinsdale Central dual team wrestling sectional.

softened the blow for Montini with a pin at 195 pounds, but Mt. Carmel won the next two matches in convincing fashion to take a 22-6 lead.

But Montini state runner-up Dylan Ragusin needed only 25 seconds to terminate his match at 106 pounds.

The Broncos' last state champion, 113-pounder Joey Melendez, also needed less than a period to secure another pin.

The Caravan's Rehan

Uribe returned the cushion at 212 pounds, but Montini ran the five weight classes to a 10-point deficit by the time the "Bonus" match (a close match, Alex Tsirts giving up but was huge. up bonus meet.")

## Fenton season ends just short of

BY DAVE HESS

Daily Herald Correspondent

## Wrestling

Fenton wrestling coach Brian Hastings was impressed.

"Crystal Lake Central led by Justen (Lehr) has an outstanding program," Hastings said. "They have a lot of experience and talent. They have tough, hard-nosed kids."

Crystal Lake Central defeated the Bison 45-21 at the Class 2A Crystal Lake Central sectional action Tuesday night.

Fenton finished the dual meet season with an impressive 26-1 mark.

"A great season for our kids," Hastings said. "We had a great group of seniors who will be missed. We have a good group coming back. The kids wrestled hard tonight. Crystal Lake Central, who

wrestles better competition, was just better."

Crystal Lake Central (19-5) advanced to the state quarterfinals at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington to take on Washington at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Washington cruised past Ottawa 71-7.

"We are excited to advance to the state meet," said Crystal Lake Central coach Justen Lehr. "We had a lot of kids step up tonight with great performances. Washington has a great program. We will be overmatched Saturday, but I know the kids will show up and wrestle hard."

Winning five matches, the Bison registered three pins on the night.

Senior 152-pounder Angel Nava (39-6) registered the quickest pin for the Bison, earning a fall against Crystal Lake Central's Brenden Parks in 1 minute and 30 seconds.

Isaiah Brock (285 pounds) and Mike Bailon (106) also collected pins for Fenton.

Brock (13-4), a senior, ended his senior season pinning Wyatt Blake of Crystal Lake Central in 3:25. Bailon pinned Edwin Hernandez in 5:20.

Other winners for the Bison were Jeremy Piskorz (120 pounds) and Ivan Rodriguez (220).

Piskorz decisioned Crystal Lake Central's Mike Locascio 7-2, and Rodriguez blanked Aidan Seban 6-0.

The sectional champion Tigers picked up nine wins with four pins.

Two-time state champion Lenny Pete disposed of Gonzalez in 1:30.

Other pins came from (113), Conn Frank Caroli.

Other winners included A (31-13), Ed Braden Bi O'Donnell (O'Donnell).

"Whoever the lineup come through said. "We Lenny Pete Liam O'Do O'Donnell But kids like Braden Bi through a huge wins."

## ICCP, Timothy win

BY DAVE OBERHELMAN  
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## Boys basketball

Beating Guerin 83-61 Tuesday in its own Class 2A regional semifinal, IC Catholic Prep gave Timothy Christian much to prepare for.

The No. 2-seeded Knights shot 55 percent from the floor

against No. 7 Guerin, 65 percent through the first three quarters to go up 72-40.

Led by Kevin Cheng with 17 points, Amari Reed with 14

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