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## Willowbrook honors Outstanding Students

Ten Willowbrook High School students were recognized as Outstanding Students during last week's breakfast in their honor. To be chosen for the school's Outstanding Students award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement, outstanding effort and commendable attitude and motivation. Those students must also show the ability to overcome obstacles and maintain a continuous exemplary performance. Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause joined assistant principal Doug Wildes in welcoming the honored students and their families to the Feb. 16 breakfast at the school. Other attendees included the staff members from the school's various departments who nominated each of the honored students for the award. Each of the recognized students received a certificate of honor. Pictured (left to right) are: (front row) senior Hannah Howard (art), senior Nida Sultana (career and technical education), freshman Elizabeth Florey (physical education) and freshman Karolina Terlikowski (social studies); (middle row) senior Emily Kreiman (music) and sophomore Julia Langer (English); (back row) sophomore Matas Masys (science), senior Dillon Darrow (learning services), junior Carl Tankersley (math) and sophomore Maxwell Polanek (world languages).

## Commission presents decoration award

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission presented its 2016 Winter/Christmas Residential Decoration Award at last week's village board meeting. The commission presented the award to Gregory and Clara Billing of the 100 block of North Princeton Avenue. Pictured (middle) are Mr. and Mrs. Billing, along with their daughters Christina (left) and Samantha (right), as well as Samantha's son—Logan Thompson. Mr. Billing explained at the Feb. 13 meeting that his grandson Logan assisted him in arranging the decorations. In addition to presenting various landscaping and decorative awards to residents for beautifying their homes, the pride commission runs several events, including a food drive, a spring cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path and a holiday toy drive. The commission, which is seeking new members, holds its meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings take place at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of Villa Park Village Hall. The next meeting takes place Feb. 28. For more information about the pride commission, call 630-833-7953, or e-mail [pride@invillapark.com](mailto:pride@invillapark.com).

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# Police investigate burglary at Villa Park auto dealership

**Five vehicles stolen; four recovered as of Feb. 20**

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW  
STAFF REPORTER

The Villa Park Police Department is investigating the Feb. 13 theft of five vehicles from Lucky Motors, located at 225 W. Roosevelt Road.

At least five suspects reportedly entered the business at about 9:15 p.m. and removed five vehicles from the service area. Three of the five vehicles were recovered within less than 24 hours of the incident. Another one of the stolen vehicles was recovered on Feb. 20.

According to Chuck Pickerill, who manages the repair shop at Lucky Motors, video surveillance footage shows the suspects entering the business at about 9:15 p.m. Pickerill said the business normally closes at 8 p.m. on weeknights. He said employees had left the business

by about 8:45 p.m. on the night of the burglary.

"You can tell from the video how organized they were," said Pickerill of the suspects, who entered the business through an overhead door in the service area. "It was very orchestrated."

Pickerill said the five suspects on the surveillance video were wearing gloves and hooded sweatshirts. He noted that the suspects were only inside the business for about 10 minutes.

"An alarm went off, but they [the suspects] were in and out so fast," said Pickerill.

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, the suspects searched the interior of the dealership for keys before taking the vehicles. Pickerill noted that all of the stolen vehicles were removed from the service area. He said the keys to the vehicles located in the showroom are stored in a locked location.

The stolen vehicles included a Volvo, a Mercedes-Benz, a Bentley, a Jaguar and a Honda Accord. Pickerill said the five vehicles have a total estimated value of about \$250,000.

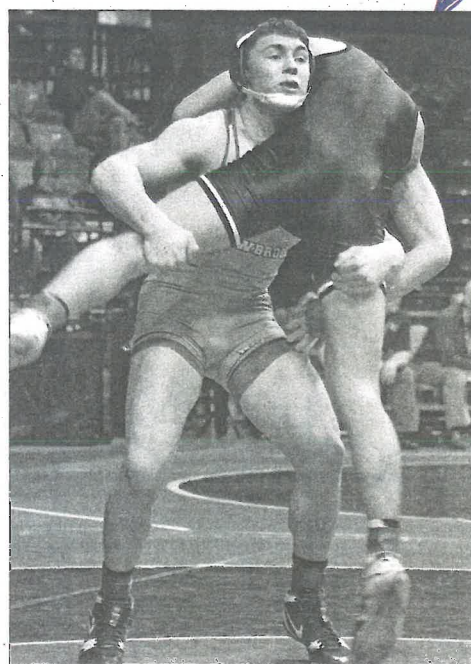
According to Pickerill, the Volvo

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**— Chuck Pickerill, manager of the repair shop at Lucky Motors**

was recovered on Roosevelt Road in Oakbrook Terrace. The Mercedes-Benz and Bentley were both recovered in Chicago. Those three vehicles were all located by the afternoon of Feb. 14. On Feb. 20, police in Chicago recovered the stolen Jaguar, leaving the Honda Accord as the only missing vehicle.

The vehicle used in the Feb. 13 burglary at Lucky Motors was reportedly the same vehicle used in at least one other recent burglary at a Chicagoland auto dealership.



STEPHANIE VANIK PHOTO Villa Park Review

## Runner-up at the state meet

Willowbrook Junior Jack Jessen claimed second-place honors in the 182-pound weight level at the IHSA Class 3A Individual state wrestling meet, which ended Saturday at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Jessen won his first three matches at the state meet to advance to Saturday's championship match. Marian Catholic senior Kordell Norfleet defeated Jessen 13-3 in the title contest to hand Jessen his only loss of the season. Jessen completed the 2016-17 season with a 50-1 record. See the sports pages for more about the individual state meet.

## Village to hold two sales-tax referendum meetings in March

The Village of Villa Park will hold a pair of community outreach meetings regarding the sales-tax referendum on the ballot in the April 4 election. The meetings will take place Tuesday, March 7, and Thursday, March 23. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa Ave.

The referendum question in the upcoming election asks voters if they want to approve an increase in the village's sales tax, from 7.5 to 8 percent. If approved, the increase would reportedly produce about \$1.5 million annually for the village. That money would be used to pay for infrastructure projects, including the installation of water mains and storm sewers.

The question as it will appear on the ballot in the April 4 election asks:

*"Shall the Village of Villa Park increase the Village's Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (commonly referred to as a 'municipal sales tax') from one half of one percent (.5%) to one percent (1.0%) for expenditure on public infrastructure, including the installation, replacement, and maintenance of sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main systems, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Sections 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3 and 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.4)?"*

Villa Park voters rejected a similar proposal in the election of Nov. 8, 2016. According to the results from the DuPage County Election Commission, the proposal failed by a margin of about 51.7 percent to

48.3 percent, with 4,818 "No" votes and 4,498 "Yes" votes.

Village voters also turned down similar proposals in the elections of February 2010 and November 2010.

Villa Park's sales-tax rate dropped from 7.75 percent to 7.5 percent on June 1, 2016. The decrease was a result of the expiration of the DuPage Water Commission sales tax.

Villa Park's neighboring communities, including Addison, Lombard, Elmhurst and Oakbrook Terrace, all have a current sales-tax rate of 8 percent.

In November 2014, Villa Park voters approved a referendum to borrow up to \$23 million to pay for road improvements. Those funds can only be used to pay specifically for road work and cannot be directed to fund related underground projects.

## The Villa Park Junior Women's Club is accepting applications for its 2017 scholarships

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club (VPJWC) is accepting applications for its annual scholarships. The club will award two scholarships this year—one for \$1,500 and another for \$500. The scholarships will be awarded to female high school students who are graduating in the spring of 2017. Eligible students must be full-time residents of Villa Park.

The club began accepting applications on Feb. 10. The deadline to apply is April 15.

Winners are chosen based on their applications and recommendations.

The scholarships are not awarded based on financial need.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be a senior in high school with a minimum grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). Applicants must have participated in a minimum of one community-service activity for at least two years, including the current semester. Applicants must also provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members.

For more information, or to download an application form, go online and visit [vpjwc.org/scholarship](http://vpjwc.org/scholarship).

## Villa Park briefs

### Friday waste pickup shifts to

### Thursdays beginning next week

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 this week, on Feb. 24.

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

Village President Deborah Bullwinkel noted during the Feb. 13 village board meeting that the change is a result of the village's refuse collector—Roy Strom—acquiring another municipal client for refuse pickup.

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; about 20 trees removed

ComEd will perform village-wide tree trimming and vegetation management in Villa Park this year. The maintenance program, which began 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.

Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner stated during the Feb. 13 village board meeting that ComEd hired a third party to conduct the tree trimming. Keehner said that about 20 trees would be removed in the area of the Illinois Prairie Path from Monterey Avenue westward to the area near the Rugar Gazebo, which is located just west of Ardmore Avenue. Keehner said that ComEd did not have a tree replacement program in place for the removed trees, but that it might plan some type of replacement around Arbor Day—April 28.

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 kindergarten 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 office of each school for more information.

### VP Junior Women's Club hosting candidate forum on March 8

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club will hold a candidate forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8. The forum will take place at Villa Park Village Hall, 20 N. Ardmore Ave., and will feature candidates running in village races in the April 4 election.

### Quarterly SALT meeting takes place March 8

The Villa Park Police Department will hold the next quarterly Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Villa Park Community Recreation Building, located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Residents and guests are invited to arrive at 10:30 a.m. to enjoy coffee, pastries and fellowship before the meeting.

The event will include a presentation by Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel and Villa Park Library Director Sandra Hill.

The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will sponsor a lunch for all guests immediately after the presentation.

### VP Chamber of Commerce holds scholarship breakfast on March 9

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold a scholarship breakfast at Willowbrook High School on Thursday, March 9.

Tickets for the breakfast cost \$25 per person. Doors open at 8 a.m. The breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m. Optional tours of the school will begin at 9 a.m.

All proceeds go to the chamber's scholarship fund, which benefits high school students from Villa Park.

The deadline to RSVP is March 7. Call the chamber at 630-941-9133 for more information, or e-mail [vpchamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vpchamber@sbcglobal.net).

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

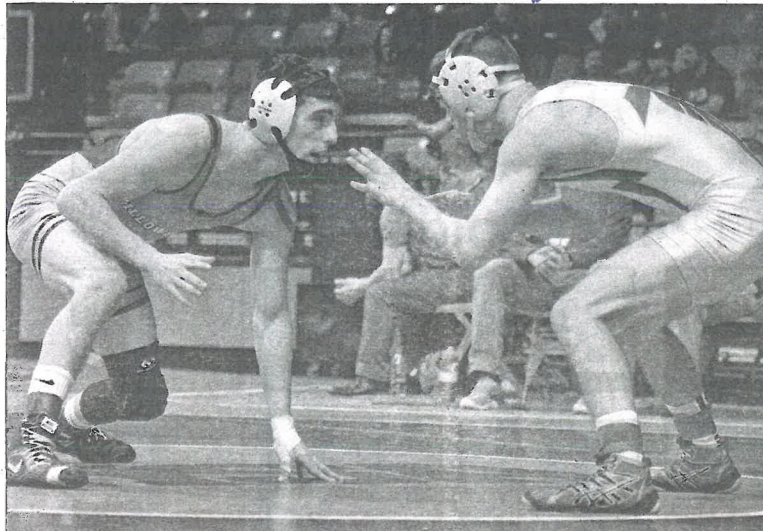
Park Art Center in Villa Park will display the work of Chicago-based photographer Marc Hauser in "A Blink of the Eye" from Feb. 10 through April 1. The center, located at 9 E. Park Blvd., is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

Hauser has earned more than 100 awards for his photography, which has included images of prominent figures including Woody Allen, Aaron Copland, Marjorie 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).

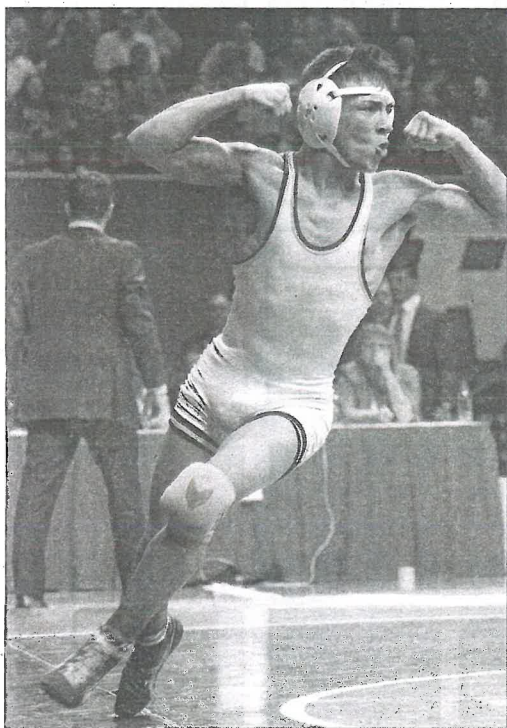
For more information about Hauser, visit [www.hauserportraits.com](http://www.hauserportraits.com), or his entry on Facebook—[marchauserportraits](https://www.facebook.com/marchauserportraits).





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Willowbrook senior wrestler Dominic Ranieri (left) is pictured at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign. Ranieri, who earned his first berth in the state meet this season, won one of three matches in the 132-pound level in Champaign. He completed the season with an overall record of 42-13.



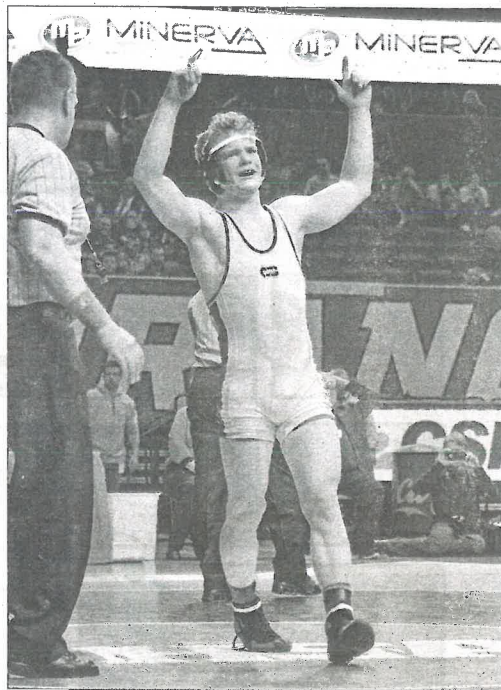
DOUGLAS COTTLE PHOTO/Photo News

Montini junior wrestler Real Woods celebrates his victory in the 126-pound championship match at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet. Woods defeated Oak Park/River Forest's Anthony Madrigal 1-0 in Saturday's title contest in Champaign. Woods battled to a second-place finish in the 113-pound level of last season's state meet. As a freshman, Woods won the 106-pound state title in the Class 2A level. Saturday's victory in the championship match gave Woods an overall season record of 36-2.



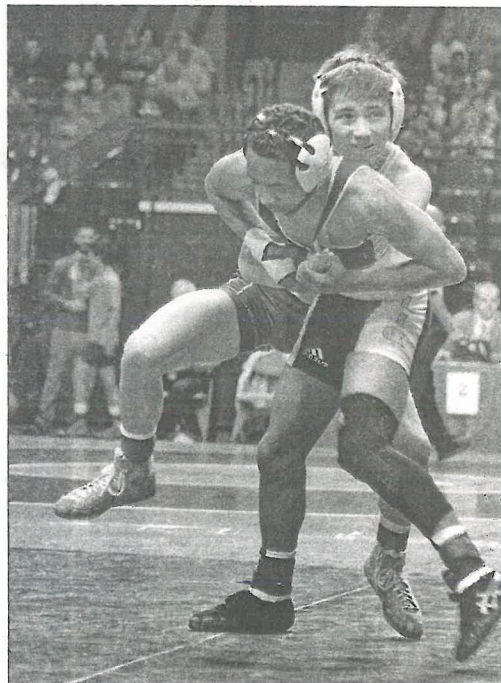
STEPHANIE VANIK PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Willowbrook junior Jack Jessen claimed second place in the 182-pound weight division of the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which ended Saturday in Champaign. Jessen won his first three matches at the state meet to advance to the championship match against Marian Catholic senior Kordell Norfleet. The title contest between previously unbeaten wrestlers ended with Norfleet earning a 13-3 major-decision victory. Jessen finished the season with a 50-1 record. Norfleet closed the season with a 43-0 mark. Two years ago, during his freshman season, Jessen earned a second-place finish at the individual state meet. He claimed a third-place showing last season.



STEPHANIE VANIK PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Montini junior wrestlers Joey Melendez and Will Lewan won state championships at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign. Melendez (below) won the 113-pound title, while Lewan (above) claimed the 145-pound championship. Each wrestler won four matches at the state meet. Melendez has won two straight state titles; he captured the 106-pound championship last season.



## Jessen earns another second-place finish; three Broncos win individual state titles

Willowbrook junior Jack Jessen wound up one win short of a state title at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which concluded on Saturday at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Jessen made it to the 182-pound championship match with three victories in Champaign. Jessen, who entered the title contest with a perfect 50-0 season record, lost a 13-3 major decision to Marian Catholic senior Kordell Norfleet in the final. Norfleet finished the season with an unblemished 43-0 record.

Jessen has now earned two second-place finishes at the individual state meet. As a freshman, he placed second in the 170-pound division. As

a sophomore, Jessen placed third in the 182-pound level.

Senior Dominic Ranieri of Willowbrook wrestled three matches at this year's state meet, which began Feb. 16 and continued through Saturday. Ranieri won his first match in Champaign before losing his next two contests. He finished the season with an overall record of 42-13.

Three Montini wrestlers won individual titles at the Class 3A meet. Junior Joey Melendez claimed his second straight championship by winning first-place honors in the 113-pound division. Melendez scored a major-decision win over Stag's Domenic Zaccane in the title bout

to improve his season record to 42-4. One year ago, Melendez won the 106-pound title in Champaign.

Junior Real Woods of the Broncos won the 126-pound championship with a 1-0 victory over Oak Park/River Forest's Anthony Madrigal in the title match. Woods improved his season record to 36-2 with his four victories in Champaign. As a freshman, Woods won the 106-pound state title in the Class 2A level. He placed second in the 113-pound weight class in last year's individual state meet.

Junior Will Lewan of Montini won the 145-pound championship with a 3-1 win over Barrington's Markus Hartman in the first-place battle. That

victory gave Lewan an overall season record of 40-2. Lewan claimed third place in the 138-pound division in last year's individual state meet.

Freshman Dylan Ragusin of the Broncos placed second in the Class 3A state meet's 106-pound division. His season record fell to 43-4 with his 7-3 loss to Providence Catholic's Jacob Lindsey in the title contest. Freshman Fidel Mayora of the Broncos placed third in the 132-pound division. Mayora's season record stood at 44-4 at the end of the individual state meet.

Sophomore Matt Ortiz won four of six matches in Champaign to earn a fifth-place finish in the 152-pound di-

vision. Sophomore Pete Christensen competed in the 182-pound level, winning one of three matches.

Glenn East seniors Scott Szabo and Brandon Raines both competed in Champaign. Szabo finished the season with a 32-9 record after losing his opening match in the state meet's 138-pound division. Raines won one of three contests in the 285-pound level and completed the season with a record of 39-9.

Montini is competing in this week's Class 3A dual-team sectional at Hinsdale Central High School. The Broncos are trying to earn a berth into this Saturday's IHSA dual-meet quarterfinals in Bloomington.



# Willowbrook/AT swim team completes season with a strong sectional

By Chris Fox  
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STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook/Addison Trail boys swim team finished its season at Saturday's IHSA Downers Grove Sectional. The team placed eighth in the overall standings of the competitive 13-team event, which featured the 2016 IHSA state champion (Lyons Township), as well as the 2015 state champion (Hinsdale Central).

The Willowbrook/Addison Trail team's nine-swimmer contingent didn't earn any berths into the state meet, which takes place this week at New Trier High School. The team's swimmers, however, did post several season-best times. One of the team's top finishes came from the 200-yard freestyle relay foursome of Evan Zimmerman, Jacob Grygo, Jack Burns and Michael Strycharz.

The four boys completed the event in a fifth-place time of 1 minute, 32.01 seconds.

The 400-yard freestyle relay quartet of Grygo, Jack Wentworth, Strycharz and Jack Burns posted a seventh-place time of 3:26.25.

Zimmerman joined Lucas Walsh, Jake Roucka and Grygo to earn an eighth-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. The four boys posted a finishing time of 1:47.68.

"This was an extremely tough sectional," said Neil Wahlgren, the head coach of the Willowbrook/Addison Trail team. "Our times were really good. All of our time drops were huge. We had some major drops. It was exciting."

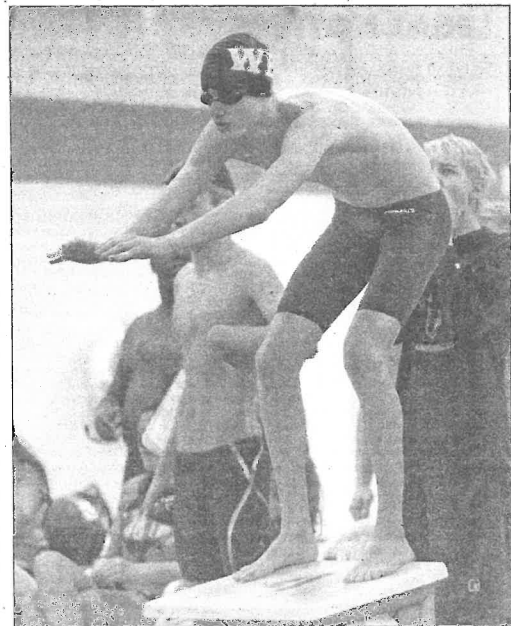
The team of Warriors and Blazers tapered their training in an attempt to swim their best times of the season at the sectional. Some of their

fellow teams in the West Suburban Gold Conference tapered in preparation for the conference meet on Feb. 4. The Willowbrook/Addison Trail team went 5-0 in conference meets during the regular season. The team finished third at the conference meet but still claimed the conference championship—the first such title in the history of the program.

"Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South beat us at the conference meet, but they both tapered for that meet," said Wahlgren after the sectional. "We tapered for the sectional—this is the only chance to make it to the state meet."

Wahlgren, who wrapped up his third season as the team's coach, said the core group of the team will return next season.

"Our guys keep growing," he said. "Everybody is excited for next year."



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

## Srey competes at state meet

Glenbard East senior Veronika Srey competed in the IHSA girls gymnastics state meet, which took place Friday and Saturday at Palatine High School. Srey finished 26<sup>th</sup> in the event's all-around competition with her total score of 35.55. Srey earned the total with scores of 9.3 on the vault, 8.925 on the uneven bars, 8.475 on the balance beam and 8.65 in floor exercises. In addition to qualifying for the state meet's all-around competition, Srey qualified in three individual events—the vault, uneven bars and the balance beam. Srey's 8.925 score on the uneven bars earned 25<sup>th</sup> place on Friday. She tied for 27<sup>th</sup> place on the balance beam and earned 27<sup>th</sup> place with her 9.3 score on the vault. Srey is pictured at this month's Glenbard North Sectional, where she earned her state-meet berths.

CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Willowbrook/Addison Trail boys swim team competed in Saturday's IHSA Downers Grove South Sectional. The team placed eighth in the overall standings of the 13-team event. The Willowbrook/Addison Trail swimmers didn't earn any berths into the upcoming state meet, but they did post several season-best times. Willowbrook freshman Thomas Holmes is shown above competing in the sectional's 100-yard breaststroke. Also pictured (top right) is Willowbrook sophomore Jack Burns, who swam on two sectional relay teams. Burns was a member of the 200-yard freestyle team that earned a fifth-place finish. He is shown as he prepared to swim the anchor leg in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team earned a seventh-place showing in that event. Burns also earned 13th place finishes in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle races.

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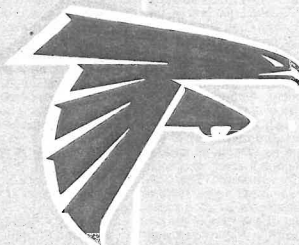
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# Sports

**LOMBARDIAN  
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## Not quite alone at the top; Warriors earn a share of conference title

*A three-way tie  
for first*

By Chris Fox  
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF  
REPORTER

The Willowbrook boys basketball team had a chance to earn sole possession of the West Suburban Gold Conference championship with a victory at Downers Grove South on Friday night. The Warriors and Mustangs waged an even battle into the middle of the fourth quarter of the finale of the conference season. Downers Grove South pulled away in the closing minutes to earn a 58-48 victory, and a share of the West Suburban Gold title.

Willowbrook, Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South all finished the conference season with identical 9-3 records. Hinsdale South earned a share of the championship with Friday's victory over Proviso East.

Friday's loss gave the Warriors an overall record of 24-3. The 2016-17 team set a new program mark for victories in a season when it posted a 52-48 conference win at Leyden on Feb. 14.

Willowbrook will finish its regular season with this week's crossover game against an opponent from the West Suburban Silver Conference. The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A playoffs with a March 1 game against either Addison Trail or Waubesa Valley at the Batavia Regional. If the Warriors win, they will play in a regional championship game on March 3. Winning the regional would propel Willowbrook to a semifinal game at the Hinsdale Central Sectional. The Warriors are the

**"You're going to have a tough game no matter what. There are no easy games in this sectional. It's pretty deep. Whoever comes out will be battle-tested. If we're fortunate enough, it's us."**

**—Chris Perkins, Willowbrook coach**

sectional's No. 5 seed.

Willowbrook held a 9-8 lead over Downers Grove South at the end of the first quarter. The teams were tied at 22-22 late in the second quarter, but a 3-point basket and a 2-point field goal from sophomore Matas Masys gave the Warriors a 27-22 lead. The Mustangs drained a 3-point shot at the end of the first half to cut the Warriors' halftime lead to 27-25.

Junior Ethan Schuemer made a midrange shot as the third quarter expired to give Willowbrook a 39-38 lead with eight minutes to play.

The Mustangs scored the first four points of the final period to take a 42-39 lead. Willowbrook responded with four straight points—a basket from senior Iman Reynolds and a pair of free throws from senior Freddie Clay. The two free throws from Clay handed Willowbrook a 43-42 lead with 5:01 to play.

The Mustangs then made two 3-point shots during the next two minutes to seize a 48-43 lead. Schuemer made one free throw to drop the lead to 48-44 with 2:43 to play, but Downers Grove South then scored four straight

points to build its lead to 52-44. The Mustangs maintained their lead by connecting on multiple free throws during the closing seconds.

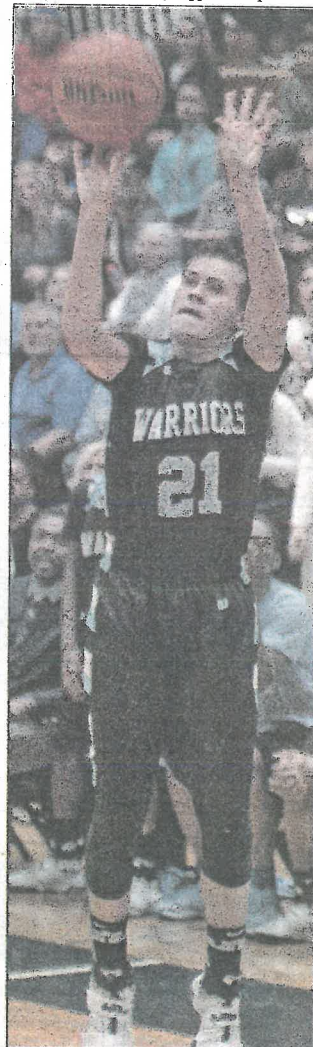
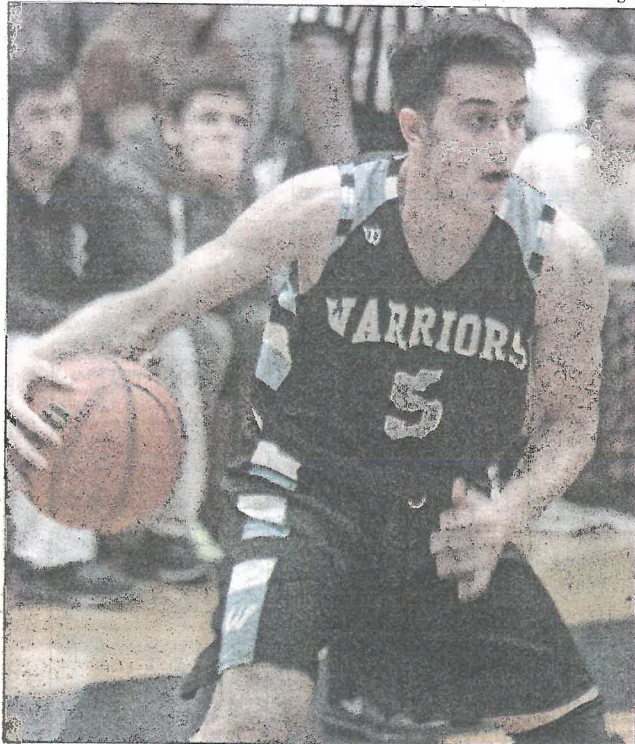
"I think we missed four makeable layups toward the end of the game; that kind of was the difference," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after Friday's loss. "That's the name of the game—you've got to make shots. We didn't make enough in the fourth quarter. But like I told the guys, this was one of our better games, considering the level of competition. Everything was there for three and a-half quarters. Maybe we ran out of gas. We played extremely hard. It's not the end of the season. We've just got to take this and get better and get ready for the playoffs."

Schuemer finished with a team-leading 14 points. He also provided a team-high nine rebounds. Masys, who made three 3-point shots, added 11 points. Junior Sikander Zafar scored eight points, while Clay supplied six points.

Schuemer tallied 15 points in the Warriors' 52-48 win at Leyden. He made all five of his field-goal attempts and sank five of seven shots from the free-throw line. Masys made four 3-point shots on his way to a 13-point night. Reynolds added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Warriors, who led Leyden 25-17 at halftime and 41-35 after three quarters.

Perkins said after Friday's game he thought the Warriors would be seeded somewhere between No. 3 and No. 5. When the post-season begins in the competitive sectional, each team's seed won't be much of a factor.

"We've just got to come out and play," said Perkins. "You're going to have a tough game no matter what. There are no easy games in this sectional. It's pretty deep. Whoever comes out will be battle-tested. If we're fortunate enough, it's us."



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Willowbrook boys basketball team finished its West Suburban Gold Conference schedule with Friday's 58-48 loss at Downers Grove South. The result left both teams with conference records of 9-3. Hinsdale South also finished the season with a conference mark of 9-3 to create a three-way tie for the West Suburban Gold title. Willowbrook sophomore Matas Masys (left-No. 21) is shown launching and making a 3-point shot in the second half. The shot gave the Warriors a 34-30 lead during the third quarter. Junior Ethan Schuemer (above-No. 32) scored a team-leading 14 points for Willowbrook. Junior Sikander Zafar (far left-No. 5) scored eight points. The Warriors, whose overall record fell to 24-3 with Friday's loss, will begin post-season play with a March 1 game at the IHSA Class 4A Batavia Regional. Willowbrook will face the winner of a Feb. 27 contest between Addison Trail and Waubesa Valley.

## Warriors lose their playoff opener

The Willowbrook girls basketball team's season ended with a 36-33 loss to Oak Lawn in a Feb. 13 regional quarterfinal game at the Oak Lawn Regional.

The Warriors completed the 2016-17 season with an overall record of 8-20.

Sophomore Katelyn McCann scored 10 points for the Warriors in the playoff game against Oak Lawn. Sophomore Hanna Konrath added nine points. Sophomore Maureen Schmid contributed six points, while freshman Sara Fitzgibbon scored five points.

The Warriors trailed Oak Lawn 21-17 at halftime but evened the score at 23-23 by the end of the third quarter.

Oak Lawn's season ended with a 71-28 loss to Montini in a regional semifinal game on Feb. 15. Montini went on to win the regional title with Friday's 46-39 victory over Downers Grove North. That victory gave the Broncos an overall season record of 29-1 and propelled them to this week's Argo Sectional in Summit.

### Rams' season ends with a first-round playoff loss

The Glenbard East girls basketball team's season came to an end with a 36-27 loss to Hoffman Estates in a Feb. 13 quarterfinal game at the Hoffman Estates Regional. The Rams closed out the season with an overall record of 9-17.

## Tiberi represents the Warriors at the state meet

Senior Jordan Tiberi of the Willowbrook girls bowling team competed in the IHSA state meet, which took place Friday and Saturday in Rockford. Tiberi, who earned the individual state-meet berth with her performance at the Oak Lawn Sectional on Feb. 11, bowled in Friday's preliminary round of the state meet. She rolled a six-game total of 1,015 on scores of 201, 166, 178, 163, 136 and 171. Tiberi did not advance to Saturday's individual finals.



## Addison Public Library launches Share Your Story audio tour

Can you tell me about a time the Library impacted your life?

Each time this question was asked to staff members and patrons, the answer came in the form of a personal story allowing us to step into their shoes for a few moments.

These stories were too good not to share so they have been compiled into an interactive audio tour that allows the public to explore and learn about the Addison Public Library like never before.

The "Share Your Story" audio tour launched on Monday, January 30 and is available for download on a personal device or on an iPad borrowed from the IT Help Desk.

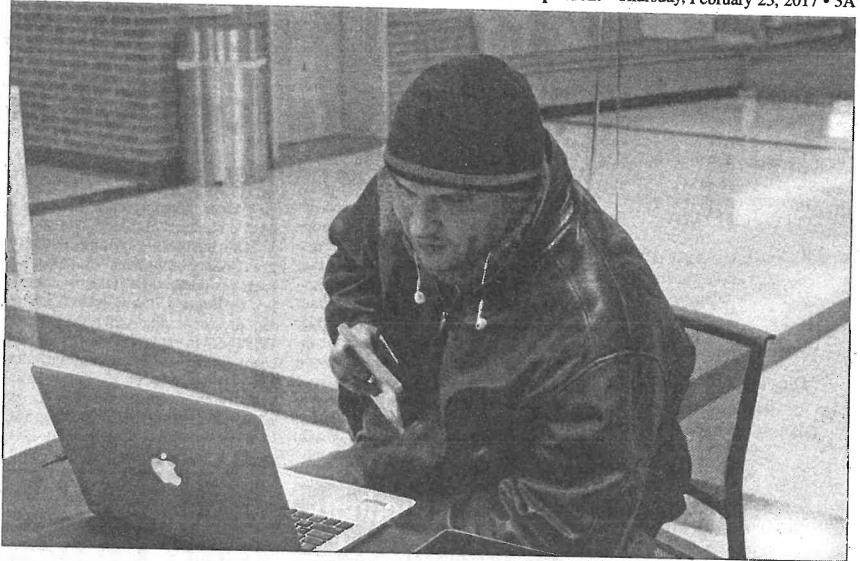
Since the Library's renovation that was completed during the summer of 2016, spaces have been both

created and updated. The audio tour is a fun and interactive way to experience the building through the eyes of those who love it the most.

Nearly 30 exhibits make up the audio tour, each narrated by a staff member or patron telling a story about how the Addison Public Library has impacted their life. Each of these exhibits is connected with a different space, program, or service offered through the Library.

The audio tour is available through the app "IZI Travel" and is free to download on both iOS and android devices.

For more information, contact Rebecca Cohen, Communications and Marketing Coordinator by phone at 630-458-3303 or email at cohen@addisonlibrary.org.



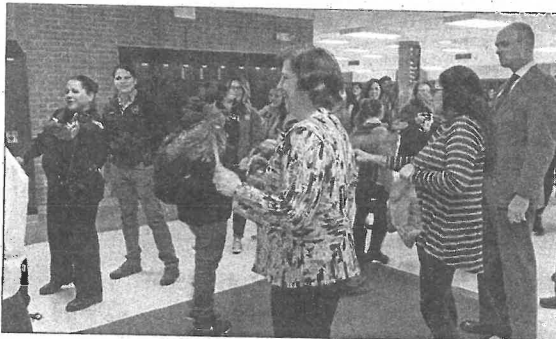
A patron records his personal story to add to the Share Your Story audio tour at Addison Public Library. SUBMITTED PHOTO Addison Independent

## ITJH celebrates Random Acts of Kindness Week

Indian Trail Junior High School students and staff celebrated International Random Acts of Kindness Week by participating in a variety of activities promoted by the school club, Project POP ("People Offering Positivity"). The theme for the week was "Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today."

Club sponsors Janelle Bledsoe, Liz Glass, and Chrissie Palumbo worked with Project POP members to flood the school with opportunities to bring smiles to faces. The week began on Monday, Feb. 13 with a video in Connections classes and sharing Kindness Challenge Checklists with students. Kindness posters were hung on the walls all around the school. Kindness "challenge of the day" and "quote of the day" announcements were shared school-wide.

Challenges included smiling and saying hello to everyone in the halls, giving out compliments, writing a kind note, and helping in some way, such as holding a door, carrying a friend's books, or cleaning up. Project POP sold Kindness and Pay it Forward Silicone Bracelets and hosted a "Smile Station" at lunch. At the Smile Station students



Mary Medjo Me Zengue from the Addison Library, various Addison police officers, ASD4 John Langton, and ASD4 school board president Dave Williams are pictured here greeting students at Indian Trail Junior High for Random Acts of Kindness Week.

and staff were able to "send smiles" by filling out a note that said "You made me smile today because..." or "You should smile today because..."

On Wednesday the students handed out 300 Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) cards and emoji smile erasers after school. Students in Ms. Bledsoe's class also created their own kindness pages at randomactsofkindness.org/ and tracked their acts

of kindness using the Kindness Generator tool, contributing to the more than 13,000 random acts of kindness logged on the site.

The culminating activity for the week was held Thursday morning when students walked into school through a Kindness Tunnel, where they were greeted with cheers, music, high fives, and lots of smiles. Under the Direction of Mr. Underwood and Mr. Cannon, IT Band members came to school early to provide music for this event. Many members of the Community came to support the event including the Addison Police department, Addison Fire District, District 4 Administrators and Board Members, District 88 administrators, Mayor Richard Veenstra, Director of the Addison Public Library, Indian Trail PTA officers, and Indian Trail administrators and staff.

Donuts donated by Clyde's Donuts were shared in appreciation for students and community members who participated. The IT PTA provided candy to pass out to students during the Kindness Tunnel. Project POP also receives a \$300 grant from the PTA which helped fund the events that took place during Kind-

ness Week.

Kind acts completed throughout the week were featured on a "Kindness Matters" bulletin board display.

And because kindness is more

than a week-long effort, Project POP members are looking forward to the evening of May 8, when they will be taking a field trip to Feed My Starving Children.

## Women's Club contributes to Poised for Success

At the February meeting of the Women's Club of Addison, Philanthropy Chair Joyce Cordo accepted donations from members for Poised for Success, a non-profit organization serving the suburban Chicagoland area. Poised for Success provides, at no charge, interview and business appropriate clothing to women in the job market. Collections of this type are held twice each year and supplement the monetary grants that are awarded by the Women's Club to local charities at the end of each meeting year.



Women's Club of Addison Philanthropy Chair Joyce Cordo is pictured here accepting donations for Poised for Success. SUBMITTED PHOTO Addison Independent



Pictured here, taking part in the Kindness Tunnel at Indian Trail Junior High are (from left): IT principal Craig Bennett, Village of Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (with clapper) and Addison Trail Principal Mike Bolden (with pompom) joining IT staff members to greet students. SUBMITTED PHOTOS Addison Independent



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Principal Michael Bolden (left) presents Addison Trail senior Jonathan Loi with a certificate in recognition of Loi being named as a finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

## Jonathan Loi named finalist in National Merit Scholar program

Addison Trail senior Jonathan Loi has been named as a finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. He now has the opportunity to earn a National Merit Scholarship this spring. To be a finalist, Loi provided information about his academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards he has received.

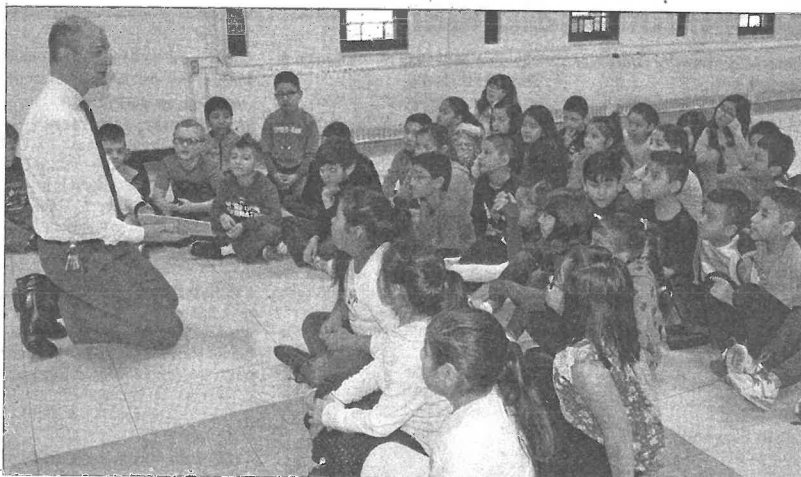
About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2017 program. About 15,000 students are named as finalists.

A National AP Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction, Jonathan is highly involved with extracurricular activities at Addison Trail as well

and 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.

His top choice for college is Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he plans to study biology. Jonathan also applied to Georgia Institute of Technology and California Institute of Technology. He would like to study genetics and how to manipulate genes to make improvements in the health field and possibly the environment.

He said he wants to work toward finding a cure for cancer and is considering a career in oncology.

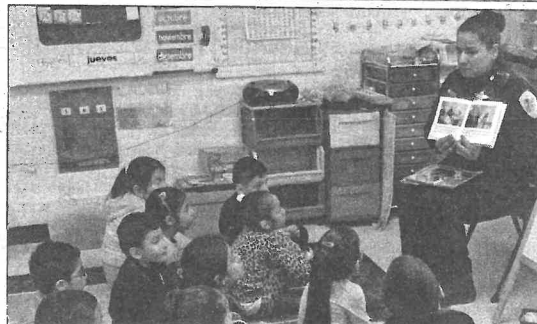


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## World Read Aloud Day

Above: District 4 Superintendent John Langton reads to a large group of Fullerton third graders in the lunchroom on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Right: Officer Reyes reads to the students in Ms. Mostowski's kindergarten class as part of World Read Aloud Day at Fullerton School.



## AT Interact, Key Club members volunteer at Ronald McDonald House

On Feb. 13, 12 Addison Trail students volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House near Central DuPage Hospital (CDH) in Winfield. The students — who are members of the school's Interact Club and Key Club — planned, shopped for, cooked and served dinner to residents in the house.

According to <http://rmhccni.org/cdh>, the House is “designed to create a nurturing and supportive ‘home

away from home.” The House is near Central DuPage Hospital (CDH) and serves families with pediatric patients being treated at CDH, Delnor Hospital or the CDH Cancer Center and Northwestern Medicine Chicago Proton Center.

Key Club Co-Sponsor Karen Grady said those group members have been helping at the House for several years, but this was the first

time they partnered with Interact Club. Key Club is sponsored by Kiwanis, a global organization dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. Interact Club is sponsored by Rotary, a global network that comes together to make positive, lasting change at home and abroad. Both clubs perform service projects at Addison Trail and in the community.



Seniors Esbeidi Garcia (left) and Julissa Reynoso, with their entry in the Fashion Apparel Display category.



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Also competing at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference are seniors Leslie Tolentino (left) and Lizbeth Herrera pictured here with their entry in the Fashion Apparel Display category.

## AT boasts 15 headed to FCCLA State Conference

Fifteen Addison Trail students have qualified to compete at the Family, Career and Community Leaders America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference, which will take place from April 6 to 8 in Springfield. The students who qualified are:

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Fashion Apparel Display  
Senior Lizbeth Herrera  
Senior Leslie Tolentino  
Junior Karla Regalado  
Senior Julissa Reynoso  
Senior Esbeidi Garcia  
Junior Mayra Saucedo  
Junior Jocelyn Terreros

Junior Maritsa Trujillo  
Pastry Arts: Decorated Cookie  
Junior Gianna Trippiedi  
Senior Sydney Dunbrack  
Sophomore Ciara Dunbrack  
Preschool Lesson  
Junior Camryn Cunz  
Senior Marie Baumgartner  
Children's Literature Presentation  
Senior Allyssa August

FCCLA is a nonprofit, national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. For more information, visit [fcclanet.org](http://fcclanet.org) or call 800-452-4529.



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Addison Trail students and staff who are members of the school's Interact Club and Key Club volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House near Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield. They volunteered on Feb. 13, which involved planning, shopping for, cooking and serving dinner to residents in the house.

## SPORTS

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## Willowbrook's Jessen finishes second at state wrestling

*Tiberi competes in girls' state bowling finals*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook junior wrestler Jack Jessen placed second in the state at the recent Class 3A state finals held in Champaign.

Jessen lost 13-3 to Chicago Heights Marian's Kordell Norfleet, a senior, in the 182-pound state final.

Norfleet improved to 43-0 on the season. Jessen ended his junior season 50-1 overall. He brought a perfect 50-0 record into the title match.

Jessen was impressive in getting to the state finals. He won his first match 19-7 and then scored a 13-3 win in the quarterfinals. He reached the title match after logging a technical fall victory in 3:33 by a score of 17-0.

Jessen took third at 182 pounds last year and was second in the state at 170 pounds as a freshman.

His three-year varsity wrestling record now stands at 153-8.

Jessen's teammate Dominic Ranieri split a pair of matches in the Class 3A 132-pound division. He won his first match 10-8 and then lost by a technical fall in his second contest.

Ranieri finished the season 42-13.

### Willowbrook bowling

Willowbrook bowler Jordan Tiberi competed in

the recent girls state bowling finals at Cherry Bowl Lanes outside of Rockford.

Tiberi tied for 110th place on the first day of competition. She averaged 169.2 pins per game. Tiberi had high games of 201, 178 and 171. She had a 545 series before the lunch break.

Tiberi finished with a 1,015 series for her six games.

### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent 36-33 decision to Oak Lawn in Class 4A regional play.

Oak Lawn led 11-10 after the first quarter and 21-16 at halftime. Willowbrook outscored Oak Lawn 6-2 in the third quarter but was outscored 13-11 in the fourth quarter.

Katelyn McCann led the Warriors with 10 points and four rebounds. Hanna Konrath had nine points, five rebounds and two steals. Maureen Schmid finished with seven rebounds, while Jayla Smith had four steals.

### Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team placed eighth at the recent Downers Grove South sectional with 55 points.

AT-Willowbrook did not advance any swimmers or relays to the state finals meet.

## Addison Trail girls basketball team wins playoff game

*Blazers complete season with 11 wins*

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls basketball team saw its season come to a close after splitting a pair of playoff games. The Blazers opened the post-season with a 64-30 win over Fenton in regional quarterfinal action.

"We played very well," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader. "Alyssa Pham played for us and she had been out for a month or longer. She did a solid job. We really pushed the tempo. We were down 18-14 in the first quarter. They had a girl hit three 3s in a row. We picked it up on the defensive end and pushed the tempo offensively and that helped a ton. Our fast break was good the second through fourth quarters."

The Blazers then lost 64-29 to Wheaton-Warrenville South in the semifinals. "Wheaton-Warrenville South is solid," said Schader. "They all are very technical. We were down by eight at halftime and played fairly well in the first half." Addison

Trail's Nicci Scorza suffered a knee injury in the first half of the Wheaton-Warrenville South game.

Addison Trail finished the season at 11-17 overall and went 3-9 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

**"The more time you put in and the more time you play the better you are going to be Diamond is an example of that."**

**— Rob Schader,  
Addison Trail coach**

"There were five games in conference that we should have won," the coach said.

"We competed in most of the games we played. There were only like five where we didn't compete. We battled through some injuries and other things we couldn't control. If we were full strength we probably end up 16-11 or 17-10. We were on the cusp of being an excellent team and we still were a good team. We were battling to be a good basketball team record-wise, but at the end of the day we still were a good basketball team. It's one of the better teams we've had here for sure. The record may not have been the best, but overall it's one of our better teams."

Diamond Pikulyk led the team in scoring at 12 points per game. Jasmin Mehmeti was second at 7.7 points. Pikulyk also led the team in rebounding at 8.7 per game, while Mehmeti was at 5.8 per game.

Addison Trail graduates five seniors: Pikulyk, Mehmeti, Pham, Marie Baumgartner and Diana Graciano.

"We have eight kids coming back," said Schader. "Those five seniors played a lot of minutes for us and played a lot of minutes as juniors as well. They've been around the program for a long time. Next year we are going to be young. We'll have a lot of juniors and sophomores playing." Pikulyk was named to the all-WSC Gold team for her efforts this season.

"She had a very good season," said Schader. "She really grew up and matured in the gym and on the court. The more time you put in and the more time you play the better you are going to be. Diamond is an example of that."

## 2017 LOMBARD FALCONS REGISTRATION

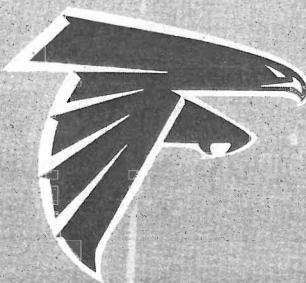
Visit Us Online at [www.lombardfalcons.net](http://www.lombardfalcons.net) To Register Now!

### Youth Football & Cheer

REGISTRATION  
Lombard Lagoon  
Saturday, February 25, 2017  
9:00am-2:30pm

### TOWNS WE PLAY

Bloomington-Downers Grove  
Elmhurst-Glen Dale Heights  
Carol Stream-Manover Park  
Bartlett-Glen Ellyn  
Hinsdale-Wheaton  
West Chicago-Elk Grove  
Lyons-Township-Lemont  
Palatine-Arlington Heights



### Flag Football & Cheer

Tackle for Youth Boys 7-14  
Cheer for Youth Girls 7-14  
Flag for Youth Boys 5-7  
Cheer for Youth Girls 5-8

### NEW!!

RGYFL Age Based Football!  
Age based football is new to RGYFL this year!  
Teams will be formed based on age, not weight (based on player's age as of Aug. 1)



### ALL TOWNS WELCOME!

Please contact us for more information: Lombard Junior Football League Secretary at [secretary@lombardfalcons.net](mailto:secretary@lombardfalcons.net)

Join now to receive the reduced rate of \$215 tackle & \$125 flag. At registration, two additional fees will be required - an additional \$25 for a mandatory fundraiser and a \$10 per participant fee from the Lombard Park District. After July 1st, fees increase to \$275/\$185, plus the \$80 fundraising fee. A \$50.00 deposit is due at the time of registration. Balance is due at the time of equipment pick-up, no exceptions. A payment plan is available during online registration. If you are new to the league, you MUST provide two copies of your child's birth certificate.

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED PROGRAM



## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DU PAGE COUNTY -  
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

Ditech Financial LLC  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Lulia Flores, et al.  
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/28/2016, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on 3/30/17 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 20 IN BLOCK 11 IN HOME ADDITION TO ADDISON, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 15, 1926 AS DOCUMENT 215640, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 03-28-402-003-0000  
Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 9 S. Wisconsin Avenue  
Addison, IL 60101

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay an assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-15-1594.

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## Willowbrook boys basketball team shares conference title

### Warriors set new school record for wins in a season

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team notched a pair of significant milestones recently.

For starters, the Warriors set a new program record for wins in a season with 24, breaking the old record of 23 that had stood since the 1969-1970 season.

Additionally, Willowbrook earned a share of the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title with Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South.

Willowbrook dropped a recent 58-48 road WSC Gold game to Downers Grove South which played a part in the title-sharing scenario. The three tri-champions finished with 9-3 conference marks.

Earlier, the Warriors dropped a WSC Gold game to Hinsdale South. Hinsdale won both regular-season meetings.

"Hinsdale South is a tough matchup for us," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "We got behind early and they were able to pull it out. We didn't do a lot particularly well. We were flat and didn't perform like we have most of the season. They shot the ball well and all the credit goes to them."

Willowbrook also scored a 61-57 non-conference win against Woodstock Marian Central Catholic on senior night.

"We shot the ball particularly well from the 3-point line. We were 6-for-

17," said Perkins. "It was a solid game. It was our senior night and all seven of the seniors started and played. Marian was a pretty big team and I thought we shot the ball well."

Matas Masys led the Warriors with 20 points. Ethan Schuemer had 19 points and 18 rebounds.

"Ethan had another big game for us," said Perkins.

In other earlier action, Willowbrook scored a 52-39 WSC Gold win over Morton.

"We did a good job limiting turnovers," said Perkins. "We keyed in on their main guys and contained them. We shot the ball not necessarily well, but we had good looks in that game."

Schuemer led Willowbrook with 16 points and 12 rebounds, while Masys had nine points.

A 52-48 WSC Gold win against Leyden helped clinch no worse than a share of the title. "It was a close game, but we led beginning to end," said Perkins.

"They run a 3/4-court zone and that slows the game down and forces us to play at their pace. We were forced to take outside shots and we went 6-for-15 from three."

Schuemer led the Warriors with 15 points. Masys had 13 points, while Iman Reynolds had 11 points.

"We are thankful we accomplished most of our goals," said Perkins. "We set out to win the Thanksgiving tournament, the Christmas tournament, the Martin Luther King tournament and win the conference. After conference we would like to win regionals and see if we can make a run. We are headed in the right direction. We're starting to get ready for the environment we will see in the playoffs."

## IC Catholic Prep's Bianchini wins state wrestling title

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

IC Catholic Prep junior wrestler Joey Bianchini is a state champion.

Bianchini was dominant in winning the Class 1A 113-pound state wrestling championship in Champaign this past weekend.

Bianchini is IC Catholic Prep's first individual state wrestling champion.

Bianchini won the title with a 9-1 major-decision victory over Heyworth's Gabe Spencer (who finished with a 39-2 record).

Bianchini's path to the state-title match was equally impressive. He won his first match by an 11-3 major decision and then came back to score a technical fall in the quarterfinals (15-0 score). Bianchini then advanced to the state-title match with a 13-3 major-decision win in the semifinals.

He finished the year with a 38-1 record.

Bianchini's teammate Victor Vargas also had success at the state meet. Vargas placed sixth in the 220-pound

division in Class 1A.

Vargas lost via pinfall in 3:30 to Stanford Olympia's Keaton Fogler.

Vargas finished the season with a 36-12 mark.

Earlier, Vargas won his first match via pinfall in 1:13 and took his second match by fall in 50 seconds. Vargas lost in the state semifinals to Orion's Logan Lee via fall in 1:46. Lee went on to win the state title at 220.

### IC Catholic Prep boys basketball

The IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team defeated Illiana Christian 67-63 in a Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division game.

The visiting Knights trailed 16-7 after the first quarter and 28-22 at halftime. IC Catholic Prep outscored Illiana 20-9 in the third quarter and 28-24 in the fourth quarter.

Luke Ricobene led the knights with 16 points. Kevin Cheng added 12 points, while Matt Sutton had 10 points. Alex Meurer had nine points and Tony Gaudio had seven points. Amari Reed had six points.

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# Suburban Life Scholars

## St. Francis High School

### Katherine Granbom

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** St. Francis Top Ten, Graduate with High Honors, A Honor Roll all four years, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar. Student's GPA is 5.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** St. Francis Varsity Swim Team, Swim Team Captain, West Chicago Sharks Club Swim Team, Student Government Homeroom Representative, Women's Lacrosse Team Manager, National Honor Society, Theater Set Painting, Lifeguard and Swim Instructor at Turtle Splash Water Park.

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Feed My Starving Children, Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus Fish Fries, NHS Rise Up Youth Leadership Training Team Captain.

**Nominated by Trudy Rigney, Director of Guidance:** One of the top students in this year's senior class Katherine impresses on many levels. Her teachers appreciate her very sharp mind, her outstanding work ethic, her curiosity, her insight and her solid knowledge of world affairs. Katy is very well-informed for her age and highly thoughtful on social and political issues. She listens intently, follows through completely, asks the right questions, and readily applies what she knows. Katy is also exceedingly mature, kind, compassionate and inclusive. Katherine Granbom is a terrific example of a Suburban Life Scholar.



## Addison Trail High School

### Klea Gjonaj

**Nominated by Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance:** 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 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. Student's GPA is 4.65.

## Downers Grove South

### Vanessa Patino

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** Ranked in the top 10% of her class, National Honor Society, 4.0/4.0 unweighted grade point average, Member of National Society of High School Scholars, PE Leader. Student's GPA is 4.0.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** Peer Tutoring (3 Years), Varsity Cheerleading (3 years), National Honor Society (2 years), Track and Field (2 years), Special Needs Aide (2 years), Gymnastics (1 year), Student Council (1 year), Choir (1 year).

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Peer tutoring in DGS literacy center, Peer Tutoring with DGS special needs students.

**Nominated by Lavon Robinson, School Counselor:** Vanessa's has yet to receive anything less than an A in her high school career. Each year she consistently enrolls and succeeds in a more rigorous course load. For Vanessa, she is not satisfied by simply receiving an A. She actively engages in discussions and likes to challenge others' viewpoints in order to spur discussion and elevate learning. Vanessa makes academics her top priority all while continuing to be competitive in sports and excelling in her activities. During her lunch period, she voluntarily spends half the period tutoring students with special needs and the other half in our English tutoring center. For many members of the Patino family and Vanessa's neighborhood in which she was raised until the age of 10, school is not a priority. Vanessa will be one of the few from her family to graduate from college. She wants to be a role model for her family and friends to show that college is an option. Her plan after college is to go back to her old community to change these negative, fixed mindsets around college and education. Vanessa is one of the most genuine, mature, and driven students I have worked with in my career.





## Downers Grove North

### Emily Grigg

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** National Merit Commended Student; 4.0 and above Honor Roll (9,10,11,12); National Honor Society (11,12); National French Contest-Silver Medal Recipient; National French Society (10,11,12); AP Scholar with Honor; National Forensics League Degree of Superior Distinction; Published in Northwind (DGN literary magazine). Student's GPA is 4.0.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** Color Guard and Winter Guard (9,10,11,12); Color/Winter Guard - Captain (11,12); Prism (Gay-Straight Alliance) - President (10,11,12); Speech Team - Event Captain of Impromptu Speaking and Original Comedy (11,12); Theatre - publicity and technical crew head (10,11).

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Downers Grove Township Peer Jury (10,11,12); Downers Grove Township Fish Food Pantry (9,10); National Honor Society volunteer work (11,12).

**Nominated by Greg Stolzer, School Counselor:** Emily has contributed so much to our school community as well as the broader Downers Grove community. She is an exceptional student, an accomplished leader and respected citizen. Through her efforts in the classroom and leadership in school activities, she has demonstrated great character and a commitment to pushing herself to accomplish great things. Through her leadership of our Prism group, our school's Gay-Straight Alliance, as well as her volunteer work through Peer Jury and our National Honor Society, Emily has shown her respect for all people as well as the importance of serving one's community. I am proud to recommend Emily for recognition as a Suburban Life Scholar.



## IC Catholic Prep

### Kaitlyn Grady

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** National Merit Semi-Finalist; AP Scholar with Honors; Illinois State Scholar; Academic All-Conference for Soccer; Business Professionals of America (BPA) - State Qualifier since freshman year; BPA - Regional 16-17 2nd Pl Interview Skills; WYSE 4th Place Chemistry - Sectionals -2016; Math Team - State Qualifier since freshman yr; Math Team - 4th in State 2016 - 8 person Jr./Sr. Team; National Spanish Exam Bronze Freshman year Level 2; Honorable Mention Level 3; Honorable Mention Level 5; Honor Roll student throughout high school. Student's GPA is 5.0.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** President Business Professionals of America; President of the Spanish Club; President of Model UN; Editor of the School Newspaper; Editor of the Yearbook; National Honor Society; Soccer; Math Team; WYSE Team (World Youth in Science and Engineering; Engineering Club; Knight Ambassadors; Lecturer and Eucharistic Minister at Masses..

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Redlake Mission Trip; Peer Jury - Elmhurst Police Dept.; Relay for Life; Feed My Starving Children; Tutor for ESL Students & Grade School Student; Lecturer and Eucharistic Minister.

**Nominated by Jean Field, School Counselor:** Kaitlyn is a student who excels in the classroom. This year she exceeded our Spanish curriculum and worked very hard to take the next level of Spanish at Elmhurst College. She took a proficiency test at the college and was placed in Spanish 3 at the college level. She loves going to the college and being challenged. Kaitlyn is interested in pursuing a career as a Chemical Engineer. You may wonder what this has to do with Spanish. Kaitlyn's goal is to make a difference in the Spanish community. She wants to use her degree in chemical engineering to help others. With her engineering degree and command of Spanish she wants to make living conditions better. She wanted to donate time at the Aurora Literacy Center but she was too young, so she volunteered to tutor two young boys who have very little English proficiency.

Kaitlyn has a quest for knowledge. The summer between her sophomore and junior year she attended a camp at Michigan Technological University to learn more about engineering. This year Kaitlyn is one of the first students in our Engi-



neering class which was offered for the first time. As a student, the teachers enjoy having Kaitlyn in their classrooms. She is a young lady who challenges herself. Kaitlyn sets goals for herself, though demanding, they are not unrealistic. Kaitlyn has taken AP tests for every class we offer and even some that we don't offer. She is diligent in working toward her objectives. Kaitlyn is inquisitive, wanting to discover more; analytical, seeking to understand why; and sensible, seeking to make mature decisions. Her persistent drive and maturity, in addition to her sense of accomplishment, compels her to learn even more. Kaitlyn has no trouble adapting to change and improvising when necessary. She is not afraid to ask questions; she is always trying to expand her base of knowledge.

Kaitlyn impresses with her strong values and convictions. Kaitlyn's personal values are most important to her so she always tries to make choices that she feels good about. She is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in, even if others don't agree. I have no reservations I highly recommending Kaitlyn.

## Willowbrook High School

### Kyla Denwood

**Notable Student Academic Achievements:** As a student, Kyla consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook High School. At the conclusion of her high school career, she will have successfully completed 10 Advanced Placement courses as well as a multitude of honors courses. Kyla has also been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors, an Illinois State Scholar, and a Questbridge College Prep Scholar. Kyla has also been a member of the Distinct Honor Roll member each semester of her high school career, earned the Outstanding Freshman Award, serves as President of Tri-M, our Music Honor Society, and is an inductee of Civitas, our Social Studies Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, and the World Language Honor Society. Student's GPA is 4.0.

**Student Involvement in Activities:** Beyond the classroom, Kyla demonstrates her leadership and is a visible member of our student body serving as Secretary of our Student Council, past MC of our Senior Recognition Ceremony, and reader of our daily announcements. She has represented Willowbrook beyond our building at the West Suburban Leadership Conference as well as the Black Student Leadership Conference. Kyla's skills are further on display regularly as a member of the Speech Team, Black Organization for Student Success (BOSS), TALENTED, and Mock Trial.

Musically and athletically, Kyla has truly shined throughout her high school career. She serves as a Drum Major of the Willowbrook Marching Band and Captain of our Track team. She is a section leader for Orchestra, has been a member of the Pit Orchestra for our Fall Musical, and has been recognized twice at the IHSA Solo & Ensemble with the "Best of Day Award" for her flute and ensemble performance. She has also participated in Basketball, is currently a two time IHSA state qualifier for Track, and holds the school record for discus.

**Student Involvement in Community Service:** Kyla serves as Secretary of our Student Council, past MC of our Senior Recognition Ceremony, and reader of our daily announcements. She has represented Willowbrook beyond our building at the West Suburban Leadership Conference as well as the Black Student Leadership Conference.

**Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal:** Willowbrook High School senior Kyla Denwood is a proven leader in and out of the classroom as a student, athlete, musician, and role model amongst the Class of 2017. She has a tremendous record of academic and co-curricular achievements as well as a proven record of leadership and commitment to success. Kyla credits the support of her family, friends, and staff members in helping her to explore new opportunities and demonstrate success and excellence in a wide variety of settings.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL POSTSEASON PREVIEW

# Postseason tipoff nearly here for York

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

The grind of the high school boys basketball regular season is about to give way to the grind of the postseason as teams from across the state start on the road toward the Class 3A and 4A state finals in Peoria. Here is the playoff outlook for York and other area schools.

## Glenbard East

**Regional:** York

**Sectional:** Hinsdale Central

**Sectional seed:** No. 22

**First game:** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 vs. No. 11 DeKalb

**Outlook:** In a season that has been a struggle, the Rams will look to make waves in the Class 4A playoffs.

After a long string of losses to start the season, East has gone 2-3 in February with wins against West Chicago and Bartlett.

DeKalb will pose a challenge in the playoff opener, though the Rams should be comfortable playing in York's gym after four games there during the holidays. A win in the postseason opener would bring a date with No. 6 Wheaton North at 7 p.m. March 1.

## Montini

**Regional:** Marmion

**Sectional:** Genoa Kingston

**Sectional seed:** No. 7

**First game:** 6 p.m. Feb. 27 vs. No. 9 Marmion



Bill Ackerman - For Shaw Media

York's Sam Walsh drives toward the basket Feb. 11 while being guarded by Hinsdale Central's Chris Eck. Walsh and the Dukes have home-court advantage in the playoffs as they

**Outlook:** After a solid start to the season, Montini hit the skids with 11 straight losses before Matt Morrissey's 17 points and 12 rebounds powered a 56-50 win on Feb. 21 against Aurora Central Catholic, the co-champs of the Metro Suburban Blue. One of Montini's wins early in the season was an 83-73 affair against Marmion in Aurora, but the Cadets have been playing better ball of late so a win in the Class 3A regional quarterfinal won't be easy. A victory would bring the tough task of upending No. 1 seed Burlington Cen-

tral in a regional semifinal Feb. 28.

## Willowbrook

**Regional:** Batavia

**Sectional:** Hinsdale Central

**Sectional seed:** No. 5

**First game:** 7 p.m. March 12 vs. No. 12 Addison Trail/No. 21 Waubonsie Valley

**Outlook:** The Warriors hope the recent past isn't a sign of the near future. A Feb. 17 loss against Downers Grove South cost Willowbrook an outright West Suburban Gold title, and Downers

Grove North clipped the Warriors in a conference crossover Feb. 21. Before that, Ethan Scheumer, Freddie Clay and Co. had lost just twice. A long road trip for the Class 4A regional could see Willowbrook face district rival Addison Trail for the third time this season just to get to the March 3 regional final, where the opponent could be No. 4 seed Naperville North.

## York

**Regional:** York

**Sectional:** Hinsdale Central

**Sectional seed:** No. 14

**First game:** 6 p.m. Feb. 27 vs. No. 19 Naperville Central

**Outlook:** The Dukes have won four straight regional titles. A season-ending injury to starting point guard Nick Kosich and a relative lack of experience will make regional title No. 5 a challenge, but don't count out a well-coached York team playing at home. Jordan Gray and Sam Walsh will be counted on to match up with Naperville Central's size, while Erik Cohn, Angelo Martucci and Nick Trapani will need to take care of the ball and add to York's scoring.

A win against Naperville Central would send York to a Feb. 28 regional semifinal against No. 3 Benet. The Dukes played the Redwings tough in a 48-39 loss at the Batavia shootout in late January.

## PREP ROUNDUP

# IC, Timothy basketball teams to play for regional title

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ELMHURST** - A total team effort led to a big win for IC Catholic's boys basketball team in a Class 2A regional semifinal.

Kevin Cheng (17 points), Amari Reed (14) and Matt Sutton (10) reached double figures, and 12 of the 13 Knights who saw action cracked the scoring column in an 83-61 win against Guerin on Feb. 21.

IC (20-7) faces crosstown foe Timothy Christian for the regional championship at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 at IC.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Timothy Christian

Trailing 9-8 after a quarter and 20-15 at halftime, the Trojans rallied for a

39-33 win against Westmont in a Class 2A regional semifinal at IC Catholic on Feb. 21.

Joey Davidson finished with 12 points for Timothy, including a steal and jumper at the other end for a 31-27 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Next up for the Trojans (17-10) is an IC team that won 61-46 against Timothy in January.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### York

Danielle Dennis scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds, but the Dukes fell 54-30 against a powerful Geneva team in a Class 4A regional final at Hoffman Estates on Feb. 17. Kathleen Levins added seven points for York, which finished with a 15-13 record.

## GIRLS BOWLING

### York

During the first day of the state tournament in Rockford on Feb. 17, the Dukes posted a 5,234 score but did not advance to the second day.

Lauren Gould led the way with a 1,133 series. Jessica Cwik (1,063), Jennifer Diamond (1,057), Lauren Steck (1,015) and Krystyna Panek (966) contributed to the team score as York placed 20th.

## WRESTLING

### Glenbard East

Scott Szabo (138 pounds) and Brandon Raines (285) both wrestled at the Class 3A state tournament but did not make the medals podium.

## Montini

Joey Melendez (113 pounds), Real Woods (126) and Will Lewan (145) were champs for the Broncos at the Class 3A state tournament Feb. 18.

Dylan Ragusin (106) made it to the finals and placed second.

Fidel Mayora won his third-place match at 132, and Matt Ortiz won his fifth-place bout at 152.

Pete Christensen (182) made it to state, but did not place.

Montini knocked off Mount Carmel 38-28 in a dual team sectional on Feb. 21 to move on to the team state finals. The Broncos will wrestle three-time defending state champion Oak Park-River Forest in a state quarterfinal at 11 a.m. Feb. 25 at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington.



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# Local Sports

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Addison Trail's Breydon Hargrove drives to the basket against Willowbrook's Matt Myers during the regional semifinal boys basketball game on Wednesday at Batavia. The Blazers won 81-67.

## Blazers stun Willowbrook

BY KEVIN SCHMIT  
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### Boys basketball

Every Addison Trail boys basketball player dreams of beating District 88 rival Willowbrook.

No one, however, dreamed up Wednesday.

The Blazers couldn't have played much better in an 81-67 upset victory over Willowbrook in the Class 4A Batavia regional semifinals.

With the win 12th-seeded Addison Trail (18-11) advances to its first regional final since 2001 in search of its first regional title since 1980. The opponent is No. 4 Naperville North (22-5), seeking its first regional title since 2006.

Addison Trail lost twice to No. 5 Willowbrook (24-5) in West Suburban Gold play by a combined 35 points. The Blazers more than turned the tables on Wednesday, closing the first quarter on an 18-0 run and stretching the burst to

23-0 to build a 33-6 lead.

The Warriors sped up the game as much as they could in an attempt to rally, but they never came closer than 11 points away in the second half. A 17-7 Willowbrook run at the end of the first half merely put the margin at 40-23 at the break.

"Our goal all year was to beat Willowbrook," said Blazers senior guard Jack Kalbas. "To beat them like this I did not expect. Playing three years on varsity, I never expected it. It's magical for me."

Five different players scored during Addison Trail's decisive run. Kalbas, Breydon Hargrove and Bobby Daniels each knocked down 3-pointers while Michael Williams converted a three-point play.

"The first quarter killed us," said Warriors coach Chris

Perkins, whose team set a program record for wins in a season. "They came out playing championship basketball, and it took us a whole quarter to realize this was the playoffs and we need to wake up. We came up a little short, but we should take a step back and reflect on a great season overall."

Williams scored 26 points, Hargrove 18, Kalbas 15, Colton Noel 12 points and Daniels 10 points. Noel also had 9 rebounds.

Willowbrook, hampered by 19 turnovers, was paced by Matas Masys' 16 points. Freddie Clay scored 13 and Iman Reynolds 11 off the bench. Ethan Schuemer had 8 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocked shots.

"I really liked the energy we had," said Blazers coach Brendan Lyons. "It was great and we were able to ride that momentum and that start we had. It carried us through."

## McHugh has a different way of defining adversity

Connor McHugh smiles and after preliminary introductions opens a heavy gym door and leads the visitor out and across the hall.

He opens another door into an administrative office then rounds a corner to a smaller office. He's got his cellphone, a writing utensil or two, a computer tablet, a bottle of water. Once McHugh and the guest are both seated at a small conference table, the high school senior lightly drums a foot on the veneer finish.

This is not rude. Nervous maybe, but not rude.

He needn't be nervous. As the universally admired manager of both Wheaton Warrenville South's boys varsity basketball team and the varsity football team, dozens of strong athletes have his back.

So do coaches at all levels, administrative personnel, athletic trainer Traci Headley, Tigers boys basketball coach and athletic director Mike Healy, varsity football coach Ron Muhitch, WW South principal Dave Claypool.

"He's pretty much got the run of the whole school," Healy says, and it's clear that McHugh, despite several physical challenges, rules this roost.

His travels are confined to a wheelchair he expertly maneuvers by pressing his small right humerus bone against a toggle control, due to upper limb amelia (or absence) also present on his left side. The 17-year-old also has proximal femoral focal deficiency that in his case — upon his initial diagnosis the most severe of four classifications of the condition, said his mother, Patti — means lacking fully formed hips and fibula.

Connor also has scoliosis of the spine, but other than needing constant core strengthening to counter that, his overall situation is stable and should be for the rest of his life, he said.

Everything most people do with their hands McHugh does with his feet — opening doors, tapping on tables, playing the Madden video game, using his tablet to chart shots and statistics in basketball games and practices. Healy calls his work "spot on" even compared against game film.

Healy said McHugh is "a true hero in terms of overcoming adversity." To an extent the dark-haired boy humbly takes exception.

"I really see myself as normal, for me," said McHugh, whose older brother and two older sisters attended Benet Academy. "I don't really consider everything I do adversity."



David Oberhelman  
Sidelines

Everyone has things they have to do in life on a daily basis and for me it's just doing something a little different but the same kind of premise — not that adverse, I don't think,"

he said.

"I think getting kidnapped is adversity. I don't know, I kind of think adversity is something bigger, but I can see how it can be perceived as adversity."

Team sports strategy has always captivated McHugh, along with history, political science and dabbling in writing, particularly science fiction. He watched his brother, Brandon, play football at St. Michael Parish School in Wheaton, and as a St. Mike's student Connor coached special teams for the Lancers in the Suburban Parochial League.

"I remember my kick returner catching the ball and disappearing in our double-wedge that I helped create," he said of a touchdown scored against a Glen Ellyn foe.

At WW South McHugh served as a football manager all four years, starting with the lower levels and moving to varsity as a junior and senior. He helped compile scouting reports and tracked Tigers receiver stats in practices.

He's been with the varsity boys basketball team the past two seasons.

"We love Connor's presence," said Tigers junior Chase Stebbins. "He's here almost every practice, talking to us on the sidelines when we're not doing anything. And he's always on the bench giving us knuckles at the end of the games, always helping us out on the bench, taking scores, taking stats for us."

"I mean, we love the kid, he's awesome to have around and it's awesome that he wants to be with us, and we want to be with him, too," Stebbins said.

Everyone, McHugh believes, desires to be a part of something. Accepted into the University of Illinois, he hopes to work with the Illini football program. Muhitch and former WW South and Illinois quarterback Reilly O'Toole have made some inroads toward that process, McHugh said.

Now, that's a program that could use more of the magic this young man provides. McHugh makes doldrums disappear.

"He's always got a smile on his face, he's always in everything he does," said. "As coaches, tutors, players, something get down in the dirt. I think when you look him and you see him should quickly change you feel about things."

### Dodgeball, 'Service and Sacrifice'

"Nothing makes me feel young again," Kish said, "like a good game of dodgeball."

He's got a point. The four dodgeball tournaments he's held at F Middle School in Wheaton where Kish is assistant principal, have raised more than \$50,000.

A 1987 Glenbard West graduate who returned this season to coach Hill Country's quarterbacks after 2½ years coaching at Wheaton South, Kish presided over the fifth Dodgeball Extravaganza March 8-11 at Franklin.

One of the highlights of the first day of the event, 35 high school and college football players were slated to compete in the fast-moving tournament. Local police and fire will serve food to the guests who will be treated to a meal of guest speakers.

They include former SEAL Tom Hruby, who on to Northwestern's team; Bloomington Police Frank Giammi and Mike Lutzenkirch of the Lutz 43 Foundation.

Kish said Lake Park is planning on shirts that honor Blaine Officer Raymond, who died in the line of duty Jan. 19. Glenbard will wear shirts honoring "Original Fitter," Bruce killed in Vietnam.

On March 9, after an assembly honoring firefighters and volunteers more than 400 WW South and Lincoln students will compete next day some 30 law enforcement and fire department members in their own ball tournament.

With an overall theme of "Service and Sacrifice," organizations benefiting from tournament proceeds include Team Red, White and Blue, the Pat Tillman Foundation, the DuPage Humane Society and Franklin Middle School.

"It's a great opportunity for kids to walk away with respect for those in uniform and service," Kish said.