

Casey King honored as District 88's Best for February

Willowbrook High School senior Casey King was recently named his school's February recipient of the District 88's Best honor. King was recognized at the Feb. 27 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

The district's school board and administration created the District 88's Best award to honor students at the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—for reaching their personal best in various endeavors in and out of the classroom. The award recognizes nine students from each school during each school year.

As a student, King has pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. When he graduates in the spring, he will have completed nine Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses. King, who has been recognized as an Illinois State Scholar, has been a member of the school's Distinction Honor Roll in each semester of his high school career. He is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas.

Outside of the classroom, King writes for the school newspaper and serves on Willowbrook's Blue Crew and student council. He also mentors underclassmen through the school's MENTORS program.

King is a four-year member of



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Willowbrook High School senior Casey King (left) was his school's February recipient of the District 88's Best honor. King, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Feb. 27.

Willowbrook's cross country, basketball and track teams. Additionally, King has served as a volunteer referee for the school's Special Olympics basketball team.

King plans to study biology and attend medical school. He hopes to be an emergency-room physician. He is looking to attend Loyola University Chicago, Butler University, Marquette University or Augustana College.



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Unhappy Warriors

Members of the Willowbrook boys basketball team watch the closing seconds of last week's playoff game against Addison Trail at the Batavia Regional. Addison Trail beat the Warriors 81-57 in the IHSA Class 4A playoff contest on March 1. Willowbrook, which beat Addison Trail twice during the regular season, finished the season with a 24-5 record. Pictured left to right are: senior Freddie Clay, sophomore Matas Masys, junior Ethan Schuemer, junior Matthew Myers, junior Sikander Zafar (leaning back) and senior Iman Reynolds. See the sports pages for more information about the Warriors.

Willowbrook offers advice to students about Advanced Placement exams

The Willowbrook High School guidance department recently announced advice to students regarding Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses. According to a recent news release issued by District 88, the guidance department encourages all students who are enrolled in AP courses to take the corresponding AP exams, which will be administered during the first two weeks of May. The department has issued the following details about test registration.

- Students must register for AP exams by March 17 at the Willowbrook Bookstore. Registration began on Monday, March 6.

- The registration fee is \$93 for each exam. Students can pay with cash, credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or check made payable to Willowbrook High School. Students who miss the

registration deadline of March 17 will be charged a \$55 late fee.

- Students who receive free or reduced lunch will have their test registration fee waived. However, those students must still register for the exams by March 17.

- To help prepare students for the AP exams, there will be a mandatory session, which will be held in the school cafeteria during Warrior Time in April. All students who plan to take an AP exam are required to attend the pre-administration session.

- Final instructions will be sent to AP teachers before the testing dates. The instructions will include the exact time and location of each exam.

Willowbrook will offer 21 AP exams this school year. For more about the AP exams and registration, contact Willowbrook counselor Cindy Zamora-Failla at 630-782-3137, or at

czamora@dupage88.net.

According to the information provided by District 88, one of the benefits of taking AP exams is that they give students an opportunity to earn college credit. Students must receive a certain score on the exam to earn college credit; that score varies depending on the college or university. All public colleges in Illinois, however, must give students credit if they score a 3 or higher on the exam.

Gaining college credit while in high school can save money for students and their parents, as the students do not have to take the related courses in college if they achieve the required exam scores. Taking the AP exams also exposes students to college-level assessments.

For general information about the AP exam program, go online to visit apstudent.collegeboard.org.

Villa Park briefs

Conroy to hold 'Civics 101'

discussion on Saturday

State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) will host a "Civics 101" community discussion about the legislative process at Funky Java Coffee House from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 11. The coffee house is located at 40 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park. Complimentary donuts from Kuppie's Bakery will be served.

"When I go door-to-door, I meet people of all ages who are engaged in our community and constantly looking for ways to make life better for their neighbors," stated Conroy in a release announcing the event. "At my most recent coffee shop event, the people who attended expressed their interest in becoming more involved. Beginning with 'Civics 101' on March 11, I will host ongoing community conversations to provide an update on what's happening in Springfield and together we will discuss steps that every citizen can take to make their voice heard through civic engagement."

For more information, contact Conroy's full-time constituent service office at 630-415-3520 or e-mail RepDebConroy@gmail.com.

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.

District 45 to hold Fine Arts Showcase on March 18

School District 45 will hold its inaugural Fine Arts Showcase from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, at Schafer School, located at 700 E. Pleasant Lane, Lombard. The showcase will include art from every school in the district.

Students were invited to submit pieces created by drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. Vocal and instrumental selections will be included during the evening. Students were invited to audition for the event by singing, dancing or performing a skit. The showcase will also include a special performance from the North School Marching Penguins Drumline.

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club is welcoming applications for its 2017 scholarships; apply by April 15

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 in February. 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.



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Willowbrook students take part in state meet

Willowbrook High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) team competed in last week's state competition, which took place March 2-4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago hotel in Oak Brook. Team members (pictured left to right) are: junior Catie Carey, junior Taha Akhtar, senior Jonathan Staunton, senior Vineet Patel, senior Mike Cameron and senior Mustafa Ali. Not pictured are senior Miguel Perez, junior Sheharyar Ahmed and senior Habib Hassan. The students competed in multiple events at the competition, including: basic office systems and procedures, computer modeling, entrepreneurship and PC servicing and troubleshooting.

Sports

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One and done; Warriors ousted in playoff opener

Blazers build massive first-half lead

By Chris Fox
 LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
 STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook boys basketball team set a new program record by winning 24 games during the 2016-17 season. The Warriors won a share of the West Suburban Gold Conference title with a 9-3 mark that included a pair of decisive wins over Addison Trail.

The Warriors' success in the regular season did not carry over into the playoffs. Willowbrook opened the IHSA Class 4A post-season with an 81-67 loss to Addison Trail in last week's regional semifinal game at Batavia High School.

Addison Trail dominated the Warriors in the first half of the March 1 contest, building a 20-4 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Blazers delivered a 23-0 run that began in the first quarter and carried into the second period. Addison Trail held a 33-6 lead in the second period before Willowbrook went on its own run to cut the Blazers' advantage to 40-23 by halftime.

The Warriors finished the season with an overall record of 24-5. The team opened the season with a seven-game winning streak and responded to its first loss by winning its next 14 games. Willowbrook finished the season with three straight losses.

Willowbrook defeated the Blazers 74-51 in a Dec. 9 conference meeting in Villa Park. The Warriors won the regular-season rematch in Addison, prevailing 50-38 on Jan. 28. Those regular-season results clearly didn't affect the Blazers' confidence in the playoff meeting. Addison Trail made 14 of 26 shots from the field during the first half. That performance included a 5-for-9 effort from 3-point range. The Warriors made eight of 31 shots in the first half. That performance included a 3-for-15 showing from 3-point territory.

While Willowbrook opened the post-season with the regional semifinal game, the Blazers began the playoffs with a 50-43 win over Wau-bonsie Valley in a regional quarterfinal game on Feb. 27. Addison Trail, therefore, entered the regional semifinal against the Warriors having played its last game two days earlier. Willowbrook went into the game having not played in eight days. The Warriors closed the regular season with a 60-57 loss at Downers Grove North on Feb. 21.

"They [the Blazers] were definitely more comfortable than we were, especially starting off the game," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the season-ending loss. "It was the first quarter; the first quarter killed us. It felt like they [the Blazers] came out playing championship basketball, and it took us a whole quarter to realize this is the playoffs, and we need to wake up. We dug ourselves too deep of a hole. When you get to this point, if you dig yourself too deep of a hole, it's hard to climb out of it."

The Blazers' season ended with Friday's 71-51 loss to Naperville North in the regional final in Batavia. Naperville North advanced to this week's Hinsdale Central Sectional.

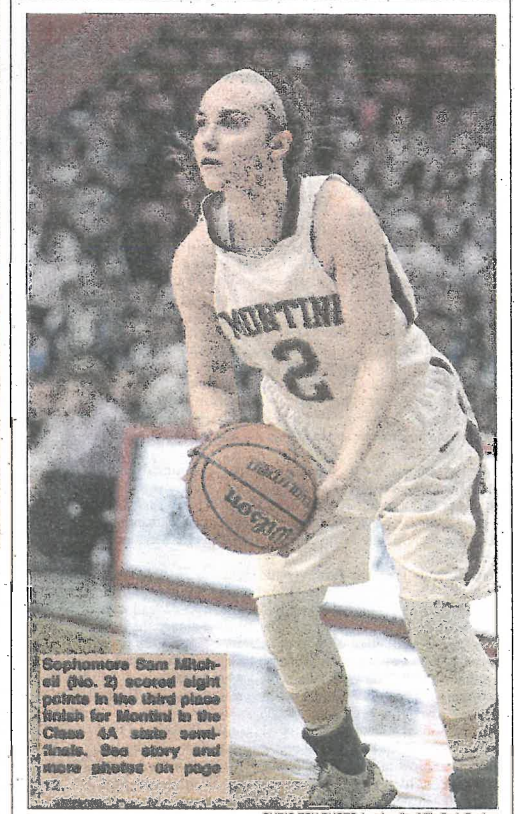
The Warriors shaved the Blazers' lead to as few as 11 points during the second half. A 3-point shot from senior Iman Reynolds cut Addison Trail's lead to 47-36 with just under four minutes left in the third quarter. The Blazers responded with an 11-4 run to rebuild their advantage to 58-40. Each team wound up scoring 20 points in the third quarter, leaving Addison Trail with a 60-43 edge with eight minutes to play.

Sophomore Matas Masys, who



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The Willowbrook boys basketball team's season ended with last week's 81-67 loss to Addison Trail at the IHSA Class 4A Batavia Regional. The Warriors, who opened the post-season with the March 1 game against the Blazers, fell to a 20-4 deficit by the end of the first quarter. Addison Trail, which held a 40-23 halftime lead, maintained a double-digit advantage throughout the second half. (Above left) Sophomore Matas Masys (No. 21) scored a team-leading 16 points for the Warriors. (Above right) Senior Freddie Clay (No. 22) provided 13 points. (Left) Junior Sikander Zafar (No. 5) scored eight points. Willowbrook finished the season with an overall record of 24-5. The 2016-17 Warriors established a new program record for victories in a season. The 1969-70 Warriors held the previous record with 23 victories.



Sophomore Sam Mitchell (No. 2) scored eight points in the third place finish for Montini in the Class 4A state semifinals. See story and more photos on page 12.

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made four 3-point shots during the game, connected on a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter to cut the Blazers' lead to 63-48. Baskets from senior Freddie Clay and Reynolds reduced the margin to 63-52 with about 6:40 left in the game. Addison Trail then scored six straight points to raise its cushion to 69-52. The lead dropped to 71-59 when Clay made a 3-pointer with under four minutes remaining. Addison Trail, which had the support of a boisterous student section in Batavia, then scored seven straight points to take a 78-59 lead. "Everything was going their way

tonight," said Perkins of the Blazers. "We had every opportunity to get back in this game."

Masys scored a team-high 16 points for Willowbrook. Clay added 13 points in his final game as a Warrior. Reynolds scored 11 points, while Schuemer and junior Sikander Zafar both scored eight points. Junior Matthew Myers contributed seven points.

"All season we've been battling, getting respect," said Perkins in summing up the entire season. "Once you take a step back and reflect, it was a great season overall."

Addison Trail boys basketball team reaches regional title game

Blazers defeat Willowbrook in regional semifinals

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys basketball team engineered a strong playoff run recently.

The Blazers advanced to the Class 4A Batavia regional championship where it lost 71-51 to Naperville North.

Addison Trail was the No. 12 seed in the Hinsdale Central sectional. Naperville North was the No. 4 seed in the sectional.

Addison Trail advanced to the finals after defeating District 88 neighbor Willowbrook in the regional semifinals at Batavia. Willowbrook was the No. 5 seed in the sectional.

Addison Trail had lost twice to

Willowbrook earlier in the season by scores of 74-51 and 50-38.

The Blazers opened the postseason with a 50-43 win over Waubonsie Valley in a Batavia regional quarter-final game.

Addison Trail finished the season 18-12 and played in its first regional championship game since 2001.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming

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Amari Benbow named all-conference for Fenton girls basketball team

Wilson competes in state 3-point shooting finals

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

A pair of Fenton girls basketball players received some good news at the tail-end of the season.

Amari Benbow was named to the all-Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division team after a strong season.

"Amari led us in scoring, rebounds and steals," said Fenton coach Tim Anderson. "She had a great year. As the season went on she kept getting better and better. We're real excited about her continued improvement next year. She was very difficult for people to guard."

Krysta Wilson finished her senior season at the Class 4A three-point shooting finals at Illinois State University in Normal. Wilson made seven 3-pointers and did not advance out of her preliminary pool.

"Krysta did fine downstate," said Anderson. "She looked good out there and didn't look nervous. That's a tough thing down there. You have 32 girls shooting and you have to be in the top four to advance. It was a great experience for her. She was our leading 3-point shooter this year. It was fitting for her."

Fenton wrapped up its season with

a playoff loss to Addison Trail by a 64-30 count.

"That was an interesting game," said Anderson. "We played probably our best quarter of the year. We were up 18-14 after the first quarter. We came out blazing. But we didn't shoot well the rest of the way. It got away from us in the second half. I was happy with how the girls came out. They weren't nervous and they looked so good in that first quarter. We couldn't sustain. Addison Trail was the better team that night."

Overall, Anderson saw plenty of positives over the course of the long season.

"We had an exciting season," he said. "It was a very rewarding season. I'm very proud of our girls. We have a lot of them coming back next season, which is a good sign. These girls stuck together the whole season and that's something that stands out. I'm here with them every day and watching their progress. I couldn't be more proud of them. They are a great group of kids."

Anderson noted a particular change in the team's progress around December.

"The first few games of the season wasn't what we were expecting," the coach said. "And then before Christmas the light went on. If you look at the grand total of what's going on and where we were at the beginning of December to where we were at

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the end of the season, my gosh, we improved tremendously. That's what you look for. My hope is they come back and we continue and pick up where we left off."

Wilson, Jenny Sanchez and Patty Acosta are the three seniors on the team.

"Those three young ladies showed some great leadership that is very much appreciated," said Anderson. "We tell them life is full of challenges and it's what you do about those challenges that matters. Those three girls are exceptional models of how to approach challenges. They are great."

Willowbrook boys basketball team loses to Addison Trail in playoffs

Zafar, Masys advance in 3-point shooting contest

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team was upset by District 88 neighbor Addison Trail in the semifinals of the Class 4A Batavia regional.

Willowbrook came into the regional as the No. 5 seed in the Hinsdale Central sectional. Addison Trail was the No. 12 seed. The Blazers defeated the Warriors by an 81-67 count.

Willowbrook had beaten Addison Trail twice during the West Suburban Conference Gold Division portion of the season by scores of 74-51 and 50-38.

Willowbrook, which set a program record for wins in a season, finished the year 24-5 overall and shared the WSC Gold title with two other teams. The Warriors lost their last three games of the season.

Willowbrook advances two in 3-point contest

Two Willowbrook boys basketball players will continue their seasons in the Class 4A state 3-point shooting contest.

Sikander Zafar and Matas Masys both advanced out of the Class 4A Batavia regional and will shoot at the Class 4A Hinsdale Central sectional this week for an opportunity to qualify for the Class 4A state finals in Peoria at Carver Arena.

Willowbrook baseball

A pair of Willowbrook baseball players announced their college plans recently. Senior Ben Espinoza is headed to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Fellow senior Will Hines will continue his career at Elgin Community College.

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Fenton boys basketball team loses in regional quarterfinals

Sanchez advances in state 3-point shooting contest

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton boys basketball team saw its season come to a conclusion after a 59-55 loss to Chicago Prosser in the quarterfinals of the Class 4A Fenton regional in Bensenville.

Oak Park-River Forest went on to win the Fenton regional with a 69-56 victory over Chicago St. Patrick.

Fenton was the No. 18 seed in the Class 4A Proviso East sectional. Prosser was the No. 13 seed.

Fenton finished the season with an 8-18 record under first-year coach Chaz Taft. The Bison finished 1-11

in Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division action.

Sanchez advances

Fenton's Javier Sanchez was one of the top four performers at the Class 4A Fenton regional 3-point shooting contest.

As a result, Sanchez will shoot this week at the Class 4A Proviso East sectional for a chance to advance to the Class 4A state 3-point shooting finals in Peoria.

Fenton boys swimming

The Fenton boys swimming team finished 11th at the recent Glenbrook North sectional.

Fenton took eighth in the medley relay with a time of 1:44.49. That team included Nikolas Fischer, Conrad Oberski, Matthew Janovsky and

Lucas Feddersen. All four are sophomores.

Michael Natiello was 18th in the 200 with a time of 2:05.37. Janovsky was 16th in the 200 IM in 2:17.64. Oberski placed 11th in the 50 with a time of 23.20. Feddersen was 15th in the event at 23.67.

Janovsky was 13th in the butterfly with a time of 58.44.

Fischer was 13th in the 100 in 52.04 while Feddersen was 14th at 52.27. Jason Gasior was 19th in the 500. Fenton placed eighth in the 200 relay at 1:36.04 with Oberski, Janovsky, Feddersen and Fischer.

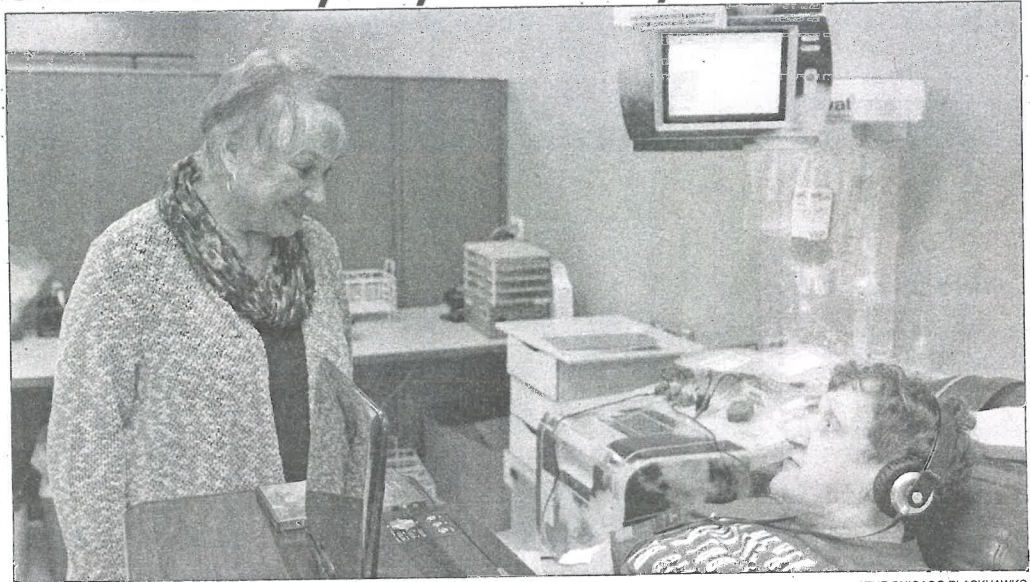
Fischer was ninth in the backstroke at 58.40. Oberski took 11th in the breaststroke at 1:06.08. Fenton was 10th in the 400 relay in 3:50.99 with Maciej Sporna, Jordan Loyola, Matthew McElroy and Natiello.

Judy Socha named 'Everyday Hero' by Blackhawks

For Judy Socha, giving back through participating in blood drives is a way of life. She has been involved in blood banking for 45 years and has no intention of slowing down. Socha's son passed away at a young age after battling leukemia, and she saw firsthand the critical need for blood donations. So she decided to get involved and make a difference. She joined LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center, which is a nonprofit organization that provides blood products to the majority of the Chicago area. Socha helped bring blood drives to Addison Trail 45 years ago, as well as to the Village of Addison.

Thanks in part to Socha's work, the Addison community was ranked No. 13 on LifeSource's Top Donors list for 2015-16. And in recognition of her efforts in organizing more than 200 blood drives, Socha was recently named as an "Everyday Hero" by the Blackhawks.

"Our lives are filled with many memorable events, but unfortunately there also are times of crisis," Socha said. "A serious illness, an accident or a surgery can be the greatest crisis of all, and if it requires blood, it can be devastating — because your life will now be in the hands of a stranger giving that pint. Blood is a special fluid that saves lives and only can come from people. It is the greatest of gifts that one person can give another. I hope to continue to spread the knowledge that blood donors are needed every day."



Pictured is Judy Socha (left), who has been involved in blood banking for 45 years. Socha helped bring blood drives to Addison Trail 45 years ago, as well as to the Village of Addison. For her work in organizing more than 200 blood drives, Socha was recently named as an "Everyday Hero" by the Blackhawks.

Addison Trail names February recipient of 88's Best recognition

Lilia Garcia has been named as Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition for her out-

standing service work. Garcia, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 27 District 88 Board of Education

meeting.

Garcia is most interested in other people's stories and how each person contributes to his or her community by the simple act of participating. That genuine kindness and inquisitiveness have led her to pursue unique volunteer and community service opportunities.

During her four years at Addison Trail, Garcia has challenged herself personally and academically. She has taken 11 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 10 Honors courses.

"Garcia is a bright student and, even more, an amazing young lady," said Spanish teacher Sergio Nunez. "She is mature beyond her years, with an inspirational 'Yes I can' attitude. Her potential for success is boundless."

Garcia said her parents drive her to be successful. Their story empowers her to always do her best, and their journey has helped her gain a unique perspective of the world. She is at the top of her class, but in the past year, has stood out for the work she has done outside of Addison Trail. Last summer, Garcia branched out of her comfort zone and applied for a volunteer position at The Field Museum in Chicago. She went through an extensive application process and was chosen to be one of the few volunteers in the museum.

"For Garcia, volunteering is more than just showing up and helping," said Shane Cole, Guidance Counselor. "Actively participating and helping others is leading her career path. Last summer, Garcia applied and was selected out of a pool of 300 people to volunteer at



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Pictured here with Principal Michael Bolden is Addison Trail senior Lilia Garcia, who has been named as Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition.

The Field Museum in Chicago. Her volunteer work involved specimen preparation, research and archiving for the museum. More importantly, working at The Field Museum reassured Garcia a degree in biology or anthropology was her passion. Garcia's outstanding work ethic and character will ensure her success in any endeavor she pursues. Her kind heart and innate desire to help others are combined with a calm, confident demeanor. She is an impressive young lady."

Garcia also volunteers in her community in a variety of ways. She has participated in Feed My Starving Children, Relay For Life, bell ringing and is a Blazer Ambassador. In her role as an ambassador, she tutors other students in social studies and

also serves as a mentor for younger students. Garcia genuinely enjoys meeting new people and discovering their unique traits. Through experiencing the different cultures represented at the museum and at Addison Trail, Garcia has realized each person contributes to society in his or her own way.

Not only does Garcia lead an active life of volunteerism, she also participates in many extracurricular activities. Garcia is in band, serves as secretary for Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society, is a member of National Honor Society and has participated in Youth in Government and Academic Team. However, the most significant experience Garcia has had in high school is theatre. She started as a quiet freshman, only working on crew. Then she gained the courage to audition for a play, "Twelve Angry Jurors," and has been a part of almost every production in Addison Trail Theatre in some form since then.

"I cannot say enough wonderful things about Garcia," said Anna Jakubka, Theatre Director. "In Theatre, Garcia works so hard to create characters and devote time to crew. She is one of our most dedicated seniors in both acting and crew. I admire her acting ability and her perseverance; I also admire her as a person. I cannot wait to see what she does in the future!"

After graduation, Garcia plans to go to college, but has not yet decided which institution she will attend. She has decided, however, that she will study biology and anthropology, as her ultimate goal is to work in a museum, researching different specimens.

Kindergarten registration begins March 10

Addison School District 4 is holding 2017-18 kindergarten registration for children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 at Army Trail School, 346 Army Trail Blvd.. It will take place on Friday, March 10 from 8-11 a.m. and 12 noon-3 p.m.; Thursday, March 23 from 4-7 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 12 from 4-7 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to pick up a registration packet in advance so they will have time to gather all necessary documents and complete the required paperwork before coming to register their child. Registration packets are available at the District

Office, 222 N. Kennedy Drive (Door 18); at each of the school offices, or asd4.org. Parents must register in person.

All kindergarten classes in ASD4 are full-day classes.

Students whose primary language is not English will be screened when they come to register in order to determine class placement.

In 2017-2018, a two-way dual language program will be available to students in the Stone and Wesley School attendance areas. This program is for children whose primary language is English and who want dual-language instruction (English and Spanish) through fifth grade and for Stone and Wesley attendance area children whose primary language is Spanish. All students interested in the two-way dual language program will have the ability to sign up for the program at registration.

All future Kindergarten parents should also mark their calendars for ASD4's Kindergarten University on May 17 from 6-8 p.m. Kindergarten University is designed to show parents what skills their child should have before school begins in August. The event will feature a presentation on Kindergarten Readiness skills along with fun, easy educational ideas families can use to make sure their child is Kindergarten ready.

Historical Society offers scholarship

The Addison Historical Society is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior who is an Addison resident. The scholarship will be awarded on scholastic achievement, school participation, and community service. The application can be obtained at the guidance department at Addison Trail High School or the Addison Historical Museum, 35 Army Trail Road. The application will be due April 3, 2017. All information is on the application.

Neighbor & Classifieds

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Willowbrook stages 'Rise and Fall of Little Voice'

BY DANIELLE BRINK
DuPage High School District 88

Willowbrook High School will present its spring play, "The Rise and Fall of Little Voice," at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the school, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

Written by Jim Cartwright, the show takes place in the early 1990s in Northern England and tells the story of Little Voice, a shy girl who's struggling to discover her confidence.

Little Voice finds comfort in listening to her late father's old record collection alone in

her room. It's there where she practices and perfects impersonating famous singers such as Shirley Bassey, Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand.

When Little Voice's overbearing mother, Mari, begins dating small-time talent agent Ray Say, he tries to use Little Voice to make it to the "big time." But Little Voice just wants to share a quiet, simple life with someone who loves her.

The dramatic comedy follows the characters as they each strive to get what they want.

"I absolutely love the story and the characters," Willowbrook theater Director Regina Wathier said. "Each person is desperate in his or her own way, and I found that compelling."

She said the cast and crew will compete in the Illinois High School Association Sectionals on Saturday, March 18, at Reavis High School in hopes of qualifying to the IHSA Drama & Group Interpretation State competition on Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25.

"This production is very intricate and requires more

attention in all aspects — lighting, sound, set — than any other play I've brought to competition," Wathier said. "It has been a lot of work, but we've enjoyed every minute of it."

Playing Little Voice is junior Julia Cicero. She said it has been a fun challenge to use her experience and skills in musical theater to make her voice sound like a variety of well-known singers. Cicero also had to learn a Yorkshire accent for the part.

"At the heart of the story

If you go

What: "The Rise and Fall of Little Voice"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16

Where: Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park

Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 students and children 3-12, \$3 with Activity Pass, free with District 88 Senior Gold Card

Info: www.dupage88.net or (630) 530-3400

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Series: Learn to discuss tough topics

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Q. What is one good idea you have to better the community that no one is talking about yet?

A. We always have trouble with the question, "How do we get more people downtown?"

Sadly, we usually settle for the stale idea of yet another "streetscape" project on Front Street.

Unless your destination is in the CBD, people avoid driving through downtown. This means they don't see the new restaurants and stores, and they certainly won't stop in for a coffee.

What if we could get them downtown by a means other than a car?

What if touring downtown Wheaton was a destination in and of itself?

I would like to see a bike and walking trail that connects to the Prairie Path and allows people to circulate around the downtown area. (It could go up West Street, travel along Wesley, and connect back to the Prairie Path on Cross.)

The Illinois Prairie Path is a valuable asset that is largely underutilized, but has a lot of untapped potential.

Indianapolis has had huge success with their "Cultural Trail" that brings many people from surrounding areas into their downtown.

This would be a family focused investment that will drive commerce, support a healthy city, and make the downtown more accessible for all residents.

Q. What other issues, if any, are important to you as a candidate for this office?

A. Another important issue to me is the make up of the council. The council needs a member with expertise in public infrastructure.

As a city, Wheaton needs to:

- Construct safer roadways.
- Address flooding.
- Improve our sewer systems.
- Invest in downtown capital projects.

Wheaton hasn't had an engineer on the council in the past 20 years and with our backlog of issues, it shows.

If we want to see progress in our infrastructure, we need someone on the council who can bring that specific skill set.

drink at a homecoming party in their basement.

Two teenage guests were killed in a car crash shortly after leaving the home.

Also on the panel will be Patrick McGrath, who has extensive training and expertise in the area of anxiety and stress disorders.

He is the director of the Center for Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorders and co-director of the

School Anxiety Program at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital.

Panelist Justin Wolfe is a clinical therapist in the adolescent addiction services program at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health Hospital. Wolfe has experience in working with the doubts, insecurities and feelings of teens that can become overwhelming in the teen years, feelings that can lead to destructive behaviors.

Linda Lewaniak, program

director of integrated services at Eating Recovery Center, Insight, will serve as moderator. Lewaniak has a private therapy practice treating adults, adolescents and children suffering from addiction, anxiety, depression, dual diagnosis and family issues.

For more information, visit glenbardgps.org or contact Gilda Ross, Glenbard District 87 student and community projects coordinator, at (630) 942-7668 or gilda_ross@glenbard.org.

Play: Comedy's characters are complex

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is the theme of finding your true identity," Cicero said. "It's about Little Voice's journey as she grows into herself."

A character who helps Little Voice on her journey is Billy, played by junior John DeAngelo. Billy is an electrician who works on lighting during Little Voice's performances, and a burgeoning

romance develops between the two.

Junior Genevieve Corkery plays Mari, whom Corkery described as "funny and outspoken, yet tragically jealous and full of insecurities."

Corkery said this play has expanded her skills and stretched her to improve as an actor. Senior Anthony Clampit, who plays Ray Say, agreed.

"What I enjoy about this show is its complexity — the characters and storyline are very deep," Clampit said.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children, \$3 with an Activity Pass and free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. The box office will open at 6 p.m.

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inquiry to me. I will not pick and choose whose email I answer. I know that when a citizen takes the time to contact a council member, they probably aren't happy.

I will stay on the issue all the way through to resolution. Currently, some council members expect citizens to behave in a way that pleases them before they

decide whether or not to even respond to a citizen. That isn't the definition of a public servant to me.

Agree or disagree with a given issue, I will represent each and every one of my constituents. Wheaton is only as good as the people that step up and work as hard as they can to maintain and improve it.

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