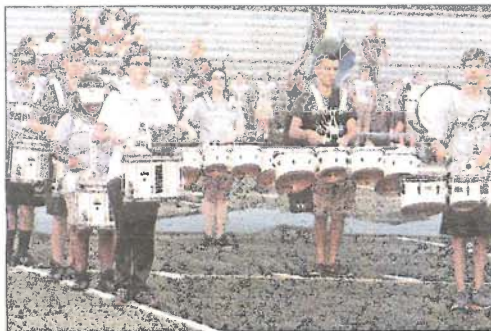




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Community night at Willowbrook

Last Friday night's community night event at Willowbrook High School featured introductions of all of the school's fall athletic teams. The evening also included brief scrimmages by Willowbrook's boys soccer and football teams. Additionally, the members of the Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer teams were introduced to the audience. The photo at left shows members of the Willowbrook High School band performing during halftime of the football scrimmage. Willowbrook's football team will open the 2017 season with this Friday's home game against Grayslake North.



Breen: Mulch disposal a win-win situation

Gov. Bruce Rauner has signed into law legislation sponsored by state Rep. Peter Breen (R-Lombard) that will save townships money when they dispose of surplus wood chips generated through routine tree maintenance.

HB 2423, now in the statutes as Public Act 100-0054, provides townships with flexibility in the process for distribution of waste materials generated from tree and branch removal.

"Our townships regularly take down dead or diseased trees and fallen branches, and those materials are fed into chippers to create mulch," said Breen.

"Unfortunately, there was no provision in the statutes to allow townships to deliver the wood chips to residents who would like to use them as a landscaping material."

According to Breen, the new law includes requirements for notice to the public before distribution occurs, and also provides for either a random drawing or a first-come-first-served process to determine which residents may receive the wood chips.

"This is a money-saving initiative for townships and the taxpayers who fund township services," Breen said. "I know that in York Township it

costs much more for the township to deliver wood chips to landfills than would cost to deliver them to taxing residents who would like to use them."

Milton Township Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt said the provisions of the new law will all service delivery to become more efficient.

"This small change in the law will make a big difference in how we dispose of the mulch that is created from our routine tree maintenance," Muehlfelt said. "I appreciate Rep. Breen's willingness to bring this forward and incorporate it into a new law."

York Township Highway Commissioner Dick Schroeder agreed and added that the new flexibility will be very helpful.

"By allowing township officials to use their best judgment in how they will dispose of tree waste, our costs are reduced and taxpayers can have access to free mulch for their yards and gardens," said Schroeder. "This is a win-win for the taxpayers who support township services and for residents who would benefit from free mulch."

The provisions of the new law take effect immediately.

First Division Museum reopens Aug. 26

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton will reopen to the public on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 11 a.m. The museum began a transformational update last fall including the addition of "Duty First," an all-new gallery focusing on the modern (post-Vietnam) history of the Army's 1st Infantry Division.

After a ribbon-cutting ceremony, visitors will enter the museum for the first time since Veterans Day 2016. The experience awaiting them features new and updated exhibits plus cutting-edge storytelling techniques.

The "Duty First" gallery occupies the 2,500-square-foot space formerly used for temporary exhibits and programs. Inside it, visitors will learn about the different types of missions performed by the 1st Infantry Division today with the information, in many cases, delivered by the voices of military veterans. Interactive exhibits apply virtual reality technology that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

The First Division Museum's other major gallery is "First in War." This space, thoroughly updated with new media and more artifacts, will be familiar to previous visitors. Powerful immersive experiences remain intact, such as walking through a World War I trench, onto Omaha Beach and through the jungles of Vietnam.

As before, the compelling record of the division is presented in the context of broader history, inviting museum visitors to engage in the tough issues of war and peace.

The museum's grand reopening coincides with the 100th anniversary of the famed military unit known as the "Big Red One." It became the first division of the U.S. Army in June 1917, assembling to fight in France in World War I. Col. Robert R. McCormick served in the Division during the Great War, participating in the successful Battle of Cantigny in 1918. Returning after the war, McCormick re-named his farm Cantigny in honor of those who served in the battle, and on his death in 1955 left Cantigny Park in trust for the enjoyment of the people of Illinois.

"There is no better way to commemorate the centennial of the First Division," said David Hiller, president and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. "We know how Col. McCormick revered the Big Red One, and all the men and women who served in the armed forces. He'd be pleased that this

wonderful museum honors veterans and all those who serve."

The renovated museum provides comprehensive telling of the Big Red One's service since the Vietnam era and allows for future updates.

"For 100 continuous years, members of the 1st Infantry Division have been all around the world, risking their lives on our behalf and in defense," said Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum. "We're proud to tell this story here at Cantigny and we're going to keep telling it for decades to come."

Luci Creative led the exhibit development, design and production management for the project. Ravenswood Studio fabricated and installed the exhibits. Northern Light Productions, Unified Field, Creative Technologies and Brave New Pictures developed the interactive media content. Chicago's Pepp Construction served as general contractor.

The 11 vintage U.S. Army tanks outside the First Division Museum also will reopen on Aug. 26. All of them have been cleaned and painted with historically accurate markings. Tank park renovation includes new plantings, walkways, seating, and lighting. The grand staircase at entry plaza outside the museum front doors are new, along with other hardscape details surrounding the building. A picnic shelter south of the museum is nearing completion.

The First Division Museum's reopening represents a key early milestone in Cantigny's ongoing revitalization effort, Project New Leaf. The five-year project, funded by the McCormick Foundation, includes major updates to Cantigny Park's garden grounds and facilities.

The First Division Museum has been a part of Cantigny Park since 1960. The original museum opened in what is now the Cantigny Park Visitors Center. The museum's much larger current home opened in 1997.

The museum will stay open on 8 p.m. on Aug. 26. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. In November and December, the museum closes at 4 p.m.

Museum admission is free with paid parking: \$5 on weekday \$10 on weekends through September. Parking is \$5 every day starting in October, and free on the first Wednesday of every month.

More information is online at museum.org and cantigny.org.

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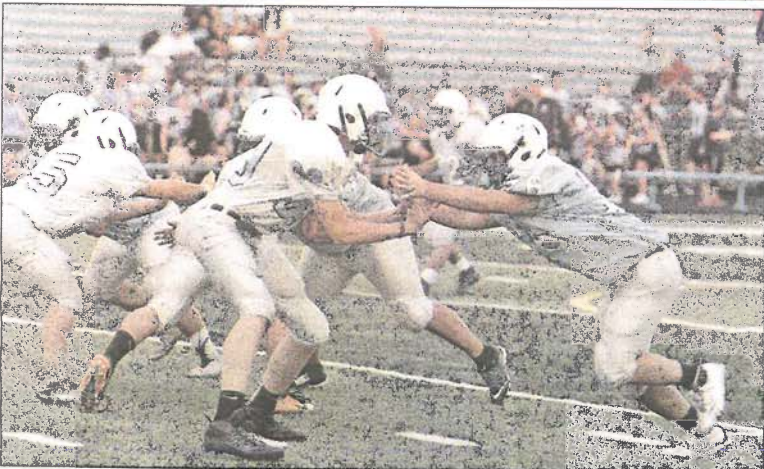
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Meet the fall sports teams

Glenbard East and Willowbrook both held events on Aug. 18 to introduce their fall sports teams. Each school's event included a brief football scrimmage. One photo (above right) from Glenbard East shows (left to right) senior Nicolette Dominick and sophomore Sophie Caruso of the school's dance team. Another photo (above left) from Glenbard East shows football players preparing for the scrimmage. The photo below from Willowbrook shows Jim White—the head coach of the girls golf team—joining the team's players during their introduction to the crowd. Another photo (left) shows the Warriors during the football scrimmage. The Willowbrook football team begins its 2017 season with this Friday's home game against Grayslake North. Glenbard East will begin its season with Friday's contest at Lake Forest.



WILLOWBROOK WARRIORS

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AT A GLANCE

Coach: Nick Hildreth

2016 Record: 8-4 (4-2 WSG)

Conference: West Suburban Gold

TOP RETURNERS

Chris Diaz	sr.	RB
Kevon Dobbins	sr.	DL
Jacob Entwistle	sr.	DB
Jack Jessen	sr.	RB/LB
Matt Knudtson	jr.	DL
Brandon Loth	sr.	OL/LB
Edgar Quintas	sr.	OL
Nick Sabatino	sr.	DB
Scott Tumilty	jr.	DB/WR
Christian Washington	sr.	DL
Sikander Zafar	sr.	DB/WR

KEY NEWCOMERS

D'onte Gholston	jr.	DB/RB
Tyler Guerrero	sr.	LB/DL
DeAndre Holliday	so.	DB/WR
Nick Rushing	jr.	DL/TE
John Taylor	sr.	QB
Sam Tumilty	so.	DB/QB

2017 SCHEDULE

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Sept. 1	at Hinsdale C.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Leyden	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Addison T.	7:30 p.m.
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Sept. 29	York	7:30 p.m.
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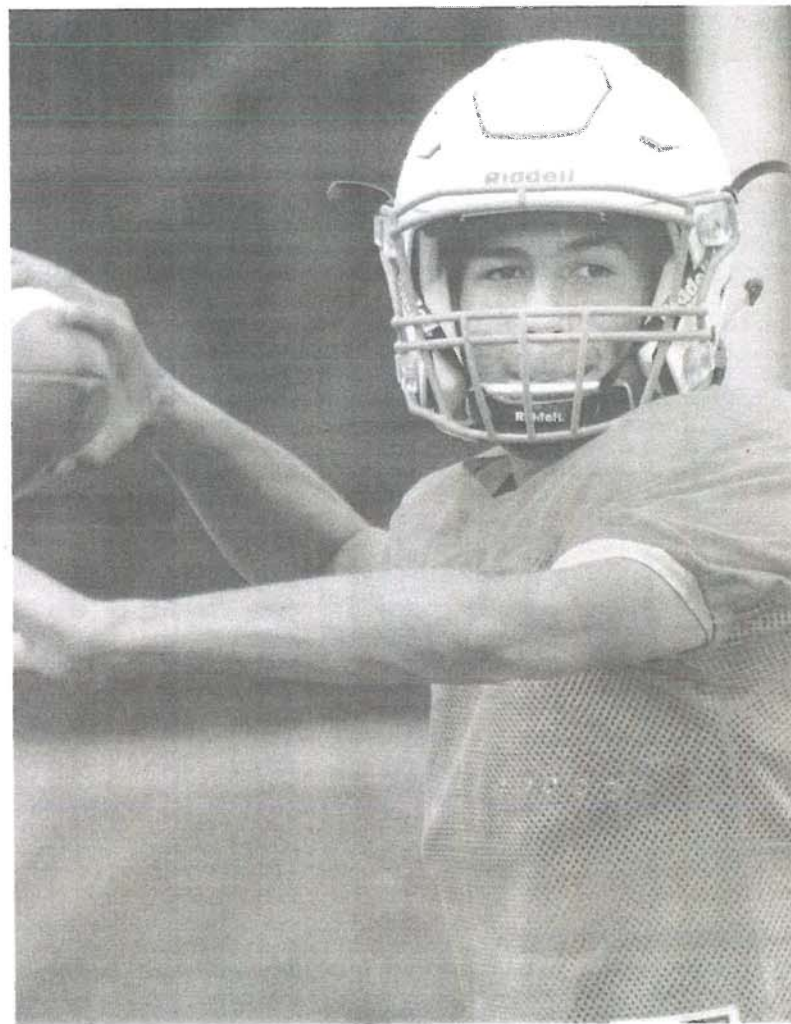
FIVE-YEAR RECORD

YEAR	W-L	CONF.	PLAYOFFS
'16	8-4	4-2	7A quarters
'15	5-4	4-2	DNQ
'14	2-7	2-4	DNQ
'13	7-3	5-1	7A 1st round
'12	6-4	4-2	7A 1st round

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GEARING UP



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Willowbrook quarterback John Taylor looks downfield for a receiver Aug. 15 during practice.



Offensive linemen get ready for the snap.



Receiver Sikander Zafar hauls in a pass.

WHAT TO WATCH

Program momentum: Last season, the Warriors reached the quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion East St. Louis. It was their best playoff run since the 5A quarterfinals in 1990. "I think these guys have kind of taken on their own identity and placed high expectations on themselves," Hildreth said. The Warriors return eight starters yet lost several key players, especially in the defensive secondary and offensive line. "Overall, their effort and energy is good. They ask a ton of questions. They pay attention to detail," Hildreth said.

Grappling with success: Northwestern-bound wrestler Jessen was a two-way, all-WSG force in 2016. He rushed for a single-season school-record 1,671 yards with 21 touchdowns and had a team-best 138 tackles with 4.5 sacks. "He's a kid who gets mad if you ever take him off the field," Hildreth said. "He's fun to coach and does everything you ask, totally selfless." Jessen is in contention for the school's career rushing record. He and Diaz (639 yards, 6 TDs) combined for 27 of last year's 29 rushing TDs.

Defensive depth: Dobbins (62 tackles, team-best 6.5 sacks) and Loth are third-year varsity players. Also back on defense are Entwistle (49 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 3 interceptions), Washington (48 tackles), Knudtson (36 tackles) and Sabatino. Zafar should help in the secondary and as a receiver for new starting quarterback Taylor. Loth and Quintas bring experience to an offensive line hit hard by graduation. "It was such a cohesive group. I think offensively that will be our focus, how we shore things up front," Hildreth said.



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Addison Trail hosts Blackhawks Blind Hockey program

On Aug. 17, nearly 40 youths with visual impairments had the opportunity to play hockey at Addison Trail through the Blackhawks Blind Hockey's "Try Hockey" program. Many of the participants were from the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED).

The Blackhawks provided an inflatable rink, and participants received instruction to enhance their skills with stick handling, passing and understanding the game of hockey.

"Blackhawks Blind Hockey is a

place for people of all ages and skill levels who are blind or visually impaired to come together and enjoy the sport of hockey," said Mike Svac, a volunteer coach for the program.

For more information about the program, go to <https://chicagoblackhawksblindhockey.com>. There also is a Blackhawks Special Hockey team, which is dedicated to providing children and adults who have developmental disabilities with the opportunity to play hockey. To learn more, go to <https://chicagospecialhockey.com>.

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Youthful Addison Trail boys soccer team looks to continue string of success

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

While the Addison Trail boys soccer team lost a lot of personnel from last year's team that went an impressive 22-2 and took second in the tough West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 5-1 mark, the Blazers are far from lacking skilled talent on the varsity roster.

Coach Ryan Dini returns a quartet of players who contributed to last year's success. Senior center-midfielder Martin Juarez had five goals and five assists last year, while senior left-midfielder

Christian Garcia had two goals and one assist. Junior center-midfielder Melvin Mora had three goals and seven assists.

Senior goalie Jean Avila had a 96 percent save percentage in 2016 while starting half the Blazers' games. "Jean brings a lot of experience to our team," said Dini. "He has an excellent punt and has the respect of his teammates. He is a senior and has been at everything. He works extremely hard and will have a big year for us in net."

Sam Sandoval is a junior goalie for the Blazers. "Sam will play some varsity games," said Dini. "He came to us from the Fire Academy and is very comfortable with the ball at his feet. He is very calm and will get some time this year in the net."

Key newcomers to the team include juniors Lukas Rodriguez (forward), Matthew Moran (defender), Luis Silva (midfielder), Eduardo Huerta (defender) and Marco Flores (defender).

Dini is expecting a big year from Huerta in particular. "Eduardo is a premier defender," he said. "He has unbelievable ball skills and is very dangerous when he pushes up to the offensive end. He is a big addition to our team and should be one of our best players."

Dini said one of the team's key weapons is how it operates with the ball.

"Our biggest strength is our team speed and ball skills," he said. "We have many players who are very good with the ball and dangerous."

Addison Trail recorded 13 shutouts last season. "Our defense should be very good again this year," said

Dini. "Although we lost a lot of players from that team, the current team has many guys who are solid defensive players and really buy into the team defense concept."

Dini said the team will have to overcome the youthful label it has. "Our biggest weakness is our youth," he said. "We have to develop team chemistry. The majority of our players are juniors. We will have to overcome inexperience when we are in tight games."

Addison Trail, which had seven seniors from last year's team go on to colleges including UIC, Northern Illinois, Elmhurst College, Robert Morris and Oakton Community College, again has put together a schedule filled with top competition. "We are playing another tough schedule this season and will be challenged with the Joe Novy (tournament the Blazers host), PepsiCo and West Suburban Gold schedule," said Dini. "Our conference is loaded with quality teams yet again. Many teams will be ranked in the top-25 so every game will be a battle. Our goal is to finish in the top half of the conference and have a good season."

"Our numbers are strong and I see this team really improving throughout the season. We are coming off one of the best seasons our program has seen so expectations are again high for this group. We have a lot of competition at key positions so players will be pushed throughout practices and the season."

The Novy tournament at Addison Trail goes from Thursday through Sept. 2. Addison Trail plays Sycamore Thursday at 6:30 p.m., West Chicago, Saturday at noon and Maine West on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Place games for the tournament are Saturday, Sept. 2 at 10 a.m., and noon.

Other games of particular note on the schedule include a Pack the Place game on Tuesday, Sept. 19 against District 88 neighbor Willowbrook at 6:30 p.m. The team's homecoming game is slated for Thursday, Sept. 28 against York at 6:30 p.m. Senior night is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7 against Mt. Carmel at noon.

"We have a very young group," said Dini. "I look forward to seeing us improve week by week. If things go right, we will be a very tough team to beat by the end of the season."

Community calendar

Sunday, Sept. 3 Community Blood and Bone Marrow drive

A Labor Day weekend blood and bone marrow drive will be held at St. Philip Church's gym, 1223 Holtz Ave., Addison, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to make an appointment, call Judy Socha, chairman of the Addison Community Blood Program, at 630-628-1959.

Ongoing events

• Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org

• Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

• TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at the Addison Park District building at 120 E. Oak St. Weigh in from 6-6:30 p.m., and then meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Or there is a weight-in Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. followed by a meeting from 10-11 a.m.

Willowbrook football team to be tested early

Warriors open against three straight playoff opponents

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The front end of the Willowbrook football team's schedule this season will be no walk in the park.

The Warriors, coming off a 2016 state-quarterfinal run, will face three teams out of the gates who all made the 2016 state playoffs and had a

combined record of 24-7.

Willowbrook kicks off the season Friday at home against Grayslake North from the Northern Lake County Conference. Grayslake North went 8-3 last season and advanced to the second round of the playoffs. North beat Willowbrook 27-12 in Week 1 in Grayslake last season.

The Warriors then head to Hinsdale to start a two-year West Suburban Conference crossover series with Hinsdale Central on Friday, Sept. 1. Hinsdale Central won the West Suburban Conference Silver Division and went 9-0 in the regular season but lost its first playoff game.

The Warriors stay on the road in Week 3 when they head to Leyden for their Friday, Sept. 8 contest. Leyden went 7-3 last year and made the playoffs. Leyden defeated Willowbrook 21-9 last year.

Week 4 on Friday, Sept. 15 sees the annual District 88 game take place at Willowbrook against Addison Trail. The Blazers went 4-5 last year. Willowbrook won last year's meeting 38-7.

In Week 5 on Friday, Sept. 22, the Warriors head to Darien to face Hinsdale South. The Hornets went 4-5 a year ago, but won the meeting with Willowbrook by a 30-27 count.

Week 6 on Friday, Sept. 27 sees Willowbrook play its annual neighborhood game with York in Villa Park. The Dukes went 2-7 a year ago and lost 17-0 to Willowbrook in the 2016 meeting.

Willowbrook then plays its final regular-season road game in Week 7 on Friday, Oct. 6 when it heads to Morton for a game played at the Morton West campus. Morton went 1-8 last year. Willowbrook downed Morton 49-20 in the 2016 game.

The Warriors conclude the regular season with home games in Weeks 8 (Friday, Oct. 13) and 9 (Friday, Oct. 20) against Proviso East and Downers Grove South respectively.

Proviso East went 0-9 last year and lost 42-0 to Willowbrook. Downers South went 3-6 and lost 31-7 to the Warriors.

Willowbrook is coming off a 2016 season where it went 8-4 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Class 7A state playoffs, going 2-1 in the postseason.

This year, Willowbrook will face three playoff teams (all in the first three weeks of the season).

Week 1 Preview Grayslake North at Willowbrook

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

Last year: Grayslake North 27, Willowbrook 12

Outlook: The Warriors, who advanced all the way to the Class 7A state quarterfinals last year, will be tested hard right out of the gates. Grayslake North advanced to the second round of the state playoffs last year and defeated the Warriors in Week 1 in Grayslake. Willowbrook is bolstered by the return of standout running back Jack Jessen. The Warriors then tackle defending West Suburban Conference Silver Division champion Hinsdale Central in Week 2 in Hinsdale.

Week 1 Preview Addison Trail at Glenbard South

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Glenbard South High School, Glen Ellyn

Last year: Addison Trail 22, Glenbard South 20

Outlook: Blazers coach Paul Parpet Jr. is excited about the talent he has on both sides of the ball this season. The Blazers are coming off a 2016 season where they went 4-5. One of their victories was in Week 1 against Glenbard South. The Raiders play in the Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division and made the state playoffs last season with a 5-4 record, losing in the first round of the postseason to finish 5-5.

Week 1 Preview Leyden at Fenton

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville

Last year: Leyden 46, Fenton 0

Outlook: Friday night officially begins the Matt Lynch era at Fenton. Lynch is Fenton's new head coach fresh off a 10-year head-coaching stint at Marengo High School in McHenry County. Lynch takes over a team that went 3-6 last year. Fenton faces a Leyden team that won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title last year with a perfect 6-0 record and ended up 7-3 overall.

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Friday	September 1	at Hinsdale Central	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 8	at Leyden	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 15	Addison Trail (Home)	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 22	at Hinsdale South	7:30 p.m.
Friday	September 29	York (Home)	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 6	at Morton	7:30 p.m.
Friday	October 13	Proviso East (Home)	7:30 p.m.
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Addison Trail's Morris logs top 15 finish at AT Invitational

Willowbrook boys golf team defeats Ridgewood in Chicago

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail junior golfer Blaise Morris finished 14th at the recent AT Invite held at Joliet Country Club.

Morris is coming off a 2016 season where he took second at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division conference tournament and qualified for a Class 3A sectional.

Also back this year for the Blazers are seniors Ricky Troha and Jett

Ramir. Both Troha and Ramir also qualified for the sectional a year ago.

Willowbrook girls golf

The Willowbrook girls golf team returns senior Sophia Parrillo and sophomore Julianna Paulsen. Key newcomers to the team include sophomores Jessica Vargas and Alexis Masseo.

"We have a group of girls who represent the school well and perform at their best," said Willowbrook coach Jim White. "They will compete and try their best. They play with a great deal of pride. The team is truly team-focused and team-oriented."

White added that team-oriented environment fosters mentoring opportunities. "We have a young core of players who can learn a great deal from the more-experienced players," he said.

Willowbrook boys golf

The Willowbrook boys golf team recorded a recent 175-288 non-conference win against Ridgewood at Indian Boundary in Chicago.

Willowbrook sophomore Jordan Rust was the meet medalist with a 41 on the par-35 layout. Junior Jackson Hathaway shot a 43, while sophomore Logan Rattana had a 44. Sophomore Joey Zopel finished with a 47.

Week 1 Preview IC Catholic Prep at Bishop McNamara

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: McNamara High School, Kankakee

Last year: ICCP 34, McNamara 0

Outlook: IC Catholic Prep's Week 1 victory last year not only avenged a pair of losses to McNamara from the 2015 season (including ending the Knights' playoff run) but started the Knights' march to its own undefeated 2016 state title. After facing McNamara, the Knights then return home to play at Lewis Stadium in weeks 2 and 3.

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District 88 welcomes new Board member

Mark Turk sworn in at recent meeting

During its Aug. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education appointed Mark Turk to fill a seat that opened after Lisa Lullo resigned from the Board. Turk will assume that position until the next Consolidated General Election on April 2, 2019.

Turk might be new to the Board, but he's a familiar face in District 88 as the parent of two Addison Trail alumni — his daughter Sara, who graduated in 2005; and his son, Matthew, part of the class of 2009. Turk and his wife Denise have lived in Addison for more than three decades.

"I truly enjoy working with students and have a passion for education," he said. "As a new member of the District 88 Board of Education, my focus is to enhance the educational experience for our students, as well as parent involvement."

Turk has served on several committees that benefit Addison Trail pupils as:

- Member of the Teacher-Parent Organization (TPO) and the Athletic, Music and Theatre booster clubs;

- Co-President of the Citizens Advisory Council (a group that discusses current issues prevalent in the high school and serves as a liaison between the community and the school board);

- District 88 steering committees for curriculum, activities and athletics;

- Co-Chair of the Building The Future Committee (a \$104.7-million referendum proposal to modernize the infrastructure and learning environment of District 88, which passed in April 2007);

- Board Member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation (a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48);

- Board Member of the Addison Center for the Arts (a 501(c)(3) organization inside Addison Trail that was created to advance the arts through promoting community involvement, personal development, skill enhancement and interconnect-



Mark Turk

edness);

- Appointed by the former Mayor of the Village of Addison as a member of the Addison Unity Task Force (a committee that helps celebrate and enhance the quality of life in a diverse community through workshops, seminars and activities designed to unify village residents)

"Mark will be a tremendous asset to the Board, as he can provide valuable perspectives as a District 88 parent, community member, committee leader and business owner," said Donna Craft Cain, District 88 Board President. "His knowledge, along with his dedication and commitment to our schools, will help us accomplish our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement."

Turk is president and CEO of International Label & Printing Co., Inc. in Elk Grove Village.

He also has been a production manager at Chicago Sun-Times and at Eastern Illinois University, where he also taught journalism; and, a pressman/reporter with Pana News-Palladium.

"I wanted to be on the District 88 Board because I found it to be a very dynamic strong group and I would like to contribute to their efforts,"

Turk said. "In my experience as a business owner for the past 25 years, I have always had the mindset to make decisions I thought would be in the best interest of my company — not necessarily the most popular, or personally beneficial. I strongly

believe the same philosophy should apply to a Board member. The best interests of the students and their families should always come first. I look forward to working together to help make a positive difference in the lives of our students."

New ILEPI indicates Illinois being shortchanged by corporate subsidies

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE INDEPENDENT

According to a new research series released by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI), billions of dollars in state and local tax subsidies for corporations have yielded far fewer economic benefits than the same level of investment made in infrastructure and education. Also, it likely comes as no surprise that instead of aiding blighted areas most in need of economic development, Illinois subsidies have largely favored affluent communities.

While ILEPI is focused on the history and performance of more than \$5 billion in Illinois corporate tax subsidies, the research comes on the heels of two neighbor states, which have caused eyebrows to raise over their own programs to draw businesses. Wisconsin has been called out for offering a \$3 billion package to lure electronics manufacturer Foxconn. In addition, Indiana recently offered a \$7 million subsidy to save jobs at a Carrier plant.

"The enormous strain on public budgets across the Midwest and the intensifying efforts to lure or retain employers with large tax subsidies cry out for review," said ILEPI Policy Director Frank Manzo IV. "The fact is, taxpayers are too often not getting a good return on their investment and, absent much stricter accountability standards on the companies that receive these handouts, other spending priorities would do far more to benefit the economy and improve the region's economic competitiveness."

According to Good Jobs First, Illinois has given a sizable number of state and local tax subsidies to three of Illinois' largest companies — Sears, Mitsubishi and Motorola. Those three corporations have received almost \$900 million or roughly 20% of all tax subsidies in Illinois since 1985. One of the co-authors of the study claims taxpayers' investment in these three companies have actually resulted in the elimination of jobs.

"In all three cases, massive amounts of money were provided to companies either threatening to leave the state or locate elsewhere," noted study co-author Mary Craighead. "In the case of Sears, the impact was even more devastating, since the company moved more of its operations into the suburbs, eliminating jobs that were once accessible to the state's most disadvantaged urban communities."

Overall, ILEPI noted that the distribution of subsidies is not necessarily tied to population trends or socio-economic needs of given communities or neighborhoods. One example cited

was Hoffman Estates, a village which accounts for just 0.4% of Illinois' population, received 26% of all state corporate tax subsidies (\$520 million). Meanwhile, southern portions of Chicago and Cook County — where population density, poverty, and unemployment rates are higher than state averages — have seen a disproportionately smaller share of tax subsidies than their more affluent neighbors to the north.

"The data suggest that Illinois' state and local tax subsidy policies favor municipalities that are majority white, have poverty rates below the state's average, and median incomes above the state average," Craighead said. "Instead of lifting disadvantage and underserved communities, these policies appear to be expanding social and economic inequality."

Using industry standard software, ILEPI compared the economic impact of the inflation-adjusted \$288.5 million that Illinois taxpayers have annually spent on business tax subsidies since 2000, against comparable investments in infrastructure, education, and middle-class tax relief.

"When compared to the impact of other potential investments that state and local governments could be making, it is clear that Illinois' current business tax subsidy policies have been an inefficient economic development tool, at best," said Manzo. "Alternatively, if Illinois had used the \$288.5 million per year they are currently spending on business tax subsidies to help balance public budgets, it could have potentially avoided credit rating downgrades that have already cost taxpayers and reduced investor confidence."

ILEPI's analysis includes a detailed set of proposed reforms to improve the success and accountability of tax incentive programs to corporations. The Institute suggests tying receipt of subsidies to more specific job creation goals and wage and benefit standards; more consistent and uniform enforcement of accountability measures; developing a comprehensive economic development strategy which would better focus on communities most in need; and, the reallocation of subsidy dollars into infrastructure or job training programs that improve overall economic competitiveness.

"As the state continues to grapple with over \$251 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and \$15 billion in overdue bills, effectively using taxpayers' money is of the utmost importance," Manzo said. "Ultimately, we believe it is in the state's best interest to continually evaluate its subsidy practices and promote balanced policies."

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on June 30, in an event they dubbed "30 for 30 on the 30th," the couple — mainly Alyssa, Jeff conceded — organized 30 people who would each run a mile with Jeff on a 30-mile course throughout their neighborhood, downtown Naperville and the McDowell Forest Preserve with a few "rally spots" along the way.

"We wanted to combine the three things I enjoy the most — running, friends and family," Jeff Pawola said.

Beginning at 8 a.m. at the house of his parents, Ken and Jackie ("because that's where it all began," Pawola said), Jeff ran a mile at the pace of an ever-changing lineup of loved ones outfitted with personalized running "bibs." Though his younger brother, Danny,

International Tennis Federation and/or professional levels to aid tournament or development expenses. Dolehide turned pro in September 2016 and has since won three singles events and two doubles events, with partner Kayla Day. Dolehide, who will turn 19 on Tuesday, is ranked No. 159 singles on the ITF rankings, a jump of nearly 200 spots since 2016. This year she's earned \$46,350 in prize money, according to the Women's Tennis Association.

All-around great guy Dan McCarthy, the retired West Chicago business teacher and coach, followed women's basketball coach Sarah Quigley Smith to Lewis University from the University of St. Francis. For the past five seasons with Quigley Smith

Music City Distance Classic in Nashville. Herrmann ended her career at Hope College by claiming the Michigan Collegiate Athletic Association's top honor for a female student-athlete, the Sheila Wallace Kovalship Scholar Award.

The Illinois High School Association named 12 individuals as 2017 Distinguished Service Award winners. They included Mark Kreiter, of Still Middle School in Aurora; Paul Schmidt, who did a lot of everything at Jefferson Middle School in Naperville; and Ross Truemper, an administrator at five high schools over a 35-year career. Each of the honorees was cited for their work with wrestling.

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Girls volleyball

Kazmierczak, York top Addison Trail

By STAN GOFF
 Daily Herald Correspondent

With a trio of freshmen playing regularly early in this new season, the York girls volleyball team has looked to senior libero Logan Kazmierczak to provide a little veteran leadership.

In Wednesday's 25-14, 25-20 defeat of visiting Addison Trail, the Dukes' youngsters once again had an impact, but once again their senior defensive leader also came up big. Kazmierczak recorded a match-high 8 digs and delivered a calming influence on the young squad, which opened a big lead while easily winning the opener, and then had to hold off a Blazers team that came on strong in the nightcap.

"The freshmen they make up a huge part of our offense and the offense has improved a lot this year," said Kazmierczak, who watched freshman outside Gigi Barr pace the attack with 6 kills. "But defensively we've been working a lot on serve receive. That started out as one of our weak points, but we've worked on it and we've really improved on our serve receive and that's started to come together."

In the first game the Blazers (2-5) were a little sloppy, and York jumped out to leads of 14-2 and 19-7 on its way to the 25-14 win. The second set was much tighter, and Addison Trail trailed just 7-5 following a kill from Nina Muell and later rallied to within 22-19 and 23-20 before the hosts finished off the sweep. Muell and Sam Pociecha sparked the Blazers defense in the second

game as several long points were extended while both sides picked up their defense.

"We weren't too pleased about our play in Game 1 just because we weren't forcing York to earn points — it was all errors on our side of the net," said Addison Trail coach Dan Styler. "They were a better team than us tonight. I just think Game 2 we were happy we were able to compete more and stretch longer volleys."

The Dukes improved to 5-2 on the year with the win, and coach Patty Iverson played everyone, including Emily Fleckenstein, Sam Kao and Callan Woolfe, a trio of setters who each got involved in running the offense at times in the match.

"This was good," said Iverson, whose squad dropped a pair of tight battles while settling for fourth place at the Benet Invitational last weekend. "Everybody played, which was great and we've got a lot of depth because we have a lot of kids that are older ... I'm just hoping we can solidify a little bit of a lineup and figure out what we're doing."

With Kazmierczak and her fellow upperclassmen leading the way, York already has figured some things out on the court.

"Being a captain along with Emily Schlecht, a right side, we feel responsible to set a good example for all the freshmen," the libero said, "especially since we have such a young team. This year we're trying to be a stable part of the team while we have so many things changing. But we're pretty happy with how we're doing right now."



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York's Gigi Barr hits the ball past Addison Trail's Nikki Scorza (17) and Jess D'Ambrase (10) the Dukes' win in Elmhurst.

IC CATHOLIC PREP D. FENTON 25-16, 25-11
 IC Catholic Prep — Landon (5 kills, 3 blocks), Stovall (4 kills, 1 block, 2 aces), Hunt (14 assists, 8 digs, 1 ace), Lytton (6 kills, 7 digs), Brachmann (3 kills), Zanon (3 kills, 2 digs, 2 aces), Leslie (8 digs, 3 aces).

ST. FRANCIS D. MARION CENTRAL CATHOLIC 25-19, 25-12
 St. Francis — Zuluaga (5 kills), Calcagno (5 kills), Wilkins (11 assists, 3 blocks), Tomei (7 assists), Lukowych (5 blocks), Ward (4 blocks), Russo (6 digs), Shulek (4 digs).
 Marian Central — Graham (3 kills, 1 block), Nick (3 kills, 4 digs), Messino (8 assists, 1 ace).

SANDBURG D. WHEATON NORTH 25-20, 25-13
 Wheaton North — Schmid (2 kills, 1 block), Beedle (3 kills, 1 block), Clark (4 kills, 1 block), Barnhorst (5 kills, 1 block, 4 digs), Otto (1 ace, 5 kills, 8 digs), LaBue (7 digs, 1 assist), Schulte (2 digs), Light (17 assists, 3 digs, 1 block).

DOWNERS GROVE NORTH D. LINCOLN WAY EAST 25-22, 25-20, 25-20
 Downers North — Casper (6 kills), Delaplane (6 kills), Dunlap (20 assists).

WHEATONVILLE NORTH D. DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH 25-17, 25-12
 Naperville North — Kushner (10 kills, 7 digs, 2 aces), Budnik (4 kills, 3 digs), Burton (3 kills), Selman (8 assists, 2 digs),

Schulte (7 assists), Surges (9 digs).

WESTMONT D. ROSARY 25-20, 25-18
 Westmont — Quaglie (8 kills), Meeks (8 kills), Boyer (18 assists).

YORK D. ADDISON TRAIL 25-14, 23-20
 Addison Trail — Muell (8 kills, 4 digs, 1 ace), Shah (4 kills), Pociucha (4 digs), Scorza (2 kills, 1 block).
 York — Kazmierczak (8 kills, 1 ace), Kazmierczak (8 digs, 2 aces), Deverux (2 aces), Fleckenstein (3 kills, 1 block), Levy (4 kills).

Tuesday's late results
THOMAS CHRISTIAN D. WESTMONT 25-16, 25-19

Girls tennis
Wednesday's results
LAKE PARK 4, ST. VIATOR 3
GLLENDALE EAST 6, WILLOWBROOK 1
 Singles — No. 1: Allen (GE) d. Wachholz 6-0, 6-0, No. 2: Ek-

strand (GE) d. Brown 6-4, 6-2, No. 3: Kamran (GE) d. DeValle 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles — No. 1: Stark/Zulawski (W) d. Larkin/Carami 6-1, 6-4, No. 2: Sakran/Ziemer (GE) d. Vost/Zachariah 6-2, 6-4, No. 3: Roberts/Marsh (GE) d. Witt/Aquino 6-2, 6-2, No. 4: McElroy/Martin (GE) d. Celis/Alcala 6-2, 6-0.

BENET 5, NAPERVILLE CENTRAL 2
Singles — No. 1: Di (NC) d. Nenedovich 6-1, 7-5, No. 2: Arnold (B) d. Rash 6-2, 6-1, No. 3: Latchford (B) d. Kaylor 7-5, 6-2.
Doubles — No. 1: Schifer/Marshall (B) d. Liu/Liu 2-6, 6-3, 10-4, No. 2: Dram/Kong (NC) d. Beder/Imminck 7-6(5), 6-3, No. 3: Fuller/Gleason (B) d. Guenther/Trico 6-4, 6-4, No. 4: Sachewskas/Macheselli (B) d. Ho/Anderson 6-4, 6-4.

Girls golf
Wednesday's results
IC CATHOLIC PREP 153, TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 159
 at Oak Brook Golf Course (par 35)
 IC Catholic Prep — Leahy (34) medalist.
WHEATON VALLEY 163, WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH 177
 Wheaton Valley — O'Keefe (40), DiGrazia (42), Etnor (45), Wu (45).
 Wheaton South — Haverstein (36) medalist, Mortz (38), Dolase (51), Ellison (52).
ST. FRANCIS 163, ROSARY 217
 at Blackberry Oaks
 St. Francis — Lemke (43) medalist, Grivetti (48), Strickland (52), Woods (55).

Girls cross country
Tuesday's late results
WESTMONT 27, TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 29

Upcoming events
TODAY
 Boys soccer
 Benet, Naperville Central at Naperville North Best in the West Tournament, TBA
 Downers Grove North at Lemont Invite, TBA
 Downers Grove South at Hinsdale Central Red Devil Cup, 6 p.m.
 Fenton, Glenbard North, West Chicago, Willowbrook at Addison Trail Invite, TBA
 Hinsdale South at Oak Park-River Forest, 6 p.m.
 IC Catholic Prep at Morton, 5:30 p.m.
 Sandwich at Westmont, 4:30 p.m.
 St. Francis, Wheaton North, York at Lake Park Hilner Invite, 4:30 p.m.
 Wheaton Warrenville South at Wheaton Academy, 6:30 p.m.
 Wilmington at Lisle, 6:30 p.m.

the Huskies' 195-pound safety snared 2 interceptions, including one he returned 90 yards for a touchdown on the final play of the game.



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High school football players of the week



Defense
Trenton Hegranes
Wheaton North
 The Falcons beat Wheaton Warrenville South 19-14 behind a solid defensive effort sparked by Hegranes. The 6-foot-2, 195-pound senior safety snared 2 interceptions, including one he returned 90 yards for a touchdown on the final play of the game.