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# Head off for Neverland adventures as Addison Trail stages 'Peter Pan'

BY DANIELLE BRINK  
DuPage High School District 88

Addison Trail High School Theatre members will take audience members back to their childhoods during the school's upcoming production of "Peter Pan."

The play takes audience members to Neverland — a world filled with fantastical adventure. The story follows Peter Pan, played by senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes, as he meets Wendy Moira Angela Darling, played by sophomore Dominika Zdanowicz, during a visit to the real world.

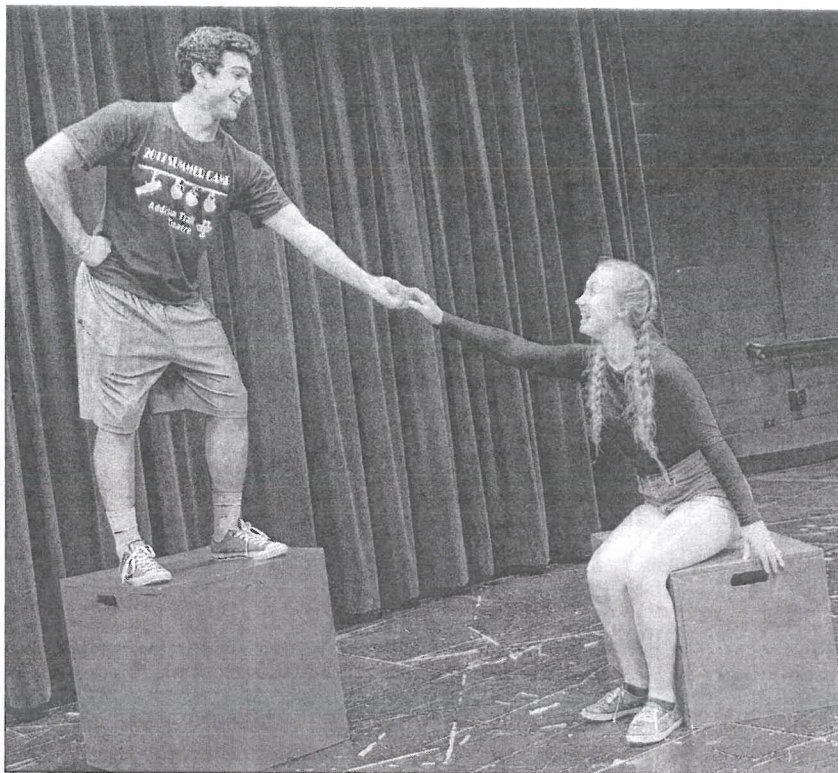
Peter faces many obstacles in Neverland — including battling his nemesis Captain Hook, played by senior Nicolas Montgomery, — but discovers his biggest struggle is between never wanting to grow up and watching as Wendy continues to age.

"Peter Pan" will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19 and 20, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison.

"I want every individual who walks into the theater to get the full impact of the play and to connect with the story," Bracamontes said. "Children and adults will enjoy this show, as there are many levels to the messages it shares."

He added it has been a fun challenge to portray such a classic and well-known character.

"Everyone grew up with 'Peter Pan,' and there are so many versions of the story," he said. "It's an amazing honor to portray this character, and I know I have a responsibility to bring him to



Senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes plays Peter Pan to sophomore Dominika Zdanowicz's Wendy in Addison Trail's upcoming production of "Peter Pan."

life on the stage."

Zdanowicz said she remembers reading the book and watching the movie when she was younger. Addison Trail's performance will provide a sense of wonderment for children and a nostalgic escape for adults, she hopes.

Theater Director Anna Jakubka said she chose "Peter Pan" at the request of the senior class. Members of that group saw a performance of "Finding Neverland" on Broadway during a trip to New York two years ago and have wanted to do a similar show

ever since.

She said the school will use a version by Jon Jory, adapted from the novel by J.M. Barrie. In this version, the script allows for creative effects to provide the illusion of flying, including the use of a star curtain, a black curtain with LED lights to simulate stars. It also scripts Wendy as an only child.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 with an Activity Pass, and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, contact (630) 628-3365 or at.theatre88@gmail.com.

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# Chicago come to take WeGo

BY BECKY KOLTZ  
Community High School District 94

Some of Chicago's top stand-up comedians will perform in the Funny for Fest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at West Chicago Community High School to raise money for the school's drama program and its extended endeavors.

The comedy performance will be in West Chicago Community High School's Weyrauch Auditorium, 326 Joliet St. Tickets, \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, are available online at wegotheatre.com or at the door. Adults and high school-age students are welcome.

"I am so glad these comedians are willing to help us with this benefit," Wego Drama member Kenneth Correa said. "We do a lot to promote the art and help the community, and fundraising is a big challenge."

The lineup of comedians includes: WGN radio host Patti Vasquez, who has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Network and TBS's "The Very Funny Show;" Pat McGann, who has two Letterman appearances, is host and creator of WTTW TV's "The Chicago Stand-Up Project," and is in a Frosted Flakes commercial with Tony the Tiger; John Dacosse, a regular on the "Steve Cochran Show" on WGN radio who appeared in the original "Meet the Parents" movie; Brian Noonan, who has appeared on "The Tonight Show" and "Malcolm

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Assistance will be available in Spanish and English. Note that the deadline for filing this year's FAFSA is earlier than in the past.

• "College Admission Process in Spanish" at 10:30 a.m. Ercilia Jonas of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will give a presentation

admission Continue child care during the continuing education available.

For more Glenbard's Gilda Ros dent and ects coor 942-7668

# Get tickets for York's Fall Drama Festival

York High School submission

Tickets for York High School's Fall Drama Festival will go on sale Sunday, Oct. 15, for performances this month of "The Children's Hour" and

lives unravel and truths are revealed. In today's world of social media and political volatility, Lillian Hellman's work is more relevant than the day it was written.

including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize, "Next to Normal" also was chosen as "one of the year's 10 best shows" by critics around the country.

29. Performances are at the school, 355 St. Charles Road, Elmhurst.

Tickets are \$10, plus a processing fee, and available online beginning Sunday, Oct.



## The Rest of the Best

### **Downers North (3-4) at Downers South (4-3)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Looking at the records and the schedule ahead, this cross-town matchup might as well be a playoff game. Downers South's defense notched a third straight shutout last week, but that'll be tough to do against the Trojans' versatile ground game.

### **Fenton (2-5, 0-3) at Wheaton Academy (3-4, 0-3)**

**Game time:** 7:15 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Fenton and quarterback Kyle Cacioppo are out of the playoff picture, but Wheaton Academy will qualify if it can beat both the Bison and then St. Edward in Week 9. Warriors quarterback Ben Thorson will play after resting a leg injury last week.

### **Glenbard East (1-6, 1-2) at West Chicago (2-5, 1-3)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Records aside this should be good. Rams quarterback Bret Bushka, protected by tackle Ben Pham, has a connection with wideout Jeremy Johnson. Sharp Wildcats quarterback Jeff Zajac finds Jahleel Humphrey, Luke Seeman, Ruben Fernandez.

### **Glenbard West (6-1, 4-0) at Oak Park (5-2, 2-2)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Since allowing 62 points in the opener, Glenbard West has allowed 39 the last six games combined. Dre Thomas plowed for tough yards in the mud last week. On a dry field look for quarterback Alex Hollensbe and receiver Alec Pierce to hook up.

### **Minsdale South (5-2, 4-1) at Leyden (3-4, 2-2)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** The combination of Hornets quarterback Justin Kolzow and receiver Destin Talbert accounted for another 11 catches for 193 yards and 3 touchdowns last week. Iffy on playoff

points, Hinsdale South can wrap up a postseason berth with a win.

### **Lisle (3-4) at Manteno (4-3)**

**Game time:** 7 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Despite Jared Hunter's 38 carries for 233 yards, 6 turnovers put Lisle's back against the playoff wall. In the first of two games against Interstate Eight Large foes the banged-up Lions have soph quarterback Aidan Lombardo in for injured Jay McGrath.

### **Lynx Twp. (6-1, 3-1) at Winsdale Central (5-2, 4-1)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Red Devils backup quarterback Connor Bauer had to step in for injured Matt Rush last week, which led to more Wildcat looks in the offense with Garrett Oakley behind center. With running back Luke Skokna, expect to see more focus on the run.

### **Metea Valley (0-7, 0-7) at Glenbard North (3-4, 2-4)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** As of Thursday poised Metea sophomore quarterback Patrick Straub gets the call for recuperating Garrett Despot. Glenbard North, in playoff mode, will continue to pound tailbacks Jayleen Fitzpatrick and Mark Finley behind center Augie Gamez.

### **Morton (5-2) vs. Mt. Carmel (4-3)**

**Game time:** 4:15 p.m. Friday at Gately Stadium in Chicago.

**The quick hit:** Broncos scorers against DePaul: Jake Karczewski, Michael Cooney, Nick Orlando, Rian O'Connor, Nick Fedanzo, Matt Ross, Mark Gabriel, Sam Spadoni, Matt Morrissey. Now, to spread the wealth against a proud CCL Blue squad fighting for the playoffs.

### **Morton (1-6, 1-3) at Addison Trail (2-5, 0-4)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** With Nick D'Ambrose out and Nick Daudelin injured during last week's game, linebacker Nick DiBernardo stepped up to lead the team in rushing. The Blazers are hopeful D'Ambrose returns for a matchup that'll come down to better line play.

### **Proviso East (0-7, 0-4) at Willowbrook (3-1, 4-0)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** A Warriors victory wraps up a share of the West Suburban Gold title, and now's not the time to be caught looking ahead. Quarterback John Taylor can methodically work down the field or get the big play in a diverse offense.

### **St. Francis (1-6, 0-2) at Fenwick (4-3, 1-1)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** St. Francis needs to sustain offense against an active Fenwick front and linebacker Jacob Kaminski. Key to that are Spartans linemen Danny Skold, John Vohasek and promising sophomore right tackle Connor Schmidt, 6-foot-5 and 239 pounds.

### **Westmont (3-4) at Streator (3-4)**

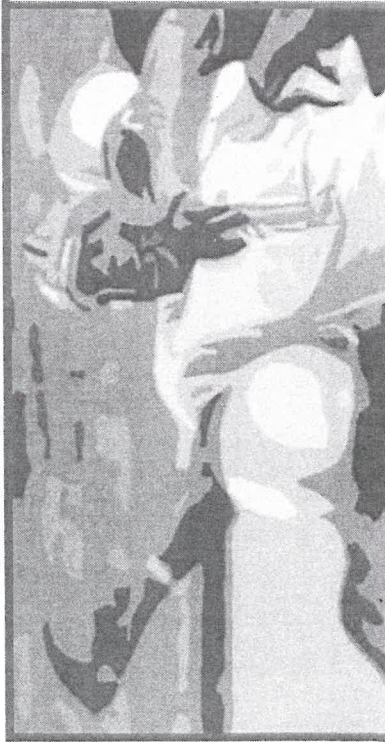
**Game time:** 7 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** Two Interstate Eight foes still scrapping for a playoff spot. Yards after catch was key to Troy Schlischer's 53-yard score from a screen pass to help upend Lisle and snap a four-game skid. Chris Doll returns to the Sentinels line to aid John Karesh and Co.

### **WW South (1-6) at Lockport (1-6)**

**Game time:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**The quick hit:** The Tigers would love to close a tough season on a high note. Get used to this matchup — they'll be playing the next two years. Between running back Ryan Young and quarterback Zach Harris, last week the Tigers piled up 400 yards of offense.



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## PREP ROUNDUP

# York's Aidan Mann moves on to state golf tournament

### SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

York junior Aidan Mann shot a 76 at the Class 3A New Trier Sectional on Oct. 9 to advance to the state tournament. York shot a 309 to finish fourth in the team standings. The top three teams advanced.

### IC Catholic Prep

Connon Leahy carded a 72 at the Class 1A Rockford Christian Life Sectional on Oct. 9 to advance to state.

### Glenbard East

Tyler Reitz shot a 76 and Georgi Solar carded an 81 at the Class 3A Glenbard East Sectional on Oct. 9. Neither advanced to the state tournament.

## FOOTBALL

### IC Catholic Prep

Freshman Kyle Franklin ran for 214 yards and three touchdowns, and the Knights (6-1, 3-0 Metro Suburban Blue) rolled past Wheaton Academy 59-7 on Oct. 6. C.J. West threw for 150 yards and touchdown passes to Khali Sanders, Jacob Lytton and Sean Hipkind.

### Willowbrook

Jack Jessen and Chris Diaz each ran for two touchdowns and John Taylor added a scoring run as Willowbrook (6-1, 4-0) clinched a playoff berth by beating Morton 56-0 on Oct. 6.

### York

Grant Melion ran for a 9-yard touchdown and KeVon Washington had 37 yards rushing for the Dukes (0-7, 0-3 West Suburban Silver) in a 30-7 loss to Oak Park on Oct. 6.

### Montini

Nick Orlando ran for 113 yards and a touchdown, and also threw for three scores for the Broncos (5-2, 1-1) in a 56-0 win over DePaul College Prep on Oct. 6.



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Glenbard East's Georgi Solar hits a tee shot Oct. 9 during the sectional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

### Timothy Christian

Tracy Westra had 11 assists, six aces and seven digs to lead the Trojans past Walther Christian 25-9, 25-9 on Oct. 10. Rachel Stoll added five assists, three kills and seven digs, Heidi Westra had six kills and seven digs and Abygale Ahn had seven digs for Timothy Christian (18-10, 9-2).

## GIRLS TENNIS

### York

The Dukes tied for third with Lyons at the West Suburban Silver tournament Oct. 7. Hinsdale Central won the meet. Glenbard West was second.

Medalists for York were Lauren Fonorow and Eva Jacobsthal at No. 3 doubles and Cristina Gamboa and Micki Neidigh at No. 4 doubles.

# Suburban Life

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## TRACY WESTRA

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN  
Senior | Girls Volleyball

### Why Westra was selected:

**Westra, the Trojans' setter and a third-year varsity player, recently surpassed the 1,000 assist career mark for Timothy Christian (18-10). She has been the starting setter for two seasons.**

Tracy Westra, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney, spoke with sports editor Joshua Welge about the season. Here's an edited transcript.

**Welge: Do you feel like the season is coming together?**

**Westra:** Yes, the middle of the season, it was a little rough, but now I think it's coming together. We've been working hard on our defense and speeding up our offense.

**Welge: You missed some time with a sprained ankle. How are you feeling now?**

**Westra:** I'm pretty much back to normal. It's 100 percent, feeling good.

**Welge: What did passing the 1,000 assist mark for your career mean?**

**Westra:** My dad actually told me about it a couple weeks ago. Yeah, it's cool. I've spent a lot of time working on getting the ball to the target. And the hitters have helped a lot.

**Welge: What are the keys to an accurate set?**

**Westra:** I would say getting my feet square to the ball and squaring up to the target, and also making sure it is high enough and a good tempo. I've been working on it a lot at club with First Alliance.

**Welge: What's it like playing with your sister (Heidi)?**

**Westra:** It's really fun. I like playing with her. This is the first time I've been able to play with her in any sport in high school. We have a really good connection. It's fun.

**Welge: You moved to setter a couple years ago. How did you work at making the adjustment?**

**Westra:** When I played right side, we had a senior setter. I played both right side and setter for club. When she graduated I moved to setter. It's a lot harder, I'm more of a quiet person. I think I've grown a lot in the last few years.

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## Experts trying to reduce collisions at Illinois railroad crossings

State ranks second in the country; nearly 150 people hit by trains, 46 deaths

### ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Illinois has the second-largest rail system of any state with more than 7,300 miles of track and more than 10,000 public highway-rail crossings.

"The simple answer to the raw figures is Illinois has an exposure problem," Chip Pew, state coordinator with Illinois Operation Lifesaver, said. "We have the second-most public crossings, other than Texas. We have the second-most miles of track. Add to that we have more than 140,000 miles of streets and roads. We have a lot of trains. We have a lot of crossings. And we have a lot of people."

Pew says there remain hundreds of places in the state without any kind of active warning system of an approaching train. However, that technology is no guarantee that problems will be eliminated.

"People think crossings, if they have bells and lights, then they would be safer," Pew said. "When, in actuality, more than 50 percent nationally of all collisions that occur at public crossings occur because people drive around the crossing gates. Crossings that we would think have the best protections aren't necessarily making them any safer."

Illinois actually is ahead of the national average when it comes to crossings with active warnings systems, and federal regulations mandate at least 20 seconds of advance warning time once the lights begin flashing and the arms come down at a crossing.

But Pew says drivers still appear to frequently misjudge how quickly a train is approaching.

"The background creates no depth so you can't accurately judge speed

and distance of it," Pew said. "And, unfortunately for people who think maybe it's a slow-moving freight train, in reality it's a 79 mile-per-hour Amtrak or Metra train and they try to beat it. That might have been a

fatal decision."

He recommends increased enforcement efforts at crossings in Illinois.

"I think you need to issue citations," Pew said. "There has to be

some consequence other than the worst, ultimate consequence in which they lose their life."

State lawmakers recently increased fines for drivers who disregard activated railroad gates and

warning lights to \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for a subsequent offense. The state now has some of the strictest penalties in the nation.

Texas is the only state with more collisions at crossings than Illinois.



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## ATHS honors Homecoming Court

King Lucas Walsh and Queen Grace Andrews (center, in crowns) were crowned Homecoming Royalty at the Pep Assembly held at Addison Trail High School on Sept. 29. They were later presented at the Homecoming football game against Leyden. Pictured are (from left): freshmen Dino DiGrazia and Bianca Sitkowski; seniors Erick Venegas and Sara Gagliano; Walsh and Andrews; juniors Jacob Zaborowski and Gabriela Piscopo; and, sophomores Nailea Rivera and Alexis Bolivar (couple at right).

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# Addison Trail hosts Homecoming 2017

From Sept. 25 to 30, Addison Trail celebrated Homecoming Week with several events and activities. This year's theme was "A Night Around the World," and students and staff showed their Blazer Pride and school spirit throughout the week.

Highlights of Homecoming Week included:

**Sept. 25:** Homecoming Variety Show, featuring the 18 acts listed below:

2017-18 Orchesis Team; Rosemarie Mercado; Alex Gamino; Sienna Alicea; Addison Trail Music Department Secretary/Teacher Aide Rebecca Boisse; Juliana Sannasarado; Lucio Delgado; Luis Carrasco and Edgar Rodriguez; Kenny Bartkiewicz; Isaac Etheridge; Alex Grossman and Burke Parent; Nina, Caliendo and Katarina Surjanecv; Gianna Trippiedi; Jennifer Mani and Melody Herrera; Connor White; Alyssa Ramos; Salvador Hernandez; Brailio Silva and Melissa Morales; Julie Zaborowski and Dominika

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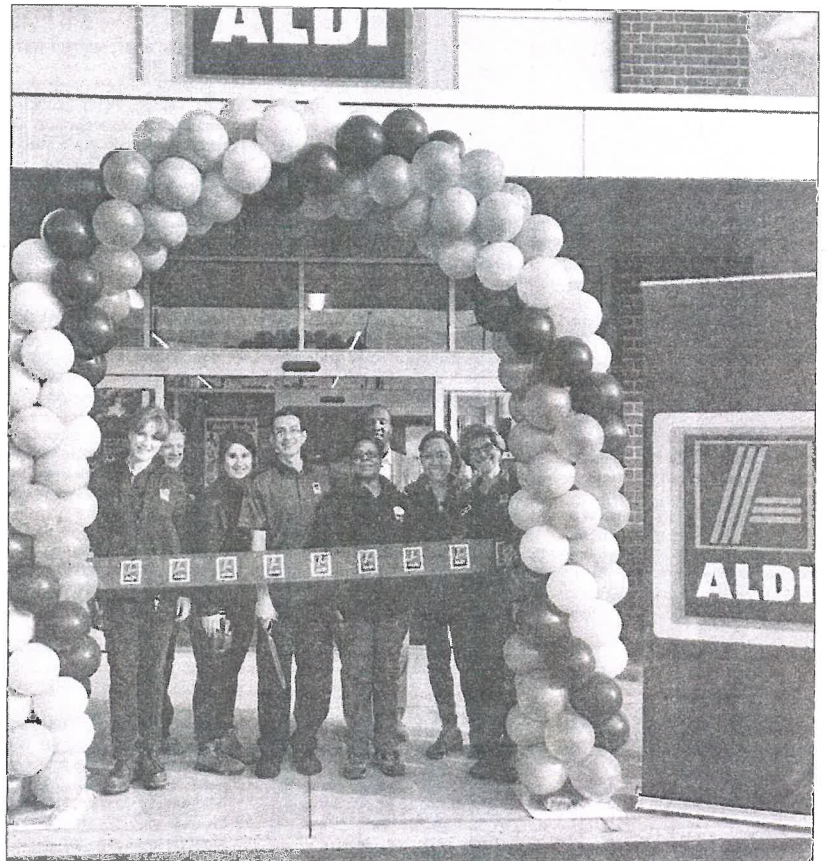
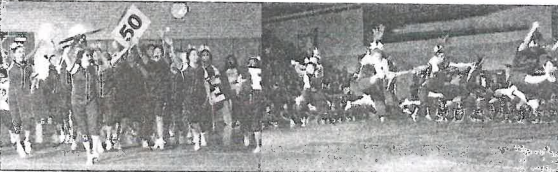
**Sept. 27:** Homecoming Bonfire and Powder-Puff Games (the sophomores won against the freshmen, 14-7; the seniors won against the juniors, 14-0)

**Sept. 29:** Homecoming Pep Assembly and Football Game

During the Pep Assembly, members of the Homecoming Court were crowned. They included: freshmen Bianca Sitkowski and Dino DiGrazia; sophomores Nailea Rivera and Alexis Bolivar; juniors Gabriella Piscopo and Jacob Zaborowski; seniors Sara Gagliano and Erick Venegas; and, Queen Grace Andrews and King Lucas Walsh.

The football game was against Leyden - Leyden won, 14-7.

**Sept. 30:** Homecoming Dance "A Night Around the World" (nearly 1,250 students attended)



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Pictured are staff and management of the ALDI store located at 400 W. North Ave. in Villa Park standing under a horseshoe of balloons to celebrate the store's grand re-opening on Thursday, Oct. 5. The store was recently remodeled as part of a \$1.6 billion investment ALDI is making in its stores across the country, with \$180 million dedicated to enhance the stores in the Chicago market.

## ALDI reopens Villa Park store

*Local store remodeled as part of company's nationwide \$1.6 billion renovation plan*

ALDI, which calls itself "one of America's favorite grocery stores," has reopened its Villa Park store, located at 400 W. North Ave. ALDI has plans to remodel more than 130 stores in Chicago and the surround-

ing metropolitan area by 2020. The store hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 5, after which the first 100 shoppers received a "golden ticket," each containing ALDI gift cards of varying amounts.

ALDI recently announced its stores in Chicago had begun undergoing renovations as part of the company's nationwide plan to remodel and expand more than 1,300

U.S. stores by 2020.

In February, ALDI announced an aggressive \$1.6 billion investment in its stores across the country, with nearly \$180 million dedicated to enhancing stores in the Chicago market.

The chain intends to remodel more than 130 stores in Chicago and the surrounding metropolitan area, with a goal of completing all remodels by 2020.

## At the Homecoming Pep Rally

(top) Addison Trail Band; (middle row): Cheerleaders perform during the Homecoming Pep Assembly on Sept. 29; (bottom row, from left): Blazettes, Energy Rush, Orchesis.

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## Police Reports

Area Police Departments recently reported the following arrests and citations. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that subjects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

### Addison Oct. 5

• Police said Alfredo Campos Jr., 20, of Bensenville, had a failure to appear warrant out of the DuPage County Sheriff's Department for unlawful possession of cannabis.

• Angel G. Saavedra, 20, of Addison, was charged with failure to give aid or information, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving while license suspended, illegal use of an electronic device and no insurance near Armitage and Rohlwing at around 5:36 p.m.

• A 51-year-old Addison man was charged with domestic battery in the 1500 block of W. Holtz at around 8:40 p.m. Police said the suspect pushed a victim against a door, struck him several times and grabbed his right bicep.

### Oct. 4

Police said Bryan F. Lamp, 34, of Addison, had an original warrant out of the Addison Police Department for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

### Oct. 3

Jorge A. Malvaez, 58, of Addison, was charged with retail theft at a store in the 1000 block of N. Rohlwing Road at around 10 p.m.

### Oct. 1

• Porfirio Silv, 48, of Addison, was charged with DUI, illegal transportation of alcohol and failure to change address with the Secretary of State near Evergreen and Park at around 10:40 p.m.

• A 36-year-old Addison man was charged with domestic battery in the 100 block of Elizabeth Drive at around 4:30 p.m. Police said the suspect pushed a victim onto their bed, held her down with his left forearm and slapped her several times in the face.

### Sept. 30

Brady J. Rollins, 35, of Addison, was charged with DUI in the 400 block of S. Addison at around 10:19 p.m.

### Sept. 29

• Police said Christian G. Arvizu-Juarez, had an original warrant out of the Addison Police Department for unlawful possession of cannabis.

• Andrew J. Vela, 25, of Perryton, Tex., was charged with DUI and illegal transportation at a restaurant in the 1-100 block of E. Lake St. at around 5:58 p.m. Police said officers responded to a well-being call of a subject blocking the drive-thru at the restaurant. Vela was found to be DUI and illegally transporting open alcohol, according to police.

### Villa Park Sept. 30

• A 24-year-old Chicago man was charged with two counts of domestic battery, battery and theft at around 11:06 a.m. Aug. 30. The original

complaint and arrest warrant was issued on Sept. 30.

• A juvenile suspect from Frankfort was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia near Route 83 and St. Charles at around 12:22 a.m.

### Sept. 29

• Timothy J. Dix, 55, of Carol Stream, was charged with DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident near North and Westmont at around 9:41 p.m.

• Retail theft was reported in the 200 block of E. Roosevelt at around 1:47 a.m. Police said an unknown suspect was carrying a basket full of items and left without paying.

### Sept. 28

Retail theft was reported in the 200 block of W. North at around 1:43 p.m. Police said an unknown male and female suspect stole two wireless headsets from a display.

### Sept. 25

• Jose Onecimo Castillo, 18, of Schiller Park, was charged with battery in the 300 block of N. Addison at around 11:04 a.m.

• Anthony Joseph, 62, of Arlington Heights, was charged with DUI, making an improper turn and no insurance near Villa and Kenilworth at around 7:41 p.m.

• Andres Ortega, 24, of Chicago, was charged with DUI, improper lane usage and speeding near North and Salt Creek at around 12:18 a.m.

• Thomas L. Potochney, 34, of Darien, was charged with obstructing identification, driving while li-

cense suspended and disobeying a stop sign near Stone and Addison at around 3:51 p.m.

### Sept. 24

• Michael T. Vasicek, 18, of Glen Ellyn, was issued citations for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia near North and Chatham at around 3:48 p.m.

• A 42-year-old Villa Park woman was charged with two counts of domestic battery and possession of drugs.

• Criminal damage was reported at the train station's south lot. Police said that between 12:45 and 11:05 a.m., an unknown suspect damaged three windows of a vehicle parked in the south lot.

### Sept. 14-Sept. 26

A stolen vehicle was re-ported in

the 1000 block of N. Villa. Police said that between 9:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 10 a.m. Sept. 26, an unknown suspect stole a semi-tractor from the parking lot where it was being stored.

### Sept. 14

Tiffany J. Ludmann, 38, of Villa Park, was charged with reckless discharge of a fire-arm in the 400 block of N. Michigan at around 12:20 a.m.

### Sept. 12

Nathaniel Dilger, 18, of Villa Park, was charged with disorderly conduct at a high school at around 1:10 a.m.

### Aug. 23

Criminal damage was reported in the 0-100 block of S. Illinois at around 3 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect put sugar into the gas tank of a vehicle parked in the driveway.

## District 88 Foundation plans Karaoke Night

Do you enjoy singing and performing in front of a crowd? Then join the District 88 Foundation for its first-ever Karaoke Night. Details include:

**WHAT:** A Karaoke Night for District 88 students, staff and community members

**WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Addison Trail High School auditorium

Transportation will be provided from and back to Willowbrook High School

Tickets to enter: \$5/entry (pay at the door)

Admission: \$2/person – children 12 years old and younger are free (pay at the door)

**NOTE:** Activity Passes and Senior Gold Cards will NOT be accepted for this event

A panel of judges will award trophies to the winning individuals/groups in the following categories:

- Best Voice
- Best Performance
- Best Costume

Contestants can bring a costume, or choose from costumes provided

by the school – all outfits must be appropriate and follow school policies/guidelines

**Registration:** To participate, sign up by Oct. 30 at [www.dupage88.net/KaraokeRSVP](http://www.dupage88.net/KaraokeRSVP)

For more information: Contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or [dbrink@dupage88.net](mailto:dbrink@dupage88.net)

Funds raised by the District 88 Foundation have been used to assist students in the following areas:

- Supporting the Addison Trail Freshmen Future Focus Initiative Trip to Madison, Wis.;
- Supporting the Mindprints Literary Magazine at Willowbrook;
- Subsidizing Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level tests;
- Providing financial support for textbooks and summer camps;
- Contributing to the "Author in the House" district-wide program;
- Providing mini-grants for staff members to develop instructional opportunities to benefit students.

For more information about the foundation, go to [www.dupage88.net/foundation](http://www.dupage88.net/foundation).

## Conroy sponsors legislation in response to recent Equifax data breach

In response to the recent Equifax data breach, State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) is co-sponsoring a bill that will prevent credit agencies from charging consumers fees to freeze their credit.

"Consumers who trusted the security of Equifax should not foot the bill for freezing their accounts due to the carelessness of a large corporation," said Conroy. "Personal information of millions of Illinoisans was put at risk, and consumers need to be able to take steps to protect their identities and sensitive information."

Equifax announced it had suffered a massive data breach of sensitive consumer information from May to July of this year, impacting as many as 143 million Americans. In Illinois, the breach is believed to have jeopardized the personal and financial

information of more than 5.4 million residents.

In order to protect oneself from identity theft, Attorney General Lisa Madigan is encouraging residents to consider placing a freeze on their credit and sign up for free credit reports.

House Bill 4095 would require agencies like Equifax to provide this service for free.

"The massive leak of information by Equifax puts millions of Illinois residents at risk and should be taken very seriously," Conroy said. "The Attorney General's office has been working diligently to educate people on the steps they need to take to protect their personal information. I encourage all residents to seek out the resources and information put out by the Attorney General's office."

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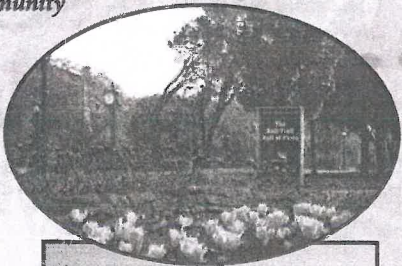
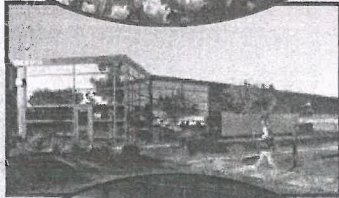

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# District 88 holds auditions for ILMEA

On Oct. 3, Addison Trail hosted auditions for District 9 of the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA).

About 3,000 students, teachers and parents/guardians participated to audition for the ILMEA All-District Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz. The students represented about 60 area high schools.

Below are the District 88 students who were named as ILMEA All-District Musicians.

## Addison Trail ILMEA All-District Musicians

**Band:** Junior Gianna Caruso

**Chorus:** Senior Nicolas Montgomery and junior Connor White

**Orchestra:** Senior Kevin Marroquin

**Jazz Band:** Seniors Kenneth Bartkiewicz and Alejandro Salazar

## Willowbrook ILMEA All-District Musicians

**Band:** Senior Shannon Frank, junior Renee Maggard and sophomore Emma Staunton

**Chorus:** Senior Kathleen Cicero, senior Julia Cicero, sophomore

Emma Cismesia, senior Genevieve Corkery, senior Nicholas Danielson, junior Thomas Danielson, junior Michael Danielson, senior John DeAngelo, senior Kathleen Gomez, senior Aleksandra Graf, junior Bahgat Hassan, junior Jo-

seph LaPointe, senior Emily Luna, senior Lillian Nuss and junior Kasandra Valencia

**Orchestra:** Senior Nicholas Johnson, senior Kaylynn Kattiyaman and junior Samuel Munoz  
The Band/Chorus/Orchestra Fes-

tival will take place on Nov. 4 at Elgin High School.

The Jazz Festival will take place on Nov. 18 at Bolingbrook High School.

For more information, go to [ilmea.org/districts/district9](http://ilmea.org/districts/district9).

## County Health Department reminds it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the DuPage County Health Department reminds women that early detection and regular testing are the best defenses against breast cancer.

The Health Department offers an important program to women who are underinsured or have no health insurance. The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) offer free screenings to detect breast cancer or cervical cancer, both of which have better treatment results if detected early. Although IBCCP is available throughout Illinois, the Health Department only serves DuPage County residents. For more information about IBCCP and enrollment forms, visit [dupagehealth.org](http://dupagehealth.org).

In 2016, the Health Department's IBCCP served 657 clients, and provided 1,386 screenings, including breast exams, mammograms and pelvic/pap exams.

There are more than 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, including women being treated and those who have completed treatment.

Women should be aware that:

- Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women.
- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women.
- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Hispanic women.
- Women below the poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.

Applications for IBCCP are available at the DuPage County Health Department's Public Health Centers in Addison, Lombard, Westmont, West Chicago and Wheaton. For more information, call (630) 682-7400.



On Oct. 3, Addison Trail hosted auditions for District 9 of the Illinois Music Education Association. (top left): Addison Trail junior Breanna Trejo practices for her audition. (top right): Willowbrook junior Bahgat Hassan rehearses. (bottom left): Addison Trail seniors Dariana Ruiz (left) and Gina Tomasello help participants during the event as representatives of Addison Trail's Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society. (bottom right): Addison Trail parents volunteer at the concession area. They are (from left) Blanca Ruiz Conejo, Lisa Mackey and Nicki Montgomery.



## Legislative leaders consider using state tax dollars for Obama museum

### Funds part of budget meant for road repairs

#### ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Democrat leaders in Springfield are signaling that they plan to propose using state road dollars to help build President Barack Obama's museum in Chicago. Rauner said he supports both road spending and the library, but wouldn't commit to the idea.

In the last couple days, both Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) said they'd support using state road funds on Obama's presidential library that will be built over the next three years on Chicago's south side. The presidential center would need

to have one road demolished and others altered to be completed. On Thursday, Rauner said he supports more infrastructure spending as well as Obama's library, but he didn't say he'd commit public funds to the project.

"No. 1: I am very supportive of more investment in infrastructure," Rauner said. "No. 2: I am very supportive of the Obama library."

But Rauner said that he would like to see further government spending restraints before the state invests in tourism attractions such as the library.

A Chicago Tribune poll from 2014 showed that more than half of likely voters polled didn't support state taxpayer funds being used on the Obama library project. Opposition

for using state funds on the project was 2-1 outside of Chicago.

State Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer (R-Jacksonville) said Obama should be more than capable of raising that money himself. "It's just amazing that one of the most prolific fundraisers in the history of politics can't come up with the money to build their library," he said.

Davidsmeyer, who is also vice president of Illinois Road Contractors Inc., says the state's roads are in dire need of repair.

"I don't think we're in any situation to spend another penny somewhere else let alone \$100 million," he said.

Democrats pushed in 2014 to offer \$100 million in road funds to persuade Obama's foundation to put

the library in Chicago.

Rauner has long expressed support for the Obama library, but he has been skeptical of public funds going into it. Last month, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said that there should be a state commitment to helping build the Obama Presidential Center just as they have the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield.

In 2014, then gubernatorial candidate Rauner said that the state has more pressing needs and thought that the Obama library should be privately funded like other presidential museums. In 2015, Rauner signed a bill that would make lawsuits against the building of the Obama Presidential Center and the now-relocated Lucas Museum more difficult.





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## Creative writers at AT pen children's books, read at Stone

On Oct. 3, eight Addison Trail students in English teacher Katie Inzinga's creative writing class read their children's books to two groups at Stone Elementary School.

To create their stories, the students analyzed published children's books and interviewed kids ages 3 to 9 about their likes and hobbies. They then spent a few weeks drafting, editing and publishing their works based on that research. The goal was to have clear character development, a conflict to which young children could relate and a theme to help teach a valuable life lesson. Addison Trail art students helped illustrate the books.

The authors are sophomore Kayla Berns, junior Andrea Perez, senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes, freshman Khayr Ahmed, sophomore Julie Zaborowski, sophomore Britney Galeana, junior Isea Cabrera and senior Nykolis Roldan. They read to fourth-graders in Stephanie Sorrentino's class and students in Jennifer Fletcher's class.



Above: On Oct. 3, eight Addison Trail students in English teacher Katie Inzinga's creative writing class read their children's books to two groups at Stone Elementary School. Pictured reading are (from left to right, top row to bottom row) senior Nykolis Roldan, sophomore Kayla Berns, junior Isea Cabrera, junior Andrea Perez and senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes. Pictured at left are the eight Addison Trail students who read their children's books to two classes at Stone Elementary School on Oct. 3. They are (from left to right) freshman Khayr Ahmed, sophomore Britney Galeana, junior Andrea Perez, senior Nykolis Roldan, sophomore Julie Zaborowski, senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes, junior Isea Cabrera and sophomore Kayla Berns.

## ACCI among sponsors of multi-Chamber luncheon

*Business professor from Chicago's Columbia College to speak*

On Thursday, Oct. 26, there will be a Multi-Chamber Luncheon meeting co-hosted by the Chambers of Commerce of Addison, Glendale Heights and Wood Dale at the Hilton Garden Inn, 551 N. Swift Rd., Addison.

The guest speaker will be Joe Bogdan, associate professor of Business & Entrepreneurship at Columbia College in Chicago, who will present "How to Get Loans and Investments, or Sell Your Business."

Visitors will learn a step-by-step process that can easily be used on a regular basis that will set you up quickly for discussions with any potential investor, lender, or purchaser.

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. with registration, followed by the luncheon at noon, then the program. Tickets are \$25/person for Chamber members, \$30/person for non-members.

Reservations are required and must be made no later than Wednesday, Oct. 18 to the Chamber office. Call 630-543-4300 or send an email to: addisonchamber@sbc-global.net.

## Addison Trail Theatre Department to present Peter Pan

Members of Addison Trail Theatre invite you to travel back in time to your childhood and join them as they fly to Neverland during the school's upcoming fall play, "Peter Pan."

Performances will be held on Oct. 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. at Addison Trail High School. There is also a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Oct. 21.

The play takes audience members on a magical journey to Neverland – a world filled with fantastical adventure. The story follows Peter Pan (played by senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes) as he meets Wendy Moira Angela Darling (played by sophomore Dominika Zdanowicz) during a visit to the real world. Peter faces many obstacles in Neverland – including battling his nemesis Captain Hook (played by senior Nicolas Montgomery) – but discovers his biggest struggle is between never wanting to grow up and watching as Wendy continues to age.

"I want every individual who walks into the theatre to get the full impact of the play and to connect with the story," Bracamontes said. "Children and adults will enjoy this show, as there are many levels to the messages it shares."

He added it has been a fun challenge to portray such a classic and well-known character.

"Everyone grew up with 'Peter Pan,' and there

are so many versions of the story," Bracamontes said. "It's an amazing honor to portray this character, and I know I have a responsibility to bring him to life on the stage."

Zdanowicz said she remembers reading the book and watching the movie when she was younger, and she hopes this performance will provide a sense of wonderment for children and a nostalgic escape for adults.

Theatre Director Anna Jakubka said she chose "Peter Pan" at the request of the senior class. Members of that group saw a performance of "Finding Neverland" on Broadway during a trip to New York two years ago and have wanted to do a similar show ever since. She said the school will use an adapted version by Jon Jory, from the novel by J.M. Barrie. In this version, the script allows for creative effects to provide the illusion of flying, including the use of a Star Curtain (a black curtain with LED lights to simulate stars). It also scripts Wendy as an only child.

Although the play is designed for children, Zdanowicz and Bracamontes said all ages will be entertained.

"'Peter Pan' reminds us that even when we're older, there will always be a part of us that has a sense of adventure and longs for the time of

childhood innocence," they said. "We're never too old to believe in a world of magic and dreams."

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, call 630-628-3365, or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com.



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Addison Trail senior Juan Jakoby Bracamontes (Peter Pan) and sophomore Dominika Zdanowicz (Wendy Moira Angela Darling) rehearse a scene from Addison Trail's upcoming fall play, "Peter Pan." The show will take place on Oct. 19, 20 and 21.



# Addison Trail CTE students enjoy Manufacturing Day

On Oct. 6, 41 Addison Trail students who are enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) Industry and Technology courses at the school took a field trip to JD Norman Industries, Inc. and Pioneer Service Inc. in Addison as part of Manufacturing Day.

During their visits, students toured the plants, learned about various careers available in manufacturing and had an opportunity to ask questions about the field.

JD Norman is a diversified manufacturer of metal components and systems, with operations in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and the United Kingdom. JD Norman is a leader in the manufacturing of highly engineered product, including formed, machined and cast metals.

The company serves major original equipment manufacturers of automotive, industrial and transportation products.

For more information, go to <http://jdnorman.com>. Pioneer Service Inc. is a screw machine shop, providing precision CNC Swiss screw machine parts, CNC turned parts and centerless grinding services. Typical applications include armatures, axles, bolts, bushings, couplings, drive shafts, pins, fasteners, spacers and more. The company provides precision manufactured parts to the U.S., Canada and Mexico. For more information, go to [www.pioneerserviceinc.com](http://www.pioneerserviceinc.com).

According to a press release from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, "Each year, Illinois celebrates the contributions the manufacturing industry has brought to our state by recognizing October as Manufacturing Month. The month includes Manufacturing

Day, celebrated nationwide on the first Friday of October, which recognizes the impact modern manufacturing has had on our country. October is a time to highlight the benefits of working in the industry and continue

to build a talent pipeline that guarantees Illinois remains a leader in manufacturing for years to come."

Illinois is the fifth largest manufacturing state in the U.S. by output, with manufactured goods compris-

ing 92 percent of Illinois' total exports. Highlights include:

- Manufacturing is the third largest industry in Illinois;
- There are 12,507 manufacturing firms in Illinois;

• Illinois companies employ more than 572,500 manufacturing workers;

• The average annual income for Illinois manufacturing workers is \$72,488.



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(top left): Addison Trail students visit JD Norman Industries, Inc. in Addison on Oct. 6 as part of Manufacturing Day. They are pictured with JD Norman Human Resources Manager Anna Cobb (left), JD Norman Plant Manager Paul MacDuff (center) and JD Norman Process Engineer David Skiba (right). (top right): MacDuff welcomes the students and discusses the manufacturing industry. (bottom left and right): Skiba gives students a tour of the plant.

## Community calendar

### Thursday, Oct. 12 • Art Guild to meet

At 7:30 p.m., the Addison Art Guild will feature guest artist Frankie Johnson who will provide an oil demonstration at the meeting to be held at Addison Village Hall, Room 1301. Guests welcome.

### Friday, Oct. 13 • ARTventures

From 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., registration is now open for this special art class at the Addison Public Library which will introduce toddlers and preschoolers to drawing and painting techniques, as well as explore topics such as primary, secondary, and complementary colors. Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Info: Call 630-458-3338 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Monday, Oct. 16 • SCORE: Thinking of starting a small business?

From 6:30-8 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, there will be a lively discussion of ideas on how to start a small business. SCORE members will share ideas and challenges. Intended for ages 18 and up. Info: Call 630-458-3320 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### • Craft Club at the library

From 7-9 p.m., registration now open for the Craft Club, which is intended for those ages 18 and up. Questions about a craft you've been wanting to do? Do you have a craft you've been meaning to finish? This group is crafty and it's BYOC (bring-your-own-craft). Info: call 630-458-3320 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### • 3D Print a Jack-o'-lantern at the library

From 7-8:30 p.m., learn how to make a

spooky Jack-o'-lantern using Tinkercad at the Addison Public Library. After the class, print it out and take it home. Info: 630-458-3354 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Wednesday, Oct. 18

### Legal planning at the library

From 7-8:30 p.m., the Addison Public Library, hosts attorneys and staff of Pankau Law discuss their focus on meeting seniors and their families legal needs. Intended for ages 18 and up. Info: call 630-458-3320 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Thursday, Oct. 19 • Job Fair at the library

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., put your job-seeking skills to use and attend a Job Fair at the Addison Public Library. Meet employers looking to fill a variety of positions. Intended for ages 18 and up. Info: call 630-458-3320 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Thursday, Oct. 19, Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21

### ATHS will perform Peter Pan

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### Sunday, Oct. 22 • Office Skills: Powerpoint

From 3-4:30 p.m., learn basic functions of using Microsoft's presentation program at the Addison Public Library. Functions include how to add graphics, format slides, create transitions,

and more. Info: call 630-458-3354 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Monday, Oct. 23

### • Author Sonali Dev talk and book signing

From 7-8 p.m., join award-winning local romance fiction writer, Sonali Dev at the Addison Public Library. Dev will be speaking and signing copies of her books. Intended for ages 18 and up. Info: call 630-458-3320 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### • Glass etching with the • vinyl cutter

From 7-8:30 p.m., join us in the Creative Studio at the Addison Public Library to learn how to use the library's Cameo vinyl cutter for glass etching. The library will supply the materials. Info: call 630-458-3354 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Wednesday, Oct. 25

### DIY Halloween Costume

### Making at the library

From 4-6 p.m., get ready for Halloween at the Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza. We'll supply all materials and crafting supplies needed to make your own costume. Everyone is welcome. Info: 630-458-3334 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Thursday, Oct. 26

### Multi-Chamber of Commerce luncheon

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or Sell Your Business." Tickets: \$25/Chamber members, \$30/non-members. Reservations required by no later than Wednesday, Oct. 18 to the Chamber office. Call 630-543-4300 or send an email to: [addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net).

### Friday, Oct. 27 • Free early dismissal lunch

From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., school's out early and the Addison Public Library is serving a free lunch for all students under 18. Join us after the lunch for gaming and crafts. Info: Call 630-458-3317 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Sunday, Oct. 29 • Día de los muertos

### (Day of the Dead) at the library

From 2-4 p.m., celebrate Day of the Dead with crafts, face painting, and snacks. Celebra el día de los muertos con manualidades, pintura de la cara, y botanas. Info: call 630-458-3334 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

### Monday, Oct. 30

### Office skills: files and folders

Having trouble with basic computer tasks? At Addison Public Library from 7-8:30 p.m., we'll go over saving and finding files on a computer and flash drive. Also, we'll practice making folders and moving files around. Info: call 630-458-3354 or visit [addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events](http://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events)

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## SPORTS

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## Willowbrook football team headed back to playoffs

## Warriors down Morton 56-6 in Week 7 action

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

It's back to the playoffs for the Willowbrook football team.

The Warriors scored a recent 56-6 win over Morton in a Week 7 West Suburban Conference Gold Division game at Morton West Stadium in Berwyn.

The win moved Willowbrook to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in WSC Gold play. Not only did the Warriors remain atop the WSC Gold standings with two games to play, but they earned an automatic playoff berth with its sixth victory.

In the Morton contest, the Warriors gained 274 yards on the ground and had seven rushing touchdowns. Jack Jessen ran nine times for 122 yards and scored two touchdowns. Chris Diaz ran seven times for 72 yards and scored three touchdowns. Franshun Jordan ran three times for 65 yards and scored a touchdown,

while John Taylor had a 10-yard touchdown run.

Taylor completed 5 of 6 passes for 88 yards. Chase Cavanagh also threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to CJ Harris. Sikander Zafar caught three passes for 56 yards.

Through seven contests, Willowbrook was averaging 308 rushing yards per game.

Taylor has completed 81 of 135 passes for 1,181 yards and eight touchdowns against only four interceptions.

Jessen has rushed for 1,277 yards on 180 carries and has 15 rushing

touchdowns. He's averaging 182 yards per game on the ground and has six 100-yard rushing games.

Diaz has 373 rushing yards and six touchdowns, while Taylor has 305 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

Zafar has caught 25 passes for 428 yards and one touchdown. Jacob Entwistle has 18 catches for 212 yards and two touchdowns, while Diaz has 14 catches. Martique Barksdale has 15 catches for 188 yards and two touchdowns.

On defense, Jessen leads the way with 52 total tackles. Kevon Dob-

bins had 45 total tackles and three quarterback sacks. Entwistle and Christian Washington each have 37 tackles, while Nick Rushing has 36 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 quarterback sacks.

As a team, Willowbrook has 59.5 tackles for loss.

Scott Tumilty has a team-leading four interceptions, while his sophomore brother, Sam, has three interceptions that have been returned for a total of 119 yards.

Willowbrook returns to action Friday at home against Proviso East in another WSC Gold game.

## Addison Trail's Morris, Gagliano qualify for golf sectionals

## Blazers football team loses to Hinsdale South

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail junior Blaise Morris was the team's lone sectional qualifier out of the recent Class 3A Elk Grove regional at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village.

Morris shot an 83 to qualify as an individual. Addison Trail finished seventh as a team with a 362 score.

Morris competed earlier this week in the Class 3A New Trier sectional at Winnetka Golf Club for a chance to advance to the Class 3A state finals.

## Addison Trail girls golf

The Addison Trail girls golf team finished 10th at the recent Class AA Elk Grove regional at Fox Run Golf Links. The Blazers shot a 492 team

score.

Senior Sara Gagliano was the team's only individual to advance to the sectional round. She shot a 92 for 18 holes at Fox Run.

Gagliano competed earlier this week in the Class 2A Wheaton Academy sectional at Pheasant Run in St. Charles for an opportunity to advance to the girls' state finals tournament.

Also contributing for the Blazers in Elk Grove Village were Victoria Toay, Mikaela Olvera and Maria

Chavez.

## Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team lost 23-15 in Darien to Hinsdale South in a Week 7 West Suburban Conference Gold Division contest.

Addison Trail led 7-6 after the first quarter thanks to Jacob Grygo's touchdown reception. Hinsdale South led 6-0 at one point.

However, Hinsdale South scored 10 points in the second quarter to take a 16-7 lead into halftime.

Both teams were scoreless in the

third quarter. Hinsdale South scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter to take a 23-7 lead. An Addison Trail touchdown and two-point conversion accounted for the final margin.

The loss dropped Addison Trail to 2-5 overall and 0-4 in WSC Gold Division action. The loss officially eliminated Addison Trail from playoff consideration.

Addison Trail, which has lost five games in a row, returns to action Friday at home when it hosts Morton in a Week 8 contest.

## IC Catholic Prep football team steamrolls Wheaton Academy Knights secure playoff berth; set to defend state championship

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Another game and another 50-point outburst by the IC Catholic Prep football team.

This time, the Knights were 59-7 winners on the road in West Chicago against Wheaton Academy in a Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division Saturday matinee game.

The win moved IC Catholic Prep to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in MSC Blue play. The Knights, the defending Class 3A state champions, now will officially be able to defend that crown after having earned an automatic playoff bid with its sixth victory of the season.

In the game against Wheaton Academy, quarterback CJ West completed nine passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

Freshman Kyle Franklin continued his strong play. He ran 14 times for

214 yards and three touchdowns. He had a long run of 62 yards. Senior Lazerick Eatman had nine carries for 41 yards and a touchdown. The Knights ran for 310 yards on only 30 carries, averaging more than a first down per carry (10.3 yards).

Junior Jacob Lytton caught three passes for 58 yards and a score. Junior Sean Hipskind caught one pass for 54 yards and a touchdown, while junior Khalil Saunders caught a nine-yard scoring strike.

On defense, the Knights needed to make only 44 tackles in the game, led by sophomore Kevin Cooke and junior Kemon Reese who each had seven. Sophomore Kevin Akins had five tackles. Junior Declan Barney, Reese and Akins each had one quarterback sack. Those three sacks totaled 19 yards in losses.

The Knights also were in top form on the takeaway front, recovering

three fumbles. Saunders, Cooke and Barney each had a fumble recovery. Reese had a forced fumble, while sophomore Koby Reed had a pass deflection.

Eatman had a kickoff return for 30 yards. Khalil Saunders had a two-point rushing conversion.

On the season, Franklin is leading the Knights with 705 rushing yards and eight touchdowns, while Eatman has 663 rushing yards and 10 scores. The Knights have run for 2,131 yards on 224 carries through seven games and are averaging 9.5 yards per carry.

Hipskind is tops on the team in touchdown catches with six. Khalil Sanders has four, while West and Eatman have three each.

IC Catholic Prep returns to action Friday at home against Glenbard South in a MSC Blue game. The Knights and Raiders both are tied at 3-0 atop the conference standings.

Addison Trail football  
Week 8 preview

Morton (1-6, 1-3) at Addison Trail (2-5, 0-4)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last week: Willowbrook 56, Morton 6; Hinsdale South 23, Addison Trail 15

Last year: Addison Trail 47, Morton 28

Outlook: After starting the season 2-0, the Blazers have lost their last five games and will look to snap that streak at home against a Morton squad that is coming off a 50-point loss to West Suburban Conference Gold Division leader Willowbrook. Morton's only win thus far is against Proviso East (13-12) in Week 5.

Willowbrook football  
Week 8 preview

Proviso East (0-7, 0-4) at Willowbrook (6-1, 4-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

Last week: Willowbrook 56, Morton 6; Proviso West 43, Proviso East 12

Last year: Willowbrook 42, Proviso East 0

Outlook: Willowbrook earned an automatic playoff bid with last week's victory against Morton and now will look to secure a home first-round playoff game these last two weeks. Willowbrook has scored 45, 38, 45 and 56 points in its last four weeks. Proviso East last won a game in the 2014 season. The Pirates have lost 33 games in a row.



# Saucedo playing well for Addison Trail boys soccer team

## Mora and Juarez also providing scoring help

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys soccer team has received numerous key contributions in recent weeks.

Senior forward Luis Saucedo had three goals in a recent four-game stretch. "Luis is really stepping up of late," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "He is a senior forward who is finding ways to score. This is much-needed for us. We hope it continues for the rest of the regular season and into the playoffs."

Also helping the Blazers on the scoring front are Melvin Mora, who had four goals through late last week out of his midfield position, and Mar-

tin Juarez who had two goals and two assists.

Addison Trail was 3-9-3 through its first 15 games of the season and had a 2-1 record in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through its first three league games.

In recent action, Addison Trail lost 2-1 to Glenbard West and 2-1 to York. The Blazers also lost a pair of 3-1 contests to Leyden (conference) and Neuqua Valley.

Overall, the Blazers continue to work on their offensive game. "Offense has been a struggle this year," said Dini. "We have only scored two or more goals in three games this year (out of the first 15). We have lost a lot

of 2-1 games this season. Our inability to score goals has hurt us. We have moved some players around to try and find a spark on offense. We aren't finishing like we have in years past."

Dini has seen improvement in the corner-kick department. "Our set plays have improved as well on corner kicks so this will help get more goals on the board," he said.

On the flipside, Dini has been quite pleased with the team's defensive efforts. "Our defense has been pretty solid all year," he said. "We have let up two or fewer goals in nine out of the 15 games. We are playing many top teams in the area and state so that is pretty impressive. Of our six de-

fenders we rotate, five are juniors so this is a great sign for next season."

Contributing at a high level recently on defense has been junior center back Eduardo Huerta. "Eduardo has really played well," said Dini. "He controls our defense and is so calm when he has the ball. He makes good decisions and has speed to cover up mistakes."

Addison Trail also has received a jolt from junior goalie Sam Sandoval. "Sam has really stepped up of late," the coach said. "He has made some amazing saves and has a lot of confidence on the soccer field. Other coaches have taken notice. I really like how he has competed to become the starter for us."

Sandoval shares time in goal with senior Jean Avila. "Jean plays about half the games," said Dini.

Addison Trail hosted Morton earlier this week in another WSC Gold game.

"The team is staying positive and still working on finishing well in conference," said Dini. "We are trying to finish in the top three spots. Our group is motivated and competes. We knew we are better than what our record says. We have played one of the toughest schedules in the state and have competed in almost every one of those games. Our team knows what it takes to win. We just need to score more goals to get the job done."

# Willowbrook boys soccer team scores big win against Downers South

First victory over  
DGS in more than  
15 years

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys soccer team broke a streak it had been wanting to shed for a long time.

The Warriors recently scored a 4-3 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win against Downers Grove South on senior night. It was Willow-

brook's first boys soccer win against Downers South in more than 15 years.

"It was our biggest win of the season," said Willowbrook coach Ed DeLaCruz.

Senior transfer Efrén Gomez had two goals in the game. Miguel Correa had a goal and an assist, while senior Patrick Florey tallied two assists. David Rizzo, a junior, had one goal.

Downers South scored first and then Willowbrook knotted it up at 1-1 with 30 seconds left in the first half.

Willowbrook came out in the second half and scored three unanswered

goals to go up 4-1.

"We were winning 4-1 and then got complacent thinking we won the game and Downers Grove South scored two goals in two minutes with five minutes left in the game," DeLaCruz noted.

Willowbrook junior goalie Mario Giase made two key saves in the closing minutes.

"Mario made two ridiculous saves in the final two minutes to keep the lead and win the game," said DeLaCruz.

DeLaCruz was thankful for the support the team received on senior night.

"The stadium was rocking with fans for senior night," he said.

Through late last week Willowbrook was 5-10 overall.

"We have been playing better as of late with our injured players returning," said DeLaCruz. "The bulk and middle of our schedule we were missing four starters, which is why we struggled."

In other recent action, Willowbrook lost 2-1 to Addison Trail and defeated Proviso West 8-2.

DeLaCruz cited recent strong play from senior captains Correa (cen-

ter-mid), Florey (forward) and Tomas Hernandez (center-back defense).

"All three of them and Mario our goalie have been invited to the Pepsi Showdown Showcase on Friday, Nov. 24, to show the talents of the best high-school soccer players in Illinois," DeLaCruz announced. "It's a true honor."

Willowbrook played Hinsdale South in a WSC Gold game earlier this week to close out the regular season. The Warriors open Class 3A regional action Saturday at 1 p.m., at Hoffman Estates.

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# Willowbrook boys golf team sends two to sectional round

## Warriors girls volleyball team wins two matches at Elk Grove tournament

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Following up a strong showing at the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet, the Willowbrook boys golf team turned in another good performance at the recent Class 3A Hinsdale South regional.

The Warriors qualified two golfers for sectional play at the regional held at par-72 Prairie Bluff Golf Club.

Joey Guthrie shot a 77 and Taylor Sarovich shot 80 to become the first Willowbrook boys golfers to advance to the sectional round since Doug Miceli did it in 2010.

Sophomore Logan Rattana narrowly missed making it into the

playoff for the final qualifying spot, shooting an 83.

As a team, the Warriors fired another season low, finishing with a 324. The Warriors took fifth place in the regional field. The top three teams advanced to the sectional.

Buddy Martens, a senior, added an 84 for the Warriors.

Guthrie and Sarovich advanced to the Class 3A sectional that was contested earlier this week at Glendale Lakes Golf Club.

### Willowbrook girls golf

The Willowbrook girls golf team finished ninth at the recent Class AA Nazareth Academy regional held at The Links of Carillon Golf Club. The

Warriors had no individual sectional qualifiers.

### Willowbrook girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team went 2-3 at the recent Elk Grove Invitational.

The Warriors lost 25-19, 25-13 to Chicago Resurrection, defeated Elk Grove 23-25, 25-20, 25-10, lost to Crystal Lake South 25-9, 25-14, defeated Southland College Prep 25-9, 25-11 and lost to De La Salle 25-20, 25-17.

In the Resurrection match, Hanna Konrath had one kill, one ace and three digs. Charlotte Dewyer and three kills, two blocks and two digs. Katie Pettinger had three assists and five digs. Taylor Balsitis had one block, one assist and three digs. Peyton Ceh had one kill and one assist to go with 12 digs. Caliegh Tuma had one kill, one block and one dig. Katelyn McCann had three kills and six digs. Marissa Marcello had one ace, two assists and six digs. Jessica Ragucci had one block.

Against Elk Grove, Konrath had one kill, one ace and four digs. Dewyer had seven kills and two assists. Pettinger had eight assists and four digs. Balsitis had seven kills, two blocks, one ace and two digs. Ceh had three kills, two aces, two assists and 12 digs. Jenna Krenz had one assist and two digs. Tuma had three kills and one dig. Kaitlyn Karcz had three kills. McCann had one block and eight digs. Emma Barrington had four kills and one block. Marcello had one kill, one ace, 12 assists and two digs. Ragucci had two kills and two digs.

In the Crystal Lake South contest, Konrath had six digs, while Dewyer had one dig. Pettinger had seven assists and two digs, while Balsitis had three kills and one block. Ceh had one kill and six digs. Krenz had two digs, while Grace Reckamp had one assist. Isabella Pennebaker had one kill. Tuma had one block. Karcz had one kill, while McCann had one kill, one block and seven digs. Barrington had one kill and one block. Marcello

had two kills and eight assists, while Ragucci had two kills and one block.

In the win against Southland, Konrath had one kill, nine aces and two digs. Dewyer had seven kills. Pettinger had five assists and three digs. Balsitis had four kills, one ace and one assist. Ceh had one kill, two aces and three digs. Reckamp had four assists and one dig. Pennebaker had one kill. Tuma has one kill and one dig. Karcz had three kills. McCann had one kill and one ace. Barrington had two kills, while Marcello had two aces and eight assists.

Konrath had six digs against De La Salle. Pettinger had seven assists. Balsitis had two kills and one ace. Ceh had four kills and four digs. Tuma had one assist. Karcz had two kills. McCann had three kills, one ace and four digs. Barrington had one kill and one block. Marcello had one kill, seven assists and one dig. Ragucci had three kills and one assist.

Willowbrook was 9-15 overall after the Elk Grove tournament.

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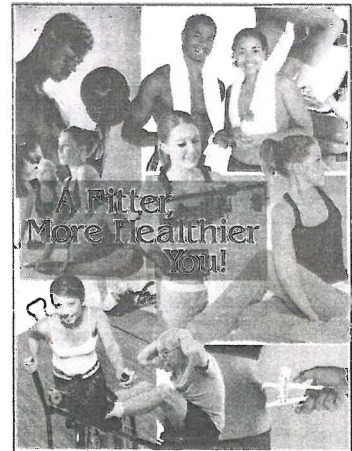
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# St. Charles North overpowers short-handed Willowbrook

By JOHN LEMON  
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Willowbrook entered Tuesday's Class 3A St. Charles North boys soccer regional on a 4-game winning streak, but it was a 4-goal second half for the host North Stars that put the game away.

Leading 1-0 at halftime, No. 1 seed St. Charles North (12-2-4) flexed its muscles in the second half, scoring early and often to end No. 17 seed Willowbrook's season.

The North Stars will play for the regional championship at 2 p.m. Saturday against No. 7 seed St. Charles East, a 2-1 winner over No. 9 Benet in overtime.

Besides Jacobs, St. Charles East is the only team to beat the North Stars this year, and the Saints did it by a 3-0 score.

"Ever since the seedings came out we were looking at the regional final and hoping," said Peter Willis, who scored the first goal for the North Stars. "We want to show them who we really are because that wasn't us, we were way too cocky, we came off winning the Pepsi Challenge and thought we could beat anyone."

The Warriors (7-11) were coming off a 3-2 win over Hoffman Estates on Monday. It was a costly victory as center-mid Miguel Correa picked up a red card, which sidelined him Tuesday.

"He's one of our captains, he's an all-sectional player you just can't replace," Willowbrook coach Ed Delacruz said. "We were playing with no center-mid today. That's the only position I don't have a lot of depth in. I'm really proud of the effort the guys put up in the first half in general. I think in the second half a little tired legs, St. Charles North is one heck of a team, you could tell the depth in the second half."

Neither team had many

quality chances in the first 20 minutes. The North Stars began to get better looks, and they broke through with the first goal 14 minutes before halftime.

Jake Persenico took a corner kick, and Willis timed his leap perfectly, heading the ball past Willowbrook keeper Mario Giase.

"Coach (Eric Willson) always emphasizes heading the ball back where it came from so I tried for the bottom right corner," Willis said. "We have a good chemistry."

Persenico agreed, saying it is a play they spend much of practice working on.

"We're always practicing those corner kick plays," Persenico said. "I'm always looking for him on the ball, he's one of the best headers."

The Warriors stayed within a goal for the first 10 minutes of the second half. They even forced North Stars keeper Piercarlo Ricossa to make a diving save.

St. Charles North made it 2-0 when Matthew Beaulieu sent a cross to Bernard Elegbede whose shot deflected off a defender right back to him. Elegbede fired again, bending his shot into the right corner of the goal.

Just a minute later, Persenico broke free and finished for a 3-0 lead.

"He's (Persenico) a dynamic player," Willson said. "When he's at his best is when he's playing quick with his speed of play in certain spots on the field and then recognizing when it's time for him to take somebody on the dribble. When he recognizes that stuff he's pretty tough to stop."

Chasing three goals, Willowbrook moved Tomas Hernandez to the top looking for more offense.

Instead, the North Stars found a couple openings. Gabriel D'Amico blasted in a rebound and Noah Linn scored on another breakaway



St. Charles North's Piercarlo Ricossa makes a save during regional action against Willowbrook at St. Charles North Tuesday. RICK WEST/rwest@dailyherald.com

to finish the big second half.

"Our captains did a great job talking at halftime, motivating us," Persenico said. "We came out stronger and took more opportunities."

"I thought it was a decent first half," Willson said. "There were some things in the offensive third we could have done better execution wise. But I certainly felt we had the run of play. In the postseason it's going to take awhile to break a team down, and Willowbrook was playing hard and for its playoff lives too."

"We just kind of overpowered them in the second half and did some nice things offensively."

Willowbrook caught fire at the end of the season, a streak that coincided with getting healthy.

"This is the hardest part now," Delacruz said of saying goodbye to his seniors. "They love this game of soccer. Some of them this is the last time they get to lace it up."



St. Charles North's Bernard Elegbede (11) fights off Willowbrook's Tomas Hernandez (12) to off a shot with goalkeeper Mario Giase guarding the near post. RICK WEST/rwest@dailyherald.com



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## Studying the Lake Park effect

Week 9.

You can interpret that line in dozens of ways when it comes to IHSA football. Or, in DuPage County, one way for each of our 28 football teams heading into the final game of the regular season.

This week's Eyes on Five looks at just a few of those interpretations.

1 **Trickling down:**

Kudos to Lake Park.

The Lancers (5-3, 5-2 DuPage Valley Conference) all but guaranteed their first playoff berth since 2009 with Friday's overtime victory over Neuqua Valley. It's a feat that's even more impressive given a three-game losing streak that included back-to-back gut-wrenching losses.

Lake Park persevered. Again, an admirable accomplishment after last season's team closed the year with six straight losses. The heart clearly beats differently with this group.

The Lancers take a three-game winning streak into their Week 9 home game against Naperville Central, and a win would give the program a share of its first DVC title.

This is a moment to savor for Lake Park. The Lancers obviously don't have time to savor anything except the opportunity to prepare for their next game, but eventually this will sink in.

And the trickle-down effect of their playoff qualification will reach the entire state.

2 **Bounced:**

Lake Park's revival from a 2-3 start surprised folks, but it also upset the bracket. There are eight playoff classes divided by enrollment, and the



Kevin Schmit

Lancers are firmly in the largest class.

What that means is one team previously slated for Class 8A is getting bumped down to Class 7A, the second-largest class. And that team looks to be Glenbard West.

The Hilltoppers competed in 8A last year and in 2014, and in 7A in 2015 and 2013. They've always tiptoed on the border between the two classes, and Lake Park's win likely pushes them to 7A. If other larger schools like Downers Grove South and Waubonsie Valley win to qualify, teams like Edwardsville and Maine South could drop to 7A.

Got all that? Good ... because Lake Park's trickle-down effect reaches further down the bracket.

Willowbrook has been a 7A or 8A team since the expansion to eight classes in 2001, but this year the Warriors have teetered on the edge of 7A and 6A. Lake Park's qualification now likely drops the Warriors to 6A.

In the long run it may not make a difference for any of the teams. The top teams in 6A, 7A and 8A could win any class.

It's a matter of depth, though. If dropping down a class creates a better draw in the opening couple of rounds, it's worth it.

3 **Safe and unsound:**

Here's a rundown of where DuPage County's potential playoff teams

stand.

Six teams already have qualified with at least six wins — Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, IC Catholic Prep, Naperville Central, Wheaton North and Willowbrook. A bunch of five-win teams also will qualify based on playoff points, which is a strength-of-schedule tiebreaker representing the total number of wins by opponents on a team's schedule.

Five-win teams Benet, Glenbard South, Lake Park, Montini and Naperville North will surpass the expected minimum playoff point total of 38 or 39. If four-win teams Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Glenbard North, Waubonsie Valley and Wheaton Academy win, they'll also qualify based on a high number of playoff points.

Two five-win teams really need a clinching win to avoid the bubble: Hinsdale South and Neuqua Valley.

Hinsdale South enters the weekend with 34 playoff points and a tough game against Hinsdale Central. The Hornets will get four to six playoff points this weekend, putting them right on the bubble if they don't beat the Red Devils.

Neuqua Valley is in much more dire shape if it doesn't get a sixth win. With 32 playoff points, there's no way the Wildcats can reach 38 or 39 points. They pretty much have to beat Glenbard North to qualify.

4 **Grand finale:**

I can't believe we're entering the final weekend of DuPage Valley Conference football as we know it. The nine-team league is splitting in



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Lake Park's qualification for this season's football playoffs is having a trickle-down effect on the rest of the field.

half at the end of this school year, with Glenbard North, Lake Park, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South leaving to form the DuKane Conference with Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles East and St. Charles North.

The possible outcomes from Friday's grand finale are fascinating.

There could be a sole champion in Naperville Central, or as many as three champions with the Redhawks, Lake Park and Wheaton North.

If Glenbard North and Waubonsie Valley win, there will be a remarkable

seven playoff-eligible teams among the nine DVC schools. Only Metea Valley and WW South are officially eliminated from postseason play.

As mentioned earlier, though, Neuqua Valley likely won't qualify if Glenbard North beats the Wildcats. It simply adds to the intrigue of a weekend where every conference game matters.

One hope for Friday night ... I'd love to see WW South break out the hook-and-ladder one last time against Naperville North. Just for old times' sake.

5 **Stat (shameless plug) time:**

Sorry ... it's time for my annual shameless plug.

Tune in to NBC Sports Chicago+ at 8 p.m. Saturday to see me and a stellar panel of colleagues break down this year's playoff football pairings.

The IHSA's pairings show will be broadcast live once again to unveil the matchups in all eight classes. It's a fun night, and I'm honored to be a small part of it.

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